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June 30, 2024



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Auditor General

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SUMMARY

SUMMARY OF REPORT ON FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Our audit disclosed that the basic financial statements of the Jefferson County District School Board (District) were presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with prescribed financial reporting standards.

SUMMARY OF REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL AND COMPLIANCE

Our audit did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, we noted certain significant deficiencies as summarized below.

Significant Deficiencies

Finding No. 2024-001: District controls need improvement to ensure that the accounting records and annual financial report (AFR) are accurate.

Finding No. 2024-002: Contrary to State Board of Education requirements, the District did not timely submit the AFR to the Florida Department of Education.

The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; however, we noted a certain additional matter as summarized below.

Additional Matters

Finding AM 2024-001: District financial reporting procedures could be improved to ensure that the required District school internal funds audit report is timely issued and considered in completing the District financial statements.

SUMMARY OF REPORT ON FEDERAL AWARDS

We audited the District's compliance with applicable Federal awards requirements. The Title I Program and Education Stabilization Fund were audited as major Federal programs. The results of our audit indicated that the District materially complied with the requirements that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major Federal programs.

AUDIT OBJECTIVES AND SCOPE

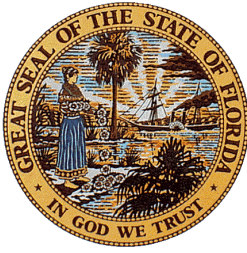
Our audit objectives were to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole were free from material misstatements, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that included our opinions. Our audit objectives were also to obtain reasonable assurance about whether material noncompliance with applicable Federal awards requirements occurred, whether due to fraud or error, and to express an opinion on the District's compliance based on our audit. In doing so, we:

- Exercised professional judgment and maintained professional skepticism throughout the audit.

- Identified and assessed the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements and material noncompliance with Federal awards requirements, whether due to fraud or error, and designed and performed audit procedures responsive to those risks.
- Obtained 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 District's internal control.
- Evaluated the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluated the overall presentation of the financial statements and accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards.
- Concluded whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the District's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.
- Examined various transactions to determine whether they were executed, in both manner and substance, in accordance with governing provisions of laws, rules, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements.

AUDIT METHODOLOGY

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; applicable standards contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards*.



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Jefferson County District School Board, as of and for the fiscal 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, based on our audit and the report of the other auditors, the accompanying financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Jefferson County District School Board, as of June 30, 2024, and the respective changes in financial position thereof for the fiscal year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

We did not audit the financial statements of the school internal funds, which represent 7 percent, 3 percent, 8 percent, 12 percent, and 15 percent, respectively, of the assets, liabilities, net position and fund balance, revenues and additions, and expenditures and deductions of the aggregate remaining fund information as of June 30, 2024. Those statements were audited by other auditors whose report has been furnished to us, and our opinion, insofar as it relates to the amounts included for the school internal funds, is based solely on the report of the other auditors.

Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS) and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States (*Government Auditing Standards*). 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

District, and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the District's ability to continue as a going concern for 12 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 GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards*, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the District's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

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

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that **MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS**, the **Budgetary Comparison Schedule – General and Major Special Revenue Funds**, **Schedule of the District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability – Florida Retirement System Pension Plan**, **Schedule of District Contributions – Florida Retirement System Pension Plan**, **Schedule of the District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability – Health Insurance Subsidy Pension Plan**, **Schedule of District Contributions – Health Insurance Subsidy Pension Plan**, and **Notes to Required Supplementary Information** be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with GAAS, 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 accompanying **SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS**, as required by Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards*, is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is 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 GAAS. In our opinion, the accompanying **SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS** is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated March 21, 2025, on our consideration of the District's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, rules, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters included under the heading **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. 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.

Respectfully submitted,



Sherrill F. Norman, CPA
Tallahassee, Florida
March 21, 2025

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

The management of the Jefferson County District School Board has prepared the following discussion and analysis to provide an overview of the District's financial activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024. The information contained in the Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) is intended to highlight significant transactions, events, and conditions and should be considered in conjunction with the District's financial statements and notes to financial statements found immediately following the MD&A.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Key financial highlights for the 2023-24 fiscal year are as follows:

- In total, net position increased by \$1,815,197.10, which represents an 8 percent increase over the 2022-23 fiscal year.
- The unassigned fund balance of the General Fund, representing the net current financial resources available for general appropriation by the Board, totaled \$4,103,905.63 at June 30, 2024, or 34 percent of General Fund revenues. The prior fiscal year unassigned fund balance of the General Fund was \$2,645,642.08, or 27 percent of the General Fund revenues.
- General Fund revenues exceeded expenditures by \$260,280.06. This may be compared to last year's fiscal results, in which General Fund revenues exceeded expenditures by \$1,619,241.85.

OVERVIEW OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The basic financial statements consist of three components: (1) government-wide financial statements; (2) fund financial statements; and (3) notes to financial statements. This report also includes supplementary information intended to furnish additional details to support the basic financial statements.

Government-Wide Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements provide both short-term and long-term information about the District's overall financial condition in a manner similar to those of a private-sector business. The statements include a statement of net position and a statement of activities that are designed to provide consolidated financial information about the governmental activities of the District presented on the accrual basis of accounting. The statement of net position provides information about the District's financial position, its assets, liabilities, and deferred inflows/outflows of resources, using an economic resources measurement focus. Assets plus deferred outflows of resources, less liabilities and deferred inflows of resources, equals net position, which is a measure of the District's financial health. The statement of activities presents information about the change in the District's net position, the results of operations, during the fiscal year. An increase or decrease in net position is an indication of whether the District's financial health is improving or deteriorating.

All of the District's activities and services are reported in the government-wide financial statements as governmental activities. The District's governmental activities include instruction, student support services, instructional support services, administrative support services, facility maintenance, transportation, and food services. Property taxes and State revenues finance most of these activities. Additionally, all capital and debt financing activities are reported as governmental activities.

Fund Financial Statements

Fund financial statements are one of the components of the basic financial statements. A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The District uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements and prudent fiscal management. Certain funds are established by law while others are created by legal agreements, such as bond covenants. Fund financial statements provide more detailed information about the District's financial activities, focusing on its most significant or "major" funds rather than fund types. This is in contrast to the entitywide perspective contained in the government-wide statements. All of the District's funds may be classified within one of the broad categories discussed below.

Governmental Funds: Governmental funds are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. However, unlike the government-wide financial statements, governmental fund financial statements focus on near-term inflows and outflows of spendable resources, as well as on balances of spendable resources available at the end of the fiscal year. Such information may be useful in assessing a government's near-term financing requirements.

Because the focus of governmental funds is narrower than that of the government-wide financial statements, it is useful to compare the information presented for governmental funds with similar information presented for governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. By doing so, readers may better understand the long-term impact of the government's near-term financing decisions. Both the governmental funds balance sheet and the governmental funds statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances provide a reconciliation to facilitate this comparison between governmental funds and governmental activities.

The governmental funds balance sheet and statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances provide detailed information about the District's most significant funds. The District's major funds are the General Fund, Special Revenue – Other Fund, Special Revenue – Federal Education Stabilization Fund, and Capital Projects – Local Capital Improvement Fund. Data from the other governmental funds are combined into a single, aggregated presentation.

The District adopts an annual appropriated budget for its governmental funds. A budgetary comparison schedule has been provided for the General and major Special Revenue Funds to demonstrate compliance with the budget.

Fiduciary Funds: Fiduciary funds are used to report assets held in a trustee or fiduciary capacity for the benefit of external parties, such as student activity funds. Fiduciary funds are not reflected in the government-wide statements because the resources are not available to support the District's own programs. In its fiduciary capacity, the District is responsible for ensuring that the assets reported in these funds are used only for their intended purposes.

The District uses custodial funds to account for resources held for student activities and groups.

Notes to Financial Statements

The notes provide additional information that is essential for a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements.

Other Information

In addition to the basic financial statements and accompanying notes, this report also presents required supplementary information concerning the District's net pension liabilities.

GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

As noted earlier, net position over time may serve as a useful indicator of a government's financial health. The following is a summary of the District's net position as of June 30, 2024, compared to net position as of June 30, 2023:

Net Position, End of Year

	Governmental Activities	
	6-30-24	6-30-23
Current and Other Assets	\$ 9,112,583.57	\$ 8,256,910.63
Capital Assets	19,868,978.96	18,038,446.93
Total Assets	28,981,562.53	26,295,357.56
Deferred Outflows of Resources	4,605,045.00	917,011.00
Long-Term Liabilities	6,623,491.46	1,476,470.46
Other Liabilities	2,483,677.31	2,709,779.44
Total Liabilities	9,107,168.77	4,186,249.90
Deferred Inflows of Resources	736,364.00	1,098,241.00
Net Position:		
Investment in Capital Assets	19,868,978.96	18,038,446.93
Restricted	2,525,000.63	2,888,432.11
Unrestricted	1,349,095.17	1,000,998.62
Total Net Position	\$ 23,743,074.76	\$ 21,927,877.66

The largest portion of the District's net position is investment in capital assets (e.g., land; buildings; furniture, fixtures, and equipment). The District uses these capital assets to provide services to students; consequently, these assets are not available for future spending.

The restricted portion of the District's net position represents resources that are subject to external restrictions on how they may be used.

The increases in current and other assets are mainly due to the increase in cash from the unspent property tax revenues. The increase in capital assets is primarily due to the installation of security systems, a playground and athletic field, replacement of a chiller, and acquisition of two new school buses. Deferred outflows of resources and long-term liabilities increased primarily due to the District

recognizing its proportionate share of the Florida Retirement System’s net pension liability and related deferred outflows of resources.

The key elements of the changes in the District’s net position for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2024, and June 30, 2023, are as follows:

Operating Results for the Fiscal Year Ended

	Governmental Activities	
	6-30-24	6-30-23
Program Revenues:		
Charges for Services	\$ 37,632.19	\$ 111,954.90
Operating Grants and Contributions	911,950.64	992,738.10
Capital Grants and Contributions	72,226.76	73,952.47
General Revenues:		
Property Taxes, Levied for Operational Purposes	4,456,268.10	3,424,419.34
Property Taxes, Levied for Capital Projects	1,722,673.77	1,313,073.73
Grants and Contributions Not Restricted to Specific Programs	9,815,508.68	9,759,746.63
Unrestricted Investment Earnings	98,650.01	14,866.95
Miscellaneous	125,120.52	644,577.83
Total Revenues	17,240,030.67	16,335,329.95
Functions/Program Expenses:		
Instruction	6,386,628.54	5,493,841.33
Student Support Services	264,219.76	382,941.95
Instructional Media Services	2,561.97	5,230.17
Instruction and Curriculum Development Services	473,344.59	81,417.21
Instructional Staff Training Services	29,845.79	61,192.74
Instruction-Related Technology	389,731.86	170,516.41
Board	386,570.79	281,448.09
General Administration	1,123,461.68	671,873.98
School Administration	960,928.82	582,479.22
Facilities Acquisition and Construction	342,068.62	4,360.00
Fiscal Services	274,476.57	154,947.44
Food Services	650,146.55	641,890.02
Central Services	175,440.59	154,022.14
Student Transportation Services	711,113.21	653,652.62
Operation of Plant	1,863,532.12	1,418,307.92
Maintenance of Plant	320,410.46	356,903.53
Administrative Technology Services	2,210.30	22,750.00
Community Services	42,000.00	63,709.19
Unallocated Interest on Long-Term Debt	-	89.50
Unallocated Depreciation Expense	1,026,141.35	1,026,141.35
Total Functions/Program Expenses	15,424,833.57	12,227,714.81
Change in Net Position	1,815,197.10	4,107,615.14
Net Position - Beginning	21,927,877.66	17,820,262.52
Net Position - Ending	\$ 23,743,074.76	\$ 21,927,877.66

The largest revenue source is the State of Florida (43 percent). Revenues from State sources for current operations are primarily received through the Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP) funding formula. The FEFP funding formula utilizes student enrollment data and is designed to maintain equity in funding across all Florida school districts, taking into consideration the District's funding ability based on the local property tax base.

Property tax revenues increased by \$1,441,448.80, or 30 percent, as a result of an increase in taxable assessed values.

Instruction expenses represent 41 percent of total governmental expenses in the 2023-24 fiscal year. Instruction expenses increased by \$892,787.21, or 16 percent, over the previous fiscal year due mainly to an increase in pension expense and salaries.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE DISTRICT'S FUNDS

Governmental Funds

The focus of the District's governmental funds is to provide information on near-term inflows, outflows, and balances of spendable resources. Such information is useful in assessing the District's financing requirements. Specifically, unassigned fund balance may serve as a useful measure of a government's net resources available for discretionary use as it represents the portion of fund balance that has not been limited to a particular purpose by an external party, the District, or a group or individual delegated authority by the Board to assign resources for particular purposes.

The total fund balances of governmental funds increased by \$1,094,832.07 during the fiscal year to \$6,628,906.26 at June 30, 2024. Of the total fund balance, \$4,103,905.63, or 62 percent, is unassigned fund balance, which is available for spending at the District's discretion and \$2,525,000.63 is restricted.

Major Governmental Funds

The General Fund is the District's chief operating fund. At the end of the current fiscal year, unassigned fund balance is \$4,103,905.63, while the total fund balance is \$4,458,290.38. As a measure of the General Fund's liquidity, it may be useful to compare the total assigned and unassigned fund balances to General Fund total revenues. The total unassigned fund balance is 34 percent of the total General Fund revenues, while total fund balance represents 37 percent of total General Fund revenues. Total fund balance increased by \$1,330,202.97, or 43 percent, during the fiscal year primarily due to allowable transfers from other funds.

The Special Revenue – Other Fund has total revenues and expenditures of \$1,077,576.20 each and the funding was mainly used for instruction. Because grant revenues are not recognized until expenditures are incurred, this fund generally does not accumulate a fund balance.

The Special Revenue – Federal Education Stabilization Fund has total revenues and expenditures of \$1,696,315.13 each and the funding was mainly used to mitigate the impact of COVID-19. Because grant revenues are not recognized until expenditures are incurred, this fund generally does not accumulate a fund balance.

The Capital Projects – Local Capital Improvement Fund has a total fund balance of \$1,229,151.31. These funds are restricted, in part, for the acquisition, construction, and maintenance of capital assets. The

fund balance decreased in the current fiscal year mainly due to the purchase of capital assets and allowable transfers to the General Fund.

GENERAL FUND BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS

During the 2023-24 fiscal year, the General Fund budget was amended several times to reflect adjustments to appropriations and incurred costs. These amendments were made as part of the routine budget process of the District and were deemed to be necessary and appropriate by management. Final budgeted revenues are in line with the original budgeted amounts while final appropriations are less than the original budgeted amounts by \$999,281.55, or 8 percent. Budget revisions occurred primarily from corresponding adjustments to planned expenditures to ensure maintenance of an adequate fund balance.

CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital Assets

The District’s investment in capital assets for its governmental activities as of June 30, 2024, is \$19,868,978.96 (net of accumulated depreciation). This investment in capital assets includes land; improvements other than buildings; buildings and fixed equipment; furniture, fixtures, and equipment; motor vehicles; and audio visual materials and computer software.

Additional information on the District’s capital assets can be found in Notes I.F.2. and II.B. to the financial statements.

REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

This report is designed to provide a general overview of the District’s finances for all those with an interest in the District’s finances. Questions concerning information provided in the MD&A or other required supplementary information, and financial statements and notes thereto, or requests for additional financial information should be addressed to the Superintendent of School, Jefferson County District School Board, 1490 Washington Street, Monticello, Florida 32344.

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**Jefferson County District School Board
Statement of Net Position
June 30, 2024**

	Governmental Activities
ASSETS	
Cash	\$ 8,677,081.26
Due from Other Agencies	435,502.31
Capital Assets:	
Nondepreciable Capital Assets	1,033,517.18
Depreciable Capital Assets, Net	<u>18,835,461.78</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>28,981,562.53</u>
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	
Pensions	<u>4,605,045.00</u>
LIABILITIES	
Accrued Salaries and Benefits	365,269.35
Payroll Deductions and Withholdings	58,620.56
Accounts Payable	548,339.62
Unearned Revenue	1,511,447.78
Long-Term Liabilities:	
Portion Due After 1 Year	<u>6,623,491.46</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>9,107,168.77</u>
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	
Pensions	<u>736,364.00</u>
NET POSITION	
Investment in Capital Assets	19,868,978.96
Restricted for:	
State Required Carryover Programs	354,384.75
Capital Projects	2,017,006.11
Food Service	153,609.77
Unrestricted	<u>1,349,095.17</u>
TOTAL NET POSITION	<u><u>\$ 23,743,074.76</u></u>

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

**Jefferson County District School Board
Statement of Activities
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024**

Functions/Programs	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Program Revenues</u>	
		<u>Charges for Services</u>	<u>Operating Grants and Contributions</u>
Governmental Activities:			
Instruction	\$ 6,386,628.54	\$ 998.53	\$ -
Student Support Services	264,219.76	-	-
Instructional Media Services	2,561.97	-	-
Instruction and Curriculum Development Services	473,344.59	-	-
Instructional Staff Training Services	29,845.79	-	-
Instruction-Related Technology	389,731.86	-	-
Board	386,570.79	-	-
General Administration	1,123,461.68	-	-
School Administration	960,928.82	-	-
Facilities Acquisition and Construction	342,068.62	-	-
Fiscal Services	274,476.57	-	-
Food Services	650,146.55	36,633.66	612,875.64
Central Services	175,440.59	-	-
Student Transportation Services	711,113.21	-	299,075.00
Operation of Plant	1,863,532.12	-	-
Maintenance of Plant	320,410.46	-	-
Administrative Technology Services	2,210.30	-	-
Community Services	42,000.00	-	-
Unallocated Depreciation Expense	1,026,141.35	-	-
Total Governmental Activities	\$ 15,424,833.57	\$ 37,632.19	\$ 911,950.64

General Revenues:

Taxes:

Property Taxes, Levied for Operational Purposes

Property Taxes, Levied for Capital Projects

Grants and Contributions Not Restricted to Specific Programs

Unrestricted Investment Earnings

Miscellaneous

Total General Revenues

Change in Net Position

Net Position - Beginning

Net Position - Ending

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

		Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position
Capital Grants and Contributions	Governmental Activities	
\$ -	\$ (6,385,630.01)	
-	(264,219.76)	
-	(2,561.97)	
-	(473,344.59)	
-	(29,845.79)	
-	(389,731.86)	
-	(386,570.79)	
-	(1,123,461.68)	
-	(960,928.82)	
72,226.76	(269,841.86)	
-	(274,476.57)	
-	(637.25)	
-	(175,440.59)	
-	(412,038.21)	
-	(1,863,532.12)	
-	(320,410.46)	
-	(2,210.30)	
-	(42,000.00)	
-	(1,026,141.35)	
\$ 72,226.76	(14,403,023.98)	

4,456,268.10
1,722,673.77
9,815,508.68
98,650.01
125,120.52
16,218,221.08
1,815,197.10
21,927,877.66
\$ 23,743,074.76

**Jefferson County District School Board
Balance Sheet – Governmental Funds
June 30, 2024**

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Special Revenue - Other Fund</u>	<u>Special Revenue - Federal Education Stabilization Fund</u>
ASSETS			
Cash	\$ 5,092,442.41	\$ 577,411.27	\$ 834,039.03
Due from Other Funds	328,323.16	-	-
Due from Other Agencies	-	104,730.31	-
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 5,420,765.57</u>	<u>\$ 682,141.58</u>	<u>\$ 834,039.03</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES			
Liabilities:			
Accrued Salaries and Benefits	\$ 365,269.35	\$ -	\$ -
Payroll Deductions and Withholdings	58,620.56	-	-
Accounts Payable	538,585.28	9,754.34	-
Due to Other Funds	-	135,877.47	152,018.02
Unearned Revenue	-	536,509.77	682,021.01
Total Liabilities	<u>962,475.19</u>	<u>682,141.58</u>	<u>834,039.03</u>
Fund Balances:			
Restricted for:			
State Required Carryover Programs	354,384.75	-	-
Capital Projects	-	-	-
Food Service	-	-	-
Total Restricted Fund Balance	<u>354,384.75</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Unassigned Fund Balance	<u>4,103,905.63</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Fund Balances	<u>4,458,290.38</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	<u>\$ 5,420,765.57</u>	<u>\$ 682,141.58</u>	<u>\$ 834,039.03</u>

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

Capital Projects - Local Capital Improvement Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
\$ 1,229,151.31	\$ 944,037.24	\$ 8,677,081.26
-	-	328,323.16
-	330,772.00	435,502.31
<u>\$ 1,229,151.31</u>	<u>\$ 1,274,809.24</u>	<u>\$ 9,440,906.73</u>
\$ -	\$ -	\$ 365,269.35
-	-	58,620.56
-	-	548,339.62
-	40,427.67	328,323.16
-	292,917.00	1,511,447.78
<u>-</u>	<u>333,344.67</u>	<u>2,812,000.47</u>
-	-	354,384.75
1,229,151.31	787,854.80	2,017,006.11
-	153,609.77	153,609.77
<u>1,229,151.31</u>	<u>941,464.57</u>	<u>2,525,000.63</u>
<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,103,905.63</u>
1,229,151.31	941,464.57	6,628,906.26
<u>\$ 1,229,151.31</u>	<u>\$ 1,274,809.24</u>	<u>\$ 9,440,906.73</u>

**Jefferson County District School Board
Reconciliation of the Governmental Funds Balance Sheet
to the Statement of Net Position
June 30, 2024**

Total Fund Balances - Governmental Funds \$ 6,628,906.26

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

Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported as assets in the governmental funds. 19,868,978.96

The deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions are applicable to future periods and, therefore, are not reported in the governmental funds.

Deferred Outflows Related to Pensions	\$ 4,605,045.00	
Deferred Inflows Related to Pensions	<u>(736,364.00)</u>	3,868,681.00

Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the fiscal year and, therefore, are not reported as liabilities in the governmental funds. Long-term liabilities at year end consist of:

Compensated Absences Payable	\$ (53,791.46)	
Net Pension Liability	<u>(6,569,700.00)</u>	<u>(6,623,491.46)</u>

Net Position - Governmental Activities \$ 23,743,074.76

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**Jefferson County District School Board
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in
Fund Balances – Governmental Funds
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024**

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Special Revenue - Other Fund</u>	<u>Special Revenue - Federal Education Stabilization Fund</u>
Revenues			
Intergovernmental:			
Federal Direct	\$ 95,622.96	\$ -	\$ -
Federal Through State and Local State	-	1,077,576.20	1,696,315.13
Local:			
Property Taxes	4,456,268.10	-	-
Charges for Services - Food Service	-	-	-
Miscellaneous	224,769.06	-	-
Total Local Revenues	<u>4,681,037.16</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Revenues	<u>12,021,729.51</u>	<u>1,077,576.20</u>	<u>1,696,315.13</u>
Expenditures			
Current - Education:			
Instruction	3,337,630.23	1,058,454.71	1,334,528.74
Student Support Services	249,221.91	1,623.50	-
Instructional Media Services	2,561.97	-	-
Instruction and Curriculum Development Services	423,069.24	-	-
Instructional Staff Training Services	29,845.79	-	-
Instruction-Related Technology	388,827.22	-	808.53
Board	356,960.63	-	-
General Administration	1,053,288.47	16,097.99	-
School Administration	641,976.99	-	217,977.54
Facilities Acquisition and Construction	342,068.62	-	-
Fiscal Services	245,989.53	-	-
Food Services	-	-	-
Central Services	158,713.76	-	-
Student Transportation Services	656,479.69	-	5,145.67
Operation of Plant	1,724,097.24	1,400.00	85,519.33
Maintenance of Plant	256,082.96	-	48,560.32
Administrative Technology Services	2,210.30	-	-
Community Services	42,000.00	-	-
Fixed Capital Outlay:			
Facilities Acquisition and Construction	348,194.56	-	-
Other Capital Outlay	1,502,230.34	-	3,775.00
Total Expenditures	<u>11,761,449.45</u>	<u>1,077,576.20</u>	<u>1,696,315.13</u>
Excess of Revenues Over Expenditures	<u>260,280.06</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Other Financing Sources (Uses)			
Transfers In	1,069,922.91	-	-
Transfers Out	-	-	-
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>1,069,922.91</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net Change in Fund Balances	1,330,202.97	-	-
Fund Balances, Beginning	<u>3,128,087.41</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Fund Balances, Ending	<u>\$ 4,458,290.38</u>	<u>\$ 0.00</u>	<u>\$ 0.00</u>

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

Capital Projects - Local Capital Improvement Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
\$ -	\$ -	\$ 95,622.96
-	610,791.64	3,384,682.97
-	87,367.76	7,332,437.15
1,722,673.77	-	6,178,941.87
-	36,633.66	36,633.66
-	-	224,769.06
<u>1,722,673.77</u>	<u>36,633.66</u>	<u>6,440,344.59</u>
<u>1,722,673.77</u>	<u>734,793.06</u>	<u>17,253,087.67</u>
-	-	5,730,613.68
-	-	250,845.41
-	-	2,561.97
-	-	423,069.24
-	-	29,845.79
-	-	389,635.75
-	-	356,960.63
-	-	1,069,386.46
-	-	859,954.53
-	-	342,068.62
-	-	245,989.53
-	620,441.34	620,441.34
-	-	158,713.76
-	-	661,625.36
-	-	1,811,016.57
-	-	304,643.28
-	-	2,210.30
-	-	42,000.00
1,002,473.48	-	1,350,668.04
-	-	1,506,005.34
<u>1,002,473.48</u>	<u>620,441.34</u>	<u>16,158,255.60</u>
<u>720,200.29</u>	<u>114,351.72</u>	<u>1,094,832.07</u>
-	-	1,069,922.91
(1,069,922.91)	-	(1,069,922.91)
<u>(1,069,922.91)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
(349,722.62)	114,351.72	1,094,832.07
1,578,873.93	827,112.85	5,534,074.19
<u>\$ 1,229,151.31</u>	<u>\$ 941,464.57</u>	<u>\$ 6,628,906.26</u>

**Jefferson County District School Board
 Reconciliation of the Governmental Funds Statement of Revenues, Expenditures,
 and Changes in Fund Balances to the Statement of Activities
 For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024**

Net Change in Fund Balances - Governmental Funds \$ 1,094,832.07

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

Capital outlays are reported in the governmental funds as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation expense. This is the amount of capital outlays in excess of depreciation expense in the current fiscal year. 1,830,532.03

Certain funds due from other agencies were not available and, therefore, not recognized as revenue in the governmental fund statements in the prior year. However, these funds were recognized as revenue under the full accrual basis of accounting in the statement of activities in the prior year. This is the amount of revenues that became available in the current year. (13,057.00)

Governmental funds report District pension contributions as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of pension benefits earned net of employee contributions is reported as a pension expense.

FRS Pension Contribution	\$	624,988.00	
HIS Pension Contribution		120,621.00	
FRS Pension Expense		(990,219.00)	
HIS Pension Expense		(852,500.00)	
		(1,097,110.00)	(1,097,110.00)

Change in Net Position - Governmental Activities \$ 1,815,197.10

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

**Jefferson County District School Board
Statement of Fiduciary Net Position – Fiduciary Funds
June 30, 2024**

	<u>Custodial Funds</u>
ASSETS	
Cash	\$ <u>93,550</u>
LIABILITIES	
Accounts Payable	<u>9,315</u>
NET POSITION	
Restricted for Student Groups	\$ <u><u>84,235</u></u>

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

**Jefferson County District School Board
Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position – Fiduciary Funds
June 30, 2024**

	Custodial Funds
ADDITIONS	
Student Group Collections	\$ 101,497
DEDUCTIONS	
Student Group Disbursements	109,187
Change in Net Position	(7,690)
Net Position - Beginning	91,925
Net Position - Ending	\$ 84,235

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

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

I. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Description of Government-Wide Financial Statements

The government wide financial statements (i.e., the statement of net position and the statement of activities) report information on all of the nonfiduciary activities of the Jefferson County School District (District). All fiduciary activities are reported only in the fund financial statements. Governmental activities are supported by taxes, intergovernmental revenues, and other nonexchange transactions.

The statement of activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for each function or program of the District's governmental activities. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with a service, program, or department and are thereby clearly identifiable to a particular function. Depreciation expense is not readily associated with a particular function and is reported as unallocated.

B. Reporting Entity

The Jefferson County District School Board (Board) has direct responsibility for operation, control, and supervision of District schools and is considered a primary government for financial reporting. The District is considered part of the Florida system of public education, operates under the general direction of the Florida Department of Education (FDOE), and is governed by State law and State Board of Education (SBE) rules. The governing body of the District is the Board, which is composed of five elected members. The elected Superintendent of Schools is the executive officer of the Board. Geographic boundaries of the District correspond with those of Jefferson County.

Criteria for determining if other entities are potential component units that should be reported within the District's basic financial statements are identified and described in the Governmental Accounting Standards Board's (GASB) Codification of Governmental Accounting and Financial Reporting Standards, Sections 2100 and 2600. The application of these criteria provides for identification of any legally separate entities for which the Board is financially accountable and other organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationship with the Board are such that exclusion would cause the District's basic financial statements to be misleading. Based on these criteria, no component units are included within the District's reporting entity.

C. Basis of Presentation: Government-Wide Financial Statements

While separate government-wide and fund financial statements are presented, they are interrelated. The governmental activities column incorporates data from governmental funds. Separate financial statements are provided for governmental funds and fiduciary funds, even though the latter are excluded from the government-wide financial statements.

The effects of interfund activity have been eliminated from the government-wide financial statements except for interfund services provided and used.

D. Basis of Presentation: Fund Financial Statements

The fund financial statements provide information about the District's funds, including the fiduciary fund. Separate statements for each fund category – governmental and fiduciary – are presented. The emphasis of fund financial statements is on major governmental funds, each displayed in a separate column. All remaining governmental funds are aggregated and reported as nonmajor funds.

The District reports the following major governmental funds:

- General Fund – to account for all financial resources not required to be accounted for in another fund and for certain revenues from the State that are legally restricted to be expended for specific current operating purposes.
- Special Revenue – Other Fund – to account for certain Federal grant program resources.
- Special Revenue – Federal Education Stabilization Fund – to account for certain Federal grant program resources provided as emergency relief to address the impact of COVID-19 on elementary and secondary schools.
- Capital Projects – Local Capital Improvement Fund – to account for the financial resources generated by the local capital improvement tax levy to be used for educational capital outlay needs, including new construction, renovation and remodeling projects, new and replacement equipment, and motor vehicle purchases.

Additionally, the District reports the following fiduciary fund type:

- Custodial Funds – to account for resources of the school internal funds, which are used to administer moneys collected at several schools in connection with school, student athletic, class, and club activities.

During the course of operations, the District has activity between funds for various purposes. Any residual balances outstanding at fiscal year end are reported as due from/to other funds. While these balances are reported in fund financial statements, certain eliminations are made in the preparation of the government-wide financial statements. Further, certain activity occurs during the year involving transfers of resources between funds. In fund financial statements, these amounts are reported at gross amounts as transfers in and out. While reported in fund financial statements, transfers between the funds included in governmental activities are eliminated in the preparation of the government-wide financial statements.

E. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

The accounting and financial reporting treatment is determined by the applicable measurement focus and basis of accounting. Measurement focus indicates the type of resources being measured such as current financial resources or economic resources. The basis of accounting indicates the timing of transactions or events for recognition in the financial statements.

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recognized when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of the related cash flows. Property taxes are recognized in the year for which they are levied. Revenues from grants, entitlements, and donations are recognized as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

The governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues, except for certain grant revenues, are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be available when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the District considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal year. When grant terms provide that the expenditure of resources is the prime factor for determining eligibility for Federal, State, and other grant resources, revenue is recognized at the time the expenditure is made. Entitlements are recorded as revenues when all eligibility requirements are met, including any time requirements, and the amount is received during the period or within the availability period for this revenue source (within 60 days of year end). Property taxes and interest associated with the current fiscal period are all considered to be susceptible to accrual and so have been recognized as revenues of the current fiscal period. Expenditures are generally recognized when the related fund liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, pension benefits, and compensated absences, are only recorded when payment is due. General capital asset acquisitions are reported as expenditures in governmental funds. Issuance of long-term debt and acquisitions under leases are reported as other financing sources. Allocations of cost, such as depreciation, are not recognized in governmental funds.

The fiduciary funds are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting.

F. Assets, Liabilities, Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources, and Net Position/Fund Balance

1. Cash

The District's cash is considered to be cash on hand and demand deposits. Cash deposits are held by banks qualified as public depositories under Florida law. All deposits are insured by Federal depository insurance, up to specified limits, or collateralized with securities held in Florida's multiple financial institution collateral pool as required by Chapter 280, Florida Statutes.

2. Capital Assets

Expenditures for capital assets acquired or constructed for general District purposes are reported in the governmental fund that financed the acquisition or construction. The capital assets so acquired are reported at cost in the government-wide statement of net position but are not reported in the governmental fund financial statements. Capital assets are defined by the District as those costing more than \$1,000. Such assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost if purchased or constructed. Donated assets are recorded at acquisition value at the date of donation.

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

<u>Description</u>	<u>Estimated Useful Lives</u>
Improvements Other Than Buildings	10 - 35 years
Buildings and Fixed Equipment	50 years
Furniture, Fixtures, and Equipment	3 - 20 years
Motor Vehicles	5 - 10 years
Audio Visual Materials and Computer Software	3 - 5 years

Current year information relative to changes in capital assets is described in a subsequent note.

3. Pensions

In the government-wide statement of net position, liabilities are recognized for the District's proportionate share of each pension plan's net pension liability. For purposes of measuring the net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the Florida Retirement System (FRS) defined benefit plan and the Health Insurance Subsidy (HIS) defined benefit plan and additions to/deductions from the FRS and the HIS fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by the FRS and the HIS plans. For this purpose, benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value.

The District's retirement plans and related amounts are described in a subsequent note.

4. Long-Term Liabilities

Long-term obligations that will be financed from resources to be received in the future by governmental funds are reported as liabilities in the government-wide statement of net position.

In the governmental fund financial statements, long term obligations are not recognized as liabilities until due.

Changes in long-term liabilities for the current year are reported in a subsequent note.

5. Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources

In addition to assets, the statement of net position reports a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, *deferred outflows of resources*, represents a consumption of net assets that applies to future periods and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense) until then. The District has one item that qualifies for reporting in this category. The deferred outflows of resources related to pensions are discussed in a subsequent note.

In addition to liabilities, the statement of net position reports a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, *deferred inflows of resources*, represents an acquisition of net assets that applies to future periods and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. The District has one item that qualifies for reporting in this category. The deferred inflows of resources related to pensions are discussed in subsequent notes.

6. Net Position Flow Assumption

The District occasionally funds outlays for a particular purpose from both restricted (e.g., restricted bond or grant proceeds) and unrestricted resources. 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. Consequently, it is the District's policy to consider restricted net position to have been depleted before unrestricted net position is applied.

7. Fund Balance Flow Assumptions

The District may fund outlays for a particular purpose from both restricted and unrestricted resources (the total of committed, assigned, and unassigned fund balance). To calculate the amounts to report as restricted, committed, assigned, and unassigned fund balance in the governmental fund financial statements, a flow assumption must be made about the order in which the resources are considered to be applied. It is the District's policy to consider restricted fund balance to have been depleted before using any of the components of unrestricted fund balance. Further, when components of unrestricted fund balance can be used for the same purpose, committed fund balance is depleted first, followed by assigned fund balance. Unassigned fund balance is applied last.

8. Fund Balance Policies

Fund balance of governmental funds is reported in various categories based on the nature of any limitations requiring the use of resources for specific purposes. The District itself can establish limitations on the use of resources through either a commitment (committed fund balance) or an assignment (assigned fund balance).

The committed fund balance classification includes amounts that can be used only for the specific purposes determined by a formal action of the District's highest level of decision-making authority. The Board is the highest level of decision-making authority for the District that can, by adoption of a resolution prior to the end of the fiscal year, commit fund balance. Once adopted, the limitation imposed by the resolution remains in place until a similar action is taken (the adoption of another resolution) to remove or revise the limitation. The District reported no committed fund balances at June 30, 2024.

Amounts in the assigned fund balance classification are intended to be used by the District for specific purposes but do not meet the criteria to be classified as committed. As authorized in Board Policy 6235, the Superintendent has the authority to assign fund balance. The Board may also assign fund balance as it does when appropriating fund balance to cover a gap between estimated revenue and appropriations in the subsequent year's appropriated budget. Unlike commitments, assignments generally only exist temporarily. In other words, an additional action does not normally have to be taken for the removal of an assignment. Conversely, as discussed above, an additional action is essential to either remove or revise a commitment. The District reported no assigned fund balances at June 30, 2024.

G. Revenues and Expenditures/Expenses

1. Program Revenues

Amounts reported as program revenues include charges paid by the recipient of the goods or services offered by the program and grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program. All taxes, including those dedicated for specific purposes, and other internally dedicated resources are reported as general revenues rather than program revenues. Revenues that are not classified as program revenues are presented as general revenues. The comparison of direct expenses with program revenues identifies the extent to which each governmental function is self-financing or draws from the general revenues of the District.

2. State Revenue Sources

Significant revenues from State sources for current operations include the Florida Education Finance Program administered by the FDOE under the provisions of Section 1011.62, Florida Statutes. In accordance with this law, the District determines and reports the number of full-time equivalent (FTE) students and related data to the FDOE. The FDOE performs certain edit checks on the reported number of FTE and related data and calculates the allocation of funds to the District. The District is permitted to amend its original reporting during specified time periods following the date of the original reporting. The FDOE may also adjust subsequent fiscal period allocations based upon an audit of the District's compliance in determining and reporting FTE and related data. Normally, such adjustments are treated as reductions or additions of revenue in the fiscal year when the adjustments are made.

The State provides financial assistance to administer certain educational programs. SBE rules require that revenue earmarked for certain programs be expended only for the program for which the money is provided, and require that the money not expended as of the close of the fiscal year be carried forward into the following fiscal year to be expended for the same educational programs. The FDOE generally requires that these educational program revenues be accounted for in the General Fund. A portion of the fund balance of the General Fund is restricted in the governmental fund financial statements for the balance of categorical and earmarked educational program resources.

The District received an allocation from the State under the School Hardening Grant program. The District is authorized to expend these funds only upon applying for and receiving an encumbrance authorization from the FDOE. Accordingly, the District recognizes the allocation of these funds as unearned revenue until such time as an encumbrance authorization is received.

A schedule of revenue from State sources for the current year is presented in a subsequent note.

3. District Property Taxes

The Board is authorized by State law to levy property taxes for district school operations, capital improvements, and debt service.

Property taxes consist of ad valorem taxes on real and personal property within the District. Property values are determined by the Jefferson County Property Appraiser, and property taxes are collected by the Jefferson County Tax Collector.

The Board adopted the 2023 tax levy on September 11, 2023. Tax bills are mailed in October and taxes are payable between November 1 of the year assessed and March 31 of the following year at discounts of up to 4 percent for early payment.

Taxes become a lien on the property on January 1 and are delinquent on April 1 of the year following the year of assessment. State law provides for enforcement of collection of personal property taxes by seizure of the property to satisfy unpaid taxes and for enforcement of collection of real property taxes by the sale of interest-bearing tax certificates to satisfy unpaid taxes. The procedures result in the collection of essentially all taxes prior to June 30 of the year following the year of assessment.

Property tax revenues are recognized in the government-wide financial statements when the Board adopts the tax levy. Property tax revenues are recognized in the governmental fund financial statements when taxes are received by the District, except that revenue is accrued for taxes collected by the Jefferson County Tax Collector at fiscal year end but not yet remitted to the District.

Millages and taxes levied for the current year are presented in a subsequent note.

4. Federal Revenue Sources

The District receives Federal awards for the enhancement of various educational programs. Federal awards are generally received based on applications submitted to, and approved by, various granting agencies. For Federal awards in which a claim to these grant proceeds is based on incurring eligible expenditures, revenue is recognized to the extent that eligible expenditures have been incurred. The FDOE may require adjustments to subsequent fiscal period expenditures and related revenues based upon an audit of the District's compliance with applicable Federal awards requirements. Normally, such adjustments are treated as reductions of expenditures and related revenues in the fiscal year when the adjustments are made.

5. Compensated Absences

In the government-wide financial statements, compensated absences (i.e., paid absences for employee vacation leave and sick leave) are accrued as liabilities to the extent that it is probable that the benefits will result in termination payments. A liability for these amounts is reported in the governmental fund financial statements only if it has matured, such as for occurrences of employee resignations and retirements. The liability for compensated absences includes salary-related benefits, where applicable.

II. DETAILED NOTES ON ALL ACTIVITIES AND FUNDS

A. Cash Deposits with Financial Institutions

Custodial Credit Risk. In the case of deposits, this is the risk that, in the event of the failure of a depository financial institution, the District will not be able to recover deposits or will not be able to

recover collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. The District does not have a policy for custodial credit risk. All bank balances of the District are fully insured or collateralized as required by Chapter 280, Florida Statutes.

B. Changes in Capital Assets

Changes in capital assets are presented in the following table:

	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deletions</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES				
Capital Assets Not Being Depreciated:				
Land	\$ 1,033,517.18	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,033,517.18
Capital Assets Being Depreciated:				
Improvements Other Than Buildings	848,466.29	586,420.90	-	1,434,887.19
Buildings and Fixed Equipment	33,877,842.45	764,247.14	-	34,642,089.59
Furniture, Fixtures, and Equipment	3,492,815.63	1,236,296.09	-	4,729,111.72
Motor Vehicles	1,299,199.32	269,709.25	-	1,568,908.57
Audio Visual Materials and Computer Software	361,606.34	-	-	361,606.34
Total Capital Assets Being Depreciated	<u>39,879,930.03</u>	<u>2,856,673.38</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>42,736,603.41</u>
Less Accumulated Depreciation for:				
Improvements Other Than Buildings	605,498.49	30,664.72	-	636,163.21
Buildings and Fixed Equipment	17,491,431.52	720,724.04	-	18,212,155.56
Furniture, Fixtures, and Equipment	3,199,854.94	241,508.92	-	3,441,363.86
Motor Vehicles	1,216,608.99	33,243.67	-	1,249,852.66
Audio Visual Materials and Computer Software	361,606.34	-	-	361,606.34
Total Accumulated Depreciation	<u>22,875,000.28</u>	<u>1,026,141.35</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>23,901,141.63</u>
Total Capital Assets Being Depreciated, Net	<u>17,004,929.75</u>	<u>1,830,532.03</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>18,835,461.78</u>
Governmental Activities Capital Assets, Net	<u>\$ 18,038,446.93</u>	<u>\$ 1,830,532.03</u>	<u>\$ 0.00</u>	<u>\$ 19,868,978.96</u>

The District's capital assets serve multiple functions; however, depreciation expense is not allocated to the various functions on the statement of activities, but is shown as unallocated depreciation expense.

C. Retirement Plans

1. FRS – Defined Benefit Pension Plans

General Information about the FRS

The FRS was created in Chapter 121, Florida Statutes, to provide a defined benefit pension plan for participating public employees. The FRS was amended in 1998 to add the Deferred Retirement Option Program (DROP) under the defined benefit plan and amended in 2000 to provide a defined contribution plan alternative to the defined benefit plan for FRS members effective July 1, 2002. This integrated defined contribution pension plan is the FRS Investment Plan. Chapter 112, Florida Statutes, established the Retiree HIS Program, a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan, to assist retired members of any State-administered retirement system in paying the costs of health insurance.

Essentially all regular employees of the District are eligible to enroll as members of the State-administered FRS. Provisions relating to the FRS are established by Chapters 121 and 122, Florida Statutes; Chapter 112, Part IV, Florida Statutes; Chapter 238, Florida Statutes; and FRS Rules, Chapter 60S, Florida Administrative Code; wherein eligibility, contributions, and benefits are defined and described in detail. Such provisions may be amended at any time by further action from the Florida Legislature. The FRS is a single retirement system administered by the Florida Department of Management Services, Division of Retirement, and consists of the two cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit plans and other nonintegrated programs. An annual comprehensive financial report of the FRS, which includes its financial statements, required supplementary information, actuarial report, and other relevant information, is available from the Florida Department of Management Services Web site (www.dms.myflorida.com).

The District's FRS and HIS pension expense totaled \$1,842,719 for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024.

FRS Pension Plan

Plan Description. The FRS Pension Plan (Plan) is a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan, with a DROP for eligible employees. The general classes of membership are:

- *Regular* – Members of the FRS who do not qualify for membership in the other classes.
- *Elected County Officers* – Members who hold specified elective offices in local government.

Employees enrolled in the Plan prior to July 1, 2011, vest at 6 years of creditable service and employees enrolled in the Plan on or after July 1, 2011, vest at 8 years of creditable service. All vested members, enrolled prior to July 1, 2011, are eligible for normal retirement benefits at age 62 or at any age after 30 years of service. All members enrolled in the Plan on or after July 1, 2011, once vested, are eligible for normal retirement benefits at age 65 or any time after 33 years of creditable service. Employees enrolled in the Plan may include up to 4 years of credit for military service toward creditable service. The Plan also includes an early retirement provision; however, there is a benefit reduction for each year a member retires before his or her normal retirement date. The Plan provides retirement, disability, death benefits, and annual cost of living adjustments to eligible participants.

The DROP, subject to provisions of Section 121.091, Florida Statutes, permits employees eligible for normal retirement under the Plan to defer receipt of monthly benefit payments while continuing employment with an FRS participating employer. An employee may participate in DROP for a period not to exceed 96 months after electing to participate, except that certain instructional personnel may participate for up to 120 months. During the period of DROP participation, deferred monthly benefits are held in the FRS Trust Fund and accrue interest. The net pension liability does not include amounts for DROP participants, as these members are considered retired and are not accruing additional pension benefits.

Benefits Provided. Benefits under the Plan are computed on the basis of age and/or years of service, average final compensation, and service credit. Credit for each year of service is

expressed as a percentage of the average final compensation. For members initially enrolled before July 1, 2011, the average final compensation is the average of the 5 highest fiscal years' earnings; for members initially enrolled on or after July 1, 2011, the average final compensation is the average of the 8 highest fiscal years' earnings. The total percentage value of the benefit received is determined by calculating the total value of all service, which is based on the retirement class to which the member belonged when the service credit was earned. Members are eligible for in-line-of-duty or regular disability and survivors' benefits. The following table shows the percentage value for each year of service credit earned:

<u>Class, Initial Enrollment, and Retirement Age/Years of Service</u>	<u>Percent Value</u>
Regular Members Initially Enrolled Before July 1, 2011	
Retirement up to age 62 or up to 30 years of service	1.60
Retirement at age 63 or with 31 years of service	1.63
Retirement at age 64 or with 32 years of service	1.65
Retirement at age 65 or with 33 or more years of service	1.68
Regular Members Initially Enrolled On or After July 1, 2011	
Retirement up to age 65 or up to 33 years of service	1.60
Retirement at age 66 or with 34 years of service	1.63
Retirement at age 67 or with 35 years of service	1.65
Retirement at age 68 or with 36 or more years of service	1.68
Elected County Officers	3.00

As provided in Section 121.101, Florida Statutes, if the member was initially enrolled in the Plan before July 1, 2011, and all service credit was accrued before July 1, 2011, the annual cost-of-living adjustment is 3 percent per year. If the member was initially enrolled before July 1, 2011, and has service credit on or after July 1, 2011, there is an individually calculated cost-of-living adjustment. The annual cost-of-living adjustment is a proportion of 3 percent determined by dividing the sum of the pre-July 2011 service credit by the total service credit at retirement multiplied by 3 percent. Plan members initially enrolled on or after July 1, 2011, will not have a cost-of-living adjustment after retirement.

Contributions. The Florida Legislature establishes contribution rates for participating employers and employees. Contribution rates during the 2023-24 fiscal year were as follows:

<u>Class</u>	<u>Percent of Gross Salary</u>	
	<u>Employee</u>	<u>Employer (1)</u>
FRS, Regular	3.00	13.57
FRS, Elected County Officers	3.00	58.68
DROP – Applicable to Members from All of the Above Classes	0.00	21.13
FRS, Reemployed Retiree	(2)	(2)

(1) Employer rates include 2 percent for the postemployment health insurance subsidy. Also, employer rates, other than for DROP participants, include 0.06 percent for administrative costs of the Investment Plan.

(2) Contribution rates are dependent upon retirement class in which reemployed.

The District's contributions to the Plan totaled \$624,988 for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024.

Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions. At June 30, 2024, the District reported a liability of \$4,294,362 for its proportionate share of the Plan's 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 July 1, 2023. The District's proportionate share of the net pension liability was based on the District's 2022-23 fiscal year contributions relative to the total 2022-23 fiscal year contributions of all participating members. At June 30, 2023, the District's proportionate share was 0.010777172 percent, which was an increase of 0.00760955 from its proportionate share measured as of June 30, 2022.

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, the District recognized a Plan pension expense of \$990,219. In addition, the District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>
Differences Between Expected and Actual Experience	\$ 403,204	\$ -
Change of Assumptions	279,942	-
Net Difference Between Projected and Actual Earnings on FRS Pension Plan Investments	179,344	-
Changes in Proportion and Differences Between District FRS Contributions and Proportionate Share of Contributions	1,753,460	299,185
District FRS Contributions Subsequent to the Measurement Date	624,988	-
Total	<u>\$ 3,240,938</u>	<u>\$ 299,185</u>

The deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from District contributions to the Plan subsequent to the measurement date, totaling \$624,988, will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

<u>Fiscal Year Ending June 30</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2025	\$ 353,759
2026	285,571
2027	1,073,115
2028	462,804
2029	141,516
Total	<u>\$ 2,316,765</u>

Actuarial Assumptions. The total pension liability in the July 1, 2023, actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Inflation	2.40 percent
Salary Increases	3.25 percent, average, including inflation
Investment Rate of Return	6.70 percent, net of pension plan investment expense, including inflation

Mortality rates were based on the PUB-2010 base table, projected generationally with Scale MP-2018.

The actuarial assumptions used in the July 1, 2023, valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2013, through June 30, 2018.

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was not based on historical returns, but instead is based on a forward-looking capital market economic model. The allocation policy's description of each asset class was used to map the target allocation to the asset classes shown below. Each asset class assumption is based on a consistent set of underlying assumptions and includes an adjustment for the inflation assumption. The target allocation and best estimates of arithmetic and geometric real rates of return for each major asset class are summarized in the following table:

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Target Allocation (1)</u>	<u>Annual Arithmetic Return</u>	<u>Compound Annual (Geometric) Return</u>	<u>Standard Deviation</u>
Cash	1.0%	2.9%	2.9%	1.1%
Fixed Income	19.8%	4.5%	4.4%	3.4%
Global Equity	54.0%	8.7%	7.1%	18.1%
Real Estate	10.3%	7.6%	6.6%	14.8%
Private Equity	11.1%	11.9%	8.8%	26.3%
Strategic Investments	3.8%	6.3%	6.1%	7.7%
Total	<u>100%</u>			
Assumed inflation - Mean			2.4%	1.4%

(1) As outlined in the Plan's investment policy.

Discount Rate. The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 6.7 percent. The Plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current active and inactive employees. Therefore, the discount rate for calculating the total pension liability is equal to the long-term expected rate of return. The discount rate used in the 2023 valuation was unchanged from the previous valuation.

Sensitivity of the District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate. The following presents the District's proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 6.7 percent, as well as what the District's proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1 percentage point lower (5.7 percent) or 1 percentage point higher (7.7 percent) than the current rate:

	<u>1% Decrease (5.7%)</u>	<u>Current Discount Rate (6.7%)</u>	<u>1% Increase (7.7%)</u>
District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	\$ 7,335,645	\$ 4,294,362	\$ 1,749,965

Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position. Detailed information about the Plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued FRS Pension Plan and Other State Administered Systems Annual Comprehensive Financial Report.

HIS Pension Plan

Plan Description. The HIS Pension Plan (HIS Plan) is a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan established under Section 112.363, Florida Statutes, and may be amended by the Florida Legislature at any time. The benefit is a monthly payment to assist retirees of State-administered retirement systems in paying their health insurance costs and is administered by the Florida Department of Management Services, Division of Retirement.

Benefits Provided. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, eligible retirees and beneficiaries received a monthly HIS payment of \$7.50 for each year of creditable service completed at the time of retirement, with a minimum HIS payment of \$45 and a maximum HIS payment of \$225 per month, pursuant to Section 112.363, Florida Statutes. To be eligible to receive a HIS Plan benefit, a retiree under a State-administered retirement system must provide proof of health insurance coverage, which may include Federal Medicare.

Contributions. The HIS Plan is funded by required contributions from FRS participating employers as set by the Florida Legislature. Employer contributions are a percentage of gross compensation for all active FRS members. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, the contribution rate was 2 percent of payroll pursuant to Section 112.363, Florida Statutes. The District contributed 100 percent of its statutorily required contributions for the current and preceding 3 years. HIS Plan contributions are deposited in a separate trust fund from which payments are authorized. HIS Plan benefits are not guaranteed and are subject to annual legislative appropriation. In the event the legislative appropriation or available funds fail to provide full subsidy benefits to all participants, benefits may be reduced or canceled.

The District's contributions to the HIS Plan totaled \$120,621 for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024.

Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions. At June 30, 2024, the District reported a net pension liability of \$2,275,338 for its proportionate share of the HIS Plan's net pension liability. The current portion of the net pension liability is the District's proportionate share of benefit payments expected to be paid within 1 year, net of the District's proportionate share of the HIS Plan's fiduciary net position available to pay that amount. 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 July 1, 2022, and update procedures were used to determine the net pension liability as of June 30, 2023. The District's proportionate share of the net pension liability was

based on the District's 2022-23 fiscal year contributions relative to the total 2022-23 fiscal year contributions of all participating members. At June 30, 2023, the District's proportionate share was 0.014327122 percent, which was an increase of 0.012022762 from its proportionate share measured as of June 30, 2022.

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, the District recognized the HIS Plan pension expense of \$852,500. In addition, the District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>
Differences Between Expected and Actual Experience	\$ 33,309	\$ 5,340
Change of Assumptions	59,818	197,166
Net Difference Between Projected and Actual Earnings on HIS Pension Plan Investments	1,175	-
Changes in Proportion and Differences Between District HIS Contributions and Proportionate Share of Contributions	1,149,184	234,673
District HIS Contributions Subsequent to the Measurement Date	120,621	-
Total	\$ 1,364,107	\$ 437,179

The deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from District contributions to the HIS Plan subsequent to the measurement date, totaling \$120,621, will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

<u>Fiscal Year Ending June 30</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2025	\$ 18,994
2026	158,841
2027	190,063
2028	178,344
2029	196,725
Thereafter	63,340
Total	\$ 806,307

Actuarial Assumptions. The total pension liability in the July 1, 2022, actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Inflation	2.40 percent
Salary Increases	3.25 percent, average, including inflation
Municipal Bond Rate	3.65 percent

Mortality rates were based on the PUB-2010 base table, projected generationally with Scale MP-2018.

While an experience study had not been completed for the HIS Plan, the actuarial assumptions that determined the total pension liability for the HIS Plan were based on certain results of the most recent experience study for the FRS Plan.

Discount Rate. The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 3.65 percent. In general, the discount rate for calculating the total pension liability is equal to the single rate equivalent to discounting at the long-term expected rate of return for benefit payments prior to the projected depletion date. Because the HIS benefit is essentially funded on a pay-as-you-go basis, the depletion date is considered to be immediate, and the single equivalent discount rate is equal to the municipal bond rate selected by the HIS Plan sponsor. The Bond Buyer General Obligation 20-Bond Municipal Bond Index was adopted as the applicable municipal bond index. The discount rate changed from 3.54 percent to 3.65 percent.

Sensitivity of the District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate. The following presents the District's proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 3.65 percent, as well as what the District's proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1 percentage point lower (2.65 percent) or 1 percentage point higher (4.65 percent) than the current rate:

	1% Decrease (2.65%)	Current Discount Rate (3.65%)	1% Increase (4.65%)
District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	\$ 2,595,806	\$ 2,275,338	\$ 2,009,692

Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position. Detailed information about the HIS Plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued FRS Pension Plan and Other State Administered Systems Annual Comprehensive Financial Report.

2. FRS – Defined Contribution Pension Plan

The SBA administers the defined contribution plan officially titled the FRS Investment Plan (Investment Plan). The Investment Plan is reported in the SBA's annual financial statements and in the State's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report.

As provided in Section 121.4501, Florida Statutes, eligible FRS members may elect to participate in the Investment Plan in lieu of the FRS defined benefit plan. District employees participating in DROP are not eligible to participate in the Investment Plan. Employer and employee contributions, including amounts contributed to individual member's accounts, are defined by law, but the ultimate benefit depends in part on the performance of investment funds. Retirement benefits are based upon the value of the member's account upon retirement. Benefit terms, including contribution requirements, for the Investment Plan are established and may be amended by the Florida Legislature. The Investment Plan is funded with the same employer and employee contribution rates that are based on salary and membership class (Regular, Elected County Officers, etc.), as the FRS defined benefit plan. Contributions are directed to individual member accounts and the individual members allocate contributions and account balances among various

approved investment choices. Costs of administering the Investment Plan, including the FRS Financial Guidance Program, are funded through an employer contribution of 0.06 percent of payroll and by forfeited benefits of Investment Plan members. Allocations to the Investment Plan member accounts during the 2023-24 fiscal year were as follows:

<u>Class</u>	<u>Percent of Gross Compensation</u>
FRS, Regular	11.30
FRS, Elected County Officers	16.34

For all membership classes, employees are immediately vested in their own contributions and are vested after 1 year of service for employer contributions and investment earnings, regardless of membership class. If an accumulated benefit obligation for service credit originally earned under the FRS Pension Plan is transferred to the Investment Plan, the member must have the years of service required for FRS Pension Plan vesting (including the service credit represented by the transferred funds) to be vested for these funds and the earnings on the funds. Nonvested employer contributions are placed in a suspense account for up to 5 years. If the employee returns to FRS-covered employment within the 5-year period, the employee will regain control over their account. If the employee does not return within the 5-year period, the employee will forfeit the accumulated account balance. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, the information for the amount of forfeitures was unavailable from the SBA; however, management believes that these amounts, if any, would be immaterial to the District.

After termination and applying to receive benefits, the member may rollover vested funds to another qualified plan, structure a periodic payment under the Investment Plan, receive a lump-sum distribution, leave the funds invested for future distribution, or any combination of these options. Disability coverage is provided in which the member may either transfer the account balance to the FRS Pension Plan when approved for disability retirement to receive guaranteed lifetime monthly benefits under the FRS Pension Plan or remain in the Investment Plan and rely upon that account balance for retirement income.

The District's Investment Plan pension expense totaled \$217,660.84 for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024.

D. Risk Management Programs

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; and natural disasters. The District is a member of the Panhandle Area Educational Consortium – Risk Management Consortium (Consortium) under which several district school boards have established a combined limited self-insurance program for property protection, general liability, automobile liability, workers' compensation, sabotage and terrorism, cyber liability, employee dishonesty, equipment breakdown, and other coverage deemed necessary by the members of the Consortium. Section 1001.42(12)(k), Florida Statutes, provides the authority for the District to enter into such a risk management program. The Consortium is self-sustaining through member assessments (premiums), and purchases coverage through commercial companies for claims in excess of specified amounts. The Board of Directors for the

Consortium is composed of superintendents of all participating districts. The Washington County District School Board serves as fiscal agent for the Consortium.

Employee group health and hospitalization coverage are being provided through purchased commercial insurance, with minimum deductibles for each line of coverage.

Settled claims resulting from these risks have not exceeded commercial coverage in any of the past 3 fiscal years.

E. Changes in Long-Term Liabilities

The following is a summary of changes in long-term liabilities:

Description	Beginning Balance	Additions	Deductions	Ending Balance	Due In One Year
GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES					
Compensated Absences Payable	\$ 53,791.46	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 53,791.46	\$ -
Net Pension Liability	1,422,679.00	6,796,784.00	1,649,763.00	6,569,700.00	-
Total Governmental Activities	\$ 1,476,470.46	\$ 6,796,784.00	\$ 1,649,763.00	\$ 6,623,491.46	\$ 0.00

For the governmental activities, compensated absences and pensions are generally liquidated with resources of the General Fund.

F. Fund Balance Reporting

In addition to committed and assigned fund balance categories discussed in Note I.F.8., fund balances may be classified as follows:

- **Nonspendable Fund Balance**. Nonspendable fund balance is the net current financial resources that cannot be spent because they are either not in spendable form or are legally or contractually required to be maintained intact. Generally, not in spendable form means that an item is not expected to be converted to cash.
- **Restricted Fund Balance**. Restricted fund balance is the portion of fund balance on which constraints have been placed by creditors, grantors, contributors, laws or regulations of other governments, constitutional provisions, or enabling legislation. Restricted fund balance places the most binding level of constraint on the use of fund balance.
- **Unassigned Fund Balance**. The unassigned fund balance is the portion of fund balance that is the residual classification for the General Fund. This balance represents amounts that have not been assigned to other funds and that have not been restricted, committed, or assigned for specific purposes.

G. Interfund Receivables and Payables

The following is a summary of interfund receivables and payables reported in the fund financial statements:

<u>Funds</u>	<u>Interfund</u>	
	<u>Receivables</u>	<u>Payables</u>
Major:		
General	\$ 328,323.16	\$ -
Special Revenue:		
Other	-	135,877.47
Federal Education Stabilization	-	152,018.02
Nonmajor Governmental	-	40,427.67
Total	\$ 328,323.16	\$ 328,323.16

The interfund receivables and payables represent temporary loans between funds to cover expenditures incurred prior to reimbursement from outside parties. All balances are expected to be repaid within 1 year.

H. Revenues

1. Schedule of State Revenue Sources

The following is a schedule of the District's State revenue sources for the 2023-24 fiscal year:

<u>Source</u>	<u>Amount</u>
State Stabilization Funds	\$ 3,200,000.00
Florida Education Finance Program	2,858,728.00
Categorical Educational Program - Class Size Reduction	660,468.00
Sales Tax Distribution	223,250.00
Workforce Development Program	87,022.00
Motor Vehicle License Tax (Capital Outlay and Debt Service)	72,226.76
Miscellaneous	230,742.39
Total	\$ 7,332,437.15

Accounting policies relating to certain State revenue sources are described in Note I.G.2.

2. Property Taxes

The following is a summary of millages and taxes levied on the 2023 tax roll for the 2023-24 fiscal year:

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Millages</u>	<u>Taxes Levied</u>
Nonvoted School Tax:		
Required Local Effort	3.131	\$ 3,740,275
Basic Discretionary Local Effort	0.748	893,556
Capital Projects - Local Capital Improvement Fund		
Nonvoted Tax:		
Local Capital Improvements	1.500	1,791,891
Total	5.379	\$ 6,425,722

I. Interfund Transfers

The following is a summary of interfund transfers reported in the fund financial statements:

Funds	Interfund	
	Transfers In	Transfers Out
Major:		
General	\$ 1,069,922.91	\$ -
Capital Projects:		
Local Capital Improvement	-	1,069,922.91
Total	\$ 1,069,922.91	\$ 1,069,922.91

The interfund transfers from the Capital Projects – Local Capital Improvement Fund to the General Fund are to cover property and casualty insurance and maintenance expenditures paid for by the General Fund.

OTHER REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Budgetary Comparison Schedule General and Major Special Revenue Funds For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024

	General Fund			Variance with Final Budget - Positive (Negative)
	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	
Revenues				
Intergovernmental:				
Federal Direct	\$ 57,600.00	\$ 95,622.96	\$ 95,622.96	\$ -
Federal Through State and Local	-	-	-	-
State	7,569,741.00	7,245,069.39	7,245,069.39	-
Local:				
Property Taxes	4,389,424.00	4,456,268.10	4,456,268.10	-
Miscellaneous	105,000.00	224,769.06	224,769.06	-
Total Local Revenues	<u>4,494,424.00</u>	<u>4,681,037.16</u>	<u>4,681,037.16</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Revenues	<u>12,121,765.00</u>	<u>12,021,729.51</u>	<u>12,021,729.51</u>	<u>-</u>
Expenditures				
Current - Education:				
Instruction	5,512,365.00	3,337,630.23	3,337,630.23	-
Student Support Services	744,789.00	249,221.91	249,221.91	-
Instructional Media Services	-	2,561.97	2,561.97	-
Instruction and Curriculum Development Services	77,100.00	423,069.24	423,069.24	-
Instructional Staff Training Services	220,000.00	29,845.79	29,845.79	-
Instruction-Related Technology	125,000.00	388,827.22	388,827.22	-
Board	320,305.00	356,960.63	356,960.63	-
General Administration	1,201,577.00	1,053,288.47	1,053,288.47	-
School Administration	914,593.00	641,976.99	641,976.99	-
Facilities Acquisition and Construction	-	342,068.62	342,068.62	-
Fiscal Services	364,448.00	245,989.53	245,989.53	-
Central Services	160,084.00	158,713.76	158,713.76	-
Student Transportation Services	385,622.00	656,479.69	656,479.69	-
Operation of Plant	1,784,848.00	1,724,097.24	1,724,097.24	-
Maintenance of Plant	950,000.00	256,082.96	256,082.96	-
Administrative Technology Services	-	2,210.30	2,210.30	-
Community Services	-	42,000.00	42,000.00	-
Fixed Capital Outlay:				
Facilities Acquisition and Construction	-	348,194.56	348,194.56	-
Other Capital Outlay	-	1,502,230.34	1,502,230.34	-
Total Expenditures	<u>12,760,731.00</u>	<u>11,761,449.45</u>	<u>11,761,449.45</u>	<u>-</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	<u>(638,966.00)</u>	<u>260,280.06</u>	<u>260,280.06</u>	<u>-</u>
Other Financing Sources				
Transfers In	500,000.00	1,069,922.91	1,069,922.91	-
Net Change in Fund Balances	<u>(138,966.00)</u>	<u>1,330,202.97</u>	<u>1,330,202.97</u>	<u>-</u>
Fund Balances, Beginning	3,128,087.41	3,128,087.41	3,128,087.41	-
Fund Balances, Ending	<u>\$ 2,989,121.41</u>	<u>\$ 4,458,290.38</u>	<u>\$ 4,458,290.38</u>	<u>\$ 0.00</u>

Special Revenue - Other Fund				Special Revenue - Federal Education Stabilization Fund			
Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget - Positive (Negative)	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget - Positive (Negative)
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
1,183,077.00	1,077,576.20	1,077,576.20	-	-	1,696,315.13	1,696,315.13	-
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1,183,077.00	1,077,576.20	1,077,576.20	-	-	1,696,315.13	1,696,315.13	-
1,146,651.00	1,058,454.71	1,058,454.71	-	-	1,334,528.74	1,334,528.74	-
36,426.00	1,623.50	1,623.50	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	808.53	808.53	-
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
-	16,097.99	16,097.99	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	217,977.54	217,977.54	-
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	5,145.67	5,145.67	-
-	1,400.00	1,400.00	-	-	85,519.33	85,519.33	-
-	-	-	-	-	48,560.32	48,560.32	-
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	3,775.00	3,775.00	-
1,183,077.00	1,077,576.20	1,077,576.20	-	-	1,696,315.13	1,696,315.13	-
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00

**Schedule of the District's Proportionate Share
of the Net Pension Liability –
Florida Retirement System Pension Plan (1)**

Fiscal Year Ending June 30	District's Proportion of the FRS Net Pension Liability	District's Proportionate of the FRS Net Pension Liability	District's Covered Payroll	District's Proportionate Share of the FRS Net Pension Liability as a Percentage of its Covered Payroll	FRS Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability
2014	0.018856390%	\$ 1,150,517	\$ 6,478,434	17.76%	96.09%
2015	0.016664258%	2,152,412	5,794,332	37.15%	92.00%
2016	0.014229271%	3,592,903	5,453,655	65.88%	84.88%
2017	0.012397285%	3,667,035	4,564,860	80.33%	83.89%
2018	0.005358034%	1,613,868	1,093,614	147.57%	84.26%
2019	0.004541193%	1,563,924	902,150	173.36%	82.61%
2020	0.004065659%	1,762,117	819,084	215.13%	78.85%
2021	0.003647722%	275,544	802,512	34.34%	96.40%
2022	0.003167622%	1,178,610	842,981	139.81%	82.89%
2023	0.010777172%	4,294,362	5,750,285	74.68%	82.38%

(1) The amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of June 30.

**Schedule of District Contributions –
Florida Retirement System Pension Plan (1)**

Fiscal Year Ending June 30	Contractually Required FRS Contribution	FRS Contributions in Relation to the Contractually Required Contribution	FRS Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	District's Covered Payroll	FRS Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll
2015	\$ 406,289	\$ (406,289)	\$ -	\$ 5,794,332	7.01%
2016	347,003	(347,003)	-	5,453,655	6.36%
2017	322,732	(322,732)	-	4,564,860	7.07%
2018	152,700	(152,700)	-	1,093,614	13.96%
2019	140,810	(140,810)	-	902,150	15.61%
2020	135,084	(135,084)	-	819,084	16.49%
2021	138,962	(138,962)	-	802,512	17.32%
2022	135,168	(135,168)	-	842,981	16.03%
2023	518,451	(518,451)	-	5,750,285	9.02%
2024	624,988	(624,988)	-	6,029,586	10.37%

(1) The amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of June 30.

**Schedule of the District's Proportionate Share
of the Net Pension Liability –
Health Insurance Subsidy Pension Plan (1)**

Fiscal Year Ending June 30	District's Proportion of the HIS Net Pension Liability	District's Proportionate Share of the HIS Net Pension Liability	District's Covered Payroll	District's Proportionate Share of the HIS Net Pension Liability as a Percentage of its Covered Payroll	HIS Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability
2014	0.021769779%	\$ 2,035,527	\$ 6,478,434	31.42%	0.99%
2015	0.019099022%	1,947,800	5,794,332	33.62%	0.50%
2016	0.017569385%	2,047,639	5,453,655	37.55%	0.97%
2017	0.014321236%	1,531,293	4,564,860	33.55%	1.64%
2018	0.003347517%	354,305	1,093,614	32.40%	2.15%
2019	0.002657794%	297,381	902,150	32.96%	2.63%
2020	0.002274113%	277,507	819,084	33.88%	3.00%
2021	0.002266777%	278,054	802,512	34.65%	3.56%
2022	0.002304360%	244,069	842,981	28.95%	4.81%
2023	0.014327122%	2,275,338	5,750,285	39.57%	4.12%

(1) The amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of June 30.

**Schedule of District Contributions –
Health Insurance Subsidy Pension Plan (1)**

Fiscal Year Ending June 30	Contractually Required HIS Contribution	HIS Contributions in Relation to the Contractually Required Contribution	HIS Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	District's Covered Payroll	HIS Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll
2015	\$ 73,008	\$ (73,008)	\$ -	\$ 5,794,332	1.26%
2016	90,054	(90,054)	-	5,453,655	1.65%
2017	75,792	(75,792)	-	4,564,860	1.66%
2018	18,154	(18,154)	-	1,093,614	1.66%
2019	14,758	(14,758)	-	902,150	1.64%
2020	13,105	(13,105)	-	819,084	1.60%
2021	13,324	(13,324)	-	802,512	1.66%
2022	13,943	(13,943)	-	842,981	1.65%
2023	94,246	(94,246)	-	5,750,285	1.64%
2024	120,621	(120,621)	-	6,029,586	2.00%

(1) The amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of June 30.

1. Budgetary Basis of Accounting

The Board follows procedures established by State law and State Board of Education (SBE) rules in establishing budget balances for governmental funds, as described below:

- Budgets are prepared, public hearings are held, and original budgets are adopted annually for all governmental fund types in accordance with procedures and time intervals prescribed by State law and SBE rules.
- Appropriations are controlled at the object level (e.g., salaries, purchased services, and capital outlay) within each activity (e.g., instruction, student transportation services, and school administration) and may be amended by resolution at any Board meeting prior to the due date for the annual financial report.
- Budgets are prepared using the same modified accrual basis as is used to account for governmental funds.
- Budgetary information is integrated into the accounting system and, to facilitate budget control, budget balances are encumbered when purchase orders are issued. Appropriations lapse at fiscal year end and encumbrances outstanding are honored from the subsequent year's appropriations.

2. Schedule of Net Pension Liability and Schedule of Contributions – Health Insurance Subsidy Pension Plan

Changes of Assumptions. In 2023, the municipal bond rate used to determine total pension liability was increased from 3.54 percent to 3.65 percent and the level of monthly benefits increased from \$5 times years of service to \$7.50, with an increased minimum of \$45 and maximum of \$225.

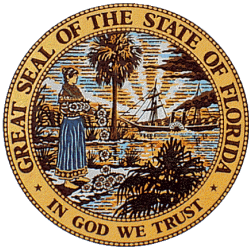
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS

Jefferson County District School Board Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024

Federal Grantor/Pass-Through Grantor/ Program or Cluster	Federal Assistance Listing Number	Pass - Through Entity Identifying Number	Total Expenditures
Clustered			
Child Nutrition Cluster			
United States Department of Agriculture:			
Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services:			
School Breakfast Program	10.553	24002	\$ 161,121.87
National School Lunch Program	10.555	24001, 24003	437,558.98
Summer Food Service Program for Children	10.559	24006	12,110.79
Total Child Nutrition Cluster			610,791.64
Special Education Cluster			
United States Department of Education:			
Florida Department of Education:			
Special Education - Grants to States	84.027	263	341,463.89
Special Education - Preschool Grants	84.173	267	15,604.46
Total Special Education Cluster			357,068.35
Not Clustered			
United States Department of Defense			
Army Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps	12.UNK	N/A	32,604.96
United States Department of Education			
Florida Department of Education:			
Adult Education - Basic Grants to States	84.002	191	365.80
Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies	84.010	212, 226	556,433.01
Career and Technical Education - Basic Grants to States	84.048	161	19,553.37
Twenty-First Century Community Learning Centers	84.287	244	200.16
Rural Education	84.358	110	60,272.35
Student Support and Academic Enrichment Program	84.424	241	83,683.16
Education Stabilization Fund:	84.425		
Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund	COVID-19, 84.425D	124	20,559.47
American Rescue Plan - Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund	COVID-19, 84.425U	121	1,675,755.66
Total Education Stabilization Fund	84.425		1,696,315.13
Total United States Department of Education			2,416,822.98
Total Expenditures of Federal Awards			\$ 3,417,287.93

The notes below are an integral part of this Schedule.

- Notes: (1) Basis of Presentation. The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (Schedule) includes the Federal award activity of the Jefferson County District School Board under programs of the Federal Government for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024. The information in this Schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Because the Schedule presents only a selected portion of the operations of the District, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position or changes in net position of the District.
- (2) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies. Expenditures reported on the Schedule are reported on the modified accrual basis of accounting. Such expenditures are recognized following the cost principles contained in the Uniform Guidance, wherein certain types of expenditures are not allowable or are limited as to reimbursement.
- (3) Indirect Cost Rate. The District has not elected to use the 10 percent de minimis cost rate allowed under the Uniform Guidance.
- (4) Noncash Assistance – National School Lunch Program. Includes \$37,855 of donated food received during the fiscal year. Donated foods are valued at fair value as determined at the time of donation.



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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*

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 (*Government Auditing Standards*), the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Jefferson County District School Board as of and for the fiscal 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 March 21, 2025, included under the heading **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**. Our report includes a reference to other auditors who audited the financial statements of the school internal funds, as described in our report on the District's financial statements. This report does not include the results of the other auditors' testing of internal control over financial reporting or compliance and other matters that are reported on separately by those auditors.

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 District'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 AND QUESTIONED COSTS** as Financial Statement Finding Nos. 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, rules, 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*.

We identified a certain additional matter which is described as Finding AM 2024-001 on page 58.

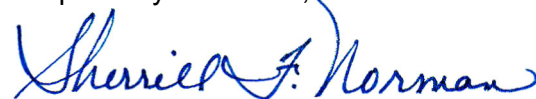
District's Response to Findings

Government Auditing Standards requires the auditor to perform limited procedures on the District's response to the findings identified in our audit and described in the accompanying **SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS**. The District is responsible for preparing a corrective action plan to address each audit finding included in our auditor's report. The District's response to the additional matter identified in our audit is included as the District Response on page 59 in Finding AM 2024-001. The District's responses and **CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN** were not subjected to the other auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on them.

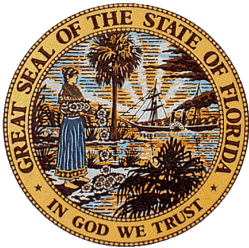
Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the 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.

Respectfully submitted,



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March 21, 2025



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR FEDERAL PROGRAM AND REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE REQUIRED BY THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We have audited the Jefferson County District School Board's compliance with the types of compliance requirements identified as subject to audit in the OMB *Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of the District's major Federal programs for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024. The District's major Federal programs are identified in **SECTION I – SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS** of the accompanying **SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS**.

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

Basis for Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

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

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

Responsibilities of Management for Compliance

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance

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

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance, we:

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

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

Report on Internal Control Over Compliance

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

program will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance with a type of compliance requirement of a Federal program that is less severe than a material weakness in internal control over compliance, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

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

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

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

Respectfully submitted,



Sherrill F. Norman, CPA
Tallahassee, Florida
March 21, 2025

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

SECTION I – SUMMARY OF AUDITOR’S RESULTS

Financial Statements

Type of auditor’s report issued on whether the financial statements audited were prepared in accordance with GAAP:	Unmodified
Internal control over financial reporting:	
Material weakness(es) identified?	No
Significant deficiency(ies) identified?	Yes
Noncompliance material to financial statements noted?	No

Federal Awards

Internal control over major Federal programs:	
Material weakness(es) identified?	No
Significant deficiency(ies) identified?	None reported
Type of auditor’s report issued on compliance for major Federal programs:	Unmodified
Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with 2 CFR 200.516(a)?	No
Identification of major Federal programs:	
Assistance Listing Numbers:	Name of Federal Program or Cluster:
84.010	Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies
84.425	Education Stabilization Fund
Dollar threshold used to distinguish between type A and type B programs:	\$750,000
Auditee qualified as low risk auditee?	No

SECTION II – FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS

SIGNIFICANT DEFICIENCIES

ACCOUNTING RECORDS AND THE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

Finding Number	2024-001
Opinion Units	Major Funds: General Fund, Special Revenue – Federal Education Stabilization (SRFES) Fund, and Special Revenue – Other (SRO) Fund
Financial Statements Account Titles	Various
Fund Names	General, SRFES, and SRO Funds
Adjustment Amounts	<p>For example:</p> <p>General Fund: Decreased Cash (\$1,066,923 – credit), Accounts Payable (\$548,716 – debit), and Payroll Deductions and Withholding (\$142,434 – debit). Increased Due from Other Funds (\$245,032 – debit), Expenditures (\$144,095 – debit), and Salaries and Benefits Payable (\$13,354 – credit).</p> <p>SRFES Fund: Increased Cash (\$465,822 – debit), Unearned Revenue (\$313,804 – credit), and Due to Other Funds (\$119,082 – credit). Decreased Due from Other Agencies (\$32,936 – credit), Expenditures (\$124,395 – credit), and Revenues (\$124,395 – debit).</p> <p>SRO Fund: Increased Cash (\$577,411 – debit), Unearned Revenue (\$522,017 – credit), Due from Other Agencies (\$30,128 – debit), and Due to Other Funds (\$85,522 – credit). Decreased Expenditures (\$192,933 – credit) and Revenues (\$192,933 – debit).</p>
Statistically Valid Sample	Not Applicable
Prior Year Finding	Not Applicable
Finding	District controls need improvement to ensure that the accounting records and Annual Financial Report (AFR) are accurate.
Criteria	<p>General ledger accounting entries and other accounting entries made directly to the financial statements are made as necessary to revise asset, liability, revenue, and expenditure and expense accounts. Effective internal controls require that individuals possess the expertise to prepare accounting entries and the AFR.</p> <p>Such controls also require other individuals with financial accounting expertise to document independent verification of the entries and the financial statements before the AFR is submitted to the Florida Department of Education (FDOE). Effective controls provide reasonable assurance that transactions are appropriately recorded and reported, and that errors or fraud, should they occur, are timely detected and resolved.</p> <p>Pursuant to Section 1010.01, Florida Statutes, State Board of Education (SBE) rules incorporate the requirements of law and accounting principles generally accepted in the United States (GAAP). GAAP require that account balance and transactions be properly presented and the preparation of fund financial statements include an analysis (worksheet) to determine the major funds. A fund should be reported as major when the fund’s assets and deferred outflows of resources, liabilities and deferred inflows of resources, revenues, or expenditures represent at least 10 percent of the total governmental funds.</p>

Condition

From the District's 103 accounting entries totaling \$43.8 million, we requested for examination District records supporting 24 selected accounting entries totaling \$40.1 million. However, District records were not provided to support the basis for 14 entries totaling \$37.1 million or to demonstrate that the entries had been independently verified of record.

We extended our examination of District records and determined, for example, that the effect of 6 selected entries inaccurately increased General Fund cash by \$1,066,923 and decreased the cash for the SRO and SRFES Funds by \$577,411 and \$465,822, respectively. We also determined the adjustments necessary to ensure that the effects of the incorrect accounting entries were corrected on the financial statements at June 30, 2024. As a result of those audit adjustments, we found that audit adjustments were necessary to the SRO Fund to present that fund as a major fund on the financial statements.

While District personnel accepted the audit adjustments, our procedures cannot substitute for the District's responsibility to establish appropriate controls over accounting entries and information presented in the AFR.

Cause

According to District personnel, the District consultant incorrectly created and recorded many of the accounting entries without the involvement of District personnel. Moreover, although we requested, District records were not provided to demonstrate that District staff or the consultant possessed the expertise to properly complete the accounting entry and AFR preparation process.

District personnel indicated that, due to a District staff shortage and because staff lacked appropriate accounting knowledge, District controls did not always include documented, independent verification of these entries and AFR information before the information was submitted to the FDOE.

Effect

Recording and reporting errors may cause financial information users to misunderstand the District's most significant funds, their related balances, and other financial activities, and incorrectly assess the District financial position.

Absent adequate controls, including preparation of accounting entries and financial statements by individuals possessing financial accounting expertise and documented, independent verification of that information by knowledgeable individuals, there is an increased risk that errors or fraud could occur without timely detection.

Recommendation

District procedures should be enhanced to ensure that accounting information is accurately recorded and reported. Such enhancements should include appropriate training for District personnel responsible for the accounting entry and AFR processes. If consultants are contracted for these processes, the District should document verification that the consultants are capable of providing those services. In addition, District records should be maintained to demonstrate independent verification of the accounting entries and financial statement information before the AFR is submitted to the FDOE.

District Response

The District plans to improve internal controls, training, and procedures to ensure that accounting records and AFR are accurately recorded and reported. The District has contracted with a reputable and respected previous Finance Director from a neighboring county with nearly 15 years experience and documented clean audits in the position to train the newly hired Chief Financial Officer and various staff members as deemed necessary. The District will also maintain records to allow independent verification of accounting entries and financial statement information before the AFR is submitted to DOE.

FINANCIAL REPORTING

Finding Number	2024-002
Opinion Unit	All Opinion Units
Financial Statements Account Titles	All Financial Statements
Fund Name	All Fund Names
Adjustment Amounts	Not Applicable
Statistically Valid Sample	Not applicable
Prior Year Finding	Not applicable
Finding	Contrary to SBE rules, District procedures did not ensure that the AFR was timely submitted to the FDOE.
Criteria	<p>SBE Rule 6A-1.0071, Florida Administrative Code, and related instructions from the FDOE prescribe the exhibits and schedules that should be prepared as part of the District AFR and required the AFR for the 2023-24 fiscal year be submitted to the FDOE by September 11, 2024. The AFR is to include, for example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance – Governmental Funds and the Statement of Changes in Assets, Liabilities, and Fiduciary Net Position.• Management’s Discussion and Analysis, Statement of Net Position, Statement of Activities, Balance Sheet – Governmental Funds, Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances – Governmental Funds, Statement of Fiduciary Net Position, Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position, Notes to Financial Statements, Required Supplementary Information (RSI) including budgetary information for each major special revenue fund, and the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (SEFA).
Condition	<p>Contrary to SBE rules, the District did not timely submit all required components of the District AFR to the FDOE. Our examination of District records and inquiry with District personnel disclosed that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• During the 2023-24 fiscal year, the District’s Chief Financial Officer position was vacant and the District contracted with a consultant to prepare the District AFR; however, the contract did not specify the expected completion date for the AFR.• On October 28, 2024, 47 days after the required reporting date, the Board approved the District AFR; however, the AFR omitted, for example, the required notes to the financial statements, the SEFA, and the original and final budget amounts for the major special revenue funds from the RSI.• As of January 2025, District personnel had provided the notes to financial statements and SEFA to us for audit purposes. However, the AFR continued to lack the major special revenue funds original and final budget amounts and, although we requested, District records were not provided to demonstrate that, as of March 2025, the AFR had been submitted to the FDOE.
Cause	The Board-approved consultant contract for AFR preparation did not establish an AFR completion date to provide for timely submittal of the AFR to the FDOE.

Effect	We extended our procedures to determine the required components of the AFR and District personnel accepted adjustments to include those components in the AFR. However, the untimely submittal of all components of the AFR decreases the relevance and usefulness of financial reporting and is not in compliance with SBE rules.
Recommendation	The District should improve procedures to ensure compliance with SBE rules by completing and including all required components of the AFR and ensuring that the AFR is timely submitted to the FDOE.
District Response	The District will improve procedures to ensure compliance with SBE rules by completing and including all required components of the AFR and ensuring that the AFR is timely submitted to the FDOE.

SECTION III – FEDERAL AWARD FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

No matters are reported.

ADDITIONAL MATTER

SCHOOL INTERNAL FUNDS

Finding	AM 2024-001
Opinion Unit	Aggregate Remaining Fund Information
Financial Statements Account Title	Various
Fund Name	Custodial Funds
Adjustment Amounts	Not Applicable
Statistically Valid Sample	Not Applicable
Prior Year Finding	Not Applicable

Finding District financial reporting procedures could be improved to ensure that the required District school internal funds audit report is timely issued and considered in completing the District financial statements.

Criteria Chapter 8 – School Internal Funds of the *Financial and Program Cost Accounting and Reporting for Florida Schools* requires an annual audit of the District school internal funds, which are an integral part of the District financial reporting entity. School internal funds account for various school club and class activities and are to be reported in the District financial statements as fiduciary funds in the custodial funds statement of fiduciary net position and statement of changes in fiduciary net position.

Pursuant to SBE Rule 6A-1.0071, Florida Administrative Code, the District AFR, including the financial statements, must be submitted to the FDOE by September 11 of each year.

Condition The District AFR presented to us for audit included unaudited school internal funds information and, as of March 19, 2025, the 2023-24 fiscal year audit of the school internal funds had not been completed. Subsequent to our inquiry the report was completed as of March 20, 2025.

Cause The District had not established effective procedures to require and ensure timely completion of the 2023-24 fiscal year school internal funds audit report. The Board contracted with an audit firm to conduct the audit of the school internal funds; however, the contract lacked a required report issue date and, according to District personnel, the report issuance was delayed due to District staff turnover.

Effect Without a timely audit report opining on the fair presentation of the school internal funds financial information, the District’s ability to properly and timely complete the District financial statements is hindered, and financial statement users have limited assurance regarding the accuracy of that information on the District financial statements.

As of June 30, 2024, District records indicated that the financial activities of the school internal funds represent 7 percent, 3 percent, 8 percent, 12 percent, and 15 percent, respectively, of the assets, liabilities, net position and fund balance, revenues and additions, and expenditures and deductions of the aggregate remaining fund information reported on the District financial statements.

Recommendation The District should establish effective procedures to ensure that the school internal funds audit report is timely issued. Such procedures should ensure audit

contracts specify audit report issue dates that provide ample opportunity for the audit results to be considered during the preparation of the District financial statements.

District Response

Internal accounts audit was submitted on March 20, 2025. The District plans to improve the timeline for internal accounts audit submission by providing a specified time frame in the contract with the auditor.

SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS

The District did not have prior audit findings required to be reported under Title 2, Section 200.511, Code of Federal Regulations.

CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN



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March 20, 2025

**Jefferson County District School Board
 Management's Corrective Action Plans
 For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024**

Finding Number:	2024-001.
Planned Corrective Action:	The District plans to improve internal controls, training, and procedures to ensure that accounting records and AFR are accurately recorded and reported. The District has contracted with a reputable and respected previous Finance Director from a neighboring county with nearly 15 years experience and documented clean audits in the position to train the newly hired Chief Financial Officer and various staff members as deemed necessary. The District will also maintain records to allow independent verification of accounting entries and financial statement information before the AFR is submitted to DOE.
Anticipated Completion Date:	June 30, 2025
Responsible Contact Person:	Lisa A. English, CFO

Finding Number:	2024-002.
Planned Corrective Action:	The District will improve procedures to ensure compliance with SBE rules by completing and including all required components of the AFR and ensuring that the AFR is timely submitted to the FDOE.
Anticipated Completion Date:	June 30, 2025
Responsible Contact Person:	Lisa A. English, CFO



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