

WAYNE LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT WARREN COUNTY, OHIO

Cash Basis Financial Statements

For the Fiscal Year Ended
JUNE 30, 2026



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WARREN COUNTY, OHIO**

**CASH BASIS FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2026**

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Accountant's Compilation Report

To the Wayne Local School District Board of Education,
Waynesville, Ohio

Management is responsible for the accompanying basic financial statements of the Wayne Local School District, which comprise the statements listed in the table of contents as of June 30, 2026, and for the fiscal year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements in accordance with the cash basis of accounting, and for determining that the cash basis of accounting is an acceptable financial reporting framework. We have performed a compilation engagement in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services promulgated by the Accounting and Review Services Committee of the AICPA. We did not audit or review the financial statements nor were we required to perform any procedures to verify the accuracy or completeness of the information provided by management. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion, a conclusion, nor provide any assurance on the financial statements.

We draw attention to Note 2.D of the financial statements, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial statements are prepared in accordance with the cash basis of accounting, which is an accounting basis other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The accompanying budgetary comparison schedule, and the notes to the supplementary information are presented for additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management. The supplementary information was subject to our compilation engagement. We have not audited or reviewed the supplementary information and do not express an opinion, a conclusion, nor provide any assurance on such information.

Julian + Grube, Inc, dba JG

Westerville, Ohio
August 21, 2026

**WAYNE LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
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STATEMENT OF NET POSITION - CASH BASIS
JUNE 30, 2026
(SEE ACCOUNTANT'S COMPILATION REPORT)

	Governmental Activities
Assets:	
Equity in pooled cash and cash equivalents	\$ 14,016,901
Total assets	<u>14,016,901</u>
Net position:	
Restricted for:	
Capital projects	1,252,455
Classroom facilities maintenance	1,134,610
Debt service	833,143
Federally funded programs	13,210
Food service operations	454,465
Student activities	522,626
Other purposes	33,500
Unrestricted	<u>9,772,892</u>
Total net position	<u>\$ 14,016,901</u>

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES - CASH BASIS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2026
(SEE ACCOUNTANT'S COMPILATION REPORT)

	Disbursements	Program Receipts		Net (Disbursements) Receipts and Changes in Net Position Governmental Activities
		Charges for Services and Sales	Operating Grants and Contributions	
Governmental activities:				
Instruction:				
Regular	\$ 10,068,618	\$ 294,519	\$ 1,408	\$ (9,772,691)
Special	3,415,298	80,219	638,668	(2,696,411)
Other	110,225	-	-	(110,225)
Support services:				
Pupil	1,976,737	10,193	90,608	(1,875,936)
Instructional staff	864,561	1,735	36,036	(826,790)
Board of education	62,200	-	-	(62,200)
Administration	1,574,905	380	23	(1,574,502)
Fiscal	627,326	-	-	(627,326)
Business	192,704	-	-	(192,704)
Operations and maintenance	1,934,678	5,641	10,023	(1,919,014)
Pupil transportation	1,145,778	-	45,105	(1,100,673)
Central	231,577	3,088	191	(228,298)
Operation of non-instructional services:				
Food service operations	457,430	279,397	193,449	15,416
Other non-instructional services	857	174	11	(672)
Extracurricular activities	2,011,092	666,459	19,116	(1,325,517)
Facilities acquisition and construction	818,815	-	-	(818,815)
Debt service:				
Principal retirement	622,000	-	-	(622,000)
Interest	867,456	-	-	(867,456)
Total governmental activities	<u>\$ 26,982,257</u>	<u>\$ 1,341,805</u>	<u>\$ 1,034,638</u>	<u>\$ (24,605,814)</u>
General receipts:				
Property taxes levied for:				
General purposes				12,142,297
Debt service				1,369,313
Capital outlay				849,862
Classroom facilities maintenance				133,539
Grants and entitlements not restricted				
to specific programs:				6,494,162
Investment earnings				493,697
Miscellaneous				298,808
Total general receipts				<u>21,781,678</u>
Change in net position				(2,824,136)
Net position at beginning of year				<u>16,841,037</u>
Net position at end of year				<u>\$ 14,016,901</u>

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND FUND BALANCES - CASH BASIS
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2026
(SEE ACCOUNTANT'S COMPILATION REPORT)

	<u>General</u>	<u>Nonmajor Governmental Funds</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
Assets:			
Equity in pooled cash and cash equivalents	\$ 9,101,118	\$ 4,915,783	\$ 14,016,901
Total assets	<u>\$ 9,101,118</u>	<u>\$ 4,915,783</u>	<u>\$ 14,016,901</u>
Fund balances:			
Restricted:			
Debt service	\$ -	\$ 833,143	\$ 833,143
Capital projects	-	1,252,455	1,252,455
Classroom facilities maintenance	-	1,134,610	1,134,610
Food service operations	-	454,465	454,465
Federally funded programs	-	13,210	13,210
Extracurricular	-	522,626	522,626
Scholarships	-	6,868	6,868
Other purposes	-	26,632	26,632
Committed:			
Capital projects	-	671,774	671,774
Termination benefits	225,286	-	225,286
Assigned:			
Student instruction	14,963	-	14,963
Student and staff support	480,471	-	480,471
Unassigned	<u>8,380,398</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,380,398</u>
Total fund balances	<u>\$ 9,101,118</u>	<u>\$ 4,915,783</u>	<u>\$ 14,016,901</u>

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - CASH BASIS
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2026
(SEE ACCOUNTANT'S COMPILATION REPORT)

	<u>General</u>	<u>Nonmajor Governmental Funds</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
Receipts:			
Property taxes	\$ 12,142,297	\$ 2,352,714	\$ 14,495,011
Intergovernmental	6,679,044	820,303	7,499,347
Investment earnings	457,233	37,045	494,278
Tuition and fees	360,371	-	360,371
Extracurricular	35,558	666,459	702,017
Rental income	5,273	24,233	29,506
Charges for services	7,780	279,397	287,177
Contributions and donations	2,699	132,311	135,010
Miscellaneous	136,542	18,862	155,404
Total receipts	<u>19,826,797</u>	<u>4,331,324</u>	<u>24,158,121</u>
Disbursements:			
Current:			
Instruction:			
Regular	10,049,715	18,903	10,068,618
Special	2,967,133	448,165	3,415,298
Other	110,225	-	110,225
Support services:			
Pupil	1,963,865	12,872	1,976,737
Instructional staff	695,464	169,097	864,561
Board of education	62,200	-	62,200
Administration	1,574,905	-	1,574,905
Fiscal	600,622	26,704	627,326
Business	192,704	-	192,704
Operations and maintenance	1,718,086	216,592	1,934,678
Pupil transportation	1,145,778	-	1,145,778
Central	231,577	-	231,577
Operation of non-instructional services:			
Food service operations	-	457,430	457,430
Other non-instructional services	857	-	857
Extracurricular activities	639,853	1,371,239	2,011,092
Facilities acquisition and construction	3,720	815,095	818,815
Debt service:			
Principal retirement	-	622,000	622,000
Interest	-	867,456	867,456
Total disbursements	<u>21,956,704</u>	<u>5,025,553</u>	<u>26,982,257</u>
Excess of disbursements over receipts	<u>(2,129,907)</u>	<u>(694,229)</u>	<u>(2,824,136)</u>
Other financing sources:			
Transfers in	-	575	575
Transfers (out)	(575)	-	(575)
Advances in	-	10,153	10,153
Advances (out)	(10,153)	-	(10,153)
Total other financing sources:	<u>(10,728)</u>	<u>10,728</u>	<u>-</u>
Net change in fund balances	(2,140,635)	(683,501)	(2,824,136)
Fund balances at beginning of year	<u>11,241,753</u>	<u>5,599,284</u>	<u>16,841,037</u>
Fund balances at end of year	<u>\$ 9,101,118</u>	<u>\$ 4,915,783</u>	<u>\$ 14,016,901</u>

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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**NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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(SEE ACCOUNTANT'S COMPILATION REPORT)**

NOTE 1 - DESCRIPTION OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT AND REPORTING ENTITY

The Wayne Local School District (the "District") is a body politic and corporate established to exercise the rights and privileges the constitution and laws of the State of Ohio convey to it. The District covers land located in Warren County and a portion of Greene County. The buildings and administration are located in the Village of Waynesville. The District serves an area of approximately 50 square miles. The District has a history of strong academic, arts and athletic success, which you will find from ODE reports at <http://www.ode.state.oh.us/>.

A locally-elected 5-member Board governs the District, which provides educational services mandated by the State and federal agencies. This Board of Education controls the District's instructional/support facilities staffed by 63 classified employees, 105 certificated full-time personnel, and 10 administrators who provide services to 1,629 students. The District currently operates three buildings situated at one site location.

Reporting Entity

A reporting entity is comprised of the primary government, component units and other organizations included ensuring that the basic financial statements are not misleading. The primary government of the District consists of all funds, departments, boards and agencies that are not legally separate from the District. For Wayne Local School District, this includes general operations, food service, trust, community services, and student related activities. The District has no component units.

Jointly Governed Organizations

The District participates in three jointly governed and one related organization. These organizations are:

Warren County Career Center

The Warren County Career Center (the "Career Center") is a district political subdivision of the State of Ohio operated under the direction of a Board, which consists of one representative from each of the participating Districts' elected board. The Career Center possesses its own budgeting and taxing authority. To obtain financial information, write to The Warren County Career Center, at 3525 State Route 48, Lebanon, Ohio 45036.

Southwestern Ohio Educational Purchasing Council

The Southwestern Ohio Educational Purchasing Council (SOEPC) is a purchasing cooperative made up of nearly 180 school districts. The SOEPC acts as its own fiscal agent and is a Regional Council of Governments. The purpose of the Council is to obtain prices for quality merchandise and services commonly used by schools. All member districts are obligated to pay all fees, charges, or other assessments as established by the SOEPC.

Each member district has one voting representative. Title to any and all equipment, furniture and supplies purchased by the SOEPC is held in trust for the member districts by the Fiscal Agent. Any district withdrawing from the SOEPC shall forfeit its claim to any and all SOEPC assets. One-year prior notice is necessary for withdrawal from the group. During this time, the withdrawing member is liable for all member obligations. To obtain information, write to the SOEPC, at 303 Corporate Center Drive, Suite 208, Vandalia, Ohio 45377.

Southwestern Ohio Computer Association (SWOCA)

SWOCA is a jointly governed organization between three-county consortiums of school districts. The jointly governed organization was formed for the purpose of applying modern technology (with the aid of computers and other electronic equipment) to administrative and instructional functions among member districts. Each of the governments of these schools supports SWOCA based upon a per pupil charge dependent upon the software package utilized. The Governing Board of SWOCA consists of six members elected by majority vote of all charter member schools plus one representative from the fiscal agent. The District has an equity interest that is explicit and measurable in that the jointly governed Agreement stipulates that the participants have a future claim to the net resources of SWOCA upon dissolution. The agreement sets forth the method to determine each member's proportionate share.

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NOTE 1 - DESCRIPTION OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT AND REPORTING ENTITY - (Continued)

RELATED ORGANIZATION

The Mary L. Cook Library is a distinct political subdivision of the State of Ohio created under Chapter 3375 of the Ohio Revised Code. A Board of Trustees appointed by the Wayne Local School District Board of Education governs the Library. The Board of Trustees possesses its own contracting and budgeting authority, hires and fires personnel and does not depend on the District for operational subsidies. Although the District does serve as the taxing authority and has issued tax-related debt on behalf of the Library, its role is limited to a ministerial function. The determination to request approval of a tax (as well as its rate and purpose) and discretionary decisions are made solely by the Board of Trustees of the Library. Financial information can be obtained from the Mary L. Cook Public Library, 381 Old Stage Road, Waynesville, Ohio 45068.

PUBLIC ENTITY RISK POOL

For the fiscal year the District participated in the Southwestern Ohio Educational Purchasing Council Workers' Compensation Group Rating Plan (GRP). The GRP is intended to reduce premiums for the participants. The workers' compensation experience of the participating school districts is calculated as one experience and a common premium rate is applied to all school districts in the GRP. Each participant pays its workers' compensation premium to the State based on the rate for the GRP rather than its individual rate. Participation in the GRP is limited to school districts that can meet the GRP's selection criteria. The school districts apply for participation each year. The firms of 3HAB and Hunter Consulting provide administrative, cost controls, and actuarial services to the GRP.

MEDICAL AND DENTAL BENEFITS

For the fiscal year, the District participated in the Southwestern Ohio Educational Purchasing Council Medical Benefits Plan (MBP), and insurance purchasing pool. The intent of the MBP is to achieve the benefit of reduced health insurance premiums for the District by virtue of its grouping and representation with other participants in the MBP. The health insurance experience of the participating school district is calculated and a premium rate is applied to the applicable school district in the MBP. Each participant pays its medical and dental insurance premiums to the Southwestern Ohio Educational Purchasing Council (SOEPC). Participation is limited to school districts that can meet the MBP's selection criteria.

NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Although Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03 (B) requires the District's financial report to follow accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP), the District chooses to prepare its financial statements and notes in accordance with the cash-basis of accounting. The cash basis method is consistent with record keeping and current state software systems. The District has applied the use of "Other Comprehensive Basis of Accounting" (OCBOA) financial reporting and has used the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) practice aid series, "Applying OCBOA in State and Local Governmental Financial Statements" to assist in the format and content of the District's presentation. As noted while OCBOA does not represent GAAP it could currently be considered as generally applied principles for many small state and local governmental entities. This basis of accounting is similar to the cash receipts and disbursements basis. The District recognizes receipts when received in cash rather than when earned and recognizes disbursements when paid rather than when a liability is incurred. But please note, we do account for and report obligations for encumbrances. An encumbrance is an approved purchase order for a service or product and represents an accrued liability. In addition, the district sets aside cash for the calculated obligation of severance payments.

A. Fund Accounting

The District uses funds to maintain its financial records during the fiscal year. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid management by segregating transactions related to certain District functions or activities. A fund is a fiscal and accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. The District classifies each fund as Governmental. The Board approves all budgets and appropriations at the fund level.

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NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)

Governmental: The District classifies funds financed primarily from taxes, intergovernmental receipts (e.g. grants) and other non-exchange transactions as governmental funds. The District's major governmental fund is the General Fund. The General Fund accounts for all financial resources except for restricted resources requiring a separate accounting. The General Fund balance is available for any purpose provided it is expended or transferred according to Ohio law.

Other governmental funds of the District are used to account for:

Nonmajor 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.

Nonmajor 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.

Nonmajor 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.

Fund Balance

In accordance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 54, *Fund Balance Reporting*, the District classifies its fund balance based on the purpose for which the resources were received and the level of constraint placed on the resources. The following categories are used:

Non-Spendable – resources that are not in spendable form (inventory) or have legal or contractual requirements to maintain the balance intact.

Restricted – resources that have external purpose restraints imposed on them by providers, such as creditors, grantors, or other regulators.

Committed – resources that are constrained for specific purposes that are internally imposed by the government at its highest level of decision making authority, the Board of Education.

Assigned – resources that are intended to be used for specific purposes as approved through the District's formal purchasing procedure by the Treasurer.

Unassigned – residual fund balance within the General Fund that is not restricted, committed, or assigned. In other governmental funds, the unassigned classification is used only to report a deficit balance resulting from incurred expenses for specific purposes exceeding amounts which had been restricted, committed or assigned for said purposes.

The District applies restricted resources first when a disbursement is incurred for purposes which both restricted and unrestricted cash balance is available. The District considers committed, assigned, and unassigned fund balances, respectively, to be spent when disbursements are incurred for purposes for which any of the fund balance classifications are applicable and appropriate.

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NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)

Fund Balance Assets

The District's total Governmental Fund balance at the end of the 2026 fiscal year was \$14,016,901 with an unassigned balance of \$8,380,398. The classifications are detailed on the Statement of Assets and Fund Balances - Cash Basis.

B. Basis of Presentation

The District's basic financial statements consist of a government-wide statement of net position and Statement of Activities, and fund financial statements providing more detailed financial information.

Government-Wide Financial Statements: The statements of net position and the statement of activities display information about the District as a whole. The statements report governmental activities. These disbursements are specifically associated with a service, program or department and are therefore clearly identifiable to a particular function. Program receipts include charges paid by the recipient of the program's goods or services and grants and contributions restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program. General receipts are all receipts not classified as program receipts, with certain limited exceptions. The comparison of direct disbursements with program receipts identifies the extent to which each business segment or governmental function is self-financing on the cash basis or draws from the District's general receipts.

The statement of net position presents the financial condition of the governmental activities of the District at fiscal year-end.

Fund Financial Statements: Fund financial statements report detailed information about the District. The focus of governmental fund financial statements is on major funds. The following is the District's major fund:

General Fund - The general fund is used to account for and report all financial resources not accounted for and reported in another fund. The general fund balance is available for any purpose provided it is expended or transferred according to the general laws of Ohio.

Other governmental funds of the District are used to account for (a) financial resources that are restricted, committed, or assigned to expenditures for capital outlays including the acquisition or construction of capital facilities and other capital assets, (b) specific revenue sources that are restricted or committed to an expenditure for specified purposes other than debt service or capital projects and (c) financial resources that are restricted, committed, or assigned to expenditure for principal and interest.

C. Cash and Cash Equivalents

The District pools cash from all funds for investment purposes. Interest in the pool is presented as "equity in pooled cash and cash equivalents" on the financial statements. The District values cash equivalents at cost. Following Ohio statutes, the Board of Education specified the funds to receive an allocation of interest earnings. Earnings on investments credited to the General Fund during fiscal year 2026 were \$457,233 which includes \$111,796 assigned from other District funds. For presentation on the financial statements, investments of the District's cash management pool and investments with an original maturity of three months or less when purchased are deemed cash equivalents. Investments are reported as assets. Accordingly, purchases of investments are not recorded as disbursements, and sales of investments are not recorded as receipts. Gains or losses at the time of sale are recorded as receipts or negative receipts (contra revenue), respectively. Investments are reported at cost.

Investments were limited to, Federal Farm Credit Bank (FFCB) securities, Ohio University and Franklin County, Ohio municipal bonds, commercial paper, U.S. Treasury Notes, U.S. Governmental Money Markets, Federal Home Loan Bank (FHLB) securities, Federal National Mortgage Association (FNMA) securities and investments in the State Treasury Asset Reserve of Ohio (STAR Ohio).

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NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)

The District invested in STAR Ohio. STAR Ohio (the State Treasury Asset Reserve of Ohio), is an investment pool managed by the State Treasurer's Office which allows governments within the State to pool their funds for investment purposes. STAR Ohio is not registered with the SEC as an investment company, but has adopted Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB), Statement No. 79, "Certain External Investment Pools and Pool Participants." The District measures their investment in STAR Ohio at the net asset value (NAV) per share provided by STAR Ohio. The NAV per share is calculated on an amortized cost basis that provides an NAV per share that approximates fair value.

STAR Ohio reserves the right to limit participant transactions to \$250 million per day. Transactions in all of a participant's accounts will be combined for this purpose. Twenty-four hours advance notice to STAR Ohio is appreciated for purchases or redemptions of \$100 million or more. There were no limitations or restrictions on any participant withdrawals due to redemption notice periods, liquidity fees, or redemption gates.

D. Inventory and Prepaid Items

On the cash-basis of accounting, inventories of supplies and food service items are reported as disbursements when purchased.

E. Capital Assets

Acquisitions of property, plant and equipment are recorded as disbursements when paid. The financial statements do not report these assets.

F. Accumulated Leave

For the District, a compensated absence includes leave for which employees may receive cash payment when the leave is used for time off or receive cash payments for unused leave upon termination of employment. These payments could occur during employment or upon termination of employment. Compensated absences generally do not have a set payment schedule. The District does not offer noncash settlements.

District employees earn sick, vacation and personal time that can be used for time off. In certain circumstances, such as upon leaving employment or retirement, employees are entitled to cash payments for unused leave.

G. Long-Term Obligations

Bonds and other long-term obligations are not recognized as a liability in the financial statements under the cash-basis of accounting. These statements report proceeds of debt when cash is received, and debt service disbursements for debt principal and interest payments. See note 10 for debt obligation data. Please note that all required annual debt obligations for the year were met in a timely fashion. Since recording a capital asset (including the intangible right to use) when entering into a lease, financed purchase transaction, or Subscription Based Information Technology Arrangement (SBITA) is not the result of a cash transaction, neither an other financing source nor a capital outlay expenditure is reported at inception. Lease payments, financed purchase payments, and SBITA payments are reported when paid.

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NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)

H. Inter-Fund Activity

Transfers between funds on the government-wide statements are eliminated. Exchange transactions between funds are reported as receipts in the seller funds and as disbursements in the purchasing funds. Non-exchange flows of cash from one fund to another are reported as inter-fund transfers. Inter-fund transfers are reported as other financing sources/uses in governmental funds. The District reports advances-in and advances-out for interfund loans. These items are not reflected as assets and liabilities in the accompanying financial statements.

I. Net Position

Net position is reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed on their use either through the enabling legislation adopted by the District or through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors, or laws or regulations of other governments. Net position restricted for other purposes include resources for federal and State grants restricted to cash disbursement for specified purposes and scholarships. The District's applies restricted resources first when a cash disbursement is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net position is available.

J. Pensions/Other Postemployment Benefits (OPEB)

For purposes of measuring the net pension/OPEB liability and net OPEB asset, information about the fiduciary net position of the pension/OPEB plans and additions to/deductions from their fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by the pension/OPEB plan. For this purpose, benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. The pension/OPEB plans report investments at fair value.

K. Leases

The District is the lessee in a lease related to equipment under noncancelable leases. Lease payables are not reflected under the District's cash basis of accounting. Lease disbursements are recognized when they are paid.

L. Employer Contributions to Cost-Sharing Pension Plans

The District recognizes the disbursement for employer contributions to cost-sharing pension plans when they are paid. As described in Notes 7 and 8, the employer contributions include portions for pension benefits and for postemployment health care benefits.

M. Subscription Based Information Technology Arrangements (SBITAs)

The District has Subscription Based Information Technology Arrangements (SBITAs) under noncancellable arrangements. SBITA payables are not reflected under the District's cash basis of accounting. SBITA disbursements are recognized when they are paid.

NOTE 3 - ACCOUNTABILITY AND COMPLIANCE

A. Change in Accounting Principles

For fiscal year 2026, the District has implemented GASB Statement No. 103, "Financial Reporting Model Improvements", GASB Statement No. 104, "Disclosure of Certain Capital Assets" and Implementation Guide No. 2025-1, "Implementation Guidance Update - 2025".

GASB Statement No. 103 is to improve key components of the financial reporting model and to enhance its effectiveness in providing information that is essential for decision making and assessing a government's accountability. These changes include (1) changes to the Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A), (2) implementing unusual or infrequent items, (3) changing the presentation of the proprietary fund statement of revenues, expenses and changes in fund net position, (4) updating major component unit information and (5) changes to the presentation of the budgetary comparison information. The implementation of GASB Statement No. 103 had an impact on the presentation of the budgetary comparison information for the District.

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NOTE 3 - ACCOUNTABILITY AND COMPLIANCE - (Continued)

GASB Statement No. 104 is to require certain types of capital assets to be disclosed separately in the capital asset disclosure required by Statement No. 34 and requires additional disclosures for capital assets held for sale. The implementation of GASB No. 104 did not have an effect on the financial statements or the note disclosures of the District.

Implementation Guide No. 2025-1 provides additional guidance on various other previously established GASB statements. The implementation of Implementation Guide No. 2025-1 did not have an effect on the financial statements of the District.

B. Compliance

Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(B) requires the District to prepare its annual financial report in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. However, the District prepared its basic financial statements on a cash basis, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The accompanying basic financial statements omit assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, net position/fund balances, and disclosures that, while material, cannot be determined at this time. The District can be fined and various other administrative remedies may be taken against the District.

NOTE 4 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

State statutes classify monies held by the District into three categories:

Active deposits are public deposits necessary to meet current demands on the District treasury. Such monies must be maintained either as cash in the District treasury, in commercial accounts payable or withdrawable on demand, including negotiable order of withdrawal (NOW) accounts, or in money market deposit accounts.

Inactive deposits are public deposits that the District has identified as not required for use within the current five-year period of designation of depositories. Inactive deposits must either be evidenced by depositories, or by savings or deposit accounts including, but not limited to, passbook accounts.

Interim deposits are deposits of interim monies. Interim monies are those monies which are not needed for immediate use but which will be needed before the end of the current period of designation of depositories. Interim deposits must be evidenced by time certificates of deposit maturing not more than one year from the date of deposit or by savings or deposit accounts including passbook accounts. Interim monies may be deposited or invested in the following securities:

1. United States Treasury bills, bonds, notes, or any other obligation or security issued by the United States Treasury, or any other obligation guaranteed as to principal and interest by the United States;
2. Bonds, notes, debentures, or any other obligation or security issued by any federal government agency or instrumentality including, but not limited to, the Federal National Mortgage Association, Federal Home Loan Bank, Federal Farm Credit Bank, Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, and Government National Mortgage Association. All federal agency securities shall be direct issuances of federal government agencies or instrumentalities;
3. Written repurchase agreements in the securities listed above provided the market value of the securities subject to the repurchase agreement must exceed the principal value of the agreement by at least 2 percent and be marked to market daily, and the term of the agreement must not exceed thirty days;

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4. Bonds and other obligations of the State of Ohio and with certain limitations including a requirement for maturity within ten years from the date of the settlement, bonds and other obligations of political subdivisions of the State of Ohio, if training requirements have been met;
5. Time certificates of deposit or savings or deposit accounts including, but not limited to, passbook accounts;
6. No-load money market mutual funds consisting exclusively of obligations described in division (1) or (2) and repurchase agreements secured by such obligations, provided that investments in securities described in this division are made only through eligible institutions;
7. The State Treasurer's investment pool, the State Treasury Asset Reserve of Ohio (STAR Ohio); and
8. Certain bankers' acceptances (for a period not to exceed one hundred eighty days) and commercial paper notes (for a period not to exceed two hundred seventy days) in an amount not to exceed 40 percent of the interim monies available for investment at any one time if training requirements have been met.

Protection of the deposits is provided by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), by eligible securities pledged by the financial institution as security for repayment, or by the financial institutions participation in the Ohio Pooled Collateral System (OPCS), a collateral pool of eligible securities deposited with a qualified trustee and pledged to the Treasurer of State to secure the repayment of all public monies deposited in the financial institution.

Investments in stripped principal or interest obligations reverse repurchase agreements and derivatives are prohibited. The issuance of taxable notes for the purpose of arbitrage, the use of leverage and short selling are also prohibited. Except as noted above, an investment must mature within five years from the date of purchase unless matched to a specific obligation or debt of the District and must be purchased with the expectation that it will be held to maturity.

Investments may only be made through specified dealers and institutions. Payment for investments may be made only upon delivery of the securities representing the investments to the Treasurer or qualified trustee or, if the securities are not represented by a certificate, upon receipt of confirmation of transfer from the custodian.

A. Deposits with Financial Institutions

At June 30, 2026, the carrying amount of all District deposits was (\$293,430) and the bank balance of all District deposits was \$247,977. The entire bank balance of \$247,977 was covered by the FDIC.

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NOTE 4 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS - (Continued)

B. Investments

As of June 30, 2026, the District had the following investments and maturities:

<u>Investment Type:</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Investment Maturities</u>			
		<u>6 months or less</u>	<u>7 to 12 months</u>	<u>19 to 24 months</u>	<u>Greater than 24 months</u>
STAR Ohio	\$ 5,718,527	\$ 5,718,527	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
FFCB	671,388	-	-	-	671,388
Commercial paper	1,707,022	488,647	1,218,375	-	-
U.S. Treasury notes	3,152,644	-	-	-	3,152,644
Municipal bonds	1,696,050	-	-	-	1,696,050
FHLB	700,000	700,000	-	-	-
FNMA	375,900	-	-	375,900	-
U.S. Government money market	288,800	288,800	-	-	-
Total	<u>\$ 14,310,331</u>	<u>\$ 7,195,974</u>	<u>\$ 1,218,375</u>	<u>\$ 375,900</u>	<u>\$ 5,520,082</u>

The weighted average of maturity of investments is 1.57 years.

Interest Rate Risk: As a means of limiting its exposure to fair value losses arising from rising interest rates and according to State law, the District's investment policy limits investment portfolio maturities to five years or less.

Credit Risk: The District's investments in commercial paper were rated P-1 by Moody's Investor Services. The District's investments in Ohio University and Franklin County, Ohio municipal bonds were rated A+ and Aa3 and AAA and Aaa by Standard & Poor's and Moody's Investor Services, respectively. The District's investments in federal agency securities were rated AA+ and Aa1 by Standard & Poor's and Moody's Investor Services, respectively. Standard & Poor's has assigned STAR Ohio an AAAM money market rating. Ohio Law requires that STAR Ohio maintain the highest rating provided by at least one nationally recognized standard rating service. The District's investment policy does not specifically address credit risk beyond the adherence to all relevant sections of the Ohio Revised Code.

Custodial Credit Risk: For an investment, custodial credit risk is 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 federal agency securities are exposed to custodial credit risk in that they are uninsured, unregistered and held by the counterparty's trust department or agent, but not in the District's name. The District's investments in negotiable CD's are insured by the FDIC. The District has no investment policy dealing with investment custodial risk beyond the requirement in State statute that prohibits payment for investments prior to the delivery of the securities representing such investments to the Treasurer or qualified trustee.

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Concentration of Credit Risk: The District places no limit on the amount that may be invested in any one issuer. The following table includes the percentage of each investment type held by the District at June 30, 2026:

<u>Investment type</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>% of Total</u>
STAR Ohio	\$ 5,718,527	39.96
FFCB	671,388	4.69
Commercial paper	1,707,022	11.93
U.S. Treasury notes	3,152,644	22.03
Municipal bonds	1,696,050	11.85
FHLB	700,000	4.89
FNMA	375,900	2.63
U.S. Government money market	288,800	2.02
Total	<u>\$ 14,310,331</u>	<u>100.00</u>

C. Reconciliation of Cash and Investments to the Statement of Net Position

The following is a reconciliation of cash and investments as reported in the note above to cash and investments as reported on the statement of net position as of June 30, 2026:

<u>Cash and investments per note</u>	
Carrying amount of deposits	\$ (293,430)
Investments	<u>14,310,331</u>
Total	<u>\$ 14,016,901</u>
 <u>Cash and investments per statement of net position</u>	
Governmental activities	<u>\$ 14,016,901</u>
Total	<u>\$ 14,016,901</u>

NOTE 5 - PROPERTY TAXES

Property taxes are levied and assessed on a calendar year basis while the District fiscal year runs from July through June. First half tax collections are received by the District in the second half of the fiscal year. Second half tax distributions occur in the first half of the following fiscal year. Property taxes include amounts levied against all real, public utility property (used in business) located in the District. Real property tax revenue received in calendar year 2026 represent collections of the previous calendar year taxes. Real property taxes received in calendar year 2026 were levied after January 1, 2025, on the assessed value listed as of January 1, 2025, the lien date. Assessed values for real property taxes are established by State law at thirty-five percent of appraised market value. Real property taxes are payable annually or semi-annually. Public utility property tax revenue received in calendar year 2026 represents collections of calendar year 2025 taxes. Public utility real property taxes received in calendar year 2026 became a lien December 31, 2024, was levied after April 1, 2025 and is collected in 2026 with real property taxes. Public utility real property is assessed at 35 percent of true value.

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NOTE 5 - PROPERTY TAXES - (Continued)

The District receives property taxes from Warren and Greene Counties. The Warren County Auditor periodically advances to the District its portion of the taxes collected. Second-half real property tax payments collected by the County by June 30, 2026, are available to finance fiscal year 2026 operations. The amount available to be advanced can vary based on the date the tax bills are sent. No advances were received by the District for the second half collections prior to June 30, 2026.

	2025 Second Half Collections		2026 First Half Collections	
	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Agricultural/residential and other real estate	\$ 464,024,370	92.43	\$ 472,995,250	92.31
Public utility personal	<u>37,982,940</u>	<u>7.57</u>	<u>39,410,583</u>	<u>7.69</u>
Total	<u>\$ 502,007,310</u>	<u>100.00</u>	<u>\$ 512,405,833</u>	<u>100.00</u>
Tax rate per \$1,000 of assessed valuation:	\$47.02		\$47.02	

NOTE 6 - RISK MANAGEMENT

A. Risk Pool Membership

The District is a member of the Southwestern Ohio Educational Purchasing Council (EPC) group insurance purchasing program. The Program currently includes 117 Ohio Public School Districts. The secured self-insurance under Gallagher Risk Management Services allows the EPC council to retain a portion of predictable losses, transfer a portion of catastrophic risk, and broaden our insurance program coverage. The Pool assumes the risk of loss up to the limits of the carrier. The loss fund represents the residual cash after considering outstanding reserves. With this program there is an aggregate (Stop Loss) insurance policy. Additional coverage has been added in the past several years. This includes kidnap/ransom coverage, pollution liability, and a new excess liability (\$5,000,000) policy. Should the loss fund be exhausted by the EPC council, the aggregate excess coverage applies to fund the retention on behalf of the EPC council. No supplemental assessments can occur under this program. In turn the District has no claim to any loss fund or other program assets. The Pool covers the following risks:

- General liability; Property, Auto Liability
- Boiler and Machinery
- Educators Liability Errors and omissions
- Cyber Security

The District has not incurred any significant reductions in coverage from the previous fiscal year. Settled claims have not exceeded coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

B. Workers' Compensation

For fiscal year 2026 the District participated in the Southwestern Ohio Educational Purchasing Council (EPC) Association Workers' Compensation Group Rating Program (GRP), in conjunction with the services of Hunter Consulting. The intent of the GRP is to achieve the benefit of a reduced premium for the District by virtue of its grouping and representation with other participants in the GRP. The workers' compensation experience of the participating school districts is calculated as one experience and a common premium rate is applied to the pool that your district is eligible for of the school districts in the GRP. Each participant pays its workers' compensation premium to the State based on the rate for the assigned GRP rather than its individual rate. The 2026 estimated savings to the District was \$9,778. This "equity pooling" arrangement insures that each participant shares in the overall performance of the GRP. Participation in the GRP is limited to school districts that can meet the GRP's selection criteria. The firms of Hunter Consulting Company and 3-HAB Inc. provide administrative, cost control and actuarial services to the GRP.

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NOTE 6 - RISK MANAGEMENT - (Continued)

C. Employee Medical Benefits

The District obtains employee medical (Anthem), dental and life insurance benefits through the assistance of the Southwestern Ohio Educational Purchasing Council (EPC). The District pays a monthly premium for coverage. The EPC works with Anthem to establish rates and payment to providers. Future premium rates are impacted by both the coverage of the given insurance, employee utilization and the actual cost and inflation of services and pharmaceuticals.

NOTE 7 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS

The Statewide retirement systems provide both pension benefits and other postemployment benefits (OPEB).

Net Pension Liability/Net OPEB Liability (Asset)

Pensions and OPEB are a component of exchange transactions - between an employer and its employees - of salaries and benefits for employee services. Pensions/OPEB are provided to an employee - on a deferred-payment basis - as part of the total compensation package offered by an employer for employee services each financial period.

The net pension/OPEB liability (asset) represent the District's proportionate share of each pension/OPEB plan's collective actuarial present value of projected benefit payments attributable to past periods of service, net of each pension/OPEB plan's fiduciary net position. The net pension/OPEB liability (asset) calculation is dependent on critical long-term variables, including estimated average life expectancies, earnings on investments, cost of living adjustments and others. While these estimates use the best information available, unknowable future events require adjusting these estimates annually.

Ohio Revised Code limits the District's obligation for this liability to annually required payments. The District cannot control benefit terms or the manner in which pensions/OPEB are financed; however, the District does receive the benefit of employees' services in exchange for compensation including pension and OPEB.

GASB 68/75 assumes the liability is solely the obligation of the employer, because (1) they benefit from employee services; and (2) State statute requires funding to come from these employers. All pension contributions to date have come solely from these employers (which also includes pension costs paid in the form of withholdings from employees). The retirement systems may allocate a portion of the employer contributions to provide for these OPEB benefits. In addition, health care plan enrollees pay a portion of the health care costs in the form of a monthly premium. State statute requires the retirement systems to amortize unfunded pension liabilities within 30 years. If the pension amortization period exceeds 30 years, each retirement system's board must propose corrective action to the State legislature. Any resulting legislative change to benefits or funding could significantly affect the net pension/OPEB liability (asset). Resulting adjustments to the net pension/OPEB liability (asset) would be effective when the changes are legally enforceable. The Ohio Revised Code permits, but does not require, the retirement systems to provide healthcare to eligible benefit recipients.

The net pension/net OPEB liability (asset) are not reported on the face of the financial statements, but rather are disclosed in the notes because of the use of the cash basis framework.

The remainder of this note includes the required pension disclosures. See Note 8 for the required OPEB disclosures.

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NOTE 7 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS - (Continued)

Plan Description - School Employees Retirement System (SERS)

Plan Description - The District's non-teaching employees participate in SERS, a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan administered by SERS. SERS provides retirement, disability and survivor benefits, and death benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. Authority to establish and amend benefits is provided by Ohio Revised Code Chapter 3309. SERS issues a publicly available, stand-alone financial report that includes financial statements, required supplementary information and detailed information about SERS' fiduciary net position. That report can be obtained by visiting the SERS website at www.ohsers.org under Employers/Audit Resources.

Age and service requirements for retirement are as follows:

	Eligible to Retire before August 1, 2017 *	Eligible to Retire on or after August 1, 2017
Full benefits	Any age with 30 years of service credit	Age 67 with 10 years of service credit; or Age 57 with 30 years of service credit
Actuarially reduced benefits	Age 60 with 5 years of service credit; or Age 55 with 25 years of service credit	Age 62 with 10 years of service credit; or Age 60 with 25 years of service credit

* Members with 25 years of service credit as of August 1, 2017 will be included in this plan.

Annual retirement benefits are calculated based on final average salary multiplied by a percentage that varies based on years of service; 2.2% for the first thirty years of service and 2.5% for years of service credit over 30. Final average salary is the average of the highest three years of salary. If the member does not meet the age and service requirements to retire with full benefits, the annual benefit is reduced to cover a longer period of retirement.

An individual whose benefit effective date is before April 1, 2018, is eligible for a cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) on the first anniversary date of the benefit. New benefit recipients must wait until the fourth anniversary of their benefit for COLA eligibility. The COLA is added each year to the base benefit amount on the anniversary date of the benefit. The COLA is indexed to the percentage increase in the CPI-W, not to exceed 2.5% and with a floor of 0%. The Retirement Board approved a 2.5% COLA for calendar year 2025.

Funding Policy - Plan members are required to contribute 10.00% of their annual covered salary and the District is required to contribute 14.00% of annual covered payroll. The contribution requirements of plan members and employers are established and may be amended by the SERS' Retirement Board up to statutory maximum amounts of 10.00% for plan members and 14.00% for employers. The Retirement Board, acting with the advice of the actuary, allocates the employer contribution rate among four of the System's funds (Pension Trust Fund, Death Benefit Fund, Medicare B Fund, and Health Care Fund). For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2026, the allocation to pension, death benefits, and Medicare B was 14.00%. For fiscal year 2026, the Retirement Board did not allocate any employer contribution to the Health Care Fund.

The District's contractually required contribution to SERS was \$438,588 for fiscal year 2026.

Plan Description - State Teachers Retirement System (STRS)

Plan Description - Licensed teachers and other faculty members participate in STRS Ohio, a cost-sharing multiple-employer public employee retirement system administered by STRS. STRS provides retirement and disability benefits to members and death and survivor benefits to beneficiaries. STRS issues a stand-alone financial report that includes financial statements, required supplementary information and detailed information about STRS' fiduciary net position. That report can be obtained by writing to STRS, 275 E. Broad St., Columbus, OH 43215-3771, by calling (888) 227-7877, or by visiting the STRS website at www.strsoh.org.

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NOTE 7 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS - (Continued)

New members have a choice of three retirement plans: a Defined Benefit (DB) Plan, a Defined Contribution (DC) Plan and a Combined Plan. Benefits are established by Ohio Revised Code Chapter 3307.

The DB plan offers an annual retirement allowance based on final average salary multiplied by a percentage that varies based on years of service. The calculation is 2.2 percent of final average salary for the five highest years of earnings multiplied by all years of credited service. Effective June 1, 2025, through May 1, 2030, any member can retire with unreduced benefits with 32 years of service credit at any age; or five years of service credit and age 65. Retirement eligibility for reduced benefits is 27 years of service credit at any age; or five years of service credit and age 60. Effective June 1, 2030, through May 1, 2032, any member can retire with unreduced benefits with 33 years of service credit at any age or five years of service credit and age 65. Retirement eligibility for reduced benefits is 28 years of service credit at any age; or five years of service credit and age 60. Effective on or after June 1, 2032, any member can retire with unreduced benefits with 34 years of service credit at any age or five years of service credit and age 65. Retirement eligibility for reduced benefits is 29 years of service credit at any age; or five years of service credit and age 60.

In April 2017, the Retirement Board made the decision to reduce COLA granted on or after July 1, 2017, to 0 percent upon a determination by its actuary that it was necessary to preserve the fiscal integrity of the retirement system. Benefit recipients' base benefit and past cost-of living increases are not affected by this change. Ad-hoc COLAs have been granted as follows:

Effective July 1, 2022, an ad-hoc COLA of 3.00% of the base benefit was granted to eligible benefit recipients to begin on the anniversary of their retirement benefit in fiscal year 2023 as long as they retired prior to July 1, 2018.

Effective July 1, 2023, a 1.00% one-time ad-hoc COLA of the base benefit was granted to eligible benefit recipients to begin on the anniversary of their retirement benefit in fiscal year 2024 as long as they retired prior to July 1, 2019.

Effective July 1, 2025, a 1.50% one-time ad-hoc COLA of the base benefit was granted to eligible benefit recipients to begin on the anniversary of their retirement benefit in fiscal year 2026 as long as they retired prior to July 1, 2021.

In fiscal year 2025, the STRS Board approved a one-time supplemental benefit payment for eligible benefit recipients who started receiving benefits in or prior to January 2024 and was paid December 2024.

The DC Plan allows members to place all of their member contributions and 11.09% of the 14% employer contributions into an investment account. The member determines how to allocate the member and employer money among various investment choices offered by STRS. The remaining 2.91% of the 14.00% employer rate is allocated to the defined benefit unfunded liability. A member is eligible to receive a retirement benefit at age 50 and termination of employment. The member may elect to receive a lifetime monthly annuity or a lump sum withdrawal.

The Combined Plan offers features of both the DB Plan and the DC Plan. In the Combined Plan, 12% of the 14% member rate is deposited into the member's DC account and the remaining 2% is applied to the DB Plan. Member contributions to the DC Plan are allocated among investment choices by the member, and contributions to the DB Plan from the employer and the member are used to fund the defined benefit payment at a reduced level from the regular DB Plan. The defined benefit portion of the Combined Plan payment is payable to a member on or after age 60 with five years of service. The defined contribution portion of the account may be taken as a lump sum payment or converted to a lifetime monthly annuity at age 50 and after termination of employment.

New members who choose the DC Plan or Combined Plan will have another opportunity to reselect a permanent plan during their fifth year of membership. Members may remain in the same plan or transfer to another STRS plan. The optional annuitization of a member's defined contribution account or the defined contribution portion of a member's Combined Plan account to a lifetime benefit results in STRS bearing the risk of investment gain or loss on the account. STRS has therefore included all three plan options as one defined benefit plan for GASB 68 reporting purposes.

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NOTE 7 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS - (Continued)

A DB or Combined Plan member with five or more years of credited service, who is determined to be disabled, may qualify for a disability benefit. New members, on or after July 1, 2013, must have at least ten years of qualifying service credit to apply for disability benefits. Members in the DC Plan who become disabled are entitled only to their account balance. Eligible survivors of members who die before service retirement may qualify for monthly benefits. If a member of the DC Plan dies before retirement benefits begin, the member's designated beneficiary is entitled to receive the member's account balance.

Funding Policy - Employer and member contribution rates are established by the State Teachers Retirement Board and limited by Chapter 3307 of the Ohio Revised Code. The fiscal year 2026 employer and employee contribution rate of 14% was equal to the statutory maximum rates. For fiscal year 2026, the full employer contribution was allocated to pension.

The District's contractually required contribution to STRS was \$1,397,148 for fiscal year 2026.

Net Pension Liability

The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2025, 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 the District's share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the contributions of all participating entities.

Following is information related to the proportionate share:

	<u>SERS</u>	<u>STRS</u>	<u>Total</u>
Proportion of the net pension liability prior measurement date	0.065761200%	0.063805240%	
Proportion of the net pension liability current measurement date	<u>0.066638600%</u>	<u>0.067788110%</u>	
Change in proportionate share	<u>0.000877400%</u>	<u>0.003982870%</u>	
Proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 2,960,358	\$ 12,327,242	\$ 15,287,600

Actuarial Assumptions - SERS

SERS' total pension liability was determined by their actuaries in accordance with GASB Statement No. 67, as part of their annual actuarial valuation for each defined benefit retirement plan. Actuarial valuations of an ongoing plan involve estimates of the value of reported amounts (e.g., salaries, credited service) and assumptions about the probability of occurrence of events far into the future (e.g., mortality, disabilities, retirements, employment terminations). Actuarially determined amounts are subject to continual review and potential modifications, as actual results are compared with past expectations and new estimates are made about the future.

Projections of benefits for financial reporting purposes are based on the substantive plan (the plan as understood by the employers and plan members) and include the types of benefits provided at the time of each valuation and the historical pattern of sharing benefit costs between the employers and plan members to that point. The projection of benefits for financial reporting purposes does not explicitly incorporate the potential effects of legal or contractual funding limitations. Future benefits for all current plan members were projected through 2137.

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NOTE 7 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS - (Continued)

Actuarial calculations reflect a long-term perspective. For a newly hired employee, actuarial calculations will take into account the employee's entire career with the employer and also take into consideration the benefits, if any, paid to the employee after termination of employment until the death of the employee and any applicable contingent annuitant. In many cases actuarial calculations reflect several decades of service with the employer and the payment of benefits after termination.

Key methods and assumptions used in calculating the total pension liability in the latest actuarial valuation, prepared as of June 30, 2025 and June 30, 2024, are presented below:

	June 30, 2025	June 30, 2024
Inflation	2.40%	2.40%
Future salary increases, including inflation	3.25% to 13.58%	3.25% to 13.58%
COLA or ad hoc COLA	2.00% on anniversary of retirement date; on or after April 1, 2018, COLAs for future retirees will be delayed for 3 years following commencement	2.00% on or after April 1, 2018, COLAs for future retirees will be delayed for 3 years following commencement
Investment rate of return	7.00% net of investment expenses, including inflation	7.00% net of system expenses
Actuarial cost method	Entry age normal	Entry age normal (level percent of payroll)

In 2025, mortality rates were based on the following:

Mortality rates for service retirement were based on the PUB-2010 General Employee Amount Weight Below Median Healthy Retiree mortality table projected to 2017 with ages set forward 1 year and adjusted 94.20 percent for males and set forward 2 years and adjusted 81.35 percent for females. Mortality among disabled members were based upon the PUB-2010 General Disabled Retiree mortality table projected to 2017 with ages set forward 5 years and adjusted 103.3 percent for males and set forward 3 years and adjusted 106.8 percent for females. Mortality among contingent survivors were based upon PUB-2010 General Amount-Weighted Below-Median Contingent Survivor mortality table projected to 2017 with ages set forward 1 year and adjusted 105.5 percent for males and adjusted 122.5 percent for females. Future improvement in mortality rates is reflected by applying the MP-2020 projection scale generationally.

In the prior measurement date, mortality rates were based on the following:

Service Retirement: PUB-2010 General Employee Amount Weighted Below Median Healthy Retiree mortality table projected to 2017 with ages set forward 1 year and adjusted 94.20% for males and set forward 2 years and adjusted 81.35% for females. Future improvement in mortality rates is reflected by applying the MP-2020 projection scale generationally.

Disabled Retirement: PUB-2010 General Disabled Retiree mortality table projected to 2017 with ages set forward 5 years and adjusted 103.3% for males and set forward 3 years and adjusted 106.8% for females. Future improvement in mortality rates is reflected by applying the MP-2020 projection scale generationally.

Contingent Survivor: PUB-2010 General Amount Weighted Below Median Contingent Survivor mortality table projected to 2017 with ages set forward 1 year and adjusted 105.5% for males and adjusted 122.5% for females. Future improvement in mortality rates is reflected by applying the MP-2020 projection scale generationally.

The most recent experience study was completed for the five-year period ended June 30, 2020.

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NOTE 7 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS - (Continued)

The long-term return expectation for the Pension Plan Investments has been determined by using a building-block approach and assumes a time horizon, as defined in SERS' *Statement of Investment Policy*. ORC 3309.15 and the SERS Board-adopted Investment Policy govern investment activity. A forecasted rate of inflation serves as the baseline for the return expectation. Various real return premiums over the baseline inflation rate have been established for each asset class. The long-term expected nominal rate of return has been determined by calculating a weighted average of the expected real return premiums for each asset class, adding the projected inflation rate, and adding the expected return from rebalancing uncorrelated asset classes.

As of June 30, 2025:

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return (geometric)
Cash	3.00 %	1.12 %
US Equity	22.00	4.64
Non-US Equity Developed	12.00	4.79
Non-US Equity Emerging	6.00	5.34
Fixed Income/Global Bonds	18.00	2.60
Private Equity	14.00	7.02
Real Estate	13.00	3.85
Infrastructure	7.00	4.96
Private Debt/Private Credit	5.00	5.51
Total	<u>100.00 %</u>	

Discount Rate - Total pension liability for 2025 was calculated using the discount rate of 7.00%. The discount rate determination did not use a municipal bond rate. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that employers would contribute the actuarially determined contribution rate of projected compensation over the remaining 19-year amortization period of the unfunded actuarial accrued liability. The actuarially determined contribution rate for fiscal year 2025 was 14%. Projected inflows from investment earnings were calculated using the long-term assumed investment rate of return, 7.00%. Based on those assumptions, the plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all 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 benefits to determine the total pension liability. The annual money-weighted rate of return, calculated as the internal rate of return on pension plan investments, for fiscal year 2025 was 10.87%.

Sensitivity of the District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate - Net pension liability is sensitive to changes in the discount rate, and to illustrate the potential impact the following table presents the proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 7.00%, as well as what the proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower (6.00%), or one percentage point higher (8.00%) than the current rate.

	1% Decrease	Current Discount Rate	1% Increase
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 4,820,354	\$ 2,960,358	\$ 1,394,889

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NOTE 7 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS - (Continued)

Actuarial Assumptions - STRS

Key methods and assumptions used in the latest actuarial valuation, reflecting experience study results used in the June 30, 2025 and June 30, 2024, actuarial valuations are presented below:

	June 30, 2025	June 30, 2024
Inflation	2.50%	2.50%
Salary increases	Varies by service from 2.50% to 8.50%	Varies by service from 2.50% to 8.50%
Investment rate of return	7.00%, net of investment expenses, including inflation	7.00%, net of investment expenses, including inflation
Discount rate of return	7.00%	7.00%
Payroll increases	3.00%	3.00%
Cost-of-living adjustments (COLA)	0.00%, effective July 1, 2017	0.00%, effective July 1, 2017

For the June 30, 2025 actuarial valuation, post-retirement mortality rates are based on the Pub-2010 Teachers Healthy Annuitant Mortality Table, adjusted 110% for males, projected forward generationally using mortality improvement scale MP-2020. Pre-retirement mortality rates are based on Pub-2010 Teachers Employee Table adjusted 95% for females, projected forward generationally using mortality improvement scale MP-2020. Post-retirement disabled mortality rates are based on Pub-2010 Teachers Disabled Annuitant Table projected forward generationally using mortality improvement scale MP-2020.

For the prior measurement date, post-retirement mortality rates are based on the Pub-2010 Teachers Healthy Annuitant Mortality Table, adjusted 110% for males, projected forward generationally using mortality improvement scale MP-2020. Pre-retirement mortality rates are based on Pub-2010 Teachers Employee Table adjusted 95% for females, projected forward generationally using mortality improvement scale MP-2020. Post-retirement disabled mortality rates are based on Pub-2010 Teachers Disabled Annuitant Table projected forward generationally using mortality improvement scale MP-2020.

Actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2025 valuation are based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2021. An actuarial experience study is done on a quinquennial basis.

STRS' investment consultant develops an estimate range for the investment return assumption based on the target allocation adopted by the Retirement Board. The target allocation and long-term expected rate of return for each major asset class are summarized as follows:

Asset Class	Target Allocation*	Long-Term Expected Rate of Return **
Domestic Equity	26.00 %	6.90 %
International Equity	22.00	7.70
Alternatives	19.00	9.10
Fixed Income	22.00	4.50
Real Estate	10.00	5.10
Liquidity Reserves	1.00	2.40
Total	<u>100.00 %</u>	

* Final target weights reflected at October 1, 2022.

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NOTE 7 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS - (Continued)

**10-Year annualized geometric nominal returns, which include the real rate of return and inflation of 2.40% and is net of investment expenses. Over a 30-year period, STRS' investment consultant indicates that the above target allocations should generate a return above the actuarial rate of return, without net value added by management.

Discount Rate - The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.00% as of June 30, 2025. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumes that member and employer contributions will be made at the statutory contribution rates in accordance with the rates described previously. For this purpose, only employer contributions that are intended to fund benefits of current plan members and their beneficiaries are included. Based on those assumptions, STRS' fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments to current plan members as of June 30, 2025. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments of 7.00% was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability as of June 30, 2025.

Sensitivity of the District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate - The following table represents the proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the current period discount rate assumption of 7.00%, as well as what the proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower (6.00%) or one percentage point higher (8.00%) than the current assumption rate:

	1% Decrease	Current Discount Rate	1% Increase
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 20,567,385	\$ 12,327,242	\$ 5,359,154

NOTE 8 - DEFINED BENEFIT OPEB PLANS

Net OPEB Liability/Asset

See Note 7 for a description of the net OPEB liability (asset).

Plan Description - School Employees Retirement System (SERS)

Health Care Plan Description - The District contributes to the SERS Health Care Fund, administered by SERS for non-certificated retirees and their beneficiaries. For GASB 75 purposes, this plan is considered a cost-sharing other postemployment benefit (OPEB) plan. SERS' Health Care Plan provides healthcare benefits to eligible individuals receiving retirement, disability, and survivor benefits, and to their eligible dependents. Members who retire after June 1, 1986, need 10 years of service credit, exclusive of most types of purchased credit, to qualify to participate in SERS' health care coverage. The following types of credit purchased after January 29, 1981, do not count toward health care coverage eligibility: military, federal, out-of-state, municipal, private school, exempted, and early retirement incentive credit. In addition to age and service retirees, disability benefit recipients and beneficiaries who are receiving monthly benefits due to the death of a member or retiree, are eligible for SERS' health care coverage. Most retirees and dependents choosing SERS' health care coverage are over the age of 65 and therefore enrolled in a fully insured Medicare Advantage plan; however, SERS maintains a traditional, self-insured preferred provider organization for its non-Medicare retiree population. For both groups, SERS offers a self-insured prescription drug program. Health care is a benefit that is permitted, not mandated, by statute. The financial report of the Plan is included in the SERS Annual Comprehensive Financial Report which can be obtained on SERS' website at www.ohsers.org under Employers/Audit Resources.

The Health Care program is financed through a combination of employer contributions, recipient premiums, investment returns, and any funds received on behalf of SERS' participation in Medicare programs. The System's goal is to maintain a health care reserve account with a 20-year solvency period in order to ensure that fluctuations in the cost of health care do not cause an interruption in the program. However, during any period in which the 20-year solvency period is not achieved, the System shall manage the Health Care Fund on a pay-as-you-go basis.

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NOTE 8 - DEFINED BENEFIT OPEB PLANS - (Continued)

Access to health care for retirees and beneficiaries is permitted in accordance with Section 3309 of the Ohio Revised Code. SERS' Retirement Board reserves the right to change or discontinue any health plan or program. Active employee members do not contribute to the Health Care Plan. The SERS Retirement Board established the rules for the premiums paid by the retirees for health care coverage for themselves and their dependents or for their surviving beneficiaries. Premiums vary depending on the plan selected, qualified years of service, Medicare eligibility, and retirement status.

Funding Policy - State statute permits SERS to fund the health care benefits through employer contributions. Each year, after the allocation for statutorily required pensions and benefits, the Retirement Board may allocate the remainder of the employer contribution of 14% of covered payroll to the Health Care Fund in accordance with the funding policy. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2026, SERS did not allocate any employer contributions to post-employment health care. An additional health care surcharge on employers is collected for employees earning less than an actuarially determined minimum compensation amount, pro-rated if less than a full year of service credit was earned. For fiscal year 2026, this amount was \$33,000. Statutes provide that no employer shall pay a health care surcharge greater than 2% of that employer's SERS-covered payroll; nor may SERS collect in aggregate more than 1.5% of the total statewide SERS-covered payroll for the health care surcharge. For fiscal year 2026, the District's surcharge obligation was \$48,390.

The surcharge added to the allocated portion of the 14% employer contribution rate is the total amount assigned to the Health Care Fund. The District's contractually required contribution to SERS was \$48,390 for fiscal year 2026.

Plan Description - State Teachers Retirement System (STRS)

Plan Description - The State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio (STRS) administers a cost-sharing Health Plan administered for eligible retirees who participated in the defined benefit or combined pension plans offered by STRS. Ohio law authorizes STRS to offer this plan. Benefits include hospitalization, physicians' fees, prescription drugs and partial reimbursement of monthly Medicare Part B premiums. Health care premiums were reduced by a Medicare Part B premium credit. The Plan is included in the report of STRS which can be obtained by visiting www.strsoh.org or by calling (888) 227-7877.

Medicare Part D is a federal program to help cover the costs of prescription drugs for Medicare beneficiaries. This program allows STRS Ohio to recover part of the cost for providing prescription coverage since all eligible STRS Ohio health care plans include creditable prescription drug coverage.

Funding Policy - Ohio Revised Code Chapter 3307 authorizes STRS to offer the Plan and gives the Retirement Board discretionary authority over how much, if any, of the health care costs will be absorbed by STRS. Active employee members do not contribute to the Health Care Plan. All benefit recipients pay a portion of the health care costs in the form of a monthly premium. Under Ohio law, funding for post-employment health care may be deducted from employer contributions, currently 14% of covered payroll. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2026, STRS did not allocate any employer contributions to post-employment health care.

Net OPEB Liability (Asset)

The net OPEB liability (asset) was measured as of June 30, 2025, and the total OPEB liability used to calculate the net OPEB liability (asset) was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The District's proportion of the net OPEB liability (asset) was based on the District's share of contributions to the respective retirement systems relative to the contributions of all participating entities.

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NOTE 8 - DEFINED BENEFIT OPEB PLANS - (Continued)

Following is information related to the proportionate share:

	<u>SERS</u>	<u>STRS</u>	<u>Total</u>
Proportion of the net OPEB liability/asset prior measurement date	0.066330900%	0.063805240%	
Proportion of the net OPEB liability/asset current measurement date	<u>0.067525000%</u>	<u>0.067788110%</u>	
Change in proportionate share	<u>0.001194100%</u>	<u>0.003982870%</u>	
Proportionate share of the net OPEB liability	\$ 799,875	\$ -	\$ 799,875
Proportionate share of the net OPEB asset	\$ -	\$ (821,443)	\$ (821,443)

Actuarial Assumptions - SERS

The total OPEB liability is determined by SERS' actuaries in accordance with GASB Statement No. 74, as part of their annual actuarial valuation for each retirement plan. Actuarial valuations of an ongoing plan involve estimates of the value of reported amounts (e.g., salaries, credited service) and assumptions about the probability of occurrence of events far into the future (e.g., mortality, disabilities, retirements, employment terminations). Actuarially determined amounts are subject to continual review and potential modifications, as actual results are compared with past expectations and new estimates are made about the future.

Projections of benefits for financial reporting purposes are based on the substantive plan (the plan as understood by the employers and plan members) and include the types of benefits provided at the time of each valuation and the historical pattern of sharing benefit costs between the employers and plan members to that point. The projection of benefits for financial reporting purposes does not explicitly incorporate the potential effects of legal or contractual funding limitations.

Actuarial calculations reflect a long-term perspective. For a newly hired employee, actuarial calculations will take into account the employee's entire career with the employer and also take into consideration the benefits, if any, paid to the employee after termination of employment until the death of the employee and any applicable contingent annuitant. In many cases, actuarial calculations reflect several decades of service with the employer and the payment of benefits after termination.

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NOTE 8 - DEFINED BENEFIT OPEB PLANS - (Continued)

Key methods and assumptions used in calculating the total OPEB liability in the latest actuarial valuation date of June 30, 2025 and June 30, 2024 are presented below:

	June 30, 2025	June 30, 2024
Inflation	2.40%	2.40%
Future salary increases, including inflation	3.25% to 13.58%	3.25% to 13.58%
Investment rate of return	7.00% net of investment expense, including inflation	7.00% net of investment expense, including inflation
Actuarial cost method	Entry Age Normal (Level Percent of Payroll)	Entry Age Normal (Level Percent of Payroll)
Fiduciary net position is projected to be depleted	2053	2059
Municipal bond index rate	5.20%	3.93%
Single equivalent interest rate	5.62%	4.88%

In 2025, the following mortality assumptions were used:

Mortality rates among healthy retirees were based on the PUB-2010 General Employee Amount Weighted Below Median Healthy Retiree mortality table projected to 2017 with ages set forward 1 year and adjusted 94.20 percent for males and set forward 2 years and adjusted 81.35 percent for females. Mortality among disabled members were based upon the PUB-2010 General Disabled Retiree mortality table projected to 2017 with ages set forward 5 years and adjusted 103.3 percent for males and set forward 3 years and adjusted 106.8 percent for females. Mortality rates for contingent survivors were based on PUB-2010 General Amount Weighted Below Median Contingent Survivor mortality table projected to 2017 with ages set forward 1 year and adjusted 105.5 percent for males and adjusted 122.5 percent for females. Mortality rates for actives is based on PUB-2010 General Amount Weighted Below Median Employee mortality table. Mortality rates are projected using a fully generational projection with Scale MP-2020.

In the prior measurement date, the following mortality assumptions were used:

Healthy Retirees - PUB-2010 General Employee Amount Weighted Below Median Healthy Retiree mortality table projected to 2017 with ages set forward 1 year and adjusted 94.20% for males and set forward 2 years and adjusted 81.35% for females.

Disabled Retirees - PUB-2010 General Disabled Retiree mortality table projected to 2017 with ages set forward 5 years and adjusted 103.3% for males and set forward 3 years and adjusted 106.8% for females.

Contingent Survivors - PUB-2010 General Amount Weighted Below Median Contingent Survivor mortality table projected to 2017 with ages set forward 1 year and adjusted 105.5% for males and adjusted 122.5% for females.

Actives - PUB-2010 General Amount Weighted Below Median Employee mortality table.

Mortality Projection - Mortality rates are projected using a fully generational projection with Scale MP-2020.

The most recent experience study was completed for the five-year period ended June 30, 2020.

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NOTE 8 - DEFINED BENEFIT OPEB PLANS - (Continued)

The long-term expected rate on plan assets of return on plan assets is reviewed as part of the actuarial five-year experience study. The most recent five-year experience study was performed for the period covering fiscal years 2016 through 2020, and was adopted by the Board on April 15, 2021. Several factors are considered in evaluating the long-term rate of return assumption including long-term historical data, estimates inherent in current market data, and a long-normal distribution analysis in which best estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected return, net of investment expense and inflation) were developed by the investment consultant for each major asset class. These ranges were combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return, 7.00%, by weighing the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and then adding expected inflation. The assumption is intended to be a long-term assumption and is not expected to change absent a significant change in the asset allocation, a change in the inflation assumption, or a fundamental change in the market that alters expected returns in future years.

The long-term expected nominal rate of return has been determined by calculating a weighted average of the expected real return premiums for each asset class, adding the projected inflation rate, and adding the expected return from rebalancing uncorrelated asset classes.

As of June 30, 2025:

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return (geometric)
Cash	3.00 %	1.12 %
US Equity	22.00	4.64
Non-US Equity Developed	12.00	4.79
Non-US Equity Emerging	6.00	5.34
Fixed Income/Global Bonds	18.00	2.60
Private Equity	14.00	7.02
Real Estate	13.00	3.85
Infrastructure	7.00	4.96
Private Debt/Private Credit	5.00	5.51
Total	<u>100.00 %</u>	

Discount Rate - The discount rate used to measure the total OPEB liability at June 30, 2025, was 5.62%. The discount rate used to measure total OPEB liability prior to June 30, 2025, was 4.88%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions will be made from members and the System at the contribution rate of 1.50% of projected covered payroll each year, which includes a 1.50% payroll surcharge and no contributions from the basic benefits plan. Based on these assumptions, the OPEB plan's fiduciary net position is projected to be depleted in 2053 by SERS' actuaries. The Bond Buyer General Obligation 20-year Municipal Bond Index Rate was used in the determination of the single equivalent interest rate for the June 30, 2025 and the Fidelity General Obligation 20-year Municipal Bond Index Rate was used in the determination of the single equivalent interest rate for both the June 30, 2024 and the June 30, 2025, total OPEB liability. The Municipal Bond Index Rate is the single rate that will generate a present value of benefit payments equal to the sum of the present value determined by the long-term expected rate of return, and the present value determined by discounting those benefits after the date of depletion. The Municipal Bond Index Rate was 5.20% at June 30, 2025 and 3.93% at June 30, 2024.

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NOTE 8 - DEFINED BENEFIT OPEB PLANS - (Continued)

Sensitivity of the District's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate and Changes in the Health Care Cost Trend Rates - The net OPEB liability is sensitive to changes in the discount rate and the health care cost trend rate. The following table presents the proportionate share of the net OPEB liability, what the proportionate share of the net OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1 percentage point lower (4.62%) and higher (6.62%) than the current discount rate (5.62%). Also shown is what the proportionate share of the net OPEB liability would be based on health care cost trend rates that are 1 percentage point lower (5.75% decreasing to 3.40%) and higher (7.75% decreasing to 5.40%) than the current rate (6.75% decreasing to 4.40%).

	1% Decrease	Current Discount Rate	1% Increase
District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability	\$ 1,055,792	\$ 799,875	\$ 595,798

	1% Decrease	Current Trend Rate	1% Increase
District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability	\$ 562,108	\$ 799,875	\$ 1,110,093

Actuarial Assumptions - STRS

Key methods and assumptions used in the latest actuarial valuation, reflecting experience study results used in the June 30, 2025 actuarial valuation, compared with June 30, 2024 actuarial valuation, are presented below:

	June 30, 2025		June 30, 2024	
Projected salary increases	Varies by service from 2.50% to 8.50%		Varies by service from 2.50% to 8.50%	
Investment rate of return	7.00%, net of investment expenses, including inflation		7.00%, net of investment expenses, including inflation	
Payroll increases	3.00%		3.00%	
Discount rate of return	7.00%		7.00%	
Health care cost trends	Initial	Ultimate	Initial	Ultimate
Medical				
Pre-Medicare	7.00%	3.94%	7.50%	3.94%
Medicare	86.77%	3.94%	-112.22%	3.94%
Prescription Drug				
Pre-Medicare	8.00%	3.94%	8.00%	3.94%
Medicare	26.60%	3.94%	-15.14%	3.94%

Projections of benefits include the historical pattern of sharing benefit costs between the employers and retired plan members.

For the June 30, 2025 actuarial valuation, for healthy retirees the post-retirement mortality rates are based on the Pub-2010 Teachers Healthy Annuitant Mortality Table, adjusted 110% for males, projected forward generationally using mortality improvement scale MP-2020; pre-retirement mortality rates are based on Pub-2010 Teachers Employee Table adjusted 95% for females, projected forward generationally using mortality improvement scale MP-2020. For disabled retirees, mortality rates are based on the Pub-2010 Teachers Disabled Annuitant Table projected forward generationally using mortality improvement scale MP-2020.

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NOTE 8 - DEFINED BENEFIT OPEB PLANS - (Continued)

For the prior measurement date, for healthy retirees the post-retirement mortality rates are based on the Pub-2010 Teachers Healthy Annuitant Mortality Table, adjusted 110% for males, projected forward generationally using mortality improvement scale MP-2020; pre-retirement mortality rates are based on Pub-2010 Teachers Employee Table adjusted 95% for females, projected forward generationally using mortality improvement scale MP-2020. For disabled retirees, mortality rates are based on the Pub-2010 Teachers Disabled Annuitant Table projected forward generationally using mortality improvement scale MP-2020.

Actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2025 valuation are based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2021. An actuarial experience study is done on a quinquennial basis.

STRS' investment consultant develops an estimate range for the investment return assumption based on the target allocation adopted by the Retirement Board. The target allocation and long-term expected rate of return for each major asset class are summarized as follows:

Asset Class	Target Allocation*	Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return **
Domestic Equity	26.00 %	6.90 %
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Alternatives	19.00	9.10
Fixed Income	22.00	4.50
Real Estate	10.00	5.10
Liquidity Reserves	1.00	2.40
Total	<u>100.00 %</u>	

* Final target weights reflected at October 1, 2022.

**10-Year annualized geometric nominal returns, which include the real rate of return and inflation of 2.40% and is net of investment expenses. Over a 30-year period, STRS' investment consultant indicates that the above target allocations should generate a return above the actuarial rate of return, without net value added by management.

Discount Rate - The discount rate used to measure the total OPEB liability was 7.00% as of June 30, 2025. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed STRS continues to allocate no employer contributions to the health care fund. Based on those assumptions, the OPEB plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments to current plan members as of June 30, 2025. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on health care plan investments of 7.00% was applied to all periods of projected health care costs to determine the total OPEB liability as of June 30, 2025.

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NOTE 8 - DEFINED BENEFIT OPEB PLANS - (Continued)

Sensitivity of the District's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Asset to Changes in the Discount and Health Care Cost Trend Rate - The following table represents the net OPEB asset as of June 30, 2025, calculated using the current period discount rate assumption of 7.00%, as well as what the proportionate share of the net OPEB asset would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower (6.00%) or one percentage point higher (8.00%) than the current assumption. Also shown is the proportionate share of the net OPEB asset as if it were calculated using health care cost trend rates that are one percentage point lower or one percentage point higher than the current health care cost trend rates.

	1% Decrease	Current Discount Rate	1% Increase
District's proportionate share of the net OPEB asset	\$ 505,164	\$ 821,443	\$ 1,094,807

	1% Decrease	Current Trend Rate	1% Increase
District's proportionate share of the net OPEB asset	\$ 1,112,107	\$ 821,443	\$ 471,386

NOTE 9 - CONTINGENCIES

A. Grants

The District receives financial assistance from federal and State agencies in the form of grants. Disbursing grant funds generally requires compliance with terms and conditions specified in the grant agreements and are subject to audit by the grantor agencies. Any disallowed claims resulting from such audits could become a liability of the General Fund or other applicable funds. However, in the opinion of management, any such disallowed claims will not have a material adverse effect on the overall financial position of the District at June 30, 2026.

B. Litigation

The Wayne Local School District is not a party to any legal proceedings at year end.

C. Foundation Funding

Foundation funding is based on the annualized full-time equivalent (FTE) enrollment of each student. Traditional districts must comply with minimum hours of instruction, instead of a minimum number of school days each year. The funding formula the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce (ODEW) is legislatively required to follow will continue to adjust as enrollment information is updated by the District, which can extend past the fiscal year-end. As of the date of this report, ODEW has not finalized the impact of enrollment adjustments to the June 30, 2026 Foundation funding for the District; therefore, the financial statement impact is not determinable at this time. ODEW and management believe this will result in either a receivable to or liability of the District.

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NOTE 10 - LONG-TERM DEBT

The changes in the District's long-term debt during fiscal year 2026 were as follows:

Governmental Activities

	Balance <u>June 30, 2025</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Reductions</u>	Balance <u>June 30, 2026</u>	Amounts Due in <u>One Year</u>
2018 A Bonds	\$ 8,735,000	\$ -	\$ (330,000)	\$ 8,405,000	\$ 340,000
2018 B Bonds	13,590,000	-	(235,000)	13,355,000	250,000
Sub-total	<u>22,325,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(565,000)</u>	<u>21,760,000</u>	<u>590,000</u>
Finance Purchase Obligation	<u>1,400,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(57,000)</u>	<u>1,343,000</u>	<u>118,000</u>
Sub-total Finance Purchase	<u>1,400,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(57,000)</u>	<u>1,343,000</u>	<u>118,000</u>
Grand Total	<u>\$ 23,725,000</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (622,000)</u>	<u>\$ 23,103,000</u>	<u>\$ 708,000</u>

All current obligation bonds outstanding were issued to provide funds for the acquisition and construction of equipment and facilities and are general obligations of the District for which the full faith and credit of the district is pledged for repayment. Accordingly, payments of principal and interest relating to the liabilities are recorded as disbursements in the debt retirement fund (a nonmajor governmental fund). The source of payment is derived from bonded debt tax levies. The original millage passed for collection of the 1996 (final refinance date of 2014) was 5.95 mills. However due to property growth and the refinancing of select bonds the current effective tax millage is 2.0 mills. On June 24, 2003, the District issued general obligation bonds to provide funds for an advance refunding of a portion of the original issue 1996 general obligation bonds. The proceeds were used to advance refund a total of \$4,255,000 of the 1996 general obligation bonds. The securities and proceeds were placed in an irrevocable trust for the purpose of generating resources for all future debt service payments of the refunded debt. The total amount of such future debt services were completely paid as of June 30, 2007. The refunded bonds are not included in the District's outstanding debt since the District has satisfied its obligations through the advance refunding. In 2014, the District refinanced the "then" remaining portion of the 2003 Bond amounts on November 6th, 2013. This refinancing yielded a \$195,460 savings or 24.9% savings of the interest we would have paid over the life of these bonds. The 2003 bond issue was comprised of both general obligation current interest bonds with an outstanding face value of \$3,300,000 which have now been refinanced, and capital appreciation bonds with a face value of \$24,983 with a premium of \$830,656. The remaining CAB's accreted to a value of \$750,000 at the time of repayment in fiscal year of 2025.

The capital appreciation bonds (CAB) were issued as part of an advance refunding, and the CAB's were issued at a deep discount. The effective accretion rate including the effect of the amortization of the premium is 16.12%.

In 2018, the District passed a 30 year levy and issued \$9,400,000 of bank qualified bonds and \$16,225,000 of non-bank qualified bonds for construction of a new elementary and an academic/art center on the current campus site. The current effective millage is 4.86 mills. To allow for the maximum bank qualified bonds the District could issue, the district strategically issued Bond Anticipation notes of \$9,500,000 in December of 2017 and they were paid off in March of 2018. The interest rates range from 2.0% to 5.0%.

Interest payments on the bonds are due on June 1 and December 1, of each year. Principal payments are due on December 1, of each year. The final maturity of the outstanding bonds is December 1, 2047.

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NOTE 10 - LONG-TERM DEBT - (Continued)

The following is a summary of future annual requirements to maturity for General Obligation bonds:

Fiscal Year Ending June 30,	<u>Current Interest Bonds</u>		
	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2027	\$ 590,000	\$ 777,319	\$ 1,367,319
2028	615,000	750,668	1,365,668
2029	670,000	723,668	1,393,668
2030	700,000	699,769	1,399,769
2031	720,000	677,975	1,397,975
2032-2036	4,060,000	3,017,408	7,077,408
2037-2041	5,145,000	2,194,846	7,339,846
2042-2046	6,305,000	1,157,518	7,462,518
2047-2048	2,955,000	111,844	3,066,844
Total	<u>\$ 21,760,000</u>	<u>\$ 10,111,015</u>	<u>\$ 31,871,015</u>

In 2025, The District issued a finance purchase obligation of \$1,400,000 for bus purchases, a replacement chiller at the high school, replacement high school bleachers, and replacement vehicles. The interest rate of the obligation is 4.185%. Interest payments on the lease purchase are due on June 1 and December 1, of each year. Principal payments are due on December 1, of each year. The final maturity of the outstanding lease purchase is December 1, 2035.

The following is a summary of future annual requirements to maturity for the finance purchase obligation:

Fiscal Year Ending June 30,	<u>Finance Purchase Obligation</u>		
	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2027	\$ 118,000	\$ 54,991	\$ 172,991
2028	122,000	50,011	172,011
2029	129,000	44,842	173,842
2030	133,000	39,401	172,401
2031	138,000	33,773	171,773
2032 - 2036	703,000	75,519	778,519
Total	<u>\$ 1,343,000</u>	<u>\$ 298,537</u>	<u>\$ 1,641,537</u>

Legal Debt Margin

The Ohio Revised Code provides that voted net general obligations of the District shall never exceed 9% of the total assessed valuation of the District. The code further provides that un-voted indebtedness shall not exceed 1/10 of 1% of the property valuation of the District; however there is an exception to the rule under ORC 133.06(I) for districts engaged in a Classroom Facilities Assistance Project (CFAP). The district is engaged in a CFAP and the district did not need to use the exception. The effect of these debt limitations at June 30, 2026 is a debt margin of \$25,189,668 including available funds of \$833,143 of the fiscal year-end balance of the Debt Retirement Fund (a nonmajor governmental fund).

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NOTE 11 - SET-ASIDE CALCULATIONS

The District is required by State statute to annually set aside in the general fund an amount based on a statutory formula for the acquisition, maintenance and construction of capital assets, maintenance and improvement. Amounts not spent by year-end or offset by similarly restricted resources received during the year must be held in cash at year-end and carried forward to be used for the same purposes in future years. The following cash basis information describes the change in the year-end set-aside amounts for capital purposes:

	<u>Capital Improvement</u>
Set-aside balance June 30, 2025	\$ -
Current year set-aside requirement	347,799
Current year offsets	<u>(982,063)</u>
Total	<u>\$ (634,264)</u>
Cash Balance Carried Forward to fiscal year 2027	<u>\$ -</u>
Set-aside balance June 30, 2026	<u>\$ -</u>

The District had offsets for capital acquisition during the year that reduced the set-aside amount below zero. This extra amount by law may not be used to reduce the set-aside requirement of future years. The negative amount is therefore not presented as being carried forward to the next fiscal year.

NOTE 12 - OTHER COMMITMENTS

The District utilizes encumbrance accounting as part of its budgetary controls. Encumbrances outstanding at year end may be reported as part of restricted, committed, or assigned classifications of fund balance. At year end, the District's commitments for encumbrances in the governmental funds were as follows:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Year-End Encumbrances</u>
General fund	\$ 17,489
Other governmental	<u>237,217</u>
Total	<u>\$ 254,706</u>

NOTE 13 - INTERFUND TRANSACTIONS

- A. Interfund transfers for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2026, consisted of the following, as reported on the fund financial statements:

<u>Transfers to</u>	<u>Transfers from General Fund</u>
Nonmajor governmental fund	<u>\$ 575</u>

Transfers are used to move receipts from the fund that statute or budget required to collect them to the fund that statute or budget requires to expend them, and to use unrestricted receipts collected in the general fund to finance various programs accounted for in other funds in accordance with budgetary authorizations. Transfers between governmental funds are eliminated on the statement of activities.

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NOTE 13 - INTERFUND TRANSACTIONS

- B.** Advances for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2026, consisted of the following, as reported on the fund financial statements:

	<u>Advances out</u>
<u>Advances in</u>	<u>General</u>
	<u>Fund</u>
Nonmajor governmental funds	<u>\$ 10,153</u>

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SCHEDULE OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND CHANGES IN
FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL (NON-GAAP BUDGETARY BASIS)
GENERAL FUND
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	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>		<u>Variance with Original Budget - over (under) Final Budget</u>	<u>Actual Amounts Budgetary Basis</u>	<u>Variance with Final Budget - Over (Under) Actual Amounts</u>
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>			
Budgetary receipts and other financing sources	\$ 20,301,043	\$ 19,803,037	\$ (498,006)	\$ 19,661,403	\$ (141,634)
Budgetary disbursements and other financing uses	<u>22,193,395</u>	<u>21,871,418</u>	<u>(321,977)</u>	<u>21,698,518</u>	<u>(172,900)</u>
Net change in fund balance	(1,892,352)	(2,068,381)	(176,029)	(2,037,115)	31,266
Budgetary fund balance at beginning of year	10,362,322	10,362,322	-	10,362,322	-
Prior year encumbrances appropriated	<u>55,191</u>	<u>55,191</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>55,191</u>	<u>-</u>
Budgetary fund balance at end of year	<u><u>\$ 8,525,161</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 8,349,132</u></u>	<u><u>\$ (176,029)</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 8,380,398</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 31,266</u></u>

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

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NOTE 1 - BUDGETARY PROCESS

Budgetary Process

All funds, except custodial funds, are legally required to be budgeted and appropriated. The major documents prepared are the tax budget, the certificate of estimated resources, and the appropriations resolution, all of which are prepared on the budgetary basis of accounting. The tax budget demonstrates a need for existing or increased tax rates. The certificate of estimated resources establishes a limit on the amount the Board of Education may appropriate.

The appropriations resolution is the Board's authorization to spend resources and sets annual limits on cash disbursements plus encumbrances at the level of control selected by the Board. The legal level of control has been established by the Board at the fund level for all funds. Budgetary allocations at the function and object level within all funds are made by the Treasurer.

The certificate of estimated resources may be amended during the fiscal year if projected increases or decreases in receipts are identified by the Treasurer. The amounts reported as the original budgeted amounts on the budgetary schedules reflect the amounts on the certificate of estimated resources when the original appropriations were adopted. The amounts reported as the final budgeted amounts on the budgetary schedules reflect the amounts on the amended certificate of estimated resources in effect at the time final appropriations were passed by the Board.

The appropriation resolution is subject to amendment throughout the year with the restriction that appropriations cannot exceed estimated resources. The amounts reported as the original budgeted amounts reflect the first appropriation resolution for that fund that covered the entire fiscal year, including amounts automatically carried forward from prior fiscal years. The amounts reported as the final budgeted amounts represent the final appropriation amounts passed by the Board during the fiscal year.

General Fund Budgetary Highlights

The variance between original and final estimated resources is primarily attributable to changes in property tax resource projects. Original estimates anticipated an 11.23% increase over the prior year following the 2024 property reappraisal, which increased total valuation by approximately 25%. Subsequent property tax reform legislation limited resource growth based on GDP-D, reducing the projected increase to 6.8%.

The remaining variance between estimated and actual resources is largely due to state reimbursement for resource reductions resulting from the property tax reform not being received within the fiscal year.

The variance between original and final appropriations is primarily due to reductions in contingencies for substitute staffing and related benefits, as well as tuition payments to other districts.

The variance between final appropriations and actual disbursements resulted primarily from unspent and canceled purchase orders for utility contingencies and potential repairs.

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NOTE 1 - BUDGETARY PROCESS - (Continued)

Budgetary Basis of Accounting

The budgetary basis as provided by law is based upon accounting for certain transactions on the basis of cash receipts, disbursements, and encumbrances. The Schedule of Receipts, Disbursements and Changes in Fund Balance - Budget and Actual - Budgetary Basis presented for the general fund is prepared on the budgetary basis to provide a meaningful comparison of actual results with the budget. The difference between the budgetary basis and the cash basis are as follows:

1. Outstanding year end encumbrances are treated as cash disbursements (budgetary basis) rather than as restricted, committed or assigned fund balance (cash basis).
2. Some funds are included in the general fund (cash basis) but have separate legally adopted budgets (budgetary basis).

Adjustments necessary to convert the results of operations at the end of the fiscal year on the budgetary basis to the cash basis are as follows:

	<u>General</u>
Budgetary basis	\$ (2,037,115)
Funds budgeted elsewhere	(121,009)
Encumbrances	<u>17,489</u>
Cash basis	<u><u>\$ (2,140,635)</u></u>

As part of Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 54, "Fund Balance Reporting", certain funds that are legally budgeted in separate special revenue funds are considered part of the general fund. This includes the public school support fund and the termination benefits fund.