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SIMPSON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Audited Financial Statements  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

SIMPSON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT



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### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Superintendent and School Board  
Simpson County School District

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

##### ***Opinions***

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

In our opinion, the accompanying 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 Simpson County School District, as of June 30, 2024, and the respective changes in financial position thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

##### ***Basis for Opinions***

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS) and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards (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 Simpson County School District and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

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

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of 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 Simpson County School District's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

##### ***Auditor's Responsibility 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 GAAS 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 GAAS 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 Simpson County School District's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Simpson County School District's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

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

#### ***Required Supplementary Information***

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis, budgetary comparison information, the Schedule of the District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability, the Schedule of District Contributions (PERS), the Schedule of the District's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability, and the Schedule of District Contributions (OPEB), 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 Simpson County School District's basic financial statements. The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards, as required by *Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200*, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards and the Schedule of Instructional, Administrative and Other Expenditures for Governmental Funds 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 financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards and the Schedule of Instructional, Administrative and Other Expenditures for Governmental

Funds 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 annual report. The other information comprises the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances—General Fund, Last Four Years and the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances—All Governmental Funds, Last Four Years 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 March 5, 2025, on our consideration of the Simpson County School District's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Simpson County School District's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering Simpson County School District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

McKenzie CPA, PLLC  
Madison, Mississippi  
March 5, 2025



## MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

SIMPSON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Management's Discussion and Analysis  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

The following discussion and analysis of Simpson County School District's financial performance provides an overview of the School District's financial activities for the year ended June 30, 2024. The intent of this discussion and analysis is to look at the School District's performance as a whole. Readers are encouraged to review the financial statements and the notes to the financial statements to enhance their understanding of the School District's financial performance.

**FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS**

- Total net position for 2024 increased \$206,716, including an error correction of \$181,648, which represents a 2% increase from fiscal year 2023. Total net position for 2023 increased \$6,488,043, including an error correction of (\$123,066), which represents a 125 % increase from fiscal year 2022.
- General revenues amounted to \$32,714,138 and \$32,324,771, or 69% and 66% of all revenues for fiscal years 2024 and 2023, respectively. Program specific revenues in the form of charges for services and grants and contributions accounted for \$14,988,718, or 31% of total revenues for 2024, and \$16,335,313, or 34% of total revenues for 2023.
- The District had \$47,677,788 and \$42,048,975 in expenses for fiscal years 2024 and 2023; only \$14,988,718 for 2024 and \$16,335,313 for 2023 of these expenses were offset by program specific charges for services, grants and contributions. General revenues of \$32,714,138 for 2024 and \$32,324,771 for 2023 were adequate to provide for these programs.
- Among major funds, the General Fund had \$33,707,302 in revenues and \$26,691,388 in expenditures for 2024, and \$31,799,364 in revenues and \$28,851,618 in expenditures in 2023. The General Fund's fund balance increased by \$6,957,150, including an error correction of \$253,135, from 2023 to 2024, and increased by \$3,679,933, including an error correction of (\$34,381), from 2022 to 2023.
- Capital assets, including intangible right to use assets and net of accumulated depreciation/amortization, increased by \$1,289,171, including an error correction of (\$244,303), for 2024 and increased by \$6,373,411 for 2023. The increase for 2024 was due primarily to construction-in-progress expenditures.
- Long-term debt, including compensated absences, lease obligations and subscription IT liabilities, decreased by \$89,920 for 2024, including an error correction of \$450,940, and increased by \$263,645 for 2023. The decrease for 2024 was due primarily to principal payments on debt. The liability for compensated absences decreased by \$23,984 for 2024 and decreased by \$1,073 for 2023.

**OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

This discussion and analysis serves as an introduction to the District's basic financial statements, which include government-wide financial statements, fund financial statements, and notes to the financial statements. This report also contains required supplementary information, supplementary information, and other information.

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### **Government-wide Financial Statements**

The government-wide financial statements are designed to provide the reader with a broad overview of the District's finances. These statements consist of the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities, which are prepared using the flow of economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. The current year's revenues and expenses are taken into account regardless of when cash is received or paid.

The Statement of Net Position presents information on all the District's nonfiduciary assets, deferred outflows, liabilities, and deferred inflows, with the differences between them reported as "net position." Over time, increases or decreases in the District's net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether its financial position is improving or deteriorating.

The Statement of Activities presents information showing how the District's net position changed during the most recent fiscal year. All changes in net position are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will only result in cash flows in future fiscal periods.

The government-wide financial statements outline functions of the District that are principally supported by property taxes and intergovernmental revenues (governmental activities). The governmental activities of the District include instruction, support services, non-instructional, sixteenth section, pension expense, OPEB expense, and interest on long-term liabilities.

### **Fund Financial Statements**

A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The District uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. All of the funds of the District are governmental funds.

**Governmental funds** – All of the District's general activities are reported in its governmental funds. Governmental funds are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. However, governmental funds are accounted for using the modified accrual basis of accounting and the flow of current financial resources measurement focus. The approach focuses on near-term inflows and outflows of spendable resources, as well as balances of spendable resources available at year end. The governmental fund statements provide a detailed view of the District's near-term financing requirements.

Because the focus of governmental funds is narrower than that of the government-wide financial statements, it is useful to compare the information presented for governmental funds with similar information presented for governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. By doing so, the reader may gain a better understanding of the long-term impact of the District's near-term financing decisions. The governmental funds Balance Sheet is reconciled to the Statement of Net Position, and the governmental funds Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances is reconciled to the Statement of Activities to facilitate this comparison between governmental funds and governmental activities.

The District maintains individual governmental funds in accordance with the *Financial Accounting Manual for Mississippi Public School Districts*. Information is presented separately in the governmental funds Balance Sheet and in the governmental funds Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances for all major funds. All non-major funds are combined and presented in these reports as other governmental funds.

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**Reconciliation of Government-wide and Fund Financial Statements**

The financial statements include two schedules that reconcile the amounts reported on the governmental funds financial statements (modified accrual basis of accounting) with government-wide financial statements (accrual basis of accounting). The following summarizes the major differences between the two statements:

Capital assets used in governmental activities are not reported on governmental funds financial statements.

Capital outlay spending results in capital assets on government-wide financial statements, but is reported as expenditures on the governmental funds financial statements.

Bond and note proceeds result in liabilities on government-wide financial statements, but are recorded as other financing sources on the governmental funds financial statements.

A net pension liability and net OPEB liability result in liabilities on the government-wide financial statements but are not reported on governmental funds financial statements.

Certain other outflows represent either increases or decreases in liabilities on the government-wide financial statements, but are reported as expenditures on the governmental funds financial statements.

**Notes to the financial statements**

The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements. The notes to the financial statements can be found immediately following the basic financial statements.

**Required Supplementary Information**

In addition to the basic financial statements and accompanying notes, this report also presents budgetary comparison schedules, Schedule of the District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability, Schedule of District Contributions (PERS), Schedule of the District's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability, and Schedule of District Contributions (OPEB) as required supplementary information. The District adopts an annual operating budget for all governmental funds. A budgetary comparison schedule has been provided for the General Fund as required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board.

**Supplementary Information**

Additionally, a Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards as required by Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards and a Schedule of Instructional, Administrative and Other Expenditures for governmental funds can be found in this report.

**Other Information**

Although not a required part of the basic financial statements, the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances—General Fund, Last Four Years and the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances—All Governmental Funds, Last Four Years, is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by the Mississippi Department of Education.

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**GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS**

**Net position**

Net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of the District's financial position. Assets and deferred outflows of resources exceeded Liabilities and deferred inflows of resources by \$11,904,106 as of June 30, 2024.

The District's financial position is a product of several financial transactions including the net result of activities, the acquisition and payment of debt, the acquisition and disposal of capital assets and the depreciation of capital assets.

Table 1 presents a summary of the District's net position at June 30, 2024 and June 30, 2023.

**Table 1  
Condensed Statement of Net Position**

	<b>June 30, 2024</b>	<b>June 30, 2023</b>	<b>Percentage Change</b>
Current assets	\$ 35,928,752	\$ 24,296,975	47.87 %
Lease receivables	651,720	660,911	(1.39) %
Restricted assets	7,976,787	13,363,049	(40.31) %
Capital assets, net	43,751,440	42,462,269	3.04 %
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>88,308,699</b>	<b>80,783,204</b>	<b>9.32 %</b>
<b>Deferred outflows of resources</b>	<b>13,818,287</b>	<b>11,156,502</b>	<b>23.86 %</b>
Current liabilities	1,787,968	3,403,758	(47.47) %
Long-term debt outstanding	11,417,525	11,176,703	2.15 %
Lease liabilities	198,643	338,643	(41.34) %
SBITA liabilities	56,489	247,231	(77.15) %
Net OPEB liability	2,262,534	2,095,980	7.95 %
Net pension liability	71,864,112	59,859,486	20.05 %
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>87,587,271</b>	<b>77,121,801</b>	<b>13.57 %</b>
<b>Deferred inflows of resources</b>	<b>2,635,609</b>	<b>3,120,515</b>	<b>(15.54) %</b>
<b>Net position:</b>			
Net investment in capital assets	37,627,584	36,087,210	4.27 %
Restricted	9,166,434	8,402,255	9.09%
Unrestricted	(34,889,912)	(32,792,075)	(6.40) %
<b>Total net position</b>	<b>\$ 11,904,106</b>	<b>\$ 11,697,390</b>	<b>1.77 %</b>

The error correction was not restated in the prior period for corrections of assets and depreciation corrections along with a debt correction. The error correction was not practicable to restate the prior period due to the changes would not affect the presentation.

Additional information on unrestricted net position:

In connection with the application of standards on accounting and financial reporting for pensions and OPEB, management presents the following additional information:

Total unrestricted net position (deficit)	(\$34,889,912)
Less unrestricted deficit in net position resulting from recognition of the net pension liability and net OPEB liability including the related deferred outflows and deferred inflows	62,236,230
Unrestricted net position, exclusive of the net pension liability and net OPEB liability effect	<u>\$ 27,346,318</u>

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The following are significant current year transactions that have had an impact on the Statement of Net Position.

- Increase in net capital assets in the amount of \$1,289,171.
- The principal retirement of \$569,626 of long-term debt.

**Changes in net position**

The district's total revenues for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2024 and June 30, 2023 were \$47,702,856 and \$48,660,084, respectively. The total cost of all programs and services was \$47,677,788 for 2024 and \$42,048,975 for 2023.

Table 2 presents a summary of the changes in net position for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2024 and June 30, 2023.

	<b>Year Ended June 30, 2024</b>	<b>Year Ended June 30, 2023</b>	<b>Percentage Change</b>
<b>Revenues:</b>			
Program revenues:			
Charges for services	\$ 1,046,856	\$ 650,324	60.97 %
Operating grants and contributions	11,258,229	9,163,502	22.86 %
Capital grants and contributions	2,683,633	6,521,487	(58.85) %
General revenues:			
Property taxes	11,857,958	11,462,689	3.45 %
Grants and contributions not restricted	19,070,337	19,503,571	(2.22) %
Investment earnings	1,118,457	105,642	958.72 %
Sixteenth section sources	439,173	1,202,139	(63.47) %
Other	228,213	50,730	349.86 %
<b>Total revenues</b>	<b>47,702,856</b>	<b>48,660,084</b>	<b>(1.97) %</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>			
Instruction	18,843,430	18,535,857	1.66 %
Support services	13,809,801	14,006,962	(1.41) %
Non-instructional	2,210,848	2,000,464	10.52 %
Sixteenth section	82,500	145,609	(43.34) %
Pension expense	12,702,171	7,380,191	72.11 %
OPEB expense	(136,044)	(238,917)	43.06 %
Interest on long-term liabilities	165,082	218,809	(24.55) %
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>47,677,788</b>	<b>42,048,975</b>	<b>13.39 %</b>
<b>Increase (Decrease) in net position</b>	<b>25,068</b>	<b>6,611,109</b>	<b>(99.62) %</b>
<b>Net Position, July 1, as previously reported</b>	<b>11,697,390</b>	<b>5,209,347</b>	<b>124.55 %</b>
<b>Error Correction</b>	<b>181,648</b>	<b>(123,066)</b>	<b>247.60 %</b>
<b>Net Position, July 1, as restated</b>	<b>11,879,038</b>	<b>5,086,281</b>	<b>133.55 %</b>
<b>Net Position, June 30</b>	<b>\$ 11,904,106</b>	<b>\$ 11,697,390</b>	<b>1.77 %</b>

The error correction was not restated in the prior period for corrections of asset and depreciation corrections along with a debt correction. The error correction is not practicable to restate in the prior period due to the change would not affect the presentation of the prior period financial statements.

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**Governmental Activities**

The following table presents the cost of seven major District functional activities: instruction, support services, non-instructional, sixteenth section, pension expense, OPEB expense and interest on long-term liabilities. The table also shows each functional activity's net cost (total cost less charges for services generated by the activities and intergovernmental aid provided for specific programs). The net cost presents the financial burden that was placed on the State and District's taxpayers by each of these functions.

**Table 3**  
**Net Cost of Governmental Activities**

	<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>Percentage Change</b>
	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>	
Instruction	\$ 18,843,430	\$ 18,535,857	1.66
Support services	13,809,801	14,006,962	(1.41)
Non-instructional	2,210,848	2,000,464	10.52
Sixteenth section	82,500	145,609	(43.34)
Pension Expense	12,702,171	7,380,191	72.11
OPEB Expense	(136,044)	(238,917)	(43.06)
Interest on long-term liabilities	165,082	218,809	(24.55)
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>\$ 47,677,788</b>	<b>\$ 42,048,975</b>	<b>13.39</b>

  

	<b>Net (Expense) Revenue</b>		<b>Percentage Change</b>
	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>	
Instruction	\$ (13,293,762)	\$ (9,158,274)	(45.16)
Support services	(6,726,592)	(9,675,493)	30.48
Non-instructional	94,026	625,797	(84.97)
Sixteenth section	(31,533)	(145,609)	78.34
Pension Expense	(12,702,171)	(7,380,191)	(72.11)
OPEB Expense	136,044	238,917	(43.06)
Interest on long-term liabilities	(165,082)	(218,809)	24.55
<b>Total net (expense) revenue</b>	<b>\$ (32,689,070)</b>	<b>\$ (25,713,662)</b>	<b>(27.13)</b>

- Net cost of governmental activities [\$32,689,070] for 2024 and (\$25,713,662) for 2023) were financed by general revenue, which is primarily made up of property taxes (\$11,857,958 for 2024 and \$11,462,689 for 2023) and state and federal revenues (\$19,070,337 for 2024 and \$19,503,571 for 2023). In addition, there was \$439,173 and \$1,202,139 in Sixteenth Section sources for 2024 and 2023, respectively.
- Investment earnings amounted to \$1,118,457 for 2024 and \$105,642 for 2023.

**FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE DISTRICT'S FUNDS**

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

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

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The financial performance of the district as a whole is reflected in its governmental funds. As the District completed the year, its governmental funds reported a combined fund balance of \$42,074,604, an increase of \$7,238,212, which includes an error correction of \$334,264 and a decrease in inventory of \$4,684. \$22,022,493 or 52% of the fund balance is unassigned, which represents the residual classification for the General Fund's fund balance that has not been assigned to other funds and that has not been restricted, committed, or assigned to specific purposes within the general fund. The remaining fund balance of \$20,052,111 or 48% is either non-spendable, restricted, committed or assigned to indicate that it is not available for spending except only for the purposes to which it is restricted, committed or assigned.

The General Fund is the principal operating fund of the district. The increase in fund balance in the General Fund for the fiscal year was \$6,957,150, which includes an error correction of \$253,135. The fund balance of Other Governmental Funds showed a decrease in the amount of \$45,528, which includes an error correction of \$79,819 and a decrease in reserve for inventory of \$4,684. The increase (decrease) in the fund balances for the other major funds were as follows:

<u>Major Fund</u>	<u>Increase(Decrease)</u>
Capital Projects 3 Mill Note Fund	\$ 156,813
16th Section Principal Fund	169,777

### BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS

During the year, the district revised the annual operating budget. Budget revisions were made to address and correct the original budgets to reflect more accurately the sources and uses of funding for the School District.

A schedule showing the original and final budget amounts compared to the district's actual financial activity for the General Fund is provided in this report as required supplementary information.

### CAPITAL ASSETS AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

**Capital Assets.** As of June 30, 2024, the District's total capital assets were \$65,631,666, including land, school buildings, building improvements, improvements other than buildings, buses, other school vehicles, furniture and equipment, and any intangible assets. This amount represents an increase of \$1,916,480, including an error correction of (\$241,000). Total accumulated depreciation and amortization as of June 30, 2024, was \$21,880,226, and total depreciation and amortization expense for the year was \$1,547,604, resulting in total net capital assets of \$43,751,440.

**Table 4**  
**Capital Assets, Net of Accumulated Depreciation**

	<u>June 30, 2024</u>	<u>June 30, 2023</u>	<u>Percentage</u>	
			<u>Change</u>	
Land	\$ 1,152,938	\$ 1,152,938	0.00	%
Construction in Progress	-	9,332,785	(100.00)	%
Buildings	39,311,532	29,072,893	35.22	%
Building improvements	1,061,615	194,458	445.94	%
Improvements other than buildings	538,493	566,085	(4.87)	%
Mobile equipment	1,195,804	1,313,708	(8.97)	%
Furniture and equipment	242,213	336,996	(28.13)	%
Leased assets	191,634	241,714	(20.72)	%
SBITA assets	57,211	250,692	(77.18)	%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 43,751,440</b>	<b>\$ 42,462,269</b>	<b>3.04</b>	<b>%</b>

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The error correction was not restated in the prior period for corrections of asset and depreciation corrections along with a debt correction. The error correction is not practicable to restate in the prior period due to the change would not affect the presentation of the prior period.

Additional information on the district's capital assets can be found in Notes 5 and 6 included in this report.

**Debt Administration.** At June 30, 2024, the District had \$11,672,657 in outstanding long-term debt, including lease liabilities, subscription IT liabilities and compensated absences payable, of which \$3,781,554 is due within one year. The liability for compensated absences decreased \$23,984 from the prior year.

**Table 5**  
**Outstanding Long-Term Debt**

	June 30, 2024	June 30, 2023	Percentage Change
Three mill notes payable	\$ 8,302,000	\$ 8,677,000	(4.32) %
Shortfall notes payable	32,630	47,844	(31.80) %
Qualified school construction bonds payable	3,000,000	2,344,980	27.93 %
Lease liabilities	198,643	338,643	(41.34) %
SBITA liabilities	56,489	247,231	(77.15) %
Compensated absences payable	82,895	106,879	(22.44) %
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 11,672,657</b>	<b>\$ 11,762,577</b>	<b>(0.76) %</b>

The error correction was not restated in the prior period for corrections of asset and depreciation corrections along with a debt correction. The error correction is not practicable to restate in the prior period due to the change would not affect the presentation of the prior period.

Additional information on the district's long-term debt can be found in Notes 6 and 7 included in this report.

### **CURRENT ISSUES**

The Simpson County School District is financially stable. The district is proud of its community support of the public schools. The district has committed itself to financial excellence for many years. The district plans to continue its sound financial management to meet the challenges of the future.

The district has seven (7) schools, an achievement center, and a technical center.

### **CONTACTING THE DISTRICT'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT**

If you have any questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact the Superintendent's Office of the Simpson County School District, 111 Education Lane, Mendenhall, Mississippi 39114.

## FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**SIMPSON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

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

**Exhibit A**

	Governmental Activities
<b>Assets</b>	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 34,533,713
Due from other governments	1,323,688
Lease receivable	651,720
Inventories	44,101
Prepaid assets	27,250
Restricted assets	7,976,787
Capital assets, non-depreciable:	
Land	1,152,938
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation:	
Buildings	39,311,532
Building improvements	1,061,615
Improvements other than buildings	538,493
Mobile equipment	1,195,804
Furniture and equipment	242,213
Intangible assets	248,845
Total Assets	<u>88,308,699</u>
<b>Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>	
Deferred outflows - Pensions	13,042,163
Deferred outflows - OPEB	776,124
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	<u>13,818,287</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>	
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	1,774,917
Interest payable on long-term liabilities	13,051
Long-term liabilities, due within one year:	
Capital related liabilities	3,581,000
Lease liabilities	145,702
SBITA liabilities	38,915
Non-capital related liabilities	15,937
Net OPEB liability	92,224
Long-term liabilities, due beyond one year:	
Capital related liabilities	7,721,000
Lease liabilities	52,941
SBITA liabilities	17,574
Non-capital related liabilities	99,588
Net pension liability	71,864,112
Net OPEB liability	2,170,310
Total Liabilities	<u>87,587,271</u>
<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>	
Deferred inflows - Pensions	1,021,429
Deferred inflows - OPEB	906,442
Deferred inflows - leases	707,738
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>2,635,609</u>
<b>Net Position</b>	
Net investment in capital assets	37,627,584
Restricted for:	
Expendable:	
School-based activities	817,563
Debt service	2,865,942
Forestry improvements	295,514
Unemployment benefits	70,986
Non-expendable:	
Sixteenth section	5,116,429
Unrestricted	(34,889,912)
Total Net Position	<u>\$ 11,904,106</u>

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

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

**Exhibit B**

					Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position
		Program Revenues			
			Operating	Capital	
Functions/Programs	Expenses	Charges for Services	Grants and Contributions	Grants and Contributions	Governmental Activities
Governmental Activities:					
Instruction	\$18,843,430	\$ 309,402	\$ 5,240,266	\$ -	\$(13,293,762)
Support services	13,809,801	456,005	3,943,571	2,683,633	(6,726,592)
Non-instructional	2,210,848	230,482	2,074,392	-	94,026
Sixteenth section	82,500	50,967	-	-	(31,533)
Pension expense	12,702,171	-	-	-	(12,702,171)
OPEB expense	(136,044)	-	-	-	136,044
Interest on long-term liabilities	165,082	-	-	-	(165,082)
Total Governmental Activities	<u>\$47,677,788</u>	<u>\$ 1,046,856</u>	<u>\$11,258,229</u>	<u>\$2,683,633</u>	<u>\$(32,689,070)</u>
General Revenues:					
Taxes:					
General purpose levies					11,302,233
Debt purpose levies					555,725
Unrestricted grants and contributions:					
State					18,236,097
Federal					834,240
Unrestricted investment earnings					1,118,457
Sixteenth section sources					439,173
Other					228,213
Total General Revenues					<u>32,714,138</u>
Change in Net Position					<u>25,068</u>
Net Position - Beginning, as previously reported					11,697,390
Error Corrections					<u>181,648</u>
Net Position - Beginning, as restated					<u>11,879,038</u>
Net Position - Ending					<u>\$ 11,904,106</u>

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

**SIMPSON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Governmental Funds**

**Balance Sheet**  
**June 30, 2024**

**Exhibit C**

	Major Funds			Other	Total
	General	Capital Projects	16th Section	Governmental	Governmental
	Fund	3 Mill Note	Principal	Funds	Funds
	Fund	Fund	Fund	Funds	Funds
<b>Assets</b>					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 27,974,413	\$ 5,433,276	\$ 5,116,429	\$ 1,126,025	\$ 39,650,143
Cash with fiscal agents	-	-	-	240,814	240,814
Investments	-	-	-	2,598,900	2,598,900
Due from other governments	354,021	-	-	969,667	1,323,688
Accrued interest receivable	-	-	-	20,643	20,643
Leases receivable	651,720	-	-	-	651,720
Due from other funds	953,723	-	-	-	953,723
Inventories	-	-	-	44,101	44,101
Prepaid items	27,250	-	-	-	27,250
Total Assets	<u>\$ 29,961,127</u>	<u>\$ 5,433,276</u>	<u>\$ 5,116,429</u>	<u>\$ 5,000,150</u>	<u>\$ 45,510,982</u>
<b>Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Fund Balances</b>					
<b>Liabilities:</b>					
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 1,764,296	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,621	\$ 1,774,917
Due to other funds	-	-	-	953,723	953,723
Total Liabilities	<u>1,764,296</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>964,344</u>	<u>2,728,640</u>
<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources:</b>					
Leases	707,738	-	-	-	707,738
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>707,738</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>707,738</u>
<b>Fund Balances:</b>					
<b>Nonspendable:</b>					
Inventory				44,101	44,101
Prepaid items	27,250				27,250
Permanent fund principal			5,116,429		5,116,429
<b>Restricted:</b>					
Debt service				2,878,993	2,878,993
Capital improvements		5,433,276			5,433,276
Forestry improvement purposes				295,514	295,514
Grant activities				746,212	746,212
Unemployment Benefits				70,986	70,986
<b>Assigned:</b>					
Student activities	439,350				439,350
Capital improvements	5,000,000				5,000,000
<b>Unassigned</b>	<u>22,022,493</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>22,022,493</u>
Total Fund Balances	<u>27,489,093</u>	<u>5,433,276</u>	<u>5,116,429</u>	<u>4,035,806</u>	<u>42,074,604</u>
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Fund Balances	<u>\$ 29,961,127</u>	<u>\$ 5,433,276</u>	<u>\$ 5,116,429</u>	<u>\$ 5,000,150</u>	<u>\$ 45,510,982</u>

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

**SIMPSON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Governmental Funds**

**Reconciliation of the Governmental Funds Balance Sheet to the Statement of Net Position**  
**June 30, 2024**

**Exhibit C-1**

**Total fund balances for governmental funds**

\$42,074,604

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

1. Capital assets and intangible used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds:

Land	1,152,938	
Buildings	54,697,642	
Building improvements	1,231,435	
Improvements other than buildings	792,594	
Mobile equipment	5,094,256	
Furniture and equipment	2,069,183	
Lease assets	474,740	
SBITA assets	118,878	
Accumulated depreciation and amortization	<u>(21,880,226)</u>	43,751,440

2. Some liabilities, including net pension obligations, are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the funds:

Net pension liability	(71,864,112)	
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Deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to pensions are applicable to future periods and, therefore, are not reported in the funds:

Deferred outflows of resources related to pensions	13,042,163	
Deferred inflows of resources related to pensions	<u>(1,021,429)</u>	(59,843,378)

3. Some liabilities, including net OPEB obligations, are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the funds:

Net OPEB liability	(2,262,534)	
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Deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to OPEB are applicable to future periods and, therefore, are not reported in the funds:

Deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB	776,124	
Deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB	<u>(906,442)</u>	(2,392,852)

4. Long-term liabilities and related accrued interest are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the funds:

Three mill notes payable	(8,302,000)	
Shortfall notes payable	(32,630)	
Qualified school construction bonds payable	(3,000,000)	
Lease liabilities	(198,643)	
SBITA liabilities	(56,489)	
Compensated absences payable	(82,895)	
Accrued interest payable	<u>(13,051)</u>	(11,685,708)

**Net Position of governmental activities**

\$11,904,106

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

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**Governmental Funds**

**Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances**  
**For the Year Ended June 30, 2024**

**Exhibit D**

	Major Funds				
	General Fund	Capital Projects 3 Mill Note Fund	16th Section Principal Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<b>Revenues:</b>					
Local sources	\$ 12,330,593	\$ 156,813	\$	\$ 894,329	\$ 13,381,735
State sources	20,671,477			668,178	21,339,655
Federal sources	77,074			11,595,470	11,672,544
Sixteenth section sources	628,158		168,520	59,451	856,129
Total Revenues	33,707,302	156,813	168,520	13,217,428	47,250,063
<b>Expenditures:</b>					
Instruction	15,196,380			4,716,679	19,913,059
Support services	10,913,829			3,694,515	14,608,344
Noninstructional services	-			2,434,636	2,434,636
Sixteenth section	18,228		53	64,219	82,500
Facilities acquisition and construction	388,978			2,683,633	3,072,611
Debt service:					
Principal	161,121			408,505	569,626
Interest	12,852			153,346	166,198
Total Expenditures	26,691,388	-	53	14,155,533	40,846,974
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues over (under) Expenditures	7,015,914	156,813	168,467	(938,105)	6,403,089
<b>Other Financing Sources (Uses):</b>					
Insurance loss recoveries	452,793				452,793
SBITAs issued	-			52,750	52,750
Operating transfers in	396,980			1,161,672	1,558,652
Payment held by escrow agent	-			139,699	139,699
Operating transfers out	(1,161,672)			(396,980)	(1,558,652)
Payment to QSCB debt escrow agent	-			(139,699)	(139,699)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(311,899)	-	-	817,442	505,543
Net Change in Fund Balances	6,704,015	156,813	168,467	(120,663)	6,908,632
<b>Fund Balances:</b>					
July 1, 2023, as previously reported	20,531,943	5,276,463	4,946,652	4,081,334	34,836,392
Error Corrections	253,135	-	1,310	79,819	334,264
July 1, 2023, as restated	20,785,078	5,276,463	4,947,962	4,161,153	35,170,656
Increase (Decrease) in reserve for inventory	-	-	-	(4,684)	(4,684)
June 30, 2024	\$ 27,489,093	\$ 5,433,276	\$5,116,429	\$ 4,035,806	\$ 42,074,604

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

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**Governmental Funds**

**Reconciliation of the Governmental Funds Statement of Revenues,  
Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances to the Statement of Activities  
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**Exhibit D-1**

**Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds**

**\$6,908,632**

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

1. Governmental funds report capital outlay as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of capital assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation expense. In the current period, these amounts are:

Capital outlay	3,265,303	
Depreciation and amortization expense	<u>(1,547,604)</u>	1,717,699

2. In the statement of activities, only the gain/loss on the sale of assets is reported, while in the governmental funds, the proceeds from the sale increases financial resources. Thus, the change in Net Position differs from the change in fund balance by the cost of the assets sold.

(69,092)

3. The issuance of long-term debt provides current financial resources to governmental funds, while the repayment of the principal of long-term debt consumes the current financial resources of governmental funds. Neither transaction, however, has any effect on net position. Also, governmental funds report the effect of premiums, discounts and the difference between the carrying value of refunded debt and the acquisition cost of refunded debt when debt is first issued. These amounts are deferred and amortized in the statement of activities:

Issuance of SBITAs	(52,750)	
Payments of debt principal	569,626	
Accrued interest payable	<u>1,116</u>	517,992

4. Some items relating to pensions and reported in the statement of activities do not provide or require the use of current financial resources and therefore are not reported as revenues/expenditures in the governmental funds. The activities include:

Pension expense	(12,702,171)	
Contributions subsequent to the measurement date	<u>3,406,966</u>	(9,295,205)

5. Some items relating to OPEB and reported in the statement of activities do not provide or require the use of current financial resources and therefore are not reported as revenues/expenditures in the governmental funds. The activities include:

OPEB expense	136,044	
Contributions subsequent to the measurement date	<u>92,224</u>	228,268

6. Some items reported in the statement of activities do not provide or require the use of current financial resources and therefore are not reported as revenues/expenditures in governmental funds. These activities include:

Change in compensated absences	23,984	
Change in inventory reserve	(4,684)	
Loss on remeasurement of SBITA	<u>(2,526)</u>	16,774

**Change in Net Position of governmental activities**

**\$ 25,068**

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

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Notes to the Financial Statements  
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**Note 1 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

The accompanying financial statements of the school district have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as prescribed by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB). GASB is the accepted standard-setting body for governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The most significant of the school district's accounting policies are described below.

**A. Financial Reporting Entity**

As defined by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the school district is considered a "primary government." The school district is governed by a five (5) member board to which each member is elected by the citizens of each defined county district.

For financial reporting purposes, Simpson County School District has included all funds and organizations. The district has also considered all potential component units for which it is financially accountable and other organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationship with the district are such that exclusion would cause the district's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board has set forth criteria to be considered in determining financial accountability. These criteria include appointing a voting majority of an organization's governing body and (1) the ability of the district to impose its will on that organization or (2) the potential for the organization to provide specific benefits to or impose specific financial burdens on the district.

**B. Government-wide and Fund Financial Statements**

Government-wide Financial Statements – The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities report information on all of the non-fiduciary activities of the district. For the most part, the effect of inter-fund activity has been removed from these statements. Governmental activities, which normally are supported by tax and intergovernmental revenues, are reported separately from business type activities, which rely to a significant extent on fees and charges for support.

The Statement of Net Position presents the district's non-fiduciary assets, deferred outflows, liabilities, and deferred inflows with the difference reported as net position. Net position is reported in three categories:

1. Net investment in capital assets consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, and reduced by outstanding balances of bonds, notes and other debt attributable to the acquisition, construction or improvement of those assets.
2. Restricted net position results when constraints placed on net position use are either externally imposed or imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation
3. Unrestricted net position consists of net position not meeting the definition of the two preceding categories. Unrestricted net position often has constraints on resources imposed by management which can be removed or modified.

The Statement of Activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function, or segment, are offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are clearly identifiable with a specific function. Program revenues include 1) charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function and 2) grants, contributions and interest restricted to meeting the operational or capital

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requirements of a particular function. Property taxes and other items not included among program revenues are reported instead as general revenues.

Fund Financial Statements - Separate financial statements are provided for governmental funds. Major individual governmental funds are reported in separate columns in the fund financial statements. All remaining governmental funds are aggregated and reported as other governmental funds.

The school district reports the following major governmental funds:

General Fund - This is the school district's primary operating fund. The general fund is used to account for and report all financial resources not accounted for and reported in another fund.

Capital Projects 3 Mill Note Fund – This fund is used to account for construction and renovation projects in the school district financed with the proceeds of a 3 mill note.

16<sup>th</sup> Section Principal Fund – This fund is used to account for the non-expendable resources generated from the sale of non-renewable resources on sixteenth section lands.

All other governmental funds not meeting the criteria established for major funds are presented in the other governmental column of the fund financial statements.

Additionally, the school district reports the following fund types:

**GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**

Special Revenue Funds - Special Revenue Funds are used to account for and report the proceeds of specific revenue sources that are restricted or committed to expenditure for specified purposes other than debt service or capital projects.

Capital Projects Funds - Capital Projects Funds are used to account for and report financial resources that are restricted, committed, or assigned to expenditure for capital outlays, including the acquisition or construction of capital facilities and other capital assets.

Debt Service Funds - Debt Service Funds are used to account for and report financial resources that are restricted, committed, or assigned to expenditure for principal and interest.

Permanent Funds - Permanent Funds are used to account for and report resources that are restricted to the extent that only earnings, and not the principal, may be used for purposes that support the district's programs.

**C. Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting, and Financial Statement Presentation**

In the government-wide Statement of Net Position and Statement of Activities, governmental activities are presented using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned, and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred or economic asset used, regardless of the timing of the related cash flows. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Measurable means knowing or being able to reasonably estimate the amount. Revenues are considered to be available when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period.

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For this purpose, the government considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days after the year end. Expenditures (including capital outlay) are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, debt service expenditures, as well as expenditures related to compensated absences and judgments, are recorded only when payment is due.

Federal grants and assistance awards made on the basis of entitlement periods are recorded as receivables and revenues when entitlement occurs. Federal reimbursement type grants are recorded as revenues when the related expenditures are recognized. Use of grant resources is conditioned upon compliance with the terms of the grant agreements and applicable federal regulations, which include subjecting grants to financial and compliance audits.

Property taxes, intergovernmental revenues (shared revenues, grants and reimbursements from other governments) and interest associated with the current fiscal period are all considered to be susceptible to accrual.

Ad valorem property taxes are levied by the governing authority of the county on behalf of the school district based upon an order adopted by the school board of the school district requesting an ad valorem tax effort in dollars. Since the taxes are not levied and collected by the school district, the revenues to be generated by the annual levies are not recognized until the taxes are actually collected by the tax levying authority.

Capital asset acquisitions are reported as expenditures in governmental funds. Proceeds of general long-term debt and acquisitions under leases are reported as other financing sources.

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

The effect of inter-fund activity has been eliminated from the government-wide statements.

Revenues from the Mississippi Adequate Education Program are appropriated on a fiscal year basis and are recorded at the time the revenues are received from the State of Mississippi.

The account classifications used in the financial statements conform to the broad classifications recommended in *Governmental Accounting, Auditing, and Financial Reporting*, issued in 2012 by the Government Finance Officers Association and are consistent with the broad classifications recommended in *Financial Accounting for Local and State School Systems, 2014*, issued by the U.S. Department of Education.

**D. Encumbrances**

An encumbrance system is maintained to account for commitments or assignments resulting from approved purchase orders, work orders and contracts. However, the school district attempts to liquidate all encumbrances at year-end. Encumbrances outstanding at year-end are not reported within committed or assigned fund balances.

**E. Assets, liabilities, deferred outflows/inflows, and net position/fund balances**

**1. Cash, Cash equivalents and Investments**

Cash and cash equivalents

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The district's cash and cash equivalents are considered to be cash on hand, demand deposits, and short-term investments with original maturities of three months or less from the date of acquisition. The school district deposits excess funds in the financial institutions selected by the school board. State statutes specify how these depositories are to be selected.

#### Investments

The school district can invest its excess funds, as permitted by Section 29-3-113, Miss. Code Ann. (1972), in interest-bearing deposits or other obligations of the types described in Section 27-105-33, Miss. Code Ann. (1972), or in any other type investment in which any other agency, instrumentality or subdivision of the State of Mississippi may invest, except that 100% of said funds are authorized to be so invested.

For accounting purposes, certificates of deposit are classified as investments if they have an original maturity greater than three months when acquired.

Investments for the district are reported at fair market value.

2. Receivables and payables

Activities between funds that are representative of lending/borrowing arrangements outstanding at the end of the fiscal year are referred to as either "due to/from other funds" (i.e., the current portion of inter-fund loans) or "advances to/from other funds" (i.e. the non-current portion of inter-fund loans). All other outstanding balances between funds are reported as "due to/from other funds."

Advances between funds, as reported in the fund financial statements, are offset by a fund balance reserve account in applicable governmental funds to indicate that they are not available for appropriation and are not expendable available financial resources.

3. Due from Other Governments

Due from other governments represents amounts due from the State of Mississippi and various grants and reimbursements from other governments.

4. Inventories and Prepaid Items

Donated commodities are received from the USDA and are valued at USDA cost. Other inventories are valued at cost (calculated on the first-in, first-out basis). The costs of governmental fund type inventories are reported as expenditures when purchased.

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

5. Restricted Assets

Certain resources set aside for repayment of debt are classified as restricted assets on the Statement of Net Position because their use is limited by applicable debt statutes, e.g. Qualified School Construction Bond sinking funds. Also, the nonexpendable portion of the Permanent Fund, if applicable, is classified as restricted assets because the 16<sup>th</sup> Section Principal fund is not available for use by the district except as provided for under state statute for loans from this fund.

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6. Capital Assets

Capital assets include land, improvements to land, easements, water rights, timber rights, building improvements, vehicles, machinery, equipment, works of art and historical treasures, infrastructure, and all other tangible or intangible assets that are used in operations and that have initial useful lives extending beyond a single reporting period. Capital assets are reported in the applicable governmental or business type activities columns in the government-wide Statement of Net Position. Capital assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost based on appraisals or deflated current replacement cost. Donated capital assets are recorded at estimated fair market value at the date of donation. The costs of normal maintenance and repair that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend asset lives are not capitalized. Capital assets are defined by the district as assets with an initial, individual cost in excess of the thresholds in the table below.

Capital acquisition and construction are reflected as expenditures in the Governmental Fund statements and the related assets are reported as capital assets in the governmental activities column in the government-wide financial statements.

Depreciation is calculated on the straight-line basis for all assets, except land.

The following schedule details the capitalization thresholds:

	Capitalization Policy	Estimated Useful Life
Land	\$ 0	0
Buildings	50,000	40 years
Building improvements	25,000	20 years
Improvements other than buildings	25,000	20 years
Mobile equipment	5,000	5-10 years
Furniture and equipment	5,000	3-7 years
Leased assets	**	**
Intangible assets	***	**

(\*\*) A capitalization threshold has not been set for leased assets. Right to use leased assets will be amortized in a rational and systematic manner over the shorter of the lease term or the useful life of the underlying right to use asset.

(\*\*\*) A capitalization threshold has not been set for right to use assets. Right to use subscription assets will be amortized in a rational and systematic manner over the shorter of the subscription term or the useful life of the underlying right to use asset.

*The term 'depreciation' includes the amortization of intangible assets.*

7. Deferred outflows/inflows of resources

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

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(expense/expenditure) until then.

Deferred outflows of resources related to pensions  
Deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB

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

Deferred inflows of resources related to pensions  
Deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB  
Deferred inflows of resources related to leases

See Notes 6, 9, 10, and 15 for further details.

8. Compensated Absences

Employees of the school district accumulate sick leave at a minimum amount as required by state law. A greater amount may be provided by school district policy provided that it does not exceed the provisions for leave as provided in Sections 25-3-93 and 25-3-95. Some employees are allowed personal leave and/or vacation leave in accordance with school district policy. The district pays for unused leave for employees as required by Section 37-7-307(5), Miss. Code Ann. (1972).

The liability for these compensated absences is recorded as a long-term liability in the government-wide statements. The current portion of this liability is estimated based on historical trends. In the fund financial statements, governmental funds report the liability for compensated absences from expendable available financial resources only if the payable has matured, for example, an employee retires.

9. Leases

The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) issued Statement No. 87, Leases (GASB 87) to establish a single leasing model for accounting and reporting purposes. This guidance is intended to enhance the accountability, consistency and comparability of lease activities reported by governments. GASB 87 was implemented during fiscal year 2022.

When acting as the lessee, the school district imputes the interest rate in effect at the date of the lease inception to calculate the present value of lease payments when the rate implicit in the lease is not known.

When acting as the lessor, the school district uses 4% to calculate the present value of lease payments involving the leasing of 16<sup>th</sup> section school lands.

10. Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements

The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) issued Statement No. 96, Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements (SBITAs) (GASB 96) to establish uniform accounting and financial reporting requirements for SBITAs, to improve comparability of financial statements among governments that have entered into SBITAs, and to enhance understandability, reliability, relevance and consistency of information about SBITAs. GASB 96 was implemented during fiscal year 2023.

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The school district uses the U. S. Treasury yield curve rate as a basis for establishing an effective interest rate when subscription arrangements do not state an effective rate.

11. Long-term Liabilities and Bond Discounts/Premiums

In the government-wide financial statements, outstanding debt is reported as liabilities. Bond discounts or premiums and the difference between reacquisition price and the net carrying value of refunded debt are capitalized and amortized over the terms of the respective bonds using a method that approximates the effective interest method.

The governmental fund financial statements recognize the proceeds of debt and premiums as other financing sources of the current period. Issuance costs are reported as expenditures.

12. Pensions

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

13. Postemployment Benefits Other than Pensions (OPEB)

For purposes of measuring the net OPEB liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB, and OPEB expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the State and School Employees' Life and Health Plan (OPEB Plan) and additions to/deductions from the OPEB Plan's fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by the OPEB Plan. For this purpose, benefit payments are recorded when the OPEB benefits come due. Investments are reported at fair value as determined by the state.

14. Fund Balances

Fund balance for governmental funds is reported in classifications that comprise a hierarchy based primarily on the extent to which the government is bound to honor constraints on the specific purposes for which amounts in those funds can be spent.

Governmental fund balance is classified as non-spendable, restricted, committed, assigned or unassigned. The following are descriptions of fund classifications used by the district:

*Non-spendable fund balance* includes items that cannot be spent. This includes activity that is not in a spendable form (inventories, prepaid amounts, long-term portion of loans/notes receivable, or property held for resale unless the proceeds are restricted, committed, or assigned) and activity that is legally or contractually required to remain intact, such as a principal balance in a permanent fund.

*Restricted fund balance* includes amounts that have constraints placed upon the use of the resources either by an external party or imposed by law through a constitutional provision or enabling legislation.

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*Committed fund balance* includes amounts that can be used only for specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by a formal action of the School Board, the District's highest level of decision-making authority. This formal action is the official action of the school board approving committed fund balances. Currently there is no committed fund balance for this school district.

*Assigned fund balance* includes amounts that are constrained by the district's intent to be used for a specific purpose but are neither restricted nor committed. For governmental funds, other than the general fund, this is the residual amount within the fund that is not restricted or committed. Assignments of fund balance are created by the school district management pursuant to authorization established by school board policy.

*Unassigned fund balance* is the residual classification for the general fund. This classification represents fund balance that has not been assigned to other funds and that has not been restricted, committed, or assigned to specific purposes within the general fund. The general fund should be the only fund that reports a positive unassigned fund balance amount. In other governmental funds, it may be necessary to report a negative unassigned fund balance.

When an expenditure/expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted (committed, assigned, or unassigned) resources are available, it is the district's general policy to use restricted resources first. When expenditures/expenses are incurred for purposes for which unrestricted (committed, assigned, and unassigned) resources are available, and amounts in any of these unrestricted classifications could be used, it is the district's general policy to spend committed resources first, followed by assigned amounts, and then unassigned amounts.

It is the goal of the district to achieve and maintain an unassigned fund balance in the General Fund at fiscal year-end of not less than 5% of district revenues. If the unassigned fund balance at fiscal year-end falls below the goal, the district will develop a restoration plan to achieve the minimum fund balance.

15. Accounting Standards Update

GASB 100, Accounting Changes and Error Corrections, was implemented during the 2024 fiscal year. This Statement is an amendment of GASB Statement 62 Codification of Accounting and Financial Reporting Guidance. The purpose of the standard is to enhance accounting and financial reporting requirements for accounting changes and error corrections to provide more understandable, reliable, relevant, consistent and comparable information for making decisions or assessing accountability.

**Note 2 – Cash and Cash Equivalents and Cash with Fiscal Agents and Investments**

The district follows the practice of aggregating the cash assets of various funds to maximize cash management efficiency and returns. Restrictions on deposits are imposed by statutes as follows:

Deposits. The school board must advertise and accept bids for depositories no less than once every three years as required by Section 37-7-333, Miss. Code Ann. (1972). The collateral pledged for the school district's deposits in financial institutions is held in the name of the State Treasurer under a program established by the Mississippi State Legislature and is governed by Section 27-105-5, Miss. Code Ann. (1972). Under this program, the entity's funds are protected through a collateral pool administered by the State Treasurer. Financial institutions holding deposits of public funds must pledge securities as collateral against those deposits. In the event of failure of a financial institution, securities pledged by that institution would be liquidated by the State Treasurer to replace the public deposits not covered by the Federal Deposit

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Insurance Corporation.

Investments. Section 29-3-113 and 37-59-43, Miss. Code Ann. (1972), authorizes the school board to invest excess funds in the types of investments authorized by Section 27-105-33(d) and (e), Miss. Code Ann. (1972). This section permits the following types of investments: (a) certificates of deposit or interest bearing accounts with qualified state depositories; (b) direct United States Treasury obligations; (c) United States Government agency, United States Government instrumentality or United States Government sponsored enterprise obligations, not to exceed fifty percent of all monies invested with maturities of thirty days or longer; (d) direct security repurchase agreements and reverse direct security repurchase agreements of any federal book entry of only those securities enumerated in (b) and (c) above; (e) direct obligations issued by the United States of America that are deemed to include securities of, or other interests in, any open-end or closed-end management type investment company or investment trust approved by the State Treasurer and the Executive Director of the Department of Finance and Administration, not to exceed twenty percent of invested excess funds. Investment income on bond funds (Capital Projects), bond sinking funds (Debt Service funds) and sixteenth section principal funds (Permanent funds) must be credited to those funds. Investment income of \$100 or more of any fund must be credited to that fund. Investment income of less than \$100 may be credited to the General Fund.

Cash and Cash Equivalents, Cash with Fiscal Agents, and Investments

The carrying amount of the school district's deposits with financial institutions reported in the governmental funds was \$39,650,143.

*Custodial Credit Risk - Deposits.* Custodial credit risk is defined as the risk that, in the event of the failure of a financial institution, the district will not be able to recover deposits or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. The district does not have a deposit policy for custodial credit risk. In the event of failure of a financial institution, securities pledged by that institution would be liquidated by the State Treasurer to replace the public deposits not covered by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. Deposits above FDIC coverage are collateralized by the pledging financial institution's trust department or agent in the name of the Mississippi State Treasurer on behalf of the district.

Cash with Fiscal Agents

The carrying amount of the school district's cash with fiscal agents reported in the governmental funds was \$240,814.

Investments

As of June 30, 2024, the district had the following investments:

Investment Type	Rating	Maturities (in years)	Fair Value
U.S. Treasury SLGS	N/A	1 to 5	<u>\$ 2,598,900</u>

The district categorizes its fair value measurements within the fair value hierarchy established by generally accepted accounting principles. The hierarchy is based on the valuation inputs used to measure the fair value of the asset. Level 1 inputs are quoted prices in active markets for identical assets. Level 2 inputs are significant other observable inputs; and Level 3 inputs are significant unobservable inputs.

The district has the following fair value measurements as of June 30, 2024:

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- U.S. Treasury SLGS investments of \$2,598,900 are valued using quoted market prices (Level 1 inputs)

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

*Credit Risk.* State law limits investments to those prescribed in Sections 27-105-33(d) and 27-105-33(e), Miss. Code Ann. (1972). The district does not have a formal investment policy that would further limit its investment choices or one that addresses credit risk.

*Custodial Credit Risk-Investments.* Custodial credit risk is defined as the risk that, in the event of the failure of the counterparty, the district will not be able to recover the value of its investments or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. The district does not have a formal investment policy that addresses custodial credit risk. As of June 30, 2024, the district did not have any investments to which this would apply.

*Concentration of Credit Risk.* Disclosure of investments by amount and issuer for any issuer that represents five percent or more of total investments is required. This requirement does not apply to investments issued or explicitly guaranteed by the U.S. government, investments in mutual funds and external investment pools, and other pooled investments.

**Note 3 – Inter-fund Receivables, Payables and Transfers**

The following is a summary of inter-fund transactions and balances:

**A. Due From/To Other Funds**

Receivable Fund	Payable Fund	Amount
General Fund	Other governmental funds	\$ 953,723
		<u>\$ 953,723</u>

The inter-fund balances primarily represent loans created by the existence of negative fund cash balances in a pooled bank account due to the General Fund at June 30, 2024. Negative fund cash balances in governmental funds (special revenue funds) are a result of the timing of cash flows inherent in the reimbursable grant funds due from other governments. All balances are expected to be repaid within one year.

**B. Inter-fund Transfers**

Transfers In	Transfers Out	Amount
General Fund	Other governmental funds	\$ 396,980
Other governmental funds	General Fund	1,161,672
		<u>\$ 1,558,652</u>

Inter-fund transfers represent operating transfers from the General Fund to other governmental funds and transfers of indirect costs from other governmental funds to the general fund.

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**Note 4 – Restricted Assets**

The restricted assets represent the cash balance, totaling \$5,116,430, of the Sixteenth Section Principal Fund (Permanent Fund) which is legally restricted and may not be used for purposes that support the district's programs. Restricted assets also include cash with fiscal agents of \$240,814, investments of \$2,598,900, and accrued interest of \$20,643 of the QSCB Retirement Fund. Total restricted assets are \$7,976,787.

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**Note 5 – Capital Assets**

The following is a summary of changes in capital assets for governmental activities.

*The term depreciation includes amortization of intangible assets.*

	Balance 7/1/2023	Increases	Decreases	Completed Construction	Adjustments	Balance 6/30/2024
<b>Governmental Activities:</b>						
<u>Non-depreciable capital assets:</u>						
Land	\$ 1,152,938					1,152,938
Construction-in-progress	9,332,785	3,072,611	-	(12,164,396)	(241,000)	-
Total non-depreciable capital assets	10,485,723	3,072,611	-		(241,000)	1,152,938
<u>Depreciable capital assets:</u>						
Buildings	43,449,660	-	-	11,247,982	-	54,697,642
Building improvements	315,021	-	-	916,414	-	1,231,435
Improvements other than buildings	792,594	-	-	-	-	792,594
Mobile equipment	5,612,453	111,500	629,697	-	-	5,094,256
Furniture and equipment	2,083,610	28,442	42,869	-	-	2,069,183
Total depreciable capital assets	52,253,338	139,942	672,566	12,164,396	-	63,885,110
<u>Less accumulated depreciation for:</u>						
Buildings	14,376,767	1,009,343	-	-	-	15,386,110
Building improvements	120,563	49,257	-	-	-	169,820
Improvements other than buildings	226,509	27,592	-	-	-	254,101
Mobile equipment	4,298,745	168,004	566,728	-	(1,569)	3,898,452
Furniture and equipment	1,746,614	112,230	36,746	-	4,872	1,826,970
Total accumulated depreciation	20,769,198	1,366,426	603,474		3,303	21,535,453
Total depreciable capital assets, net	31,484,140	(1,226,484)	69,092		(3,303)	42,349,657
Governmental activities capital assets, net	\$ 41,969,863	1,846,127	69,092		(244,303)	43,502,595
Leased assets, net						191,634
SBITA assets, net						57,211
Total capital assets, net as reported in the statement of net position						\$ 43,751,440

Depreciation and amortization expense was charged to the following governmental functions:

<b>Governmental activities:</b>	<u>Amount</u>
Instruction	\$ 938,383
Support services	299,843
Non-instructional	128,200
Total depreciation expense	\$ <u>1,366,426</u>

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**Note 6 – Subscription Based IT Assets (SBITAs) and Leases**

**SBITAs**

A summary of SBITA asset activity during the year ended June 30, 2024 is as follows:

		<u>Balance</u> <u>1-Jul-23</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deductions</u>	<u>Remeasurements</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>30-Jun-24</u>
SBITA assets	\$	501,385	52,750	-	(435,257)	118,878
Less: accumulated amortization		250,693	39,625	-	(228,651)	61,667
	\$	<u>250,692</u>	<u>13,125</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(206,606)</u>	<u>57,211</u>

Amortization expense was charged to the following governmental functions:

<b>Governmental activities:</b>	<u>Amount</u>
Instruction	\$ 16,000
Support	23,625
Total depreciation expense	<u>\$ 39,625</u>

A summary of SBITA liabilities during the year ended June 30, 2024 is as follows:

		<u>Balance</u> <u>07/01/23</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deductions</u>	<u>Remeasurements</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>06/30/24</u>	<u>Amounts</u> <u>Due Within</u> <u>One Year</u>
Subscription IT Liabilities	\$	247,231	52,750	39,412	(204,080)	56,489	38,915
	\$	<u>247,231</u>	<u>52,750</u>	<u>39,412</u>	<u>(204,080)</u>	<u>56,489</u>	<u>38,915</u>

The district generally uses the U. S. Treasury yield rate at subscription inception as the discount rate for subscriptions unless the rate that the vendor charges is known. The district has entered into two (2) subscription IT arrangements. The following is a schedule by years of the total payments due on this debt:

Year Ending June 30	Principal	Interest	Total
2025	\$ 38,915	2,353	41,268
2026	17,574	717	18,291
Total	<u>\$ 56,489</u>	<u>3,070</u>	<u>59,559</u>

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**Leases**

As Lessor:

Acting as lessor, the district has entered into 79 leases transferring the right of use of sixteenth section school lands. Such leases are set for a term that corresponds with the state law in accordance with the type lease executed.

Sixteenth section school lands, or lands granted in lieu thereof, constitute property held in trust for the benefit of the public schools. The school board, under the general supervision of the Office of the Secretary of State, has control and jurisdiction of said school trust lands and of all funds arising from any disposition thereof. It is the duty of the school board to manage the school trust lands and all funds arising therefrom as trust property. Accordingly, the board shall assure that adequate compensation is received for all uses of the trust lands, except for uses by the public schools.

The following shows the future rental payments to be made to the school district for the use of school trust lands. These future rental payments are from existing leases and do not anticipate renewals or new leases.

<u>Year Ending</u> <u>June 30.</u>		<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2025	\$	109,491	26,069	135,560
2026		111,070	21,689	132,759
2027		105,658	17,246	122,904
2028		75,595	13,020	88,615
2029		51,986	9,996	61,982
2030-2034		103,986	28,247	132,233
2035-2039		36,597	15,918	52,515
2040-2044		39,795	8,120	47,915
2045-2049		17,542	1,408	18,950
	\$	<u>651,720</u>	<u>141,713</u>	<u>793,433</u>

The total amount of inflows recognized in the reporting period from these leases is \$107,757. As of June 30, 2024, the district recognized a lease receivable of \$651,720 and deferred inflow of resources of \$707,738 related to the sixteenth section land leases.

As Lessee:

A summary of equipment lease asset activity during the year ended June 30, 2024, is as follows:

	<u>Balance</u> <u>07/01/23</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deductions</u>	<u>Remeasure-</u> <u>ments</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>06/30/24</u>
Lease Assets - equipment	\$ 474,740	-	-	-	474,740
Less: accumulated amortization	233,026	141,553	-	(91,473)	283,106
	<u>\$ 241,714</u>	<u>(141,553)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>91,473</u>	<u>191,634</u>

The school district imputes a borrowing rate at lease inception as the discount rate for leases unless the rate that the lessor charges is known.

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Amortization expense was charged to the following governmental functions:

<b>Governmental activities:</b>	<u>Amount</u>
Instruction	\$ 141,553
Total amortization expense	\$ <u>141,553</u>

A summary of lease liability activities during the year ended June 30, 2024, is as follows:

	<u>Balance</u> <u>1-Jul-23</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deductions</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>30-Jun-24</u>	<u>Amounts</u> <u>Due Within</u> <u>One Year</u>
Lease liabilities	\$ 338,643	-	140,000	198,643	145,702
	<u>\$ 338,643</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>140,000</u>	<u>198,643</u>	<u>145,702</u>

The district has entered into three (3) lease obligation arrangements. The following is a schedule by years of the total payments due on this debt:

Year Ending June 30	Principal	Interest	Total
2025	\$ 145,702	5,294	150,996
2026	52,941	1,154	54,095
Total	<u>\$ 198,643</u>	<u>6,448</u>	<u>205,091</u>

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**Note 7 – Long-term Liabilities**

The following is a summary of changes in long-term liabilities and other obligations for governmental activities:

	Balance 7/1/23	Additions	Reductions	Adjustments	Balance 6/30/24	Amounts due within one year
A. Three mill notes payable	\$ 8,677,000	-	375,000	-	8,302,000	581,000
B. Shortfall notes payable	47,844	-	15,214	-	32,630	15,937
C. Qualified school construction bonds payable	2,344,980	-	-	655,020	3,000,000	3,000,000
D. Compensated absences payable	106,879	-	23,984	-	82,895	-
	<u>\$ 11,176,703</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>414,198</u>	<u>655,020</u>	<u>11,417,525</u>	<u>3,596,937</u>

**A. Three mill notes payable**

Debt currently outstanding is as follows:

Description	Interest Rate	Issue Date	Maturity Date	Amount Issued	Amount Outstanding
Limited Tax Notes, Series 2021	1.54-1.90%	12/23/21	06/01/37	<u>\$ 9,500,000</u>	<u>\$ 8,302,000</u>

The following is a schedule by years of the total payments due on this debt:

Year Ending June 30	Principal	Interest	Total
2025	\$ 581,000	144,699	725,699
2026	590,000	135,751	725,751
2027	599,000	126,665	725,665
2028	608,000	117,441	725,441
2029	617,000	108,078	725,078
2030-2034	3,248,000	380,725	3,628,725
2035-2037	2,059,000	78,014	2,137,014
Total	<u>\$ 8,302,000</u>	<u>1,091,373</u>	<u>9,393,373</u>

This debt will be retired from the Three Mill Note Retirement Fund (Debt Service Fund).

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**B. Shortfall notes payable**

Debt currently outstanding is as follows:

Description	Interest Rate	Issue Date	Maturity Date	Amount Issued	Amount Outstanding
Shortfall Note, 2022	4.75%	08/11/22	08/11/25	\$ 47,844	\$ 32,630

The amount outstanding is included in due from other governments on the Statement of Net Position.

The following is a schedule by years of the total payments due on this debt:

Year Ending June 30	Principal	Interest	Total
2025	\$ 15,937	1,550	17,487
2026	16,693	794	17,487
Total	\$ 32,630	2,344	34,974

This debt will be paid from the General Fund.

**C. Qualified school construction bonds payable**

As more fully explained in Note 13, debt has been issued by the school district that qualifies as Qualified School Construction Bonds.

Debt currently outstanding is as follows:

Description	Interest Rate	Issue Date	Maturity Date	Amount Issued	Amount Outstanding
Qualified School Construction Bonds, Series 2009	0.00%	11/19/09	09/15/24	\$ 3,000,000	\$ 3,000,000

This debt will be paid from the QSCB Bond Retirement Fund (Debt Service Fund).

**Pledge of Future Revenues**

The \$3,000,000 Qualified School Construction Bonds, Series 2009, is secured with a pledge of Education Enhancement Funds (EEF) for buildings and buses that is to be used for repayment of the limited tax note. Proceeds of the note were used to finance capital improvements in the school district. The notes are payable partially from the future revenue of the Education Enhancement revenue funds for buildings and buses and partially from a local ad valorem tax levy and are payable through September 15, 2024. Annual principal and interest payments on the notes are expected to require all of the district's annual allocation of such state revenues with local ad valorem taxes being levied to complete the required debt service payments.

**D. Compensated absences payable**

As more fully explained in Note 1(E)(8), compensated absences payable is adjusted on an annual basis as required by Section 37-7-307(5), Miss. Code Ann. (1972). Compensated absences will be paid from the fund from which the employees' salaries were paid.

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**Note 8 – Defined Benefit Pension Plan**

**General Information about the Pension Plan**

*Plan Description.* The school district contributes to the Public Employees' Retirement System of Mississippi (PERS), a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan. PERS provides retirement and disability benefits, annual cost-of-living adjustments, and death benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. Plan provisions and the Board of Trustees' authority to determine contribution rates are established by Miss. Code Ann. Section 25-11-1 et seq., (1972, as amended) and may be amended only by the Mississippi

Legislature. PERS issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. That report is available at [www.pers.ms.gov](http://www.pers.ms.gov).

*Benefits provided.* Membership in PERS is a condition of employment granted upon hiring for qualifying employees and officials of the State of Mississippi, state universities, community and junior colleges, and teachers and employees of the public school districts. For those persons employed by political subdivisions and instrumentalities of the State of Mississippi, membership is contingent upon approval of the entity's participation in PERS by the PERS' Board of Trustees. If approved, membership for the entity's employees is a condition of employment and eligibility is granted to those who qualify upon hiring. Participating members who are vested and retire at or after age 60 or those who retire regardless of age with at least 30 years of creditable service (25 years of creditable service for employees who became members of PERS before July 1, 2011) are entitled, upon application, to an annual retirement allowance payable monthly for life in an amount equal to 2.0 percent of their average compensation for each year of creditable service up to and including 30 years (25 years for those who became members of PERS before July 1, 2011), plus 2.5 percent for each additional year of creditable service with an actuarial reduction in the benefit for each year of creditable service below 30 years or the number of years in age that the member is below 65, whichever is less. Average compensation is the average of the employee's earnings during the four highest compensated years of creditable service. Benefits vest upon completion of eight years of membership service (four years of membership service for those who became members of PERS before July 1, 2007). PERS also provides certain death and disability benefits. A Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) payment is made to eligible retirees and beneficiaries. The COLA is equal to 3.0 percent of the annual retirement allowance for each full fiscal year of retirement up to the year in which the retired member reaches age 60 (55 for those who became members of PERS before July 1, 2011), with 3.0 percent compounded for each fiscal year thereafter.

*Contributions.* PERS members are required to contribute 9.00% of their annual covered salary, and the school district is required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate. The employer's rate as of June 30, 2024 was 17.40% of annual covered payroll. Plan provisions and the Board of Trustees' authority to determine contribution rates are established by Section 25-11-1 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, and may be amended only by the Mississippi Legislature. The school district's contributions to PERS for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2024, 2023 and 2022 were \$3,406,966, \$3,685,359 and \$3,483,538, respectively, which equaled the required contributions for each year.

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

At June 30, 2024, the school district reported a liability of \$71,864,112 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2023, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The District's proportion of the net pension liability was based on a projection of the school district's long-term share of contribution to the pension plan relative to projected contributions of all participating entities, actuarially determined. The school district's proportionate share used to calculate the June 30, 2024 net

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pension liability was 0.285727 percent, which was based on a measurement date of June 30, 2023. This was a decrease of 0.005084 percent from its proportionate share used to calculate the June 30, 2023 net pension liability, which was based on a measurement date of June 30, 2022.

For the year ended June 30, 2024, the District recognized pension expense of \$12,702,171. At June 30, 2024 the District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	<b>Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>	<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 1,298,154	\$
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments***	2,249,320	
Changes of assumptions	6,087,723	
Changes in proportion and differences between District contributions and proportionate share of contributions		1,021,429
District contributions subsequent to the measurement date	3,406,966	
Total	\$ <u>13,042,163</u>	\$ <u>1,021,429</u>

\$3,406,966 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from school district contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction to the net pension liability in the year ended June 30, 2025. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year Ending June 30:

2025	\$ 3,019,646
2026	3,019,646
2027	2,012,146
2028	562,330

*Actuarial assumptions.* The total pension liability as of June 30, 2023 was determined by actuarial valuation prepared as of June 30, 2022, by the new actuarial assumptions adopted by the Board subsequent to June 30, 2022 valuation based on the experience investigation for the four-year period ending June 30, 2022, and by the investment experience for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023. The following actuarial assumptions are applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Inflation	2.40 percent
Salary increases	2.65 – 17.90 percent, including inflation
Investment rate of return	7.00 percent, net of pension plan investment expense, including inflation

Mortality rates for service retirees were based on the PubS.H-2010(B) Retiree Table with the following adjustments: For males, 95% of male rates up to age 60, 110% for ages 61 to 75 and 101% for ages above 77. For females, 84% of female rates up to age 72 and 100% for ages above 76. Mortality rates for disability

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retirees were based on the PubG.H-2010 Disabled Table adjusted 134% for males and 121% for females. Mortality rates for Contingent Annuitants were based on the PubS.H-2010(B) Contingent Annuitant Table, adjusted 97% for males and 110% for females. Mortality rates will be projected generationally using the MP-2020 projection scale to account for future improvements in life expectancy.

The actuarial assumptions used for the purposes of determining the total pension liability were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2022. The experience report is dated April 21, 2023.

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a log-normal distribution analysis in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected nominal returns, net of pension plan investment expense and the assumed rate of 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. The most recent target asset allocation and best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class are summarized in the following table:

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Target Allocation</u>	<u>Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return</u>
Domestic Equity	27.00 %	4.75 %
International Equity	22.00	4.75
Global Equity	12.00	4.95
Fixed Income	20.00	1.75
Real Estate	10.00	3.25
Private Equity	8.00	6.00
Cash	1.00	0.25
Equivalents		
Total	100 %	

*Discount rate.* The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.00 percent. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that plan member contributions will be made at the current contribution rate (9.00%) and that employer contributions will be phased in to 22.40 percent over three fiscal years (17.40 percent for FYE 2024, 19.40 percent for FYE 2025, 21.40 percent for FYE 2026, and 22.40 percent for FYE 2027). Based on those assumptions, the pension plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

*Sensitivity of the District's proportionate share of the net pension liability to changes in the discount rate.* The following table presents the District's proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 7.00%, as well as what the District's proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (6.00%) or 1-percentage-point higher (8.00%) than the current rate:

	<u>1% Decrease (6.00%)</u>	<u>Current Discount Rate (7.00%)</u>	<u>1% Increase (8.00%)</u>
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 92,670,595	\$ 71,864,112	\$ 54,790,081

*Pension plan fiduciary net position.* Detailed information about the pension plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued PERS financial report.

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**Note 9 – Other Postemployment Benefits (OPEB)**

**General Information about the OPEB Plan.**

*Plan description.* State law mandates that all state, public education, library, junior and community college and retiring employees be offered health and life benefit coverage through the State and School Employees' Life and Health Insurance Plan (the Plan). The Plan was established by Section 25-15-3 et seq., Mississippi Code Ann. (1972), which may be amended only by the State Legislature. The State and School Employees' Health Insurance Management Board (the Board) administers the Plan. The Board has the sole legal authority to promulgate rules and regulations governing the operations of the Plan within the confines of the law governing the Plan. The Plan is self-insured and is financed through premiums collected from employers, employees, retirees and COBRA participants. The Plan provides for Other Postemployment Benefits (OPEB) as a multiple-employer defined benefit OPEB plan. The plan issues a publicly available financial report that can be obtained at <http://knowyourbenefits.dfa.ms.gov/>.

*Benefits provided.*

The Plan was formed by the State Legislature to provide group health and life benefits to full-time active and retired employees of the State, agencies, universities, community/junior colleges, public school districts and public libraries. In addition, the spouse and/or children of covered employees and retirees, as well as surviving spouses and COBRA participants, may be eligible for health insurance coverage under the Plan. Benefits of the OPEB Plan consist of an implicit rate subsidy, which is essentially the difference between the average cost of providing health care benefits to retirees under age 65 and the average cost of providing health care benefits to all participants when premiums paid by retirees are not age adjusted. Employees' premiums are funded primarily by their employers. Retirees must pay their own premiums, as do active employees for spouse and dependent medical coverage. The Board has the sole authority for setting life and health insurance premiums for the Plan. Per Section 12-15-15 (10) Mississippi Code Ann. (1972), a retired employee electing to purchase retiree life and health insurance must pay the full cost of such insurance premium. If the Board determined actuarially that the premium paid by the participating retirees adversely affects the overall cost of the Plan to the State, then the Board may impose a premium surcharge, not to exceed 15%, upon such participating retired employees who are under the age for Medicare eligibility and who are initially employed before January 1, 2006. For participating retired employees who are under the age for Medicare eligibility and who are initially employed on or after January 1, 2006, the Board may impose a premium surcharge in an amount the Board determined actuarially to cover the full cost of insurance. The Plan offers a Base option and a Select option for health benefits for non-Medicare participants. The Plan includes a separate coverage level for Medicare eligible retirees, Medicare Eligible surviving spouses, and Medicare eligible dependents of retirees and surviving spouses.

*Contributions.*

The Board has the sole authority for setting life and health insurance premiums for the Plan. The required premiums vary based on the plan selected and the type of participant. Employers pay no premiums for retirees while employees' premiums are funded primarily by their employer. Contributions to the OPEB plan from the District were \$92,224 for the year ended June 30, 2024.

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

At June 30, 2024, the District reported a liability of \$2,262,534 for its proportionate share of the net OPEB liability. The net OPEB liability was measured as of June 30, 2023, and the total OPEB liability used to calculate the net OPEB liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The basis for the District's proportion is determined by comparing the employer's average monthly employees participating

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in the Plan with the total average employees participating in the Plan in the fiscal year of all employers. The allocation was utilized because the level of premiums contributed by each employer is the same for any employee regardless of plan participation elections made by the employee. At the measurement date of June 30, 2023, the District's proportion was 0.40886099 percent. This was a decrease of 0.0165597 percent from the proportionate share as of the measurement date of June 30, 2022.

For the year ended June 30, 2024, the District recognized OPEB expense of (\$136,044). At June 30, 2024, the District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

	<b>Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>	<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>
Differences between expected and actual Experience	\$ 370,874	\$ 638,772
Changes of assumptions	202,125	170,209
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on OPEB plan investments	139	
Changes in proportion and differences between District contributions and proportionate share of contributions	110,762	97,461
District contributions subsequent to the measurement date	92,224	
Total	\$ <u>776,124</u>	\$ <u>906,442</u>

\$92,224 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB resulting from school district contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction to the net OPEB liability in the year ended June 30, 2025. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB will be recognized in OPEB expense as follows:

Year Ending June 30:

2025	\$ (84,009)
2026	(99,944)
2027	(64,160)
2028	(12,039)
2029	20,638
Thereafter	16,972

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*Actuarial assumptions.* The total OPEB liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2023, using the following key actuarial assumptions and other inputs:

Inflation	2.40 percent
Salary increases	2.65-17.90 percent, including wage inflation
Municipal Bond Index Rate	
Measurement Date	3.66%
Prior Measurement Date	3.37%
Year FNP is projected to be depleted	
Measurement Date	2023
Prior Measurement Date	2022
Single Equivalent Interest Rate, net of OPEB plan investment expense, including inflation	
Measurement Date	3.66%
Prior Measurement Date	3.37%
Health Care Cost Trends	
Medicare Supplement Claims	6.50% for 2024 decreasing to an ultimate rate of 4.50% by 2029 FYE
Pre-Medicare	

Mortality rates for service retirees were based on the PubS.H-2010(B) Retiree Table with the following adjustments: For males, 95% of male rates up to age 60, 110% for ages 61 to 75 and 101% for ages above 77. For females, 84% of female rates up to age 72 and 100% for ages above 76. Mortality rates for disability retirees were based on the PubG.H-2010 Disabled Table adjusted 134% for males and 121% for females. Mortality rates for Contingent Annuitants were based on the PubS.H-2010(B) Contingent Annuitant Table, adjusted 97% for males and 110% for females. Mortality rates will be projected generationally using the MP-2020 projection scale to account for future improvements in life expectancy.

The demographic actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2023 valuation were based on the results of the last actuarial experience study, dated April 21, 2023.

The remaining actuarial assumptions (e.g., initial per capita costs, health care cost trends, rate of plan participation, rates of plan election, etc.) used in the June 30, 2023 valuation were based on a review of recent plan experience done concurrently with the June 30, 2023 valuation.

The long-term expected rate of return on OPEB plan investments is 4.50%.

*Discount rate.* The discount rate used to measure the total OPEB liability at June 30, 2023 was 3.66 percent. Since the Prior Measurement Date, the Discount Rate has changed from 3.37% to 3.66%.

The trust was established on June 28, 2018 with an initial contribution of \$1,000,000. As of June 30, 2023, the trust has \$1,067,750. The fiduciary net position is projected to be depleted immediately, therefore, the Municipal Bond Index Rate is used in the determination of the discount rate for both the June 30, 2022 and the June 30, 2023 total OPEB liability. The discount rate used to measure the total OPEB liability at June 30, 2023 was based on a monthly average of the Bond Buyers General Obligation 20-year Municipal Bond Index Rate.

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*Sensitivity of the District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability to changes in the discount rate.* The following presents the District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability, as well as what the District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (2.66 percent) or 1-percentage-point higher (4.66 percent) than the current discount rate:

	1% Decrease (2.66%)	Current Discount Rate (3.66%)	1% Increase (4.66%)
Net OPEB liability	\$ 2,478,258	\$ 2,262,534	\$ 2,075,501

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

	1% Decrease	Healthcare Cost Trend Rates Current	1% Increase
Net OPEB liability	\$ 2,108,189	\$ 2,262,534	\$ 2,435,401

*OPEB plan fiduciary net position.* Detailed information about the OPEB plan's fiduciary net position is available in a separately issued report that can be found at <http://knowyourbenefits.dfa.ms.gov/>.

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**Note 10 – Adjustments and Restatements of Beginning Balances**

Correction of an Error in Previously Issued Financial Statements

The district made error corrections to from a previous period to correctly reclassify the expenditure of an asset between the general and governmental activities. The district also made correction to depreciation calculations, long term debt, and rounding correction in the OPEB liability.

Adjustments to and Restatements of Beginning Balances

During fiscal year 2024, error corrections resulted in adjustments to and restatements of beginning net position and fund balance, as follows:

Reporting Units Affected by Adjustments to and Restatements of Beginning Balances				
		Funds		Government Wide
		16th Section	Other	
		Principal	Governmental	Governmental
	General Fund	Fund	Funds	Activities
June 30, 2023, as previously reported:	\$ 20,531,943	\$ 4,946,652	\$ 4,081,334	\$ 11,697,390
Error correction- Prior period asset or liability	253,135	-	81,129	334,264
Error Correction - Correction of expenditures		1,310	(1,310)	-
Error Correction - Capital assets				(152,830)
Error Correction - Long-term debt				(655,020)
Error Correction - Deferred charges				43,668
Error Correction - Accrued interest payable				611,564
Error Correction - OPEB liability				2
June 30, 2023, as adjusted or restated	\$ 20,785,078	4,947,962	\$ 4,161,153	\$ 11,879,038

**Note 11 – Contingencies**

**Federal Grants** – The school district has received federal grants for specific purposes that are subject to audit by the grantor agencies. Entitlements to these resources are generally conditional upon compliance with the terms and conditions of the grant agreements and applicable federal regulations, including the expenditure of resources for allowable purposes. Any disallowances resulting from the grantor audit may become a liability of the school district.

**Litigation** – The school district is party to legal proceedings, many of which occur in the normal course of governmental operations. It is not possible at the present time to estimate the outcome or liability, if any, of the school district with respect to the various proceedings. However, the school district's legal counsel believes that ultimate liability resulting from these lawsuits will not have a material adverse effect on the financial condition of the school district.

**Note 12 – Risk Management**

The school district is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. The district carries commercial insurance for these risks. Settled claims resulting from these insured risks have not exceeded commercial insurance coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

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**Note 13 – Qualified School Construction Bonds**

Section 1521 of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009 provides for a source of capital at no or at nominal interest rates for costs incurred by certain public schools in connection with the construction, rehabilitation or repair of a public school facility or for the acquisition of land where a school will be built. Investors received Federal income tax credits at prescribed tax credit rates in lieu of interest, which essentially allows state and local governments to borrow without incurring interest costs. While Qualified School Construction Bonds (QSCBs) are intended to be interest free to a borrower, the ARRA legislation allows a lender to charge supplemental interest, and such supplemental interest is the responsibility of the school district.

The school district makes equal annual payments into a sinking fund which is used to pay off the bonds at retirement. The current maturity limit of tax credit bonds is 17 years, per the U.S. Treasury Department. Under this program, ten percent of the proceeds must be subject to a binding commitment to be spent within six months of issuance, and 100% must be spent within three years. Up to two percent of bond proceeds can be used to pay costs of issuance. The amount on deposit at June 30, 2024, was \$2,860,357. The amount accumulated in the sinking fund at the end of the seventeen-year period is expected to be sufficient to retire the debt. The following schedule reports the estimated annual deposits to be made to the sinking fund by the school district.

Year Ending June 30	Amount
2025	\$ <u>200,000</u>

**Note 14 - Insurance loss recoveries**

The Simpson County School District received \$452,793 in insurance loss recoveries related to property and vehicle damage sustained during the 2024 year. In the government-wide Statement of Activities, the insurance loss recoveries were reported as charges for services and allocated among the expense functions based on the following percentages:

Insurance Loss Recoveries	Percentage	Expense Function
\$ 452,793	100%	Support services
<u>\$ 452,793</u>		

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**Note 15 – Effect of Deferred Amounts on Net Position**

The unrestricted net position amount of (\$34,889,912) includes the effect of deferring the recognition of expenses resulting from a deferred outflow from pensions. A portion of the deferred outflow of resources related to pension in the amount of \$3,406,966 resulting from the school district contribution subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ended June 30, 2025. The \$9,635,197 balance of deferred outflow of resources related to pensions, at June 30, 2024 will be recognized as an expense and will decrease the unrestricted net position over the next 4 years.

The unrestricted net position amount of (\$34,889,912) includes the effect of deferring the recognition of expenses resulting from a deferred outflow from OPEB. A portion of the deferred outflow of resources related to OPEB in the amount of \$92,224 resulting from the school district contribution subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net OPEB liability in the year ended June 30, 2025. The \$683,900 balance of deferred outflow of resources related to OPEB, at June 30, 2024 will be recognized as an expense and will decrease the unrestricted net position over the next 6 years.

The unrestricted net position amount of (\$34,889,912) includes the effect of deferring the recognition of expenses resulting from a deferred inflow from pensions. The \$1,021,429 balance of deferred inflow of resources related to Pensions at June 30, 2024, will be recognized as revenue and will increase the unrestricted net position over the next 3 years.

The unrestricted net position amount of (\$34,889,912) includes the effect of deferring the recognition of revenue resulting from a deferred inflow from OPEB. The \$906,442 balance of deferred inflow of resources related to OPEB at June 30, 2024, will be recognized as revenue and will increase the unrestricted net position over the next 6 years.

The unrestricted net position amount of (\$34,889,912) includes the effect of deferring the recognition of revenue resulting from a deferred inflow from leases. The \$707,738 balance of deferred inflow of resources related to leases at June 30, 2024, will be recognized as revenue and will increase the unrestricted net position over the next 24 years.

**Note 16 - Subsequent Events**

Events that occur after the Statement of Net Position date but before the financial statements are available to be issued must be evaluated for recognition or disclosure. The effects of subsequent events that provide evidence about conditions that existed at the Statement of Net Position date are recognized in the accompanying financial statements. Subsequent events which provide evidence about conditions that existed after the Statement of Net Position date require disclosure in the accompanying notes. Management of the Simpson County School District evaluated the activity of the district through March 5, 2025, (the date the financial statements were available to be issued), and determined that there were no subsequent events that have occurred requiring disclosure in the notes to the financial statements.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

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**Budgetary Comparison Schedule**  
**General Fund**  
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	Budgeted Amounts		Actual (GAAP Basis)	Variances Positive (Negative)	
	Original	Final		Original to Final	Final to Actual
<b>Revenues:</b>					
Local sources	\$ 11,784,099	\$ 12,330,593	\$ 12,330,593	\$ 546,494	\$ -
State sources	20,724,396	20,671,477	20,671,477	(52,919)	-
Federal sources	101,900	77,074	77,074	(24,826)	-
Sixteenth section sources	445,408	638,570	628,158	193,162	(10,412)
Total Revenues	33,055,803	33,717,714	33,707,302	661,911	(10,412)
<b>Expenditures:</b>					
Instruction	18,452,334	15,347,376	15,196,380	3,104,958	150,996
Support services	12,145,742	10,936,806	10,913,829	1,208,936	22,977
Sixteenth section	56,234	18,228	18,228	38,006	-
Facilities acquisition and construction	33,950	388,978	388,978	(355,028)	-
Debt service:					
Principal	-	-	161,121	-	(161,121)
Interest	-	-	12,852	-	(12,852)
Total Expenditures	30,688,260	26,691,388	26,691,388	3,996,872	-
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues over (under) Expenditures	2,367,543	7,026,326	7,015,914	4,658,783	(10,412)
<b>Other Financing Sources (Uses):</b>					
Insurance loss recoveries	-	452,793	452,793	452,793	-
Operating transfers in	5,469,863	7,346,703	396,980	1,876,840	(6,949,723)
Operating transfers out	(5,875,669)	(8,111,395)	(1,161,672)	(2,235,726)	6,949,723
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(405,806)	(311,899)	(311,899)	93,907	-
Net Change in Fund Balances	1,961,737	6,714,427	6,704,015	4,752,690	(10,412)
<b>Fund Balances:</b>					
July 1, 2023, as previously reported	20,240,872	20,577,548	20,531,943	336,676	(45,605)
Error Corrections	-	258,120	253,135	258,120	(4,985)
July 1, 2023, as restated	20,240,872	20,835,668	20,785,078	594,796	(50,590)
June 30, 2024	\$ 22,202,609	\$ 27,550,095	\$ 27,489,093	\$ 5,347,486	\$ (61,002)

The notes to the required supplementary information are an integral part of this schedule.

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**Schedule of the District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability**

**PERS**

**Last 10 Fiscal Years\***

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 71,864,112	\$ 59,859,486	\$ 42,395,762	\$ 54,464,348	\$ 48,260,939	\$ 46,507,450	\$ 48,405,162	\$ 51,469,356	\$ 46,345,333	\$ 37,628,324
District's proportion of the net pension liability	0.285727%	0.290811%	0.286837%	0.281341%	0.2745340%	0.178572%	0.291187%	0.288142%	0.299814%	0.306614%
District's covered payroll	\$ 21,180,224	\$ 20,020,333	\$ 19,071,730	\$ 18,733,828	\$ 17,866,749	\$ 17,857,156	\$ 18,679,822	\$ 18,433,162	\$ 18,730,635	\$ 18,788,000
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of its covered payroll	339.3%	299.0%	222.3%	290.7%	270.1%	260.4%	259.1%	279.2%	247.4%	200.3%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	55.7%	59.9%	70.4%	59.0%	61.6%	62.5%	61.5%	57.5%	61.7%	67.2%

The notes to the required supplementary information are an integral part of this schedule.

\* The amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of the measurement date of 6/30 of the year prior to the fiscal year presented.

This schedule is presented to illustrate the requirement to show information for 10 years.

**SIMPSON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
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**Schedule of District Contributions**  
**PERS**  
**Last 10 Fiscal Years \***

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Contractually required contribution	\$ 3,406,966	\$ 3,685,359	\$ 3,483,538	\$ 3,318,481	\$ 3,259,686	\$ 2,814,013	\$ 2,812,502	\$ 2,942,072	\$ 2,903,223	\$ 2,950,075
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	\$ 3,406,966	\$ 3,685,359	3,483,538	3,318,481	3,259,686	2,814,013	2,812,502	2,942,072	2,903,223	2,950,075
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
District's covered payroll	\$ 19,580,264	\$ 21,180,224	20,020,333	19,071,730	18,733,828	17,866,749	17,857,156	18,679,822	18,433,162	18,730,635
Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll	17.40%	17.40%	17.40%	17.40%	17.40%	15.75%	15.75%	15.75%	15.75%	15.75%

The notes to the required supplementary information are an integral part of this schedule.

\* This schedule is presented to illustrate the requirement to show information for 10 years. GASB 68 was implemented in FYE 6/30/15 and the District has compiled a 10-year trend.

**SIMPSON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Required Supplementary Information**

**Schedule of the District's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability**

**OPEB**

**Last 10 Fiscal Years**

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability	\$ 2,262,534	\$ 2,095,980	\$ 2,650,097	\$ 3,135,305	\$ 3,409,970	\$ 3,122,398	\$ 3,162,109
District's proportion of the net OPEB liability	0.40886099%	0.42542069%	0.41170900%	0.40288783%	0.40186273%	0.40364523%	0.40301711%
District's covered-employee payroll	\$ 21,180,244	\$ 19,071,730	\$ 19,071,730	\$ 18,733,828	\$ 17,866,749	\$ 17,857,156	\$ 18,679,822
District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	10.68%	10.99%	14%	17%	19%	17%	17%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total OPEB liability	0.19%	0.21%	0.16%	0.13%	0.12%	0.13%	0.00%

The notes to the required supplementary information are an integral part of this schedule.

\* The amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of the measurement date of 6/30 of the year prior to the fiscal year presented.

This schedule is presented to illustrate the requirement to show information for 10 years. However, GASB 75 was implemented in FYE 6/30/18, and, until a full 10-year trend is compiled, the District has only presented information for the years in which information is available. Prior year information is based on historical amounts reported in prior year audit reports.

**SIMPSON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Required Supplementary Information**

**Schedule of District Contributions**  
**OPEB**  
**Last 10 Fiscal Years\***

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Actuarially determined contribution **	\$ 92,224	\$ 99,209	\$ 85,416	\$ 106,517	\$ 125,035	\$ 136,682	\$ 134,805
Contributions in relation to the actuarially determined contribution **	\$ 92,224	\$ 99,209	\$ 85,416	\$ 106,517	\$ 125,035	\$ 136,682	\$ 134,805
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
District's covered-employee payroll	\$ 19,580,264	\$ 21,180,244	\$ 20,020,333	\$ 19,071,730	\$ 18,733,828	\$ 17,866,749	\$ 17,857,156
Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	0.47%	0.47%	0.43%	0.56%	0.67%	0.77%	0.75%

The notes to the required supplementary information are an integral part of this schedule.

\* This schedule is presented to illustrate the requirement to show information for 10 years. However, GASB 75 was implemented in FYE 6/30/18, and, until a full 10-year trend is compiled, the district has only presented information for the years in which information is available. Prior year information is based on historical amounts reported in the prior year audit reports.

\*\* The amounts reflected above only deal with the Implicit Rate Subsidy as it relates to contributions

SIMPSON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Notes to the Required Supplementary Information  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

Budgetary Comparison Schedule

(1) Basis of Presentation

The Budgetary Comparison Schedule presents the original legally adopted budget, the final legally adopted budget, the actual data on the GAAP basis, variances between the original budget and the final budget, and variances between the final budget and the actual data.

(2) Budget Amendments and Revisions

The budget is adopted by the school board and filed with the taxing authority. Amendments can be made on the approval of the school board. By statute, final budget revisions must be approved on or before October 15. A budgetary comparison is presented for the General Fund and each major Special Revenue Fund consistent with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Pension Schedules

(1) *Changes of assumptions*

2015:

The expectation of retired life mortality was changed to the RP-2014 Healthy Annuitant Blue Collar Table projected to 2016 using Scale BB rather than the RP-2000 Mortality Table, which was used prior to 2015.

The expectation of disabled mortality was changed to the RP-2014 Disabled Retiree Table, rather than the RP-2000 Disabled Mortality Table, which was used prior to 2015.

Withdrawal rates, pre-retirement mortality rates, disability rates and service retirement rates were also adjusted to more closely reflect actual experience.

Assumed rates of salary increase were adjusted to more closely reflect actual and anticipated experience.

The price inflation and investment rate of return assumptions were changed from 3.50% to 3.00% and 8.00% to 7.75%, respectively.

2016:

The assumed rate of interest credited to employee contributions was changed from 3.50% to 2.00%.

2017:

The expectation of retired life mortality was changed to the RP-2014 Healthy Annuitant Blue Collar Mortality Table projected with Scale BB to 2022. Small adjustments were also made to the Mortality Table for disabled lives.

The wage inflation assumption was reduced from 3.75% to 3.25%.

Withdrawal rates, pre-retirement mortality rates, disability rates and service retirement rates were also adjusted to more closely reflect actual experience.

The percentage of active member disabilities assumed to be in the line of duty was increased from 6% to 7%.

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2019:

The expectation of retired life mortality was changed to the PubS.H-2010(B) Retiree Table with the following adjustments: for males, 112% of male rates from ages 18 to 75 scaled down to 105% for ages 80 to 119; for females, 85% of the female rates from ages 18 to 65 scaled up to 102% for ages 75 to 119; and projection scale MP-2018 will be used to project future improvements in life expectancy generationally.

The expectation of disabled mortality was changed to PubT.H-2010 Disabled Retiree Table for disabled retirees with the following adjustments: for males, 137% of male rates at all ages; for females, 115% of female rates at all ages; and projection scale MP-2018 will be used to project future improvements in life expectancy generationally.

The price inflation assumption was reduced from 3.00% to 2.75%.

The wage inflation assumption was reduced from 3.25% to 3.00%.

Withdrawal rates, pre-retirement mortality rates, and service retirement rates were also adjusted to more closely reflect actual experience.

The percentage of active member disabilities assumed to be in the line of duty was increased from 7% to 9%.

2021:

The expectation of retired life mortality was changed to the PubS.H-2010(B) Retiree Table with the following adjustments: for males, 95% of male rates up to age 60, 110% for ages 61 to 75, and 101% for ages above 77; for females, 84% of female rates up to age 72, 100% for ages above 76; and projection scale MP-2020 will be used to project future improvements in life expectancy generationally.

The expectation of disabled mortality was changed to PubG.H-2010 Disabled Table for disabled retirees with the following adjustments: for males, 134% of male rates at all ages; for females, 121% of female rates at all ages; and projection scale MP-2020 will be used to project future improvements in life expectancy generationally.

The expectation of contingent annuitant mortality was based on the PubS.H-2010(B) Contingent Annuitant Table with the following adjustments: for males, 97% of male rates at all ages; for females, 110% of female rates at all ages; and projection scale MP-2020 will be used to project future improvements in life expectancy generationally.

The price inflation assumption was reduced from 2.75% to 2.40%.

The wage inflation assumption was reduced from 3.00% to 2.65%.

The investment rate of return assumption was changed from 7.75% to 7.55%.

The assumed load for administrative expenses was increased from 0.25% to 0.28%.

Withdrawal rates, pre-retirement mortality rates, disability rates and service retirement rates were also adjusted to reflect actual experience more closely.

The percentage of active member disabilities assumed to be in the line of duty was increased from 9% to 12%.

The percentage of active member deaths assumed to be in the line of duty was decreased from 6% to 4%.

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For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

2023:

The investment rate of return assumption was changed from 7.55% to 7.00%.

The assumed load for administrative expenses was decreased from 0.28% to 0.26% of payroll.

Withdrawal rates, disability rates and service retirement rates were adjusted to reflect actual experience more closely.

The percentage of participants assumed to receive a deferred benefit upon attaining the eligibility requirements for retirement was increased from 60% to 65%.

For married members, the number of years that a male is assumed to be older than his spouse was changed from 3 years to 2 years.

The assumed amount of unused sick leave at retirement was increased from 0.50 years to 0.55 years.

The assumed average number of years of military service that participants will have at retirement was decreased from 0.25 years to 0.20 years.

(2) *Changes in benefit provisions*

2016:

Effective July 1, 2016, the interest rate on employee contributions shall be calculated based on the money market rate as published by the Wall Street Journal on December 31 of each preceding year with a minimum rate of one percent and a maximum rate of five percent.

(3) *Method and assumptions used in calculations of actuarially determined contributions.*

The actuarially determined contribution rates in the schedule of employer contributions are calculated as of June 30, two years prior to the end of the fiscal year in which contributions are reported (June 30, 2021 valuation for the June 30, 2023 fiscal year end). The following actuarial methods and assumptions were used to determine the most recent contribution rate reported in that schedule:

Actuarial cost method	Entry age
Amortization method	Level percentage of payroll, open
Remaining amortization period	26.7 years
Asset valuation method	5-year smoothed market
Price Inflation	2.40 percent
Salary increase	2.65 percent to 17.90 percent, including inflation
Investment rate of return	7.55 percent, net of pension plan investment expense, including inflation

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For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

OPEB Schedules

(1) *Changes of assumptions*

2017: The discount rate was changed from 3.01% for the prior Measurement Date to 3.56% for the current Measurement Date.

2018: The discount rate was changed from 3.56% for the prior Measurement Date to 3.89% for the current Measurement Date.

2019: The discount rate was changed from 3.89% for the prior Measurement Date to 3.50% for the current Measurement Date.

2020: The discount rate was changed from 3.50% for the prior Measurement Date to 2.19% for the current Measurement Date.

2021: The discount rate was changed from 2.19% for the prior Measurement Date to 2.13% for the current Measurement Date.

2022: The discount rate was changed from 2.13% for the prior Measurement Date to 3.37% for the current Measurement Date.

2023: The discount rate was changed from 3.37% for the prior Measurement Date to 3.66% for the current Measurement Date. Withdrawal rates, disability rates, service retirement rates and salary merit rates were adjusted to reflect actual experience more closely.

(2) *Changes in benefit provisions*

2017: None

2018: None

2019: None

2020: The schedule of monthly retiree contributions was increased as of January 1, 2021. In addition, the deductibles and coinsurance maximums were increased for the Select coverage and the coinsurance maximums were increased for the Base Coverage beginning January 1, 2021.

2021: The schedule of monthly retiree contributions was increased as of January 1, 2022. In addition, the in-network medical deductible was increased for the Select coverage beginning January 1, 2022.

2022: The schedule of monthly retiree contributions was increased as of January 1, 2023. In addition, the in-network medical deductible was increased for the Select coverage beginning January 1, 2023.

2023: The schedule of monthly retiree contributions was increased as of January 1, 2024. In addition, the in-network medical deductible was increased for the Base Family coverage beginning January 1, 2024.

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For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

- (3) *Methods and assumptions used in calculations of Actuarially Determined Contributions.* The Actuarially Determined Contributions rates, as a percentage of payroll, used to determine the Actuarially Determined Contribution amounts in the Schedule of Employer Contributions are calculated as of the most recent Valuation Date. The following actuarial methods and assumptions (from the June 30, 2022 actuarial valuation) were used to determine contribution rates reported in that schedule for the year ending June 30, 2023:

Actuarial cost method	Entry age
Amortization method	Level dollar
Amortization period	30 years, open
Asset valuation method	Market Value of Assets
Price inflation	2.75%
Salary increases, including wage inflation	3.00% to 18.25%
Initial health care cost trend rates	
Medicare Supplement Claims	7.00%
Pre-Medicare	
Ultimate health care cost trend rates	
Medicare Supplement Claims	4.50%
Pre-Medicare	
Year of ultimate trend rates	
Medicare Supplement Claims	2029
Pre-Medicare	
Long-term investment rate of return, net of OPEB plan investment expense, including price inflation	3.37%

## SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

**SIMPSON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Supplementary Information**  
**Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards**  
**For the Year Ended June 30, 2024**

Federal Grantor/ Pass-through Grantor/ Program or Cluster Title	Federal Assistance Listing Number	Pass-through Entity Identifying Number	Federal Expenditures
<b><u>U.S. Department of Agriculture</u></b>			
Passed-through Mississippi Department of Education:			
Child Nutrition Cluster:			
National School Breakfast Program	10.553	245MS326N1099	540,947
National School Lunch Program	10.555	245MS326N1099	1,487,800
National School Lunch Program - Supply Chain Assistance	10.555	235MS323N8903	92,285
National School Lunch Program - commodities	10.555	245MS326N1099	70,551
Total National School Lunch Program			1,650,636
Total Child Nutrition Cluster			2,191,583
State Administrative Expenses for Child Nutrition	10.560	245MS907N2533	7,130
Total Passed-through Mississippi Department of Education			2,198,713
<b>Total U.S. Department of Agriculture</b>			2,198,713
<b><u>U.S. Department of Education</u></b>			
Passed-through Mississippi Department of Education:			
Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies	84.010	S010A200024	2,307,873
Career and Technical Education - Basic Grants to States	84.048	V048A230024	69,606
Title V Rural Education	84.358	S358B220024	147,683
Supporting Effective Instruction State Grants	84.367	S367A210023	295,985
Student support and academic enrichment program	84.424	S424A220025	251,223
Subtotal			3,072,370
Special education cluster:			
Special education - grants to states	84.027	H027A210108	970,461
COVID-19 - Special education - grants to states	84.027X	H027X210108	26,864
Subtotal			997,325
Special education - preschool grants	84.173	H173A210113	56,586
COVID-19 - Special education - preschool grants	87.173X	H173X210113	6,473
Subtotal			63,059
Total special education cluster			1,060,384
Elementary & Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund II	84.425D	S425D210031	504,323
Elementary & Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund ARP III	84.425U	S425U210031	3,906,490
Homless children & youth - ARP	84.425W	S425W210025	91,850
COVID-19 - Education Stabilization Fund (ESSER) Subtotal			4,502,663
Total passed-through Mississippi Department of Education			8,635,417
<b>Total U.S. Department of Education</b>			8,635,417
<b><u>U.S. Department of Health and Human Services</u></b>			
Passed-through the Mississippi Department of Education:			
Medicaid Cluster:			
Medical Assistance Program	93.778	2205MS5ADM	3,852
Total Medicaid Cluster			3,852
Total Passed-through Mississippi Department of Education			3,852
<b>Total U.S. Department of Health and Human Services</b>			3,852
<b><u>Social Security Administration</u></b>			
Passed-through the Mississippi Department of Rehabilitation Services:			
Disability Insurance/SSI Cluster:			
Social Security Disability Insurance	96.001	4-23-04MSD100	322
Total Disability Insurance/SSI Cluster			322
Total Passed-through Mississippi Department of Rehabilitation Services			322
<b>Total U.S. Social Security Administration</b>			322
<b>Total for All Federal Awards</b>			<b>\$ 10,838,304</b>

The accompanying notes to the supplementary information are an integral part of this schedule.

SIMPSON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Notes to the Supplementary Information  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards

(1) Basis of Presentation

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards (the "Schedule") includes the federal award activity of the Simpson County School District 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 Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *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 Simpson County School District, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position, changes in net position, or cash flows of the Simpson County School District.

(2) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Expenditures reported on the Schedule are reported on the same basis of accounting and the same significant accounting policies, as applicable, as those used for the financial statements; however, the expenditures include transfers out. Such expenditures are recognized following the cost principles contained in the Uniform Guidance, wherein certain types of expenditures are not allowable or are limited as to reimbursement.

(3) Indirect Cost Rate

The Simpson County School District has not elected to use the 10-percent de minimis indirect cost rate allowed under the Uniform Guidance.

(4) Other Items

Donated commodities are included in the National School Lunch Program.

E-rate funds have not been included on this schedule due to the fact the FCC considers the support to be in the form of providing a discount to the schools and libraries and does not consider the assistance to be direct financial support.

Schedule of Instructional, Administrative and Other Expenditures – Governmental Funds

(1) Basis of Accounting

This schedule is presented on the same basis of accounting and the same significant accounting policies, as applicable, as those used for the financial statements.

**SIMPSON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Supplementary Information**

**Schedule of Instructional, Administrative and Other Expenditures - Governmental Funds**  
**For the Year Ended June 30, 2024**

<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Instruction and Other Student Instructional Expenditures</u>	<u>General Administration</u>	<u>School Administration</u>	<u>Other</u>
Salaries and fringe benefits	\$ 27,072,147	19,860,834	1,180,271	1,970,584	4,060,458
Other	13,774,827	5,043,247	506,390	36,620	8,188,570
Total	<u>\$ 40,846,974</u>	<u>24,904,081</u>	<u>1,686,661</u>	<u>2,007,204</u>	<u>12,249,028</u>
Total number of students *	<u>2,257</u>				
Cost per student	<u>\$ 18,097</u>	<u>11,034</u>	<u>747</u>	<u>889</u>	<u>5,427</u>

For purposes of this schedule, the following columnar descriptions are applicable:

Instruction and Other Student Instructional Expenditures - includes the activities dealing directly with the interaction between teachers and students. Included here are the activities of teachers, teachers aides or classroom assistants of any type.

General Administration - includes expenditures for the following functions: Support Services - General Administration and Support Services - Business.

School Administration - includes expenditures for the following function: Support Services - School Administration.

Other - includes all expenditure functions not included in Instruction or Administration Categories.

\* includes the number of students reported on the ADA report submission for month 9, which is the final submission for the fiscal year

## OTHER INFORMATION

**SIMPSON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**Other Information**

**Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances**

**General Fund**

**Last Four Years**

**UNAUDITED**

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023*</u>	<u>2022*</u>	<u>2021*</u>
<b>Revenues:</b>				
Local sources	\$ 12,330,593	\$ 11,298,536	10,424,026	9,361,828
State sources	20,671,477	19,427,190	18,355,362	18,022,466
Federal sources	77,074	76,381	128,374	115,092
Sixteenth section sources	628,158	997,257	400,946	685,973
Total Revenues	<u>33,707,302</u>	<u>31,799,364</u>	<u>29,308,708</u>	<u>28,185,359</u>
<b>Expenditures:</b>				
Instruction	15,196,380	16,970,556	15,411,602	15,106,125
Support services	10,913,829	11,287,615	10,294,831	9,802,028
Sixteenth section	18,228	70,827	102	5,005
Facilities acquisition and construction	388,978	114,928	92,748	74,451
Debt service:				
Principal	161,121	390,251		
Interest	12,852	17,441	4,986	7,336
Total Expenditures	<u>26,691,388</u>	<u>28,851,618</u>	<u>25,804,269</u>	<u>24,994,945</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues over (under) Expenditures	<u>7,015,914</u>	<u>2,947,746</u>	<u>3,504,439</u>	<u>3,190,414</u>
<b>Other Financing Sources (Uses):</b>				
Bonds and notes issued		47,844		
Leases issued		200,321		
SBITAs issued		501,385		
Insurance loss recoveries	452,793	-	29,952	968,889
Operating transfers in	396,980	1,262,125	155,615	129,060
Other financing sources		7,062		-
Operating transfers out	(1,161,672)	(1,252,169)	(1,103,779)	(1,598,088)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>(311,899)</u>	<u>766,568</u>	<u>(918,212)</u>	<u>(500,139)</u>
Net Change in Fund Balances	<u>6,704,015</u>	<u>3,714,314</u>	<u>2,586,227</u>	<u>2,690,275</u>
<b>Fund Balances:</b>				
Beginning of period, as previously reported	20,531,943	16,852,010	14,265,783	11,575,508
Error Corrections	253,135	(34,381)		
Beginning of period, as restated	<u>20,785,078</u>	<u>16,817,629</u>	<u>14,265,783</u>	<u>11,575,508</u>
End of Period	<u>\$27,489,093</u>	<u>\$20,531,943</u>	<u>\$16,852,010</u>	<u>\$14,265,783</u>

\*SOURCE - PRIOR YEAR AUDIT REPORTS

**SIMPSON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**Other Information**

**Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances**

**All Governmental Funds**

**Last Four Years**

**UNAUDITED**

	2024	2023*	2022*	2021*
<b>Revenues:</b>				
Local sources	\$ 13,381,735	\$ 12,218,716	\$ 11,132,884	\$ 10,069,356
State sources	21,339,655	20,311,186	19,249,860	19,051,636
Federal sources	11,672,544	14,877,313	11,053,498	8,040,156
Sixteenth section sources	856,129	1,202,139	454,363	847,319
Total Revenues	47,250,063	48,609,354	41,890,605	38,008,467
<b>Expenditures:</b>				
Instruction	19,913,059	20,431,483	18,816,972	20,167,505
Support services	14,608,344	14,942,061	14,669,842	13,141,063
Noninstructional services	2,434,636	2,271,932	2,198,294	1,742,041
Sixteenth section	82,500	145,609	38,882	103,896
Facilities acquisition and construction	3,072,611	6,877,415	2,944,293	523,939
Debt service:				
Principal	569,626	759,251	4,115,000	380,000
Interest	166,198	173,597	225,839	116,972
Other		3,100	198,576	
Total Expenditures	40,846,974	45,604,448	43,207,698	36,175,416
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues over (under) Expenditures	6,403,089	3,004,906	(1,317,093)	1,833,051
<b>Other Financing Sources (Uses):</b>				
Bonds and notes issued		47,844	9,500,000	
Leases Issued		200,321		
SBITAs Issued	52,750	501,385		
Insurance loss recoveries	452,793		29,952	968,889
Operating transfer in	1,558,652	2,642,856	3,891,616	1,856,141
Payment held by escrow agent	139,699	154,092	131,522	
Other financing sources		7,062		
Operating transfers out	(1,558,652)	(2,642,856)	(3,891,616)	(1,856,141)
Payment to QSCB debt escrow agent	(139,699)	(154,092)	(131,522)	
Other financing uses		(190)	(31,632)	
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	505,543	756,422	9,498,320	968,889
Net Change in Fund Balances	6,908,632	3,761,328	8,181,227	2,801,940
<b>Fund Balances:</b>				
Beginning of period, as previously reported	34,836,392	31,099,865	22,936,768	20,205,424
Error Corrections	334,264	(33,919)	0	0
Beginning of period, as restated	35,170,656	31,065,946	22,936,768	20,205,424
Increase (Decrease) in reserve for inventory	(4,684)	9,118	(18,130)	(70,596)
End of Period	\$ 42,074,604	\$ 34,836,392	\$ 31,099,865	\$ 22,936,768

\*SOURCE - PRIOR YEAR AUDIT REPORTS

## REPORTS ON INTERNAL CONTROL AND COMPLIANCE



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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*

Superintendent and School Board  
Simpson County School District

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 Simpson County School District, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise Simpson County School District's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated March 5, 2025.

### Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered Simpson County School District'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 Simpson County School District's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Simpson County School District's internal control.

*A deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the 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. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified.

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

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

## **Purpose of this Report**

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

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### **Independent Auditor's Report on Compliance For Each Major Federal Program; Report on Internal Control Over Compliance Required by the Uniform Guidance**

Superintendent and School Board  
Simpson County School District

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

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

We have audited Simpson County School District'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 Simpson County School District's major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2024. The Simpson County School District's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

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

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

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; 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 Simpson County School District 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 Simpson County School District's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above.

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

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

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

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether material noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above occurred, whether due to fraud or error, and express an opinion on the Simpson County School District's compliance based on our audit. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, Government Auditing Standards, and the Uniform Guidance will always detect material noncompliance when it exists. The risk of not detecting material noncompliance resulting from fraud is higher than that resulting from error, as fraud may involve

collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above is considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, it would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user of the report on compliance about the Simpson County School District'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 Simpson County School District's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.
- Obtain an understanding of the Simpson County School District's internal control over compliance relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Simpson County School District's internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

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

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

*A deficiency in internal control over compliance* exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program on a timely basis. A material weakness in internal control over compliance is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance, such that there is a reasonable possibility that material noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. A significant deficiency in internal control over compliance is a deficiency, or 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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March 5, 2025



INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH STATE LAWS AND REGULATIONS



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### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH STATE LAWS AND REGULATIONS

Superintendent and School Board  
Simpson County School District

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Simpson County School District as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, which collectively comprise Simpson County School District's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated March 5, 2025. 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.

Section 37-9-18(3)(a), Miss. Code Ann. (1972), states in part, "the auditor shall test to ensure that the school district is complying with the requirements of Section 37-61-33(3)(a)(iii), Miss. Code Ann. (1972), relating to classroom supply funds." As required by the state legal compliance audit program prescribed by the Office of the State Auditor, we have also performed procedures to test compliance with certain other state laws and regulations. However, providing an opinion on compliance with all state laws and regulations was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

The results of our procedures performed to test compliance with the requirements of Section 37-61-33(3)(a)(iii), Miss. Code Ann. (1972), disclosed no instances of noncompliance.

Section 37-9-18(3)(b), Miss. Code Ann. (1972), states in part, "the auditor shall test to ensure correct and appropriate coding at the function level. The audit must include a report showing the correct and appropriate functional level expenditure codes in expenditures by the school district."

The results of our procedures performed to test compliance with the requirements of Section 37-9-18(3)(b), Miss. Code Ann. (1972), disclosed no instances of noncompliance related to incorrect or inappropriate functional level expenditure coding.

As required by the state legal compliance audit program prescribed by the Office of the State Auditor, we have also performed procedures to test compliance with certain other state laws and regulations. However, providing an opinion on compliance with all state laws and regulations was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

The results of procedures performed to test compliance with certain other state laws and regulations and our audit of the financial statements did not disclose any instances of noncompliance with other state laws and regulations.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the school board and management, entities with accreditation overview, and federal awarding agencies, the Office of the State Auditor and pass-through entities and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.

McKenzie CPA, PLLC  
Madison, Mississippi  
March 5, 2025

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## SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

SIMPSON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

Section I: Summary of Auditor's Results

Financial Statements:

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|----|---|---------------|
| 1. | Type of auditor's report issued:                      | Unmodified    |
| 2. | Internal control over financial reporting:            |               |
|    | a. Material weaknesses identified?                    | No            |
|    | b. Significant deficiencies identified?               | None Reported |
| 3. | Noncompliance material to financial statements noted? | No            |

Federal Awards:

- |    |                                       |               |
|----|---------------------------------------|---------------|
| 4. | Internal control over major programs: |               |
|    | a. Material weakness identified?      | No            |
|    | b. Significant deficiency identified? | None Reported |

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| 5. | Type of auditor's report issued on compliance for major programs: | Unmodified |
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| 6. | Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with 2 CFR 200.516(a)? | No |
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| 7. | Identification of major programs: |  |
|----|-----------------------------------|--|

<u>Assistance Listing Numbers</u>	<u>Name of Federal Program or Cluster</u>
10.553; 10.555	Child Nutrition Cluster
	<u>Education Stabilization Fund (ESSER)</u>
84.425D	Elementary & Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund II
84.425U	Elementary & Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund ARP III
84.425W	Homeless Children & Youth – ARP

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|----|--|-----------|
| 8. | Dollar threshold used to distinguish between type A and type B programs: | \$750,000 |
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| 9. | Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee? | No |
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| 10. | Prior fiscal year audit finding(s) and questioned costs relative to federal awards which would require the auditee to prepare a summary schedule of prior audit findings in accordance with 2CFR 200.511(b). | Yes |
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SIMPSON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

**Section II: Financial Statement Findings**

The results of our tests did not disclose any findings related to the financial statements that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

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

The results of our tests did not disclose any findings and questioned cost related to the federal awards.

AUDITEE'S SUMMARY OF PRIOR YEAR AUDIT FINDINGS



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### AUDITEE'S SUMMARY OF PRIOR YEAR AUDIT FINDINGS

As required by Uniformed Guidance, the Simpson County School District has prepared and hereby submits the following summary of prior year audit findings as of June 30, 2024:

<u>Findings</u>	<u>Status</u>
2023-001	Corrected
2023-002	Corrected
2023-003	Corrected