INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 676
BADGER, MINNESOTA

AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

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BADGER, MINNESOTA
ROSTER OF SCHOOL OFFICIALS
June 30, 2024

Chairman	Jamie Isane
Vice-Chairman	Jeramy Swenson
Clerk	Cari Dostal
Treasurer	Jodie Davy
Director	Jared Vonende
Director	Brent Olson
Superintendent (as of June 30, 2024)	Kevin Ricke
Superintendent (effective July 1, 2024)	Daniel Carpenter

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Education
Independent School District No. 676
Badger, Minnesota

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of the Independent School District No. 676, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities and each major fund of the Independent School District No. 676, as of June 30, 2024, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Independent School District No. 676, and to meet our ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Independent School District No. 676's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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

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

- Exercise professional judgement and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.

- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Independent School District No. 676's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.

- Conclude whether, in our judgement, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Independent School District No. 676's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

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

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis, budgetary comparison information, schedule of changes in the District's total OPEB liability and related ratios, schedule of District contributions, schedule of District's share of net pension liability, and notes to required supplementary information as listed in the table of contents as required supplementary information be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements. The schedule of changes in fund balances and compliance table as listed in the table of contents as supplementary information are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the schedule of changes in fund balances and compliance table are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Information

Management is responsible for the other information included in the annual report. The other information comprises the roster of school officials but does not include the basic financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinions on the basic financial statements do not cover the other information, and we do not express an opinion or any form of assurance thereon.

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

Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated October 8, 2024 on our consideration of the District's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Brady Martz

BRADY, MARTZ & ASSOCIATES, P.C.
Thief River Falls, Minnesota

October 8, 2024

This section of Independent School District No. 676's annual financial report presents its discussion and analysis of the District's financial performance during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024. Please read it in conjunction with the District's financial statements, which immediately follow this section.

Financial Highlights

The key financial highlights for the 2023-2024 fiscal year:

- The general fund balance decreased $98,769 during the 2023-2024 school year.
- Student enrollment shows a slight increase.
- Maintaining a quality education while remaining financially healthy requires constant monitoring by management.

Overview of the Financial Statements

This annual report consists of four parts: management's discussion and analysis (this section), the basic financial statements, required supplementary information, and supplementary information. The basic financial statements include two kinds of statements that present different views of the District:

- The first two statements are *district-wide financial statements* that provide both *short-term* and *long-term* information about the District's *overall* financial status.
- The remaining statements are *fund financial statements* that focus on *individual parts* of the District, reporting the District's operations in *more detail* than the district-wide statements.
    - The *governmental funds statements* tell how basic services such as regular and special education were financed in the *short-term* as well as what remains for future spending.

The financial statements also include notes that explain some of the information in the statements and provide more detailed data. The statements are followed by a section of required supplementary information that further explains and supports the financial statements with a comparison of the District's general fund budget for the year, and supplementary information that is presented for additional analysis.

<u>District-wide Statements</u>

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

The two district-wide statements report the District's *net position* and how they have changed. Net position – the difference between the District's assets, liabilities, and deferred inflows/outflows of resources – are one way to measure the District's financial health or *position*.

- Over time, increases or decreases in the District's net position are an indicator of whether its financial position is improving or deteriorating, respectively.

- To assess the District's overall health, you need to consider additional nonfinancial factors such as changes in the District's property tax base and the condition of school buildings and other facilities.

In the district-wide financial statements, the District's activities are shown in one category:

- *Governmental activities*: All of the District's basic services are included here, such as regular and special education, transportation, and administration. Property taxes and state formula aid finance most of these activities.

Fund Financial Statements

The fund financial statements provide more detailed information about the District's funds. Funds are accounting devices the District uses to keep track of specific sources of funding and spending on particular programs.

- Some funds are required by state law and by bond covenants.
- The District establishes other funds to control and manage money for particular purposes (such as repaying its long-term debts) or to show that it is properly using certain revenues.

The District has one kind of fund:

- Governmental funds: The District's basic services are included in governmental funds, which generally focus on (1) how cash and other financial assets that can readily be converted to cash flow in and out and (2) the balances left at year-end that are available for spending. Consequently, the governmental funds statements provide a detailed short-term view that helps you determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance the District's programs. Because this information does not encompass the additional long-term focus of the district-wide statements, reconciliations have been provided following the governmental fund balance sheet and the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances to help explain the relationship (or differences) between the governmental funds and governmental activities.

Financial Analysis of the District as a Whole

Net Position

The District's combined net position was $(247,391) on June 30, 2024 (see details in Table A-1). This was an increase of 8.9 percent from the prior year.

Table A-1
Statement of Net Position

	2024	2023	Total Percentage Change
Current and Other Assets	$ 2,329,339	$ 2,268,019	2.7 %
Capital Assets	852,207	927,031	(8.1)
Total Assets	3,181,546	3,195,050	(0.4)
Deferred Outflows of Resources	680,866	886,321	(23.2)
Long-term Liabilities	2,767,280	2,878,592	(3.9)
Other Liabilities	623,543	583,079	6.9
Total Liabilities	3,390,823	3,461,671	(2.0)
Deferred Inflows of Resources	718,980	891,232	(19.3)
Net Position			
Net Investment in Capital Assets	840,826	909,702	(7.6)
Restricted	988,009	871,057	13.4
Unrestricted	(2,076,226)	(2,052,291)	(1.2)
Total Net Position	$ (247,391)	$ (271,532)	8.9 %

Change in Net Position

Table A-2 presents the change in net position of the District.

Table A-2
Change in Net Position

	2024	2023	Total
Revenues			
Program Revenues			
Charges for Services	$ 180,050	$ 182,508	(1.3) %
Operating Grants and Contributions	1,341,983	935,955	43.4
Capital Grants and Contributions	106,746	213,332	(50.0)
General Revenues			
Property Taxes	434,814	470,940	(7.7)
Unrestricted State Aid	2,143,539	1,970,727	8.8
Other Sources	141,705	135,826	4.3
Total Revenues	4,348,837	3,909,288	11.2
Expenses			
Administration	201,787	187,356	7.7
District Support Services	190,008	209,345	(9.2)
Elementary & Secondary Regular Instruction	1,607,939	1,317,569	22.0
Vocational Education Instruction	183,181	148,953	23.0
Special Education Instruction	643,227	526,145	22.3
Community Education and Services	33,625	42,122	(20.2)
Instructional Support Services	336,607	322,364	4.4
Pupil Support Services	639,554	679,830	(5.9)
Sites and Buildings	442,622	399,846	10.7
Fixed Costs	33,477	48,979	(31.7)
Interest on Long-Term Debt	665	857	(22.4)
Depreciation - Unallocated	12,004	12,004	-
Total Expenses	4,324,696	3,895,370	11.0
Change in Net Position	24,141	13,918	73.5
Net Position - Beginning	(271,532)	(307,143)	11.6
GASB 96 Adjustment		21,693	100.0
Net Position - Beginning, Restated	(271,532)	(285,450)	
Net Position - Ending	$ (247,391)	$ (271,532)	(8.9) %

The District's total revenues were $4,348,837 for the year ended June 30, 2024. Property taxes and state aid payments accounted for 86 percent of total revenue for the year.

The total cost of all programs and services was $4,324,696. The District's expenses are predominantly related to educating and caring for students.

Total revenues surpassed expenses, increasing net position by $24,141 over last year. For the year ended June 30, 2024, the net effect of the District's deferred inflows and outflows of resources and net pension liability related to TRA and PERA increased net position by $129,479. For the year ended June 30, 2023, the net effect of the District's deferred inflows and outflows of resources and net pension liability related to TRA and PERA increased net position by $470,969.

The net cost of governmental activities is their total costs less program revenues applicable to each category.

Table A-3 presents these net costs.

Table A-3
Net Cost of Governmental Activities

	Total Cost of Services 2024	Total Cost of Services 2023	Total Percentage Change	Net Cost of Services 2024	Net Cost of Services 2023	Total Percentage Change
Expenses						
Administration	$ 201,787	$ 187,356	7.7 %	$ 186,801	$ 187,356	(0.3) %
District Support Services	190,008	209,345	(9.2)	190,008	209,345	(9.2)
Elementary & Secondary Regular Instruction	1,607,939	1,317,569	22.0	1,054,037	960,182	9.8
Vocational Education Instruction	183,181	148,953	23.0	145,360	119,795	21.3
Special Education Instruction	643,227	526,145	22.3	178,392	78,289	127.9
Community Education and Services	33,625	42,122	(20.2)	(1,727)	10,770	(116.0)
Instructional Support Services	336,607	322,364	4.4	225,153	270,552	(16.8)
Pupil Support Services	639,554	679,830	(5.9)	326,723	363,855	(10.2)
Sites and Buildings	442,622	399,846	10.7	345,024	301,591	14.4
Fixed Costs	33,477	48,979	(31.7)	33,477	48,979	(31.7)
Interest on Long-Term Debt	665	857	(22.4)	665	857	(22.4)
Depreciation - Unallocated	12,004	12,004	-	12,004	12,004	-
	$ 4,324,696	$ 3,895,370	11.0 %	$ 2,695,917	$ 2,563,575	5.2 %

Financial Analysis of the District's Funds

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

Table A-4
Major Funds

	Fund Balance 6/30/24	Fund Balance 6/30/23	Increase (Decrease)	Percentage Increase (Decrease)
Governmental Funds				
General	$ 1,306,456	$ 1,405,225	$ (98,769)	(7.0) %
Food Service	92,840	82,381	10,459	12.7
Community Service	64,057	47,996	16,061	33.5

General Fund

The general fund includes the primary operations of the District in providing educational services to students from kindergarten through grade 12, including pupil transportation activities and capital outlay projects.

Table A-5 presents a summary of general fund revenue.

Table A-5
General Fund Revenue

	2024	2023	Amount of Increase (Decrease)	Percent Increase (Decrease)
Local Sources				
Property Taxes	$ 419,069	$ 461,709	$ (42,640)	(9.2) %
Interest Earnings	63,005	46,494	16,511	35.5
Other	208,082	220,714	(12,632)	(5.7)
State Sources	3,220,203	2,715,406	504,797	18.6
Federal Sources	113,497	205,906	(92,409)	(44.9)
Other	6,427	5,384	1,043	19.4
Total General Fund Revenue	$ 4,030,283	$ 3,655,613	$ 374,670	10.2 %

Basic general education revenue is determined by a state per student funding formula. Other state-authorized revenue, including excess levy referendum and the property tax shift, involve an equalized mix of property tax and state aid revenue. Therefore, the mix of property tax and state aid can change significantly from year to year without any net change in revenue.

Table A-6 presents a summary of general fund expenditures.

Table A-6
General Fund Expenditures

	2024	2023	Amount of Increase (Decrease)	Percent Increase (Decrease)
Salaries	$ 2,402,521	$ 2,425,107	$ (22,586)	(0.9) %
Employee Benefits	600,353	584,466	15,887	2.7
Purchased Services	629,260	642,087	(12,827)	(2.0)
Supplies and Materials	355,546	337,157	18,389	5.5
Capital Expenditures	122,867	191,635	(68,768)	(35.9)
Debt Service	8,283	1,971	6,312	320.2
Other Expenditures	26,185	12,052	14,133	117.3
Total General Fund Expenditures	$ 4,145,015	$ 4,194,475	$ (49,460)	(1.2) %

General Fund Budgetary Highlights

During the year, the District revised its budget to reflect updated ADM amounts.

The District's final budget for the general fund anticipated that expenditures would exceed revenue by $310,985. The actual results for the year show a deficit of $98,769.

Capital Assets and Long-Term Debt

Capital Assets

Note 3 to the financial statements presents an analysis of capital assets transactions occurring during the year ended June 30, 2024. For the year ended June 30, 2024, the District had additions of a floor scrubber, lawn mower, and a water heater. The District also disposed of a floor scrubber and a water heater.

Long-Term Debt

At year end, the District had $14,722 of long-term debt consisting of special assessment debt and a lease. Note 6 to the financial statements presents details of these items.

Factors Bearing on the District's Future

At the time these financial statements were prepared and audited, the District was aware of the existing circumstances that could significantly affect its financial health in the future:

- Student enrollment.
- Health insurance costs.
- Uncertainty as to federal and state funding.
- The impact of major industries in the area.
- The long-term impact of COVID-19.

Contacting the District's Financial Management

This financial report is designed to provide the District's citizens, taxpayers, customers, investors, and creditors with a general overview of the District's finances and to demonstrate the District's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact the Administration Offices, Independent School District No. 676, 110 Carpenter Avenue East, Badger, MN 56714.

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 676
BADGER, MINNESOTA
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
June 30, 2024

GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES	
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Cash and Investments	$ 1,449,849
Accounts Receivable	3,870
Property Taxes Receivable, Net of Allowance	262,039
Due From Other MN School Districts	110,997
Due From Department of Education	475,513
Due From Federal Thru MDE	20,506
Inventory	6,565
Capital Assets	
Land	15,000
Other Capital Assets, Net of Depreciation and Amortization	837,207
TOTAL ASSETS	3,181,546
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	
Cost Sharing Defined Benefit Pension Plan	649,180
Other Postemployment Benefit	31,686
TOTAL DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	680,866
LIABILITIES	
Accounts Payable	24,259
Due To Other MN School Districts	70,326
Salaries Payable	152,847
Payroll Deductions	173,326
Due To Other Governments	40,000
Compensated Absences	154,985
Long-Term Liabilities Due Within One Year	7,800
Long-Term Liabilities	
Special Assessment Debt	3,341
Lease Payable	11,381
Total Other Postemployment Benefit Liability	137,903
Net Pension Liability	2,622,455
Less Amounts Due Within One Year	(7,800)
Total Long-Term Liabilities	2,767,280
TOTAL LIABILITIES	3,390,823
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	
Property Taxes Levied - Subs. Years	393,832
Cost Sharing Defined Benefit Pension Plan	282,993
Other Postemployment Benefit	42,155
TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	718,980

See Notes to the Basic Financial Statements

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 676
BADGER, MINNESOTA
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION (CONTINUED)
June 30, 2024

NET POSITION	
Net Investment in Capital Assets	840,826
Restricted for:	
Student Activities	87,094
Capital Project Levy	177,687
Staff Development	6,356
Literacy Incentive Aid	10,549
Operating Capital	1,126
School Library Aid	1,082
Safe Schools	8,995
Long Term Facilities Maintenance	470,403
Student Support Personnel	40,000
Medical Assistance	12,971
Food Service	92,840
Community Service	18,995
ECFE	53,687
Community Service	6,224
Unrestricted	(2,076,226)
TOTAL NET POSITION	$ (247,391)

See Notes to the Basic Financial Statements

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 676
BADGER, MINNESOTA
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

Functions/Programs	Expenses	Program Revenues: Charges for Services	Program Revenues: Operating Grants and Contributions	Program Revenues: Capital Grants and Contributions	Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position
GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES					
Administration	$ 201,787	$	$ 14,986	$	$ (186,801)
District Support Services	190,008				(190,008)
Elementary & Secondary Regular Instruction	1,607,939	130,853	423,049		(1,054,037)
Vocational Education Instruction	183,181		37,821		(145,360)
Special Education Instruction	643,227		464,835		(178,392)
Community Education and Services	33,625	4,010	31,342		1,727
Instructional Support Services	336,607	1,030	85,313	25,111	(225,153)
Pupil Support Services	639,554	28,194	284,637		(326,723)
Sites and Buildings	442,622	15,963		81,635	(345,024)
Fixed Costs	33,477				(33,477)
Interest on Long-Term Debt	665				(665)
Depreciation - Unallocated	12,004				(12,004)
TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES	$ 4,324,696	$ 180,050	$ 1,341,983	$ 106,746	(2,695,917)

GENERAL REVENUES	
Taxes	
Property Taxes, Levied for General Purposes	425,109
Property Taxes, Levied for Community Education and Services	9,705
Unrestricted State Aid	2,143,539
Unrestricted Investment Earnings	63,005
Other General Revenue	78,700
TOTAL GENERAL REVENUES	2,720,058
Change in Net Position	24,141
Net Position - Beginning	(271,532)
Net Position - Ending	$ (247,391)

See Notes to the Basic Financial Statements

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 676
BADGER, MINNESOTA
BALANCE SHEET – GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
June 30, 2024

	General Fund	Food Service Fund	Community Service Fund	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS				
Cash and Investments	$ 1,298,438	$ 86,348	$ 65,063	$ 1,449,849
Accounts Receivable	3,870			3,870
Current Property Taxes Receivable	246,803		3,840	250,643
Delinquent Property Taxes Receivable	23,031		364	23,395
Due From Other MN School Districts	110,997			110,997
Due From Department of Education	472,367		3,146	475,513
Due From Federal Thru MDE	20,506			20,506
Inventory		6,565		6,565
TOTAL ASSETS	$ 2,176,012	$ 92,913	$ 72,413	$ 2,341,338
LIABILITIES				
Accounts Payable	$ 24,186	$ 73	$	$ 24,259
Due To Other MN School Districts	70,326			70,326
Salaries Payable	152,847			152,847
Payroll Deductions	173,326			173,326
Due to Other Governments	40,000			40,000
TOTAL LIABILITIES	460,685	73		460,758
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES				
Unavailable Revenue - Delinquent Taxes	23,031		364	23,395
Property Taxes Levied - Subs. Years	385,840		7,992	393,832
TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	408,871		8,356	417,227
FUND BALANCES				
Fund Balance:				
Nonspendable: Inventory		6,565		6,565
Restricted for:				
Student Activities	87,094			87,094
Capital Project Levy	177,687			177,687
Staff Development	6,356			6,356
Literacy Incentive Aid	10,549			10,549
Operating Capital	1,126			1,126
School Library Aid	1,082			1,082
Safe Schools	8,995			8,995
Long Term Facilities Maintenance	470,403			470,403
Student Support Personnel	40,000			40,000
Medical Assistance	12,971			12,971
Food Service		86,275		86,275
Community Education			18,995	18,995
ECFE			53,687	53,687
Community Service			6,224	6,224
Committed for Severance	20,000			20,000
Committed for Transportation	50,000			50,000
Unassigned	420,193		(14,849)	405,344
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	1,306,456	92,840	64,057	1,463,353
TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES, AND FUND BALANCES	$ 2,176,012	$ 92,913	$ 72,413	$ 2,341,338

See Notes to the Basic Financial Statements

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 676
BADGER, MINNESOTA
RECONCILIATION OF THE BALANCE SHEET OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
June 30, 2024

Total fund balances - governmental funds	$	1,463,353
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position are different because:		
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported as assets in governmental funds.		
Cost of capital assets		2,544,796
Less accumulated depreciation		(1,692,589)
Deferred outflows of resources relating to the cost sharing defined benefit plans and other postemployment benefits in the governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the governmental funds.		680,866
Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported as liabilities in the governmental funds.		
Special Assessment Debt		(3,341)
Lease Payable		(11,381)
Total other postemployment benefits liability		(137,903)
Net Pension Liability		(2,622,455)
Deferred inflows of resources relating to the cost sharing defined benefit plans and other postemployment benefits in the governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the governmental funds.		(325,148)
Compensated absences are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported as a liability in the governmental funds.		(154,985)
Other long-term assets are not available to pay for current period expenditures and, therefore, are deferred in the governmental funds.		23,396
An allowance has been set up for taxes receivable in the government-wide financial statements.		(12,000)
Net position - governmental activities	$	(247,391)

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 676
BADGER, MINNESOTA
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES – GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

	General Fund	Food Service Fund	Community Service Fund	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES				
Local Property Tax Levies	$ 419,069	$	$ 13,492	$ 432,561
Other Local & County Revenues	271,087	372	4,010	275,469
Revenue From State Sources	3,220,203	70,898	32,184	3,323,285
Revenue From Federal Sources	113,497	141,551		255,048
Sale/Other Conversion of Asset	6,427	28,194		34,621
TOTAL REVENUES	4,030,283	241,015	49,686	4,320,984
EXPENDITURES				
Current				
Administration	201,787			201,787
District Support Services	190,008			190,008
Elementary & Secondary Regular Instruction	1,745,163			1,745,163
Vocational Education Instruction	173,221			173,221
Special Education Instruction	643,227			643,227
Community Education and Services			33,625	33,625
Instructional Support Services	304,840			304,840
Pupil Support Services	366,255	230,556		596,811
Sites and Buildings	355,887			355,887
Fixed Costs	33,477			33,477
Debt Service				
Principal	7,618			7,618
Interest	665			665
Capital Outlay	122,867			122,867
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	4,145,015	230,556	33,625	4,409,196
Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(114,732)	10,459	16,061	(88,212)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES				
Insurance Recovery	15,963			15,963
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	15,963			15,963
Net Change in Fund Balances	(98,769)	10,459	16,061	(72,249)
Fund Balances - Beginning	1,405,225	82,381	47,996	1,535,602
Fund Balances - Ending	$ 1,306,456	$ 92,840	$ 64,057	$ 1,463,353

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 676
BADGER, MINNESOTA
RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

Total net change in fund balances - governmental funds	$	(72,249)
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:		
Capital outlays are reported in governmental funds as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets are allocated over the estimated useful lives as depreciation expense.		
Capital Outlay		43,775
Depreciation and Amortization expense		(109,856)
The net effect of various transactions involving capital assets is a decrease in net position.		(8,743)
Revenue in the statement of activities that does not provide current financial resources is not reported as revenues in the governmental funds.		2,254
Change in net pension liability.		107,968
Change in deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to net pension liability.		21,511
Change in deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to other postemployment benefit liability.		45,423
The District recognized pension expense and grant revenue for the District's proportionate share of the State of Minnesota's contribution to the PERA and TRA.		
Payment of principal is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the payment reduces long-term liabilities in the statement of net position.		7,618
In the statement of activities, certain expenses are measured by the amounts earned during the year. In the governmental funds, however, expenditures for these items are measured by the amount of financial resources used (essentially, the amounts paid).		
Other postemployment benefits		(4,455)
Compensated absences		(9,105)
Change in net position - governmental activities	$	24,141

NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Basis of Presentation

The financial statements of Independent School District No. 676 have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) as applied to governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles.

B. Reporting Entity

The District's policy is to include in the financial statements all funds, departments, agencies, boards, commissions, and other component units for which the District is considered financially accountable.

Component units are legally separated entities for which the District (primary government) is financially accountable, or for which the exclusion of the component unit would render the financial statements of the primary government misleading. The criteria used to determine if the primary government is financially accountable for a component unit includes whether or not the primary government appoints the voting majority of the potential component unit's governing body, is able to impose its will on the potential component unit, is in a relationship of financial benefit or burden with the potential component unit, or is fiscally dependent upon by the potential component unit.

Based on these criteria, there are no organizations considered component units of the District.

C. Basic Financial Statement Presentation

The district-wide financial statements (i.e. the statement of net position and the statement of activities) display information about the reporting government as a whole. These statements include all the financial activities of the District.

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

The District applies restricted resources first when an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net position are available. Depreciation expense that can be specifically identified by function is included in the direct expenses of each function.

Separate fund financial statements are provided for governmental funds. All individual governmental funds are reported in separate columns in the fund financial statements.

D. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

The accounting and financial reporting treatment applied is determined by its measurement focus and basis of accounting. The district-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing or related cash flows. Property taxes are generally recognized as revenues in the fiscal year for which they are levied, except for advance amounts recognized in accordance with a statutory “tax shift.” Grants and similar items are recognized when all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under this basis of accounting transactions are recorded in the following manner:

Revenue Recognition – Revenue is recognized when it becomes measurable and available. “Measurable” means the amount of the transaction can be determined and “available” means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current period. Property tax revenue is generally considered available if collected within 60 days after year-end. State revenue is recognized in the year to which it applies according to Minnesota Statutes and accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Minnesota Statutes include state aid funding formulas for specific fiscal years. Federal revenue is recorded in the year in which the related expenditure is made. Other revenue is considered available if collected within one year.

Recording of Expenditures – Expenditures are generally recorded when a liability is incurred. However, expenditures are recorded as prepaid for approved disbursements or liabilities incurred in advance of the year in which the item is to be used. Principal and interest on long-term debt issues are recognized on their due dates.

As a general rule, the effect of interfund activity has been eliminated from the district-wide financial statements.

Description of Funds

The existence of the various District funds has been established by the State of Minnesota, Department of Education. Each fund is accounted for as an independent entity. Descriptions of the funds included in this report are as follows:

Major Governmental Funds

General Fund – Accounts for all financial resources and transactions except those required to be accounted for in other funds including pupil transportation and capital outlay activities, which were previously (prior to July 1, 1996) accounted for in separate special revenue funds.

Special Revenue Funds – Accounts for proceeds of specific revenue sources (other than permanent fund and major capital projects) that are legally restricted to expenditures for specified purposes. The District’s special revenue funds and their purposes are as follows:

Food Service – Accounts for all activities associated with the preparation and serving of regular and incidental meals, lunches or snacks in connection with school activities.

Community Service – Accounts for the resources designated for programs other than those for elementary and secondary students.

GASB No. 34 also requires that budget vs. actual information be presented for the general fund and all major special revenue funds.

E. Specific Account Information

Cash and Investments – Cash and temporary investments include balances from all funds that are combined and invested to the extent available in various securities as authorized by state law. Earnings from the pooled investments are allocated to the respective funds on the basis of applicable cash balances participation by each fund.

Investments are carried at fair value. The District considers certificates of deposit to be cash.

When fair value measurements are required, various data is used in determining those values. Assets and liabilities that are carried at fair value must be classified and disclosed in the following levels based on the nature of the data used.

Level 1: Quoted market prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities
Level 2: Observable market based inputs or unobservable inputs that are corroborated by market data
Level 3: Unobservable market inputs that are not corroborated by market data

Taxes Receivable – Taxes receivable represents taxes levied in 2023 which are not payable until 2024, net of the amount received prior to June 30.

Property Taxes – Property tax levies are certified to the County Auditor in December of each year for collection from taxpayers in May and October of the following year. In Minnesota, counties act as collection agents for all property taxes. The county spreads all levies over taxable property. Such taxes become a lien on property on the following January 1. The county generally remits taxes to the District at periodic intervals as the taxes are collected.

A portion of property taxes levied is paid by the State of Minnesota through various tax credits, which are included in revenue from state sources in the financial statements.

Generally, tax revenue is recognized in the fiscal year ending June 30, following the calendar year in which the tax levy is collectible, while the current calendar year tax levy is recorded as unavailable revenue (property taxes levied for subsequent years).

The majority of the revenue in the general fund is determined annually by statutory funding formulas. The total revenue allowed by these formulas is then allocated between property taxes and state aids by the legislature based on education funding priorities. Changes in this allocation are periodically accompanied by a change in property tax revenue recognition referred to as the “tax shift.”

Taxes, which remain unpaid, are classified as delinquent taxes receivable. Revenue from these delinquent property taxes that is not collected within 60 days of year-end is deferred in the fund based financial statements because it is not known to be available to finance the operations of the District in the current year. The allowance for uncollectible taxes is $12,000.

Inventory – Inventory is recorded using the consumption method of accounting and consists of purchased food, supplies, and surplus commodities received from the federal government. Food and supply purchases are recorded at invoice cost, computed on a first-in, first-out method. Surplus commodities are stated at standardized costs, as determined by the Department of Agriculture.

Capital Assets – Capital assets are capitalized at historical cost, or estimated historical cost for assets where actual historical cost is not available. Donated capital assets are recorded at acquisition value at the date of donation. The District maintains a threshold level of $5,000 or more for capitalizing capital assets. Expenditures for major additions and improvements that extend the useful lives of property and equipment are capitalized. Routine expenditures for repairs and maintenance are charged to expense as incurred.

Capital assets are recorded in the district-wide financial statements, but are not reported in the fund financial statements. Capital assets are depreciated using the straight-line method over their estimated useful lives. Since surplus assets are sold for an immaterial amount when declared as no longer needed for public school purpose by the District, no salvage value is taken into consideration for depreciation purposes. Useful lives vary from 20 to 50 years for land improvements and buildings and 3 to 20 years for equipment.

Capital assets not being depreciated include land and construction in progress, if any.

The District does not possess any material amounts of infrastructure capital assets, such as sidewalks and parking lots. Such items are considered part of the cost of buildings or other improvable property.

Leases – The determination of whether an arrangement contains a lease is made at inception by evaluating whether the arrangement conveys the right to use an identified asset and whether the District has control of the right to use asset. Control includes the right to obtain present service capacity and the right to determine the nature and manner of use of the underlying asset, as specified in the contract.

Leases with an initial lease term of more than 12 months, or that contain an option to purchase that the District is reasonably certain to exercise, are recognized based on the present value of lease payments over the lease term discounted using the interest rate implicit in the lease. In cases where the implicit rate is not readily determinable, the District uses its incremental borrowing rate based on the information available at the lease commencement date. The District accounts for lease agreements with lease and non-lease components together as a single lease component for all underlying classes of assets. Short term leases have a term of 12 months or less at lease commencement and do not include an option to purchase the underlying asset that the District is reasonably certain to exercise.

Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements (SBITA) – Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements (SBITA) are contracts that conveys control of the right to use another party's IT software, alone or in combination with tangible capital assets (the underlying IT assets), as specified in the contract for a period of time in an exchange or exchange-like transaction.

The determination of whether a SBITA asset and liability are to be recorded in the financial statements is made at inception by evaluating the maximum possible term of the SBITA.

A SBITA contract with an initial term of more than 12 months, or that contain an option to extend the contract more than 12 months that is reasonably expected to be exercised by the District, are recognized based on the present value of subscription payments over the contract term discounted using the interest rate implicit in the lease. In cases where the implicit rate is not readily determinable, the District uses its incremental borrowing rate based on the information available at the SBITA contract commencement date. The District has made an accounting policy election to use a risk free rate based on US Treasury T-bill rate as of the SBITA contract commencement.

The District continues to recognize short-term SBITA subscription payments as outflows of resources (expenditure) based on the payment provision of the SBITA contract. Short-term SBITA contracts have a maximum possible term under the SBITA contract of 12 months (or less), including any options to extend, regardless of their probability of being exercised.

The amortizable life of SBITA assets are limited to the shorter of the expected agreement term or the useful life of the underlying asset.

<u>Compensated Absences</u> – It is the District's policy to permit employees to accumulate earned but unused sick and vacation pay. All sick and vacation pay is accrued when incurred in the district-wide financial statements. A liability for these amounts is reported in governmental funds only if they have matured, for example, as a result of employee resignations and retirements.

<u>Long-Term Obligations</u> – In the district-wide financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the applicable governmental activities. Existing bonded debt is reported at the face value of remaining indebtedness. For any new indebtedness that may be issued in the future, bond premiums and discounts, will be deferred and amortized over the life of the bonds using the effective interest method. Bonds payable will be reported net of the applicable bond premium or discount. Bond issuance costs will be expensed in the period incurred.

In the fund financial statements, governmental fund types recognize bond premiums and discounts, as well as bond issuance costs, during the current period. The face amount of debt issued is reported as other financing sources. Premiums received on debt issuances are reported as other financing sources while discounts on debt issuances are reported as other financing uses. Issuance costs, whether or not withheld from the actual debt proceeds received, are reported as debt service expenditures.

<u>Pensions</u> – For purposes of measuring the net pension liability, deferred outflows/inflows of resources, and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the Public Employees Retirement Association (PERA) and Teachers Retirement Association (TRA) and additions to/deductions from PERA and TRA's fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by PERA and TRA. For this purpose, plan contributions are recognized as of employer payroll paid dates and benefit payments, and refunds are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value.

TRA has a special funding situation created by direct aid contributions made by the State of Minnesota, City of Minneapolis and Minneapolis School District. The direct aid is a result of the merger of the Minneapolis Teachers Retirement Fund Association merger into TRA in 2006. A second direct aid source is from the State of Minnesota for the merger of the Duluth Teacher's Retirement Fund Association (DTRFA) in 2015.

<u>Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources</u> – In addition to assets, the statement of net position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred outflows of resources, represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resource (expense/expenditure) until then. The District has two items that qualify for reporting in this category named *Cost Sharing Defined Benefit Pension Plan* and *Other Postemployment Benefits* which represents actuarial differences within PERA and TRA pension plans as well as amounts paid to the plans after the measurement date.

In addition to liabilities, the statement of net position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred inflows of resources, represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. The District has three types of items, one of which arises only under a modified accrual basis of accounting that qualifies for reporting in this category. Accordingly, the item, *unavailable revenue – delinquent taxes*, is reported only in the governmental funds balance sheet. The governmental funds report unavailable revenues from one source, property taxes. These amounts are deferred and recognized as an inflow of resources in the period that the amounts become available. The item, *property* *taxes levied – subs. years,* is reported as a deferred inflow of resources for both the Balance Sheet – Governmental Funds and the Statement of Net Position as these amounts represent property tax revenue levied for a subsequent period. The third items, *Cost Sharing Defined Benefit Pension Plan* and *Other Postemployment Benefits* represent actuarial differences within PERA and TRA pension plans and other postemployment benefits.

Net Position – Net position represents the difference between (a) assets and deferred outflows of resources and (b) liabilities and deferred inflows of resources in the District's financial statements. Net investment in capital assets consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and amortization, reduced by the outstanding balances of any long-term debt attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets. Restricted Net Position consists of restricted assets reduced by liabilities and deferred inflows of resources related to those assets. Unrestricted Net Position is the net amount of assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources that are not included in the determination of net investment in capital assets or the restricted component of net position.

Net Position Flow Assumption – Sometimes the government will fund outlays for a particular purpose for both restricted (e.g., restricted bond or grant proceeds) and unrestricted resources. In order to calculate the amounts to report as restricted – net position and unrestricted – net position in the government-wide financial statements, a flow assumption must be made about the order in which the resources are considered to be applied. It is the government's policy to consider restricted – net position to have been depleted before unrestricted – net position is applied.

Fund Balance – The following classifications describe the relative strength of the spending constraints placed on the purposes for which resources can be used:

> Nonspendable – Consists of amounts that are not in spendable form (such as inventory) or are required to be maintained intact.
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> Restricted – Consists of amounts related to externally imposed constraints established by creditors, grantors or contributors; or constraints imposed by state statutory provisions and administered by the Minnesota Department of Education.
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> Committed – Consists of amounts constrained to specific purposes by a government itself, using its highest level of decision making authority; to be reported as committed, amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the government takes the same highest level action to remove or change the constraint.
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> Assigned – Consists of amounts a government intends to use for a specific purpose. These constraints are established by the Board of Education and/or management. The Board of Education delegates the power to assign fund balances to the superintendent and business manager.
>
> Unassigned – Consists of amounts that are available for any purpose; positive amounts are reported only in the general fund.

When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is the District's policy to first use restricted resources, and then use unrestricted resources as they are needed. When committed, assigned or unassigned resources are available for use, it is the District's policy to use resources in the following order: 1) committed, 2) assigned, and 3) unassigned.

The District's goal is to maintain an unrestricted general fund balance, defined as the total of the committed, assigned, and unassigned fund balance categories, of not less than 5 percent and not more than 30 percent of the general fund's annual operating expenditure budget.

F. Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Ultimate results could differ from those estimates.

NOTE 2 DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

The District maintains a cash account at its depository bank. Investments are carried at fair value. The District considers certificates of deposit to be cash.

The District's interest income for the year ended June 30, 2024, was $63,005.

The pooled cash and investment account is comprised of the following:

Cash	$ 491,946
Investments	957,903
Total	$ 1,449,849

As of June 30, 2024, the District's investments were in the Minnesota School District Liquid Asset Fund Plus external investment pool.

Investment	Fair Value (Level 1)
Minnesota School District Liquid Asset Fund Plus	$ 957,903

The Minnesota School District Liquid Asset Fund Plus is a common law trust organized and existing under the laws of the State of Minnesota, in accordance with the provisions of the Minnesota Joint Powers Act. The general objective of the Fund is to provide a high yield for the participants while maintaining liquidity and preserving capital by investing only in instruments authorized by Minnesota Statutes, which govern the temporary investment of School District monies. In addition, the fixed rate/fixed term portion of the program is also structured with safety of principal as the major objective.

The Minnesota School District Liquid Asset Fund Plus is an external investment pool not registered with the Securities Exchange Commission (SEC) that follows the same regulatory rules of the SEC under 2a7. The fair value of the position is the same as the value of the pool shares.

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

Credit Risk - The District may invest idle funds as authorized in Minnesota Statutes, as follows:

(a) Direct obligations or obligations guaranteed or insured issued by the United States, its agencies, its instrumentalities, or organizations created by an act of Congress.
(b) General obligations and revenue obligations of any state or local government with taxing powers rated “A” and “AA”, respectively, and general obligations of the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency which is a moral obligation of the State of Minnesota and rated “A” or better.
(c) Commercial paper issued by United States corporations or their Canadian subsidiaries, rated in the highest quality by at least two rating agencies, and maturing in 270 days or less.
(d) Time deposits that are fully insured by the FDIC or bankers acceptances of U.S. banks.
(e) Shares of investment companies registered under the Federal Investment Company Act of 1940 and whose only investments are in securities described in (a) above.
(f) Repurchase or reverse repurchase agreements with banks that are qualified as a “depository” of public funds of the government entity, any other financial institution which is a member of the Federal Reserve System with capitalization exceeding $10,000,000, a primary reporting dealer in U.S. government securities to the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, or certain Minnesota securities broker-dealers.
(g) Guaranteed investment contracts (GIC’s) issued or guaranteed by United States commercial banks or domestic branches of foreign banks or United States insurance companies if similar debt obligations of the issuer or the collateral pledged by the issuer is in the top two rating categories, or in the top three rating categories for long-term GIC’s issued by Minnesota banks.
(h) Securities lending agreements with financial institutions having its principal executive office in Minnesota and meeting the qualifications described in (f) above.

The Minnesota School District Liquid Asset Fund Plus is rated AAA by Standard & Poor’s.

Concentration of Credit Risk - The District places no limit on the amount the District may invest in any one issuer.

Custodial Credit Risk - Deposits – The District does not have a policy for custodial credit risk. In accordance with Minnesota Statutes, the District maintains deposits at those depository banks authorized by the District's board, all of which are members of the Federal Reserve System. Minnesota Statutes require that all district deposits be protected by insurance, surety bond, or collateral. The market value of collateral pledged must equal 110 percent of the deposits not covered by insurance or bonds. As of June 30, 2024, the District was not exposed to custodial credit risk.

Custodial Credit Risk - Investments - The investment in the Minnesota School District Liquid Asset Fund Plus is not subject to the credit risk classifications as noted in paragraph 9 of GASB Statement 40.

NOTE 3 CAPITAL ASSETS

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

	Beginning Balance	Increases	Decreases	Ending Balance
Capital Assets, not being depreciated:				
Land	$ 15,000	$	$	$ 15,000
Capital Assets, being depreciated:				
Land Improvements	20,000			20,000
Buildings	1,152,080	13,760	5,800	1,160,040
Equipment	1,276,965	17,101	7,694	1,286,372
Right to use - Lease Equipment	28,777			28,777
Right to use - SBITA	21,693	12,914		34,607
Total Capital Assets, being depreciated	2,499,515	43,775	13,494	2,529,796
Less Accumulated Depreciation for:				
Land Improvements	13,500	1,000		14,500
Buildings	628,511	30,384	1,160	657,735
Equipment	929,393	61,681	3,591	987,483
Right to use - Lease Equipment	11,908	5,954		17,862
Right to use - SBITA	4,172	10,837		15,009
Total Accumulated Depreciation	1,587,484	109,856	4,751	1,692,589
Total Capital Assets, being depreciated, net	912,031	(66,081)	8,743	837,207
Governmental Activities Capital Assets, net	$ 927,031	$ (66,081)	$ 8,743	$ 852,207

In the statement of activities, depreciation/amortization expense was charged to the following governmental functions:

Elementary & Secondary Regular Instruction	$ 14,481
Vocational Educational Instruction	833
Instructional Support Services	10,837
Pupil Support Services	42,744
Sites and Buildings	28,957
	97,852
Unallocated	12,004
Total Depreciation	$ 109,856

NOTE 4 DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS - STATEWIDE

Substantially, all employees of the District are required by state law to belong to pension plans administered by Teachers Retirement Association (TRA) or Public Employees Retirement Association (PERA), all of which are administered on a statewide basis.

Disclosures relating to these plans follow:

A. Public Employees Retirement Association

Plan Description – The District participates in the following cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plans administered by the Public Employees Retirement Association of Minnesota (PERA). PERA's defined benefit pension plans are established and administered in accordance with *Minnesota Statutes*, Chapters 353 and 356. PERA's defined benefit pension plans are tax qualified plans under Section 401 (a) of the Internal Revenue Code.

General Employees Retirement Plan
The General Employees Retirement Plan covers certain full-time and part-time employees of the District. General Employees Plan members belong to the Coordinated Plan. Coordinated Plan members are covered by Social Security.

Benefits Provided – PERA provides retirement, disability, and death benefits. Benefit provisions are established by state statute and can only be modified by the state Legislature. Vested, terminated employees who are entitled to benefits, but are not receiving them yet, are bound by the provisions in effect at the time they last terminated their public service.

General Employees Plan benefits are based on a member's highest average salary for any five successive years of allowable service, age, and years of credit at termination of service. Two methods are used to compute benefits for PERA's Coordinated Plan members. Members hired prior to July 1, 1989, receive the higher of Method 1 or Method 2 formulas. Only Method 2 is used for members hired after June 30, 1989. Under Method 1, the accrual rate for a Coordinated Plan member is 1.2% for each of the first ten years of service and 1.7% for each additional year. Under Method 2, the accrual rate for Coordinated members is 1.7% for all years of service. For members hired prior to July 1, 1989, a full annuity is available when age plus years of service equal 90 and normal retirement age is 65. For members hired on or after July 1, 1989, normal retirement age is the age for unreduced Social Security benefits capped at 66.

Benefit increases are provided to benefit recipients each January. The postretirement increase will be equal to 50 percent of the cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) announced by the SSA, with a minimum increase of at least 1 percent and a maximum of 1.5 percent. Recipients that have been receiving the annuity or benefit for at least a full year as of June 30 before the effective date of the increase will receive the full increase. Recipients receiving the annuity or benefit for at least one month but less than a full year as of June 30 before the effective date of the increase will receive a reduced prorated increase. In 2023 legislation repealed the statute delaying increases for members retiring before full retirement age.

In 2023, the legislature allocated funding for a one-time lump-sum payment to General Employee benefit recipients. Eligibility criteria and the payment amount is specified in statute. The one-time payment is non-compounding towards future benefits.

Contributions – Minnesota Statutes Chapter 353 sets the rates for employer and employee contributions. Contribution rates can only be modified by the state Legislature.

Coordinated Plan members were required to contribute 6.50 percent of their annual covered salary in fiscal year 2024 and the District was required to contribute 7.50 percent for Coordinated Plan members. The District's contributions to the General Employees Fund for the year ended June 30, 2024, were $56,694. The District's contributions were equal to the required contributions as set by state statute.

Pension Costs – At June 30, 2024, the District reported a liability of $508,862 for its proportionate share of the General Employees Fund's net pension liability. The District's net pension liability reflected a reduction due to the State of Minnesota's contribution of $16 million. The State of Minnesota is considered a non-employer contributing entity and the state's contribution meets the definition of a special funding situation. The State of Minnesota's proportionate share of the net pension liability associated with the District totaled $13,951.

The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2023, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The District's proportionate share of the net pension liability was based on the District's contributions received by PERA during the measurement period for employer payroll paid dates from July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023, relative to the total employer contributions received from all of PERA's participating employers. The District's proportionate share was 0.0091% at the end of the measurement period and 0.0093% for the beginning of the period.

District's proportionate share of net pension liability	$	508,862
State of Minnesota's proportionate share of the net pension liability associated with the District		13,951
Total	$	522,813

For the year ended June 30, 2024, the District recognized pension expense of $91,223 for its proportionate share of the General Employee Plan's pension expense. In addition, the District recognized $63 as grant revenue for its proportionate share of the State of Minnesota's pension expense for the annual $16 million contribution.

At June 30, 2024, the District reported its proportionate share of General Employees Plan's deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual economic experience	$ 16,800	$ 3,775
Difference between projected and actual investment earnings		30,447
Changes in actuarial assumptions	88,533	139,476
Changes in proportion	27,366	22,961
Contributions paid to PERA subsequent to the measurement date	56,694	
Total	$ 189,393	$ 196,659

The $56,694 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from District contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ending June 30, 2025. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year Ending June 30	Pension Expense Amount
2025	$ 28,575
2026	(91,787)
2027	10,294
2028	(11,042)

Long-Term Expected Return on Investment – The State Board of Investment, which manages the investments of PERA, prepares an analysis of the reasonableness on a regular basis of the long-term expected rate of return using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future rates of return are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce an expected long-term rate of return by weighting the expected future rates of return by the target asset allocation percentages. The target allocation and best estimates of geometric real rates of return for each major asset class are summarized in the following table:

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return
Domestic Equity	33.50%	5.10%
Private Markets	25.00%	5.90%
Fixed Income	25.00%	0.75%
International Equity	16.50%	5.30%

Actuarial Methods and Assumptions – The total pension liability in the June 30, 2023, actuarial valuation was determined using an individual entry-age normal actuarial cost method. The long-term rate of return on pension plan investments used in the determination of the total liability is 7.0 percent. This assumption is based on a review of inflation and investments return assumptions from a number of national investment consulting firms. The review provided a range of return investment return rates deemed to be reasonable by the actuary. An investment return of 7.0 percent was deemed to be within that range of reasonableness for financial reporting purposes.

Inflation is assumed to be 2.25 percent. Benefit increases after retirement are assumed to be 1.25 percent.

Salary growth assumptions range in annual increments from 10.25 percent after one year of service to 3.0 percent after 27 years.

Mortality rates are based on the Pub-2010 General Employee Mortality Table.

Actuarial assumptions are reviewed every four years. The most recent four-year experience study was completed in 2022. The assumption changes were adopted by the Board and became effective with the July 1, 2023 actuarial valuation.

The following changes in actuarial assumptions and plan provisions occurred in 2023:

Changes in Actuarial Assumptions:

- The investment return assumption and single discount rate were changed from 6.5 percent to 7.0 percent.

Changes in Plan Provisions:

- An additional one-time direct state aid contribution of $170.1 million will be contributed to the Plan on October 1, 2023.
- The vesting period of those hired after June 30, 2010, was changed from five years of allowable service to three years of allowable service.
- The benefit increase delay for early retirements on or after January 1, 2024, was eliminated.
- A one-time, non-compounding benefit increase of 2.5 percent minus the actual 2024 adjustment will be payable in a lump sum for calendar year 2024 by March 31, 2024.

Discount Rate – The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability in 2023 was 7.0%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from plan members and employers will be made at rates set in Minnesota Statutes. Based on these assumptions, the fiduciary net position of the General Employees Fund was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

Pension Liability Sensitivity – The following presents the District's proportionate share of the net pension liability for all plans it participates in, calculated using the discount rate disclosed in the preceding paragraph, as well as what the District's proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate one percentage point lower or one percentage point higher than the current discount rate:

Sensitivity Analysis - NPL at Different Discount Rates

1% Decrease (6.0%)	Current (7.0%)	1% Increase (8.0%)
$ 900,217	$ 508,862	$ 186,957

Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position – Detailed information about each defined benefit pension plan's fiduciary net position is available in a separately-issued PERA financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. That report may be obtained on the Internet at www.mnpera.org.

B. Teachers Retirement Association

Plan Description - The Teachers Retirement Association (TRA) is an administrator of a multiple employer, cost-sharing, defined benefit retirement fund. TRA administers a Basic Plan (without Social Security coverage) and a Coordinated Plan (with Social Security coverage) in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, Chapters 354 and 356. TRA is a separate statutory entity and administered by a Board of Trustees. The Board consists of four active members, one retired member, and three statutory officials.

Educators employed in Minnesota's public elementary and secondary schools, charter schools, and certain other TRA-covered educational institutions maintained by the state are required to be TRA members (except those employed by St. Paul schools or Minnesota State colleges and universities). Educators first hired by Minnesota State may elect either TRA coverage or coverage through the Defined Contribution Plan (DCR) administered by the State of Minnesota.

Benefits Provided - TRA provides retirement benefits as well as disability benefits to members, and benefits to survivors upon death of eligible members. Benefits are established by Minnesota Statute and vest after three years of service credit. The defined retirement benefits are based on a member's highest average salary for any five consecutive years of allowable service, age, and a formula multiplier based on years of credit at termination of service.

Two methods are used to compute benefits for TRA's Coordinated and Basic Plan members. Members first employed before July 1, 1989, receive the greater of the Tier I or Tier II benefits as described:

Tier I Benefits:

Tier I	Step Rate Formula	Percentage
Basic	1st ten years of service	2.2 percent per year
	All years after	2.7 percent per year
Coordinated	1st ten years if service years are up to July 1, 2006	1.2 percent per year
	1st ten years if service years are July 1, 2006 or after	1.4 percent per year
	All other years of service if service years are up to July 1, 2006	1.7 percent per year
	All other years of service if service years are July 1, 2006 or after	1.9 percent per year

With these provisions:

a) Normal retirement age is 65 with less than 30 years of allowable service and age 62 with 30 or more years of allowable service.
b) 3 percent per year early retirement reduction factors for all years under normal retirement age.
c) Unreduced benefits for early retirement under a Rule of 90 (age plus allowable service equals 90 or more).

or

For years of service prior to July 1, 2006, a level formula of 1.7 percent per year for Coordinated members and 2.7 percent per year for Basic members is applied. For years of service July 1, 2006 and after, a level formula of 1.9 percent per year for Coordinated members and 2.7 percent for Basic members applies. Beginning July 1, 2015, the early retirement reduction factors are based on rates established under Minnesota Statute. Smaller reductions, more favorable to the member, will be applied to individuals who reach age 62 and have 30 years or more of service credit.

Tier II Benefits:

Members first employed after June 30, 1989, receive only the Tier II benefit calculation with a normal retirement age that is their retirement age for full Social Security retirement benefits, but not to exceed age 66.

Six different types of annuities are available to members upon retirement. The No Refund Life Plan is a lifetime annuity that ceases upon the death of the retiree – no survivor annuity is payable. A retiring member may also choose to provide survivor benefits to a designated beneficiary(ies) by selecting one of the five plans that have survivorship features. Vested members may also leave their contributions in the TRA Fund upon termination of service in order to qualify for a deferred annuity at retirement age. Any member terminating service is eligible for a refund of their employee contributions plus interest.

The benefit provisions stated apply to active plan participants. Vested, terminated employees who are entitled to benefits but not yet receiving them are bound by the plan provisions in effect at the time they last terminated their public service.

Contribution Rate - Per Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 354 sets the contribution rates for employees and employers. Rates for each fiscal years ended June 30, 2022, June 30, 2023, and June 30, 2024, were:

	June 30, 2022		June 30, 2023		June 30, 2024	
	Employee	Employer	Employee	Employer	Employee	Employer
Basic	11.00%	12.34%	11.00%	12.55%	11.25%	12.75%
Coordinated	7.50%	8.34%	7.50%	8.55%	7.75%	8.75%

The following is a reconciliation of employer contributions in TRA's fiscal year 2023 ACFR "Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position" to the employer contributions used in Schedule of Employer and Non-Employer Pension Allocations:

	in thousands
Employer contributions reported in TRA's ACFR Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position	$ 508,764
Employer contributions not related to future contribution efforts	(87)
TRA's contributions not included in allocation	(643)
Total employer contributions	508,034
Total non-employer contributions	35,587
Total contributions reported in *Schedule of Employer and Non-Employer Allocations*	$ 543,621

Amounts reported in the allocation schedules may not precisely agree with financial statement amounts or actuarial valuations due to the number of decimal places used in the allocations. TRA has rounded percentage amounts to the nearest ten thousandths.

Actuarial Assumptions - The total pension liability in the June 30, 2023, actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement.

Key Methods and Assumptions Used in Valuation of Total Pension Liability

Actuarial Information

Valuation Date	July 1, 2023
Measurement Date	June 30, 2023
Experience Study	June 28, 2019 (demographic and economic assumptions)
Actuarial Cost Method	Entry Age Normal

Actuarial Assumptions:

Investment Rate of Return	7.00%
Price Inflation	2.50%
Wage Growth Rate	2.85% before July 1, 2028 and 3.25% after June 30, 2028
Projected Salary Increase	2.85 - 8.85% before July 1, 2028 and 3.25% - 9.25% after June 30, 2028
Cost of Living Adjustment	1.00% for January 2019 through January 2023, then increasing by 0.10% each year up to 1.50% annually

Mortality Assumption

Pre-retirement	RP-2014 white collar employee table, male rates set back five years and female rates set back seven years. Generational projection uses the MP-2015 scale.

Post-retirement	RP-2014 white collar annuitant table, male rates set back three years and female rates set back three years, with further adjustments of the rates. Generational projection uses the MP-2015 scale.
Post-disability	RP-2014 disabled retiree mortality table, without adjustment.

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation.

The target allocation and best estimates of geometric real rates of return for each major asset class are summarized in the following table:

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return
Domestic Equity	33.50%	5.10%
International Equity	16.50%	5.30%
Private Markets	25.00%	5.90%
Fixed Income	25.00%	0.75%

The TRA actuary has determined the average of the expected remaining service lives of all members for fiscal year 2023 is 6 years. The “Difference Between Expected and Actual Experience” and “Changes of Assumptions” and “Changes in Proportion” use the amortization period of 6 years in the schedule presented. The amortization period for “Net Difference Between Projected and Actual Investment Earnings on Pension Plan Investments” is 5 years as required by GASB 68.

Changes in actuarial assumptions since the 2022 valuation:

The 2023 Tax Finance and Policy Bill, Effective July 1, 2025:
- The employer contribution rate will increase from 8.75% to 9.5% on July 1, 2025.
- The employee contribution rate will increase from 7.75% to 8.0% on July 1, 2025.
- The pension adjustment rate for school districts and the base budgets for Minnesota State, Perpich Center for Arts Education, and Minnesota Academics will increase to reflect the 0.75% employer contribution rate increase.

The 2024 Omnibus Pensions and Retirement Bill:
- The Normal Retirement Age (NRA) for active and eligible deferred Tier II members will be 65 effective July 1, 2024.
- TRA’s amortization date will remain the same at 2048.

Discount Rate - The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.00 percent. The discount rate used to measure the TPL at the Prior Measurement Date was 7.00 percent. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that employee contributions will be made at the fiscal 2023 contribution rate, contributions from school districts will be made at contractually required rates (actuarially determined), and contributions from the state will be made at current statutorily required rates. Based on those assumptions, the pension plan's fiduciary net position was not projected to be depleted and, as a result, the Municipal Bond Index Rate was not used in the determination of the Single Equivalent Interest Rate (SEIR).

Net Pension Liability - On June 30, 2024, the District reported a liability of $2,113,593 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2023, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The District's proportion of the net pension liability was based on the District's contributions to TRA in relation to total system contributions including direct aid from the State of Minnesota, City of Minneapolis, and Minneapolis School District. District proportionate share was 0.0256% at the end of the measurement period and 0.0249% for the beginning of the year.

The pension liability amount reflected a reduction due to direct aid provided to TRA. The amount recognized by the District as its proportionate share of the net pension liability, the direct aid, and total portion of the net pension liability that was associated with the District were as follows:

District's proportionate share of net pension liability	$	2,113,593
State's proportionate share of the net pension liability associated with the District	$	148,091

For the year ended June 30, 2024, the District recognized pension expense of $(22,811). It also recognized $20,776 as a decrease to pension expense for the support provided by direct aid.

On June 30, 2024, the District had deferred resources related to pensions from the following sources:

		Deferred Outflows of Resources		Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual experience	$	20,736	$	30,648
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on plan inv.				15,330
Changes in actuarial assumptions		242,383		
Changes in proportion		60,105		40,356
Contributions paid to TRA subsequent to the measurement date		136,563		
Total	$	459,787	$	86,334

The $136,563 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from District contributions to TRA subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ending June 30, 2025. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to TRA pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year Ending June 30		Pension Expense Amount
2025	$	33,453
2026		(13,655)
2027		233,080
2028		(21,628)
2029		5,640

Pension Liability Sensitivity - The following presents the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 7.00 percent as well as what the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower (6.00 percent) or one percentage higher (8.00 percent) than the current rate.

Sensitivity Analysis - NPL at Different Discount Rates

1% Decrease (6.0%)	Current (7.0%)	1% Increase (8.0%)
$ 3,371,026	$ 2,113,593	$ 1,084,232

The District's proportion of the net pension liability was based on the employer contributions to TRA in relation to TRA's total employer contributions including direct aid contributions from the State of Minnesota, City of Minneapolis, and Minneapolis School District.

Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position - Detailed information about the plan's fiduciary net position is available in a separately-issued TRA financial report. That report can be obtained at www.MinnesotaTRA.org, by writing to TRA at 60 Empire Drive, Suite 400, St. Paul, MN, 55103-4000; or by calling (651)-296-2409 or (800)-657-3669.

The District recognized total pension expense of $68,412 for all of the pension plans in which it participates.

NOTE 5 OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

Plan Description - The District's Plan is a single-employer defined benefit healthcare plan to eligible retirees and their spouses. The authority and requirement to provide these benefits is established in Minnesota Statutes Section 471.61, Subd. 2b. The benefit levels, employee contributions, and employer contributions are governed by the District and can be amended by the District through the District's collective bargaining agreements with employee groups.

Benefits Provided – The District provides healthcare benefits for retirees and their dependents. Benefits are provided through a third-party insurer, and the full cost of the benefits is covered by the plan.

Funding Policy - Retirees and their spouses contribute to the healthcare plan at the same rate as District employees. Since the premium is a blended rate determined on the entire active and retiree population, the retirees are receiving an implicit rate subsidy. The District provides postemployment healthcare benefits to qualifying retirees.

Employees Covered by Benefit Term – At June 30, 2024, the following employees were covered by the benefit terms:

Inactive plan members or beneficiaries currently receiving benefit payments	1
Active plan members	28
Total Members	29

Total OPEB Liability – The District's total OPEB liability of $137,903 was measured as of July 1, 2023 and was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2023.

Actuarial Assumptions – The total OPEB liability in the July 1, 2023 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions and other inputs, applied to all periods included in the measurement, unless otherwise specified:

Inflation Rate	2.50 percent
Salary increases	rates vary by service years
Medical Cost Trend Rate	6.5 percent in 2023 grading to 5.0 percent over 6 years and then to 4.0 percent over the next 48 years

The mortality tables were updated from the Pub-2010 Public Retirement Plans Headcount-Weighted Mortality Tables (General, Teachers) with MP-2020 Generational Improvement Scale to the Pub-2010 Public Retirement Plans Headcount -Weighted Mortality Tables (General, Teachers) with MP-2021 Generational Improvement Scale.

The discount rate is based on the estimated yield of 20-year municipal bonds. The overall single discount rate is 3.9%.

In the July 1, 2023 actuarial valuation, the entry age, level percentage of pay actuarial cost method was used.

Changes in the Total OPEB Liability:

	Total OPEB Liability
Balance at 6/30/2023	$ 133,448
Changes for the year:	
Service Cost	6,283
Interest Cost	4,785
Assumption Changes	1,746
Plan Changes	(143)
Differences betweed Expected and Actual Experience	19,665
Benefit Payments	(27,881)
Net Changes	4,455
Balance at 6/30/2024	$ 137,903

Sensitivity of the Total OPEB Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate – The following presents the total OPEB liability of the District, as well as what the District's total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower (2.9 percent) or one percentage point higher (4.9 percent) than the current rate:

District Total OPEB Liability		
1% Decrease (2.9%)	Current (3.9%)	1% Increase (4.9%)
$ 142,013	$ 137,903	$ 133,768

Sensitivity of the Total OPEB Liability to Changes in the Healthcare Cost Trend Rates – The following presents the total OPEB liability of the District, as well as what the District's total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using healthcare cost trend rates that are one percentage point lower (5.5 percent decreasing to 4.0 percent over 6 years) or one percentage point higher (7.5 percent decreasing to 6.0 percent over 6 years) than the current healthcare cost trend rates:

District Healthcare Cost Trend Rates

(5.5% decreasing to 4.0% over 6 years)	(6.5% decreasing to 5.0% over 6 years)	(7.5% decreasing to 6.0% over 6 years)
$ 131,959	$ 137,903	$ 144,367

<u>OPEB Expense and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB</u> – For the year ended June 30, 2024, the District recognized OPEB expense of $(9,563). At June 30, 2024, the District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Assumption changes	$ 3,894	$ 5,572
Differences between expected and actual experience	16,387	36,583
Employer contributions paid subsequent to the measurement date	11,405	
Total	$ 31,686	$ 42,155

The $11,405 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB resulting from District contributions to OPEB subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the total other postemployment benefit liability in the year ending June 30, 2025. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to OPEB will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year Ending June 30	Pension Expense Amount
2025	$ (20,480)
2026	(11,218)
2027	2,688
2028	3,568
2029	3,568

NOTE 6 LONG-TERM LIABILITIES

Changes in the District's long-term liabilities for the year ended June 30, 2024 are as follows:

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Retired	Ending Balance	Due Within One Year
Special Assessment Debt	$ 5,011	$	$ 1,670	$ 3,341	$ 1,670
Lease Payable	17,329		5,948	11,381	6,130
	$ 22,340	$	$ 7,618	$ 14,722	$ 7,800

Lease payments and special assessment debt are generally liquidated by the general fund. The District's interest expense for the year ended June 30, 2024 was $665.

A. Special Assessment Debt

Date of Issue	Net Interest Rate	Maturity Dates	Original Amount	Current Year Retired	Balance 6/30/2024	Amounts Due in 2024-2025 Principal	Amounts Due in 2024-2025 Interest
2015	4.5%	2024/26	$ 10,111	$ 842	$ 1,687	$ 842	$ 76
2015	4.5%	2024/26	9,933	828	1,654	828	75
				$ 1,670	$ 3,341	$ 1,670	$ 151

Annual debt service requirements to maturity are as follows:

Year Ending June 30	Principal	Interest
2025	$ 1,670	$ 151
2026	1,671	74
	$ 3,341	$ 225

B. Lease Payable

The District leases copy machines at its school location in Badger, Minnesota. The terms of the lease is for a period of 60 months, terminating on March 31, 2026, with a monthly payment of $590.

Following is a schedule by years of future minimum payments required under the lease:

Year Ending June 30	Principal	Interest
2025	$ 6,130	$ 257
2026	5,251	73
	$ 11,381	$ 330

NOTE 7 CONTINGENCIES

The District receives significant financial assistance from numerous federal, state and local governmental agencies in the form of grants and aids. The disbursement of funds received under these programs generally requires compliance with terms and conditions specified in the grant agreements and are subject to audit by 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 disallowed claims will not have a material effect on any of the financial statements of the individual fund types included herein or on the overall financial position of the District at June 30, 2024.

NOTE 8 RISK MANAGEMENT

The District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; natural disasters and workers compensation. The District purchases commercial insurance coverage for such risks.

The District has joined together with other school districts in Minnesota in the Northwest Service Cooperative's Minimum Premium Funding Plan (Plan). The Plan is a public entity risk pool established as a health insurance purchasing pool for its members. The agreement for the formation of the Plan provides that the Plan will be self-sustaining through member premiums and will reinsure through commercial companies for claims in excess of $300,000. The pool and its members purchase reinsurance, currently with a $300,000 specific stop loss attachment point and 110% aggregate stop loss attachment point. If the assets of the Plan were to be exhausted, members would not be responsible for the Plan's liabilities. The Northwest Service Cooperative retains the risk of the Plan's liabilities.

There has been no significant reduction in insurance coverage from the previous year in any of the District's policies. Settled claims resulting from these risks have not exceeded insurance coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

NOTE 9 NEW PRONOUNCEMENTS

GASB Statement No. 101, *Compensated Absences,* updates the recognition and measurement guidance for compensated absences through aligning the recognition and measurement guidance under a unified model and by amending certain previously required disclosures. The statement is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2023.

GASB Statement No. 102, *Certain Risk Disclosures*, requires entities to disclose critical information about their exposure to risks due to certain concentrations or limitations that could lead to financial distress or operational challenges. This statement is effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2024.

GASB Statement No. 103, *Financial Reporting Model Improvements*, revises the requirements for management's discussion and analysis with the goal of making it more readable and understandable, requires unusual or infrequent items to be presented separately, defines operating and nonoperating revenues, includes a new section for noncapital subsidies for proprietary funds' statement of revenues, expenses and changes in net position, removes the option to disclose major component information in the notes and requires them to be shown individually or in combine financial statements following the fund financial statements and requires budgetary comparisons to be presented as RSI with new columns for variances between original-to-final budget and final budget-to-actual results. This statement is effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2025.

Management has not yet determined the effect these Statements will have on the District's financial statements.

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 676
BADGER, MINNESOTA
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE FOR THE GENERAL FUND
For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

	Budgeted Amount			Over (Under)
	Original	Final	Actual	Final Budget
REVENUES				
Local Property Tax Levies	$ 501,800	$ 501,800	$ 419,069	$ (82,731)
Other Local & County Revenues	143,135	149,859	271,087	121,228
Revenue From State Sources	2,993,785	3,075,996	3,220,203	144,207
Revenue From Federal Sources	119,004	119,004	113,497	(5,507)
Sale/Other Conversion of Asset			6,427	6,427
TOTAL REVENUES	3,757,724	3,846,659	4,030,283	183,624
EXPENDITURES				
Current				
Administration	201,774	193,117	201,787	8,670
District Support Services	225,995	221,795	190,008	(31,787)
Elementary & Secondary				
Regular Instruction	1,717,581	1,842,391	1,745,163	(97,228)
Vocational Education Instruction	1,000	750	173,221	172,471
Special Education Instruction	535,395	535,895	643,227	107,332
Instructional Support Services	335,909	338,433	304,840	(33,593)
Pupil Support Services	418,695	417,920	366,255	(51,665)
Sites and Buildings	431,407	434,272	355,887	(78,385)
Fixed Costs	55,000	50,000	33,477	(16,523)
Debt Service				
Principal			7,618	7,618
Interest			665	665
Capital Outlay	123,071	123,071	122,867	(204)
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	4,045,827	4,157,644	4,145,015	(12,629)
Revenues Under Expenditures	(288,103)	(310,985)	(114,732)	196,253
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Insurance Recovery			15,963	15,963
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			15,963	15,963
Net Change in Fund Balances	(288,103)	(310,985)	(98,769)	212,216
Fund Balances - Beginning	1,405,225	1,405,225	1,405,225	
Fund Balances - Ending	$ 1,117,122	$ 1,094,240	$ 1,306,456	$ 212,216

See Notes to the Required Supplementary Information

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 676
BADGER, MINNESOTA
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE FOR THE FOOD SERVICE FUND
For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

	Budgeted Amount			Over (Under)
	Original	Final	Actual	Final Budget
REVENUES				
Other Local & County Revenues	$	$	$ 372	$ 372
Revenue From State Sources	14,700	48,200	70,898	22,698
Revenue From Federal Sources	94,975	98,975	141,551	42,576
Sale/Other Conversion of Asset	58,500	19,000	28,194	9,194
TOTAL REVENUES	168,175	166,175	241,015	74,840
EXPENDITURES				
Current				
Pupil Support Services	180,582	182,582	230,556	47,974
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	180,582	182,582	230,556	47,974
Net Change in Fund Balances	(12,407)	(16,407)	10,459	26,866
Fund Balances - Beginning	82,381	82,381	82,381	
Fund Balances - Ending	$ 69,974	$ 65,974	$ 92,840	$ 26,866

See Notes to the Required Supplementary Information

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 676
BADGER, MINNESOTA
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE FOR THE COMMUNITY SERVICE FUND
For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

	Budgeted Amount			Over (Under)
	Original	Final	Actual	Final Budget
REVENUES				
Local Property Tax Levies	$ 13,245	$ 13,245	$ 13,492	$ 247
Other Local & County Revenues	5,000	3,000	4,010	1,010
Revenue From State Sources	31,467	31,467	32,184	717
TOTAL REVENUES	49,712	47,712	49,686	1,974
EXPENDITURES				
Current				
Community Education and Services	48,411	48,411	33,625	(14,786)
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	48,411	48,411	33,625	(14,786)
Net Change in Fund Balances	1,301	(699)	16,061	16,760
Fund Balances - Beginning	47,996	47,996	47,996	
Fund Balances - Ending	$ 49,297	$ 47,297	$ 64,057	$ 16,760

See Notes to the Required Supplementary Information

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 676
BADGER, MINNESOTA
SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN THE DISTRICT'S TOTAL OPEB LIABILITY AND RELATED RATIOS
Last 10 Years

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Total OPEB Liability							
Service Cost	$ 12,244	$ 12,611	$ 11,076	$ 12,614	$ 9,756	$ 7,949	$ 6,283
Interest	7,312	7,392	7,723	5,837	4,847	2,869	4,785
Assumption Changes			(17,595)	3,735	2,996	(4,404)	1,746
Plan Changes			(117)		(218)		(143)
Differences Between Expected and Actual Experience			(38,035)		(75,626)		19,665
Benefit Payments	(20,723)	(14,389)	(2,968)	(3,945)	(7,362)	(3,224)	(27,881)
Net Change in Total OPEB Liability	(1,167)	5,614	(39,916)	18,241	(65,607)	3,190	4,455
Total OPEB Liability - Beginning	213,093	211,926	217,540	177,624	195,865	130,258	133,448
Total OPEB Liability - Ending	$ 211,926	$ 217,540	$ 177,624	$ 195,865	$ 130,258	$ 133,448	$ 137,903
Covered Payroll	$ 1,809,822	$ 1,864,117	$ 1,910,109	$ 1,967,412	$ 2,094,922	$ 2,157,770	$ 1,768,426
District's Total OPEB Liability as a Percentage of a Covered Payroll	11.71%	11.67%	9.30%	9.96%	6.22%	6.18%	7.80%

The District implemented GASB No. 75 for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2018. Information from prior years is not available.

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 676
BADGER, MINNESOTA
SCHEDULE OF DISTRICT CONTRIBUTIONS
Last 10 Years

Fiscal Year Ended June 30	Statutorily Required Contribution	Contributions in Relation to the Statutorily Required Contributions	Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	District's Covered Payroll	Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll
PERA					
2015	$ 36,250	$ 36,250	$	$ 491,018	7.38 %
2016	39,041	39,041		520,546	7.50
2017	39,470	39,470		526,268	7.50
2018	41,599	41,599		554,657	7.50
2019	42,971	42,971		572,950	7.50
2020	42,231	42,231		563,080	7.50
2021	52,761	52,761		703,490	7.50
2022	52,638	52,638		701,732	7.50
2023	54,140	54,140		721,861	7.50
2024	56,694	56,694		755,917	7.50
TRA					
2015	$ 91,438	$ 91,438	$	$ 1,219,166	7.50 %
2016	96,109	96,109		1,281,451	7.50
2017	96,336	96,336		1,284,471	7.50
2018	104,452	104,452		1,387,316	7.53
2019	113,291	113,291		1,463,827	7.74
2020	118,154	118,154		1,486,242	7.95
2021	123,635	123,635		1,515,141	8.16
2022	129,745	129,745		1,549,994	8.37
2023	139,660	139,660		1,628,078	8.58
2024	136,563	136,563		1,560,717	8.75

The amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of the District's year end which is June 30th.

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 676
BADGER, MINNESOTA
SCHEDULE OF DISTRICT'S SHARE OF NET PENSION LIABILITY
Last 10 Years

	Fiscal Year Ended June 30	District's Proportion of the Net Pension Liability	District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	State's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability Associated with the District (if Applicable)	Total	District's Covered Payroll	District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset) as a Percentage of its Covered Payroll	Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability
PERA								
	2014	0.0085 %	$ 399,287	$	$ 399,287	$ 425,815	93.8 %	78.70 %
	2015	0.0084	435,332		435,332	491,018	88.7	78.19
	2016	0.0084	682,038	8,898	690,936	520,546	131.0	68.90
	2017	0.0082	523,483	6,558	530,041	526,268	99.5	75.90
	2018	0.0083	460,450	14,976	475,426	554,657	83.0	79.53
	2019	0.0081	447,831	13,833	461,664	572,950	78.2	80.23
	2020	0.0080	479,637	14,886	494,523	563,080	85.2	79.06
	2021	0.0098	418,504	12,781	431,285	703,490	59.5	87.00
	2022	0.0093	736,563	21,656	758,219	701,732	105.0	76.67
	2023	0.0091	508,862	13,951	522,813	721,861	70.5	83.10
TRA								
	2014	0.0250 %	$ 1,151,982	$ 81,165	$ 1,233,147	$ 1,139,906	101.1 %	81.50 %
	2015	0.0238	1,472,266	180,457	1,652,723	1,219,166	120.8	76.80
	2016	0.0245	5,843,836	587,457	6,431,293	1,281,451	456.0	44.88
	2017	0.0239	4,770,874	461,003	5,231,877	1,284,471	371.4	51.57
	2018	0.0248	1,557,307	146,186	1,703,493	1,387,316	112.3	78.07
	2019	0.0256	1,631,749	144,584	1,776,333	1,463,827	111.5	78.21
	2020	0.0255	1,883,974	157,671	2,041,645	1,486,242	126.8	75.48
	2021	0.0252	1,102,827	92,925	1,195,752	1,515,141	72.8	86.63
	2022	0.0249	1,993,860	148,158	2,142,018	1,549,994	128.6	76.17
	2023	0.0256	2,113,593	148,091	2,261,684	1,628,078	129.8	76.42

The amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of the measurement date of the collective net pension liability which is June 30 of the previous fiscal year.

NOTE 1 BUDGETARY DATA

Budgets are prepared for District funds on the same basis and using the same accounting practices as are used to account and prepare financial reports for the funds. Budgets presented in this report for comparison to actual amounts are presented in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. All appropriations lapse at year-end. Encumbrances represent commitments related to unperformed contracts for goods and services. Encumbrance accounting is not utilized in the governmental funds of the District.

The budget is adopted through the passage of a resolution. Administration can authorize the transfer of budgeted amounts within any fund. Any revisions that alter the total expenditures of any fund must be approved by the governing board. The legal level of budgetary control is the fund level. The annual appropriated budget is not legally binding on the District unless the District has a deficit fund balance, which exceeds 2.5% of expenditures.

NOTE 2 EXCESS OF EXPENDITURES OVER APPROPRIATIONS

For the year ended June 30, 2024, expenditures exceeded appropriations in the food service funds by $47,974, respectively.

NOTE 3 DEFINED BENEFIT PLANS

PERA

2023 Changes
<u>Changes in Actuarial Assumptions</u>: The investment return assumption and single discount rate were changed from 6.5 percent to 7.0 percent.

<u>Changes in Plan Provisions</u>: An additional one-time direct state aid contribution of $170.1 million will be contributed to the plan on October 1, 2023. The vesting period of those hired after June 30, 2010, was changed from five years of allowable service to three years of allowable service. The benefit increase delay for early retirements on or after January 1, 2024, was eliminated. A one-time, non-compounding benefit increase of 2.5 percent minus the actual 2024 adjustment will be payable in a lump sum for calendar year 2024 by March 31, 2024.

TRA

<u>Changes in actuarial assumptions since the 2023 valuation:</u>
The 2023 Tax Finance and Policy Bill, effective July 1, 2025:

- The employer contribution rate will increase from 8.75% to 9.5% on July 1, 2025.
- The employee contribution rate will increase from 7.75% to 8.0% on July 1, 2025.
- The pension adjustment rate for school districts and the base budgets for Minnesota State, Perpich Center for Arts Education, and Minnesota Academics will increase to reflect the 0.75% employer contribution rate increase.

The 2024 omnibus Pensions and Retirement Bill:

- The Normal Retirement Age (NRA) for active and eligible deferred Tier II members will be 65 effective July 1, 2024.
- TRA's amortization date will remain the same at 2048.

NOTE 4 OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

Changes since the prior valuation:

Plan Changes:

- The District match amount for Teachers increased to $1,200 per school year. The lifetime maximum for the District match has increased to $36,000. The District match liabilities are not included in this report, but are used as an offset to the GASB 75 benefit.

Assumption Changes:

- The health care trend rates were changed to better anticipate short term and long term medical increases.
- The mortality tables were updated from the Pub-2010 Public Retirement Plans Headcount-Weighted Mortality Tables (General, Teachers) with MP-2020 Generational Improvement Scale to the Pub-2010 Public Retirement Plans Headcount-Weighted Mortality Tables (General, Teachers) with MP-2021 Generational Improvement Scale.
- The discount rate was changed from 3.80% to 3.90%

Method Changes: None

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 676
BADGER, MINNESOTA
SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

	UFARS Balance Beginning of Year	Revenues	Expenditures	Transfers	Insurance Recovery	UFARS Balance End of Year	Reclassify	Financial Statement Balance End of Year
General Fund								
Nonspendable	$ 12,601	$	$	$ (12,601)	$	$	$	$
Restricted for:								
Student Activities	108,943	55,215	77,064			87,094		87,094
Scholarships	75		75					
Capital Project Levy	173,520	56,346	52,179			177,687		177,687
Staff Development	6,929	34,764	35,337			6,356		6,356
Literacy Incentive Aid		10,549				10,549		10,549
Operating Capital	4,890	56,948	60,712			1,126		1,126
School Library Aid		40,000	38,918			1,082		1,082
Gifted and Talented		3,166	3,166					
Safe Schools	7,470	10,014	8,489			8,995		8,995
LTFM	425,882	88,794	44,273			470,403		470,403
Student Support Personnel		40,000				40,000		40,000
Medical Assistance	12,971					12,971		12,971
Committed for Severance	20,000					20,000		20,000
Committed for Transportation	50,000					50,000		50,000
Unassigned	581,944	3,634,487	3,824,802	12,601	15,963	420,193		420,193
Food Service Fund								
Nonspendable	4,617			1,948		6,565		6,565
Restricted for Food Service	77,764	241,015	230,556	(1,948)		86,275		86,275
Community Service Fund								
Restricted for:								
Community Education	8,844	15,279	5,128			18,995		18,995
ECFE	34,080	24,915	5,308			53,687		53,687
School Readiness	142	8,198	23,189			(14,849)	14,849	
Community Service	4,930	1,294				6,224		6,224
Unassigned							(14,849)	(14,849)

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR’S REPORT ON MINNESOTA LEGAL COMPLIANCE

To the Board of Education
Independent School District No. 676
Badger, Minnesota

We have audited in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of Independent School District No. 676 as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District’s basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated October 8, 2024.

Legal Compliance

In connection with our audit, nothing came to our attention that caused us to believe that the District failed to comply with the provisions of contracting – bid laws, depositories of public funds and public investments, conflicts of interest, public indebtedness, claims and disbursements, miscellaneous provisions, and uniform financial accounting and reporting standards of the *Minnesota Legal Compliance Audit Guide for School Districts*, promulgated by the State Auditor pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 6.65, insofar as they relate to accounting matters. However, our audit was not directed primarily toward obtaining knowledge of such noncompliance. Accordingly, had we performed additional procedures, other matters may have come to our attention regarding the District’s noncompliance with the above referenced provisions, insofar as they relate to accounting matters.

Purpose of the Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

Brady Martz

BRADY, MARTZ & ASSOCIATES, P.C.
Thief River Falls, Minnesota

October 8, 2024

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH *GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS*

To the Board of Education
Independent School District No. 676
Badger, Minnesota

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of Independent School District No. 676, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated October 8, 2024.

Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

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

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

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. We identified certain deficiencies in internal control, described in the accompanying schedule of findings as items 2024-001 and 2024-002 that we consider to be significant deficiencies.

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

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

The District's Response to Findings

Government Auditing Standards requires the auditor to perform limited procedures on the District's responses to the findings identified in our audit and described in the accompanying schedule of findings and corrective action plan. The District's responses were not subjected to the other auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the responses.

Purpose of this Report

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

Brady Martz

BRADY, MARTZ & ASSOCIATES, P.C.
Thief River Falls, Minnesota

October 8, 2024

2024-001 FINDING

Criteria
A proper system of internal control has the proper separation of duties between authorization, custody, record keeping and reconciliation.

Condition
There is not a system in place for accounting duties to be properly segregated between authorization, custody, record keepings and reconciliation.

Cause
The District is subject to size and budget constraints limiting the number of personnel within the accounting department.

Effect
The design of the internal control over financial reporting that could adversely affect the ability to record, process, summarize, and report financial data consistent with the assertions of management in the financial statements.

Recommendation
We recommend the District review their internal controls over the accounting functions to determine if additional procedures can be implemented that are cost effective. The board should constantly be aware of this condition. Compensating controls that mitigate the related risks could be (or are) provided through appropriate oversight of the performance of these functions and review of the financial reports by individuals with knowledge of current operations and accounting principles.

Views of Responsible Officials and Planned Corrective Actions
The District agrees with the recommendation and will review on an annual basis.

2024-002 FINDING

Criteria
An appropriate system of internal control requires the District to prepare financial statements in compliance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Condition
The District's personnel prepare periodic financial information for internal use that meets the needs of management and the Board of Education. However, the District currently does not prepare the financial statements, including the accompanying note disclosures, as required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The District has elected to have the auditors assist in the preparation of the financial statements and notes.

Cause
The District elected to not allocate resources for the preparation of the financial statements.

Effect
There is an increased risk of material misstatement to the District's financial statements.

Recommendation
We recommend the District consider the additional risk of having the auditors assist in the preparation of the financial statements and note disclosures and consider preparing them in the future. As a compensating control, the District should establish an internal control policy to document the annual review of the financial statement and schedules and to review a financial statement disclosure checklist.

Views of Responsible Officials and Planned Corrective Actions
The District agrees with the recommendation and will review on an annual basis.

2024-001 FINDING

Contact Person – Superintendent

Corrective Action Plan – The District has the following procedures in place to mitigate risk: the Superintendent reviews and approves all journal entries, the board approves checks, and the Superintendent reviews all bank statements and credit card statements before turning the statements over to the business office for reconciliation. When it becomes economically feasible, the District will hire additional personnel in the accounting department to improve segregation of duties.

Completion Date – Ongoing

2024-002 FINDING

Contact Person – Superintendent

Corrective Action Plan – Will establish a policy to document review of financial statements and notes.

Completion Date – Ongoing

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 676
BADGER, MINNESOTA
UNIFORM FINANCIAL ACCOUNTING AND REPORTING STANDARDS COMPLIANCE TABLE
June 30, 2024

District Name: INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 676 **District Number:** 676

	Audit	UFARS	Variance
01 GENERAL FUND			
Total Revenue	4,030,283	4,030,283	
Total Expenditures	4,145,015	4,145,015	
Non Spendable			
460 Non Spendable Fund Balance			
Restricted/Reserved:			
401 Student Activities	87,094	87,094	
402 Scholarships			
403 Staff Development	6,356	6,355	1
407 Capital Projects Levy	177,687	177,688	(1)
408 Cooperative Revenue			
412 Literacy Incentive Aid	10,549	10,549	
414 Operating Debt			
416 Levy Reduction			
417 Taconite Building Maintenance			
420 American Indian Ed Aid			
424 Operating Capital	1,126	1,126	
426 $25 Taconite			
427 Disabled Accessibility			
428 Learning & Development			
434 Area Learning Center			
435 Contracted Alt Programs			
436 State Approved Alt Program			
438 Gifted & Talented			
439 English Learner			
440 Teacher Development & Eval			
441 Basic Skills Programs			
443 School Library Aid	1,082	1,082	
448 Achievement and Integration			
449 Safe Schools Levy	8,995	8,992	3
451 QZAB Payments			
452 OPEB Liab Not In Trust			
453 Unfunded Sev & Retiremt Levy			
459 Basic Skills Ext Time			
467 LTFM	470,403	470,398	5
471 Student Support Personnel	40,000	40,000	
472 Medical Assistance	12,971	12,971	
Restricted			
464 Restricted Fund Balance			
Committed			
418 Committed for Separation	20,000	20,000	
461 Committed	50,000	50,000	
Assigned			
462 Assigned Fund Balance			
Unassigned:			
422 Unassigned Fund Balance	420,193	420,207	(14)
Reconciliation of General	9,481,754	9,481,760	(6)
02 FOOD SERVICE			
Total Revenue	241,015	241,015	
Total Expenditures	230,556	230,556	
Non Spendable			
460 Non Spendable Fund Balance	6,565	6,565	
Restricted/Reserved:			
452 OPEB Liab Not In Trust			
464 Restricted Fund Balance	86,275	86,277	(2)
Unassigned			
463 Unassigned Fund Balance			
Reconciliation of Food Service	564,411	564,413	(2)
04 COMMUNITY SERVICE			
Total Revenue	49,686	49,686	
Total Expenditures	33,625	33,625	
Non Spendable			
460 Non Spendable Fund Balance			
Restricted/Reserved:			
426 $25 Taconite			
431 Community Education	18,995	18,995	
432 E.C.F.E.	53,687	53,688	(1)
440 Teacher Development & Eval			
444 School Readiness	(14,849)	(14,849)	
447 Adult Basic Education			
452 OPEB Liab Not In Trust			
Restricted			
464 Restricted Fund Balance	6,224	6,223	1
Unassigned			
463 Unassigned Fund Balance			
Reconciliation of Community Service	147,368	147,368	

	Audit	UFARS	Variance
06 BUILDING CONSTRUCTION			
Total Revenue			
Total Expenditures			
Non Spendable			
460 Non Spendable Fund Balance			
Restricted/Reserved:			
407 Capital Projects Levy			
413 Projects Funded By COP			
467 LTFM			
Restricted			
464 Restricted Fund Balance			
Unassigned:			
463 Unassigned Fund Balance			
Reconciliation of Building Construction			
07 DEBT SERVICE			
Total Revenue			
Total Expenditures			
Non Spendable			
460 Non Spendable Fund Balance			
Restricted/Reserved:			
425 Bond Refundings			
451 QZAB Payments			
Restricted			
464 Restricted Fund Balance			
Unassigned:			
463 Unassigned Fund Balance			
Reconciliation of Debt Service			
08 TRUST			
Total Revenue			
Total Expenditures			
Unassigned:			
422 Unassigned Fund Balance			
Reconciliation of Trust			
20 INTERNAL SERVICE			
Total Revenue			
Total Expenditures			
Unassigned:			
422 Unassigned Fund Balance			
Reconciliation of Internal Service			
25 OPEB REVOCABLE TRUST FUND			
Total Revenue			
Total Expenditures			
Unassigned:			
422 Unassigned Fund Balance			
Reconciliation of OPEB Revocable Trust			
45 OPEB IRREVOCABLE TRUST FUND			
Total Revenue			
Total Expenditures			
Unassigned:			
422 Unassigned Fund Balance			
Reconciliation of OPEB Irrevocable Trust			
47 OPEB DEBT SERVICE FUND			
Total Revenue			
Total Expenditures			
Non Spendable			
460 Non Spendable Fund Balance			
Restricted			
425 Bond Refunding			
464 Restricted Fund Balance			
Unassigned			
463 Unassigned Fund Balance			
Reconciliation of OPEB Debt Service			