

***EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION
OF MORRIS COUNTY***

***ANNUAL COMPREHENSIVE
FINANCIAL REPORT***

FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

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COMMISSION OF MORRIS COUNTY***

***Educational Services Commission of Morris County
Morristown, New Jersey***

***Annual Comprehensive Financial Report
For The Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024***

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MORRISTOWN, NEW JERSEY
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024***

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November 15, 2024

Honorable President and
Members of the Board of Directors
Educational Services Commission of Morris County
Morristown, New Jersey

Dear Board Members:

The annual comprehensive financial report (ACFR) of the Educational Services Commission of Morris County for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024 is hereby submitted. Responsibility for both the accuracy of the data and completeness and fairness of presentation, including all disclosures, rests with the management of the Commission. To the best of our knowledge and belief, the data presented in this report is accurate in all material respects and is reported in the manner designed to present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Educational Services Commission of Morris County as of June 30, 2024, and the respective changes in financial position and cash flows, where applicable, thereof for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The Annual Comprehensive Financial Report is presented in four sections as follows:

- The Introductory Section contains a table of contents, Letter of Transmittal, List of Principal Officials, and an Organizational Chart of the School Commission;
- The Financial Section begins with the Independent Auditor's Report and includes the Management's Discussion and Analysis, the Basic Financial Statements and Notes providing an overview of the Commission's financial position and operating results, and other schedules providing detailed budgetary information;
- The Statistical Section includes selected economic and demographic information, financial trends, and the fiscal capacity of the Commission, generally presented on a multi-year basis; The Single Audit Section — The Commission is required to undergo an annual single audit in conformity with the provisions of the Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (U.S. Uniform Guidance) and New Jersey OMB Circular 15-08, Single Audit Policy for Recipients of Federal Grants, State Grants and State Aid. Information related to this single audit, including the independent auditor's report on the internal control and compliance with applicable laws, regulations, contracts and grants, along with findings and questioned costs, are included in the single audit section of this report single audit, including the auditor's report on the internal control structure and compliance with applicable laws and regulations and findings and recommendations, are included in the single audit section of this report.

Educational Services Commission Organization

An elected fifteen-member Board of Directors (the “Board”) serves as the policy maker for the Commission. The Board adopts an annual budget and directly approves all expenditures, which, serve as the basis for control over, and authorization for all expenditures of the Commission tax money. The Superintendent is the chief executive officer of the Commission, responsible to the Board for total educational and support operations. The Board Secretary is the chief financial officer of the Commission, responsible to the Board for maintaining all financial records, issuing warrants in payment of liabilities incurred by the Commission, acting as a custodian of all Commission funds, and investing idle funds as permitted by New Jersey law.

1) Reporting Entity and Its Services

The Educational Services Commission of Morris County is an independent reporting agency formed by the constituent districts of Morris County within the criteria adopted by the GASB, Statement No. 14. The Commission, its school, and programs located throughout the County of Morris, constitute the reporting entity.

The Commission provides educational services to districts in Morris County either on a cooperative or a direct service basis. These services include: Cooperative Bid Purchasing; Coordinated Public, Special and Private School Transportation; a Special Education School; Child Study Team Services; Shared Business Services; Professional Support Services; Health and Environmental Safety Services; Nonpublic Services which include Chapters 192/193 Handicapped and Auxiliary Services, Nursing Services, Textbook Purchase and Processing, Technology Support Services; Security Aide Services; and Emergency Aid to Nonpublic Schools.

2) Economic Condition and Outlook

The need to develop economies of scale and cost effective measures to control spending amid sparse resources continues to create the demand for the Commission’s services and cooperative activities. Our programs and requests for additional types of programs are increasing. Budgeting estimates based on the amount of business we expect to do are increasing each year. As we continue to be receptive to the needs of the districts, we expect to increase our economic condition. A sound infrastructure will enable us to take the lead in developing new and innovative strategies for cost effective programming, which relieves districts of many administrative burdens, and redirect saved resources to needed programs to enhance the quality of education for the children in the community.

3) Major Initiatives

The Emergency Aid to Nonpublic Schools (EANS) initiated by the Department of Education with funding from the CARES Act, to address learning loss caused by the pandemic will be completed in the next fiscal year.

Central Park School continues to experience a decline in enrollment. The contract with the Department of Education to operate the school ended in FY2024. The Commission has gathered legislative and Department of Education support for the purchase of the Central Park School building and property of approximately 10+ acres. The legislation was signed into law by Governor Murphy. We will be developing a plan to utilize the property for the Commission offices and to develop partnerships for use and lease of the building to other public schools. The Commission will also develop a plan for the future of the school program with 20 students by the end of this fiscal year.

4) Internal Accounting Controls

The Administration of the Commission is responsible for establishing and maintaining an internal control structure designed to ensure that the assets of the Commission are protected from loss, theft or misuse and to ensure that adequate accounting data is compiled to allow for the preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). The internal control structure is designed to provide reasonable, but not absolute, assurance that these objectives are met. The concept of reasonable assurance recognizes that: 1) the cost of a control should not exceed the benefits likely to be derived; and 2) the valuation of costs and benefits requires estimates and judgments by the Administration.

As a recipient of federal and state financial assistance, the Commission is also responsible for ensuring that an adequate internal control structure is in place to ensure compliance with applicable laws and regulations related to those programs. This internal control structure is also subject to periodic evaluation by the Commission Administration.

As part of the Commission's single audit described earlier, tests are made to determine the adequacy of the internal control structure, including that portion related to federal and state financial assistance programs, as well as to determine that the Commission has complied with applicable laws and regulations.

5) Budgetary Controls

In addition to internal accounting controls, the Commission maintains budgetary controls. The objective of these budgetary controls is to ensure compliance with legal provisions embodied in the annual appropriated budget approved by Representative Assembly of the Educational Services Commission. Annual appropriated budgets are adopted for the general fund, the special revenue fund, and the debt service fund. Project-length budgets are approved for the capital improvements accounted for in the capital projects fund. The final budget amount as amended for the fiscal year is reflected in the financial section.

An encumbrance accounting system is used to record outstanding purchase commitments on a line item basis. Open encumbrances at year-end are either canceled or are included as re-appropriation of fund balance in the subsequent year. Those amounts to be re-appropriated are reported as reservations of fund balance at June 30, 2024.

6) Accounting System and Reports

The Commission's accounting records reflect generally accepted accounting principles, as promulgated by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB). The accounting system of the ESC is organized on the basis of funds and account groups. These funds and account groups are explained in "Notes to the Financial Statements", Note 1.

7) Debt Administration

The Commission's facility funding agreement with the Morris County Improvement Authority for the issuance of \$4.9 million in bonds to finance old debt and new construction at the Park Lake School has been defeased with funds obtained from the sale of the Park Lake School Building and through agreement with the MCIA to retire the note on the anniversary date.

8) Cash Management

The investment policy of the Commission is guided in large part by state statute as detailed in "Notes to the Financial Statements", Note 2. The Commission has adopted a cash management plan, which requires it to deposit public funds in public depositories protected from loss under the provisions of the Governmental Unit Deposit Protection Act ("GUDPA"). GUDPA was enacted

in 1970 to protect Governmental Units from a loss of funds on deposit with a failed banking institution in New Jersey. The law requires governmental units to deposit public funds only in public depositories located in New Jersey, where the funds are secured in accordance with the Act.

9) Risk Management

The Board carries various forms of insurance, including but not limited to general liability, automobile liability and comprehensive/ collision, hazard and theft insurance on property and contents, and fidelity bonds.

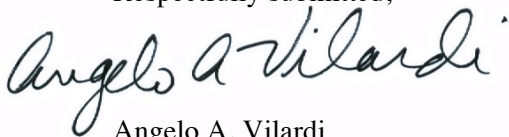
10) Other Information

Independent Audit - State statutes require an annual audit by independent certified public accountants or registered municipal accountants. The accounting firm of Barre & Company LLC was selected. In addition to meeting the requirements set forth in state statutes, the audit also was designed to meet the requirements of Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996 and the related Federal Uniform Guidance and State Treasury Circular Letter 15-08 OMB. The auditor's report on the basic financial statements and combining and individual fund statements and schedules is included in the financial section of this report. The auditor's reports related specifically to the single audit are included in the single audit section of this report.

11) Acknowledgment

We would like to express our appreciation to the members of the Educational Services Commission of Morris County Board of Directors for their commitment in providing fiscal accountability to the citizens and taxpayers of Morris County and thereby contributing their full support to the development and maintenance of our financial operation. The preparation of this report could not have been accomplished without the efficient and dedicated services of our financial and accounting staff.

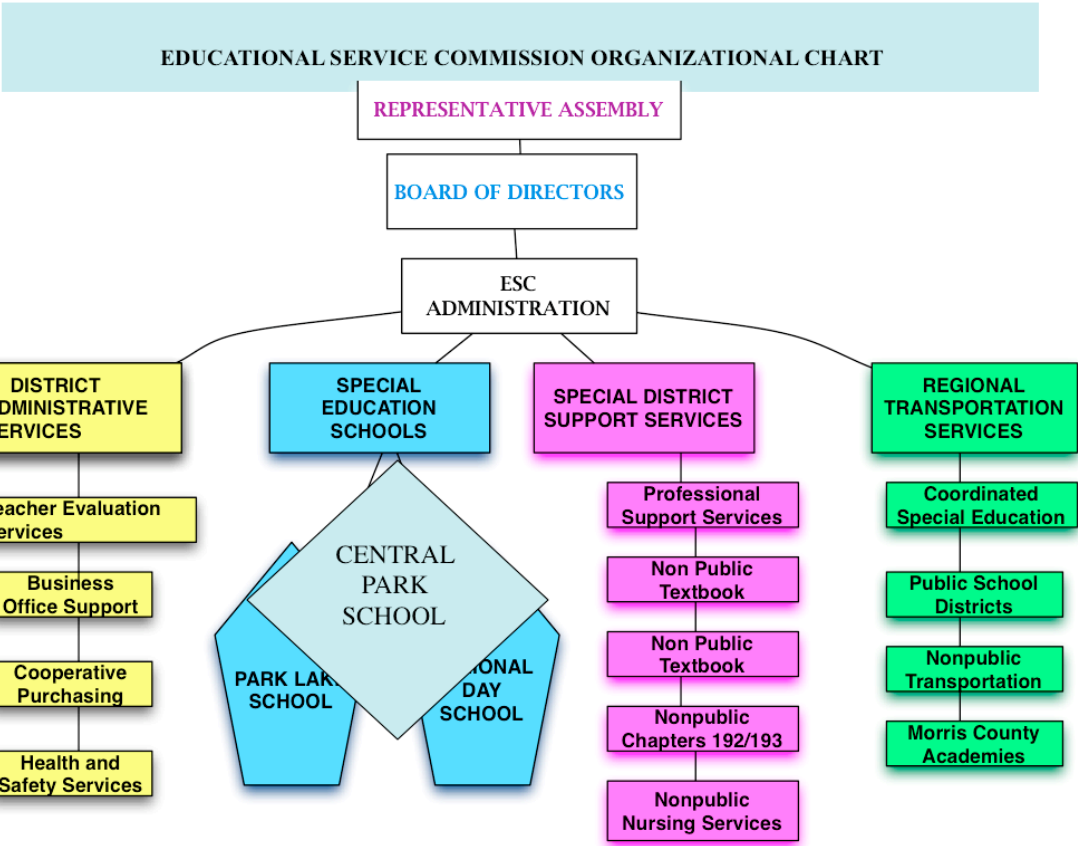
Respectfully submitted,



Angelo A. Vilardi
Superintendent



Catarina Bilotta
Business Administrator



**Educational Services Commission of Morris County
Morristown, New Jersey**

**ROSTER OF OFFICIALS
2023-2024
Board of Directors**

<u>Members</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Michael Bertram, President Morris Hills Regional Board of Education	2025
Karen Nyquist, Vice President Long Hill Township Board of Education	2025
Irene LeFebvre Boonton Town Board of Education	2025
Barry Brantner Boonton Township Board of Education	2025
Heather Ogus Butler Board of Education	2025
Scott Miller Dover Board of Education	2025
Richard Bruno Harding Township Board of Education	2025
Diane Perez Jefferson Township Board of Education	2025
Stephen Tindall Madison Board of Education	2025
Diane Morris Mine Hill Township Board of Education	2025
Joseph Daughtry Montville Township Board of Education	2025
Michelle Shappell Parsippany Troy Hills Board of Education	2025
Greg MacSweeney Pequannock Township Board of Education	2025
Lisa Mezik Rockaway Township Board of Education	2025
Lindsay Suchy Washington Township Board of Education	2025

Administrative Officials

Angelo A. Vilardi, Superintendent
Catarina Bilotta, Business Administrator/Board Secretary
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Independent Auditor's Report

Honorable President
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Report on the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities and each major fund of the Educational Services Commission of Morris County (School Commission), in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the School Commission's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities and each major fund of the Educational Services Commission of Morris County, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, as of June 30, 2024, and the respective changes in the financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the fiscal year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS) and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States and in compliance with audit requirements as prescribed by the Office of School Finance, Department of Education, State of New Jersey. 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 Educational Services Commission of Morris County 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

The School Commission's management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes 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 Educational Services Commission of Morris County's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with 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 Educational Services Commission of Morris County'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 Educational Services Commission of Morris County's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

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

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis, budgetary comparison information, schedule of the School Commission's proportionate share of the net pension liability, schedule of the School Commission's pension contributions, and schedule of changes in the School Commission's total OPEB liability and related ratios, as listed in the table of contents, be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's response 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 Educational Services Commission of Morris County's basic financial statements. The combining and related major fund supporting statements and schedules are presented for purposes of additional analysis, as required by the Office of School Finance, Department of Education, State of New Jersey and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards and state financial assistance, as required by Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance), and the State of New Jersey's Circular 15-08 OMB, *Single Audit Policy for Recipients of Federal Grants, State Grants and State Aid*, respectively,

are also 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 relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the combining statements and related major fund supporting statements and schedule and schedule of expenditures of federal awards and state financial assistance are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Information


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

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

Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards* and the Office of School Finance, Department of Education, State of New Jersey

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and the Office of School Finance, Department of Education, State of New Jersey, we have also issued our report dated January 15, 2025 on our consideration of the Educational Services Commission of Morris County's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is 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 internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and the Office of School Finance, Department of Education, State of New Jersey and the Office of School Finance, Department of Education, State of New Jersey in considering the School Commission's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.


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January 15, 2025

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION – PART I

**EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION OF MORRIS COUNTY
MORRISTOWN, NEW JERSEY**

**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024
UNAUDITED**

The Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) of Educational Services Commission of Morris County's financial performance provides an overall review of the School Commission's financial activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024. The intent of this discussion and analysis is to look at the School Commission's financial performance as a whole; readers should also review the basic financial statements and notes to enhance their understanding of the School Commission's financial performance. Certain comparative information between the current year (2023-2024) and the prior year (2022-2023) is required to be presented in the MD&A.

Financial Highlights

Key financial highlights for 2024 are as follows:

- ❖ The liabilities of the ESC were exceeded by its assets at the close of the most recent fiscal year by (\$804,658) (net position) as a result of showing net pension liability of \$1,555,481.
- ❖ The ESC's total net position increased by \$1,050,071. The increase is attributable to the Central Park School and the services for special revenue programs.
- ❖ Governmental funds general revenues accounted for \$837,138 in revenue or 2% of all revenues. Program specific revenues in the form of charges for services, operating grants and contributions and capital grants accounted for \$50,714,480 or 98% of total revenues of \$51,551,618.
- ❖ The ESC had \$50,501,547 in expenses and \$50,714,480 was offset by program specific charges for services, grants or contributions. General revenues (primarily tuition) of \$837,138 were not adequate to provide for these programs.
- ❖ Among governmental funds, the General Fund had \$42,485,791 in revenues and \$42,006,375 in expenditures and other financing sources General Fund's fund balance increased \$479,416 from the June 30, 2023.

Using this Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR)

This annual report consists of a series of financial statements and notes to those statements. These statements are organized so the reader can understand Educational Services Commission of Morris County as a financial whole, an entire operating entity. The statements then proceed to provide an increasingly detailed look at specific financial activities.

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Using this Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) (Continued)

The *Statement of Net Position* and *Statement of Activities* provide information about the activities of the whole School district, presenting both an aggregate view of the School Commission's finances and a longer-term view of those finances. Fund financial statements provide the next level of detail. For governmental funds, these statements tell how services were financed in the short-term as well as what remains for future spending. The fund financial statements also look at the School commission's most significant funds. In the case of Educational Services Commission of Morris County, the General Fund is by far the most significant fund.

Reporting the School Commission as a Whole

Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities

While this document contains the large number of funds used by the School Commission to provide programs and activities, the view of the School Commission as a whole looks at all financial transactions and ask the question, "How did we do financially during 2024?" The *Statement of Net Position* and the *Statement of Activities* answer this question. These statements include all assets and liabilities using the accrual basis of accounting similar to the accounting used by most private-sector businesses. This basis of accounting takes into account all of the current year's revenues and expenses regardless of when cash is received or paid.

These two statements report the School Commission's net position and changes in that position. This change in net position is important because it tells the reader that, for the school commission as a whole, the financial position of the School Commission have improved or diminished. The causes of this change may be the result of many factors, some financial and some not. Non-financial factors include the School Commission's property tax base, current laws in New Jersey restricting revenue growth, facility condition, required educational programs and other factors.

In the *Statement of Net Position* and the *Statement of Activities*, the School Commission is divided into two distinct kinds of activities:

- ❖ Governmental activities — All of the School Commission's programs and services are reported here including instruction, support services, operation and maintenance of plant facilities, pupil transportation and extracurricular activities.
- ❖ Business-Type Activity — This service is provided on a charge for goods or services basis to recover all the expenses of the goods or services provided. The Food Service enterprise fund is reported as a business activity.

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Reporting the School Commission's Most Significant Funds

Fund Financial Statements

The fund financial statements provide detailed information about the most significant funds-not the ESC as a whole. Some funds are required to be established by State law. The ESC's two kinds of funds, governmental and proprietary, use different accounting approaches.

Governmental Funds

The School Commission's activities are reported in governmental funds, which focus on how money flows into and out of those funds and the balances left at year-end available for spending in the future years. These funds are reported using an accounting method called modified accrual accounting, which measures cash and all other financial assets that can readily be converted to cash. The governmental fund statements provide a detailed short-term view of the School district's general government operations and the basic services it provides. Governmental fund information helps the reader determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance educational programs. The relationship (or differences) between governmental activities (reported in the *Statement of Net Position* and the *Statement of Activities*) and governmental funds is reconciled in the financial statements.

Proprietary Funds

When the ESC charges customers for the full cost of the services it provides, these services are reported in proprietary funds. Proprietary funds are reported in the same way that all activities are reported in the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities. In fact, the ESC's enterprise funds (a component of business type funds) are the same as the business-type activities we report in the government-wide statements but provide more detail and additional information, such as cash flows, for proprietary funds. The enterprise fund uses the same basis of accounting as business-type activities; therefore, these statements are essentially the same.

The ESC as Trustee

Reporting the ESC's Fiduciary Responsibilities

The ESC is the trustee, or *fiduciary*, for the Student Activity and Agency Funds. All of the ESC's fiduciary activities are reported in separate Statements of Fiduciary Net

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The ESC as Trustee (Continued)

Reporting the ESC's Fiduciary Responsibilities (Continued)

Position and Changes in Fiduciary Net Position. We exclude these activities from the ESC's other financial statements because the ESC cannot use these assets to finance its operations. The ESC is responsible for ensuring that the assets reported in these funds are used for their intended purposes.

Figure A-1 summarizes the major features of the ESC's financial statements, including the portion of the ESC's government they cover and the types of information they contain. The remainder of this overview section of management's discussion and analysis explains the structure and contents of each of the statements.

**Major Features of the Education Services Commission of Morris County
Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements
(Figure A-1)**

	Government-Wide Statements	Fund Statements		
		Governmental Funds	Proprietary Funds	Fiduciary Funds
Scope	Entire ESC (except fiduciary funds)	The activities of the ESC that are not proprietary or fiduciary, such as food service and student activities	Activities the ESC operates similar to private businesses; N/A	Instances in which the ESC is the trustee or agent for someone else's resources, such as payroll agency and student activities
Required financial statements	Statement of net position Statement of activities	Balance sheet Statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balance	Statement of net position Statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in net position Statement of cash flows	Statement of fiduciary net position Statement of changes in fiduciary net position
Accounting basis and measurement focus	Accrual accounting and economic resources focus	Modified accrual accounting and current financial resources focus	Accrual accounting and economic resources focus	Accrual accounting and economic resources focus

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The ESC as Trustee (Continued)

Reporting the ESC's Fiduciary Responsibilities (Continued)

Type of asset/liability information	All assets and liabilities, both financial and capital, and short-term and long-term	Only assets expected to be used up and liabilities that come due during the year or soon thereafter; no capital assets included	All assets and liabilities, both financial and capital, and short-term and long-term	All assets and liabilities, both short-term and long-term
Type of inflow/outflow information	All revenues and expenses during the year, regardless of when cash is received or paid	Revenues for which cash is received during or soon after the end of the year; expenditures when goods or services have been received and payment is due during the year or soon thereafter	All revenues and expenses, regardless of when cash is received or paid	All revenues and expenses during the year, regardless of when cash is received or paid

Notes to the Financial Statements

The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the District -wide and fund financial statements. The notes to the financial statements can be found starting on page 41 of this report.

Other Information

The combining statements referred to earlier in connection with governmental funds and enterprise funds are presented immediately following the notes to the basic financial statements.

The School Commission as a Whole

Recall that the *Statement of Net Position* provides the perspective of the School Commission as a whole. Net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. The Commission's financial position is the product of several financial transactions including the net results of activities, the acquisition and payment of debt, the acquisition and disposal of capital assets, and the depreciation of capital assets. Our analysis focuses on the net position and changes in net position of

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The School Commission as a Whole (Continued)

the ESC's governmental and business-type activities as of June 30, 2024. But since the ESC does not receive state aid, nor ad valorem taxes, the true measure of the success of the ESC operation of programs of shared services needs to be constructed using a cost efficiency business model, not available through this mandated reporting mechanism.

Table 1 provides a summary of the School District's net position for 2024 and 2023.

**Table 1
Net Position**

	2024	2023
Assets		
Current and Other Assets	\$ 5,990,313	\$ 5,297,141
Capital and ROU Leased Assets, Net	386,319	512,670
Total Assets	6,376,632	5,809,811
Deferred Outflows of Resources		
Related to Pensions	181,229	392,254
Liabilities		
Account and Other Payables	3,954,788	3,689,922
Other Current Liabilities	-	168
Long-Term Liabilities	2,376,520	3,354,914
Total Liabilities	6,331,308	7,045,004
Deferred Inflows of Resources		
Related to Pensions	1,031,211	1,011,790
Net Position		
Net Investment in Capital Assets	26,018	9,691
Unrestricted	(830,676)	(1,864,420)
Total Net Position	\$ (804,658)	\$ (1,854,729)

The District's combined net position (deficit) were (\$804,658) on June 30, 2024, and (\$1,854,729) for 2023.

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The School Commission as a Whole (Continued)

Table 2 shows changes in net position for fiscal years ended 2024 and 2023.

**Table 2
Changes in Net Position**

	2024	2023
Revenues		
Program Revenues:		
Charges for Services	\$ 48,937,437	\$ 45,665,497
Operating Grants and Contributions	1,295,314	1,598,127
Capital Grants and Contributions	481,729	2,322,390
General Revenues:		
Other Local Government Units	624,389	-
Grants and Entitlements	11,103	-
Other	201,646	774,958
Total Revenues	<u>51,551,618</u>	<u>50,360,972</u>
Program Expenses		
Instruction	11,973	981
Support Services:		
Student and Instruction Related	179,297	148,719
General and Business Administrative	1,948,983	2,120,224
School Administrative	7,326	11,859
Plant Operations and Maintenance	55,278	37,471
Pupil Transportation	39,020,700	36,482,329
Interest on Long-Term Debt	23,330	28,758
Unallocated Amortization	114,800	135,395
Food Service	38,251	39,971
Central Park School	3,144,024	3,065,949
DOSS	331,572	409,868
Transportation Leasing	386,658	(47,759)
Services for Special Revenue	<u>5,239,355</u>	<u>6,901,921</u>
Total Program Expenses	<u>50,501,547</u>	<u>49,335,686</u>
Changes in Net Position	<u>\$ 1,050,071</u>	<u>\$ 1,025,286</u>

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Governmental Activities

The ESC's total revenue were \$42,509,153 for 2024 and \$39,951,014 for 2023. This includes \$1,283,055 for 2024 and \$1,314,710 for 2023 of state reimbursed TPAF Pension, Social Security, Post-Retirement Medical, and Long-Term Disability Insurance Contributions.

The total cost of all program and services were for 2024 and \$38,965,736 for 2023. Instruction comprises 0.03% for 2024 and 0.00% for 2023. The ESC primarily conducts its operations from the revenue it receives from its pupil transportation services. Revenues generated from enterprise funds, which include the operation of the Central Park School, and direct transportation with ESC vehicles is not included in this report.

The total cost of all programs and services was \$41,361,687. The ESC's expenses are predominantly related to instructing, caring for (pupil and instruction services) and transporting students. The ESC's administrative and maintenance activities accounted for 9.47 percent of total costs. It is important to note that depreciation of \$140,596 is included in expenses for the year.

The *Statement of Activities* shows the cost of program services and the charges for services and grants offsetting those services. The statement shows the total cost of services and the net cost of services. The net cost shows the financial burden that was placed on the Commission's taxpayers by each of these functions.

Instruction expenses include activities directly dealing with the teaching of pupils and the interaction between teacher and student, including extracurricular activities.

Tuition and Students and Instruction Related expenses include the activities involved with assisting staff with the content and process of teaching to students, including curriculum and staff development.

General and Business Administration and School Administration expenses include expenses associated with administrative and financial supervision of the Commission.

Plant Operations and Maintenance expenses involve keeping the school grounds, buildings, and equipment in an effective working condition.

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Governmental Activities (Continued)

Pupil Transportation expenses includes activities involved with the conveyance of students to and from school, as well as to and from school activities, as provided by State law.

- The cost of all governmental activities this year was \$41,361,687.
- The federal and state governments subsidized certain programs with grants and contributions.
- Most of the ESC's costs, however, were financed by pupil transportation charges \$39,020,700.
- The remainder of governmental activities funding came from charges for services, local grants and miscellaneous

Business-Type Activities

The ESC's major Enterprise Funds consist of the Services for Special Revenue, Food Services, DOSS, Transportation Leasing and the Central Park School. Revenues for the Food Service Program were comprised of charges for services. Food Service revenues exceeded expenses by \$352. Charges for food service represent \$3,245 of revenue, this is the amount paid by patrons for daily food service and special functions. Central Park School revenues exceeded expenses by \$207,597, and charges for services represent \$3,386,979 of revenues. DOSS revenues exceeded expenditures by \$81,314. Charges for DOSS and services for special revenue represent \$412,886 and \$5,239,355, respectively. The ESC receives no Federal and State reimbursements for its business-type activities.

The basic financial statements for the major funds are included in this report. Because the focus on business-type funds is a cost of service measurement or capital maintenance, we have included these funds in the statements, which demonstrates return on ending assets and return on ending net position.

THE ESC'S FUNDS

The ESC uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance related legal requirements.

Governmental Funds: The ESC's governmental fund is comprised of the general fund, special revenue fund, and capital projects fund and is accounted for using the modified accrual basis of accounting.

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THE ESC'S FUNDS (CONTINUED)

The focus of the ESC's governmental funds is to provide information on short-term inflows, outflows, and balances of spendable resources. Such information is useful in assessing the ESC's financing requirements. The unrestricted fund balance is divided between assigned to and unassigned balances. The ESC has assigned portions of the unrestricted fund balance to earmark resources for the payment of certain government-wide liabilities that are not recognized in the governmental funds.

General Fund: The general fund is the main operating fund of the ESC. At the end of the current fiscal year, unassigned and total fund balance was \$2,082,160.

As demonstrated by the various statements, the ESC maintains a sound financial position.

The increase in Local Government Units is mainly attributable to an increase in member participation.

The increase in Miscellaneous is the result of prior year refunds.

The decrease in State and Federal Sources is a result of moving services for special revenue to business-type activities.

The Special Education Instruction expenditures decreased due to moving services for special revenue to business-type activities.

The Student and Instruction Related Services decreased due to declined responsibilities assigned to teaching personnel.

Employee Benefits increased because of an increase in health care premiums.

All other fluctuations are within the normal range of plus or minus 10% and therefore further explanation is not provided

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General Fund Budgeting Highlights

The School Commission's budget is prepared according to New Jersey law, and is based on accounting for certain transactions on a basis of cash receipts, disbursements, and encumbrances. The most significant budgeted fund is the General Fund.

Over the course of the year, the Commission revised the annual operating budget several times. Revisions in the budget were made to recognize revenues that were not anticipated and to prevent over-expenditures in specific line item accounts. Several of these revisions bear notation:

- ♣ TPAF, which is the state's contribution to the pension fund, is neither a revenue item nor an expenditure item to the district but is required to be reflected in the financial statements.
- ♣ Tuition for special education students is budgeted based on the existing and known incoming students at the time the budget is submitted. Students move into the Commission during the summer as well as the school year which necessitates transferring funds to the appropriate account to pay these special education costs.

Capital and Right-of-Use Leased Assets

The School Commission had \$383,089 at June 30, 2024 invested in building, furniture and equipment, and vehicles.

For more detailed information, please refer to the Notes to the Financial Statements.

Debt Administration

At June 30, 2024, the School Commission had \$2,376,520 of outstanding debt. Of this amount, \$177,042 is for compensated absences; \$250,000 is for bonds payable, \$393,997 is for lease liabilities, and \$1,555,481 is for net pension liability.

For more detailed information, please refer to the Notes to the Financial Statements.

For the Future

In preparing the 2023-2024 budget, the primary goal of the Board was to develop a budget that would meet the ESC's educational priorities, provide accountability to the

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For the Future (Continued)

taxpaying community, and comply with the stringent restrictions placed on ESC budgets by the new legislation. This legislation put a "2% cap" on the local tax levy for the local participating districts. Being mindful of our district limitations, the ESC prepares its budgets with cost containment to recognize district limitations on revenues. During the preparation of the 2024-2025 budget, the ESC continued to exercise restraint in budgeting to assist districts in sharing services, which keep district costs contained within their budgetary guidelines.

Looking ahead to the development of the 2024-2025 budget, the new budget law put into effect by the State of New Jersey Department of Education will have a significant impact on the Commission and its members. The law goes beyond the capping of revenues for the budget, but it also authorizes the Executive County Superintendent to look into the budget and challenge the ESC in their expenditure decisions.

Contacting the School District's Financial Management

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, investors, and creditors with a general overview of the School Commission's finances and to show the School Commission's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional information, contact the School Business Official, Catarina Bilotta at Educational Services Commission of Morris County, PO Box 1944, Morristown, New Jersey 07962-1944.

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

SECTION A - DISTRICT-WIDE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The statement of net position and the statement of activities display information about the District. These statements include the financial activities of the overall District, except for fiduciary activities. Eliminations have been made to minimize the double-counting of internal activities. These statements distinguish between the governmental and business-type activities of the District.

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EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION OF MORRIS COUNTY
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
JUNE 30, 2024

	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	Total
ASSETS:			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 2,521,809	\$ -	\$ 2,521,809
Interfund Balances	(176,428)	176,428	-
Receivables	3,434,412	1,119,783	4,554,195
Inventories		742	742
Capital and Right-Of-Use Leased Assets, Net	383,089	3,230	386,319
Total Assets	6,162,882	1,300,183	7,463,065
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES:			
Related to Pensions	181,229		181,229
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	181,229	-	181,229
LIABILITIES:			
Cash Overdraft		1,086,433	1,086,433
Payable to Federal Government	7,632	110,750	118,382
Accounts Payable	3,833,531	2,875	3,836,406
Noncurrent Liabilities:			
Due Within One Year	368,176		368,176
Due Beyond One Year:			
Other Long-Term Liabilities	452,863		452,863
Net Pension Liability	1,555,481		1,555,481
Total Liabilities	6,217,683	1,200,058	7,417,741
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES:			
Related to Pensions	1,031,211		1,031,211
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	1,031,211	-	1,031,211
NET POSITION (DEFICIT):			
Net Investment in Capital Assets	19,557	6,461	26,018
Unassigned (Deficit)	(924,340)	93,664	(830,676)
Total Net Position (Deficit)	\$ (904,783)	\$ 100,125	\$ (804,658)

The accompanying Notes to Basic Financial Statements are an integral part of this statement.

BOARD OF EDUCATION
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STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

Functions/Programs	Expenses	Program Revenues			Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes In Net Position		
		Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	Total
GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES:							
Instruction:							
Regular	\$ 11,103	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (11,103)	\$ -	\$ (11,103)
Special Education	870				(870)		(870)
Support Services:							
Student and Instruction Related Services	179,297				(179,297)		(179,297)
General and Business Administrative Services	1,948,983		1,295,314		(653,669)		(653,669)
School Administrative Services	7,326				(7,326)		(7,326)
Plant Operations and Maintenance	55,278				(55,278)		(55,278)
Pupil Transportation	39,020,700	40,376,701			1,356,001		1,356,001
Interest on Long-Term Debt	23,330				(23,330)		(23,330)
Unallocated Amortization	114,800				(114,800)		(114,800)
Total Governmental Activities	41,361,687	40,376,701	1,295,314	-	310,328	-	310,328
BUSINESS-TYPE ACTIVITIES:							
Food Service	38,251	3,245				(35,006)	(35,006)
Central Park School	3,144,024	3,386,979				242,955	242,955
DOSS	331,572	412,886				81,314	81,314
Transportation Leasing	386,658					(386,658)	(386,658)
Services for Special Revenue	5,239,355	4,757,626		481,729		-	-
Total Business-Type Activities	9,139,860	8,560,736	-	481,729		(97,395)	(97,395)
Total Primary Government	\$ 50,501,547	\$ 48,937,437	\$ 1,295,314	\$ 481,729	\$ 310,328	\$ (97,395)	\$ 212,933
GENERAL REVENUES:							
Other Local Government Units					\$ 624,389	\$ -	\$ 624,389
Federal and State Aid Not Restricted					11,103		11,103
Investment Earnings					49,152		49,152
Miscellaneous Income					152,494		152,494
Total General Revenues					837,138	-	837,138
Change in Net Position					1,147,466	(97,395)	1,050,071
Net Position (Deficit) - Beginning of Year					(2,052,249)	197,520	(1,854,729)
Net Position (Deficit) - Ending					\$ (904,783)	\$ 100,125	\$ (804,658)

The accompanying Notes to Basic Financial Statements are an integral part of this statement.

SECTION B - FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The individual Fund statements and schedules present more detailed information for the individual fund in a format that segregates information by fund type.

GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

BOARD OF EDUCATION
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION OF MORRIS COUNTY
GOVERNMENT FUNDS
BALANCE SHEET
JUNE 30, 2024

	General Fund	Special Revenue Fund	Total
ASSETS:			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 2,521,809 *	\$ -	\$ 2,521,809
Receivables From Other Governments	8,141		8,141
Other Receivables	3,426,271		3,426,271
Total Assets	<u>\$ 5,956,221</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 5,956,221</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES:			
Liabilities:			
Interfund Accounts Payable (Enterprise Funds)	\$ 176,428	\$ -	\$ 176,428
Payable to Federal Government	7,632		\$ 7,632
Accounts Payable	3,690,001		3,690,001
Total Liabilities	<u>3,874,061</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,874,061</u>
Fund Balances:			
Unassigned:			
General Fund	<u>2,082,160</u>		<u>2,082,160</u>
Total Fund Balances	<u>2,082,160</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,082,160</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	<u>\$ 5,956,221</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	

Amounts reported for *governmental activities* in the statement of net position (deficit) (A-1) are different because:

Capital and right-of-use leased assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the governmental funds. The cost of the assets is \$594,057 and the accumulated depreciation is \$210,968.

383,089

Long-term liabilities, including bonds and leased payables, are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported as liabilities in the funds.

(821,039)

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

(1,555,481)

Accrued pension contributions for the June 30, 2024 plan year end are not paid with current economic resources and are therefore not reported as a liability in the funds, but are included in accounts payable in the government-wide statement of net position.

(143,530)

Deferred outflows and inflows or resources related to pensions are applicable to future periods and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.

Deferred outflows related to pensions

181,229

Deferred inflows related to pensions

(1,031,211)

Net Position (Deficit) of Governmental Activities

\$ (904,783)

* Include former fiduciary fund cash and cash equivalents

** Include payroll deductions payable

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GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES,
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	General Fund	Special Revenue Fund	Total
REVENUES:			
Local Sources:			
Other Local Government Units	\$ 624,389	\$ -	\$ 624,389
Transportation Fees	40,376,701		40,376,701
Interest on Investments	49,152		49,152
Miscellaneous	152,494		152,494
Total Local Sources	41,202,736	-	41,202,736
State Sources	1,283,055		1,283,055
Federal Sources		11,103	11,103
Total Revenues	42,485,791	11,103	42,496,894
EXPENDITURES:			
Current:			
Instruction:			
Regular		11,103	11,103
Support Services and Undistributed Costs:			
Student and Instruction Related Services	179,297		179,297
General and Business Administrative Services	423,923		423,923
School Administrative Services	7,326		7,326
Plant Operations and Maintenance	55,278		55,278
Pupil Transportation	39,020,700		39,020,700
Employee Benefits	2,210,589		2,210,589
Capital Outlay	109,262		109,262
Total Expenditures	42,006,375	11,103	42,017,478
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	479,416	-	479,416
FUND BALANCES, JULY 1	1,602,744	-	1,602,744
FUND BALANCES, JUNE 30	\$ 2,082,160	\$ -	\$ 2,082,160

The accompanying Notes to Basic Financial Statements are an integral part of this statement.

BOARD OF EDUCATION
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION OF MORRIS COUNTY
RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES,
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

Total net change in fund balances - governmental funds (B-2) \$ 479,416

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities
(A-2) are different because:

Capital outlays are reported in governmental funds as expenditures.
However, on the statement of activities, the cost of those
assets which are capitalized are allocated over their estimated useful lives
as depreciation expense in the current fiscal year.

Depreciation Expense	\$ (5,090)	
Amortization Expense	<u>(114,800)</u>	(119,890)

Repayment of bond principal is an expenditure in the governmental funds,
but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the statement of net
assets and is not reported in the statement of activities. 240,000

In the statement of activities, certain expenses, e.g., compensated
absences (vacations & sick pay) are measured by the amounts earned
during the year. In the governmental funds, however, expenditures for
these items are reported in the amount of financial resources used (paid).
When the earned amount exceeds the paid amount, the difference is a
reduction in the reconciliation; when the paid amount exceeds the earned
amount, the difference is an addition to the reconciliation. (16,749)

Some items reported in the statement of activities do not require the use of
current financial resources and therefore are not reported as expenditures in
government funds. The increase in capital leases is a reduction to the
reconciliation. The decrease in capital leases is an addition to the reconciliation. 102,036

Pension costs associated with the PERS pension plan are reported in the
governmental funds as expenditures in the year the school pension contribution is
paid. However, on the statement of activities, the net difference between the current
and prior year net pension liability is recognized. 462,653

Change in net position of governmental activities \$ 1,147,466

PROPRIETARY FUNDS

BOARD OF EDUCATION
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION OF MORRIS COUNTY
PROPRIETARY FUNDS
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
JUNE 30, 2024

	Business-Type Activities - Enterprise Funds					
	Food Service Programs-School Nutrition					
	Central Park School	Food Service ESC	DOSS	Transportation Leasing	Services for Special Revenue	Totals
ASSETS:						
Current Assets:						
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 292,106	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 292,106
Due From Other Funds (General Fund)				176,428		176,428
Receivables from Other Governments	254,761	742	15,202		849,820	1,119,783
Inventories						742
Total Current Assets	-	254,761	307,308	176,428	849,820	1,589,059
Noncurrent Assets:						
Machinery and Equipment				115,562		115,562
Less: Accumulated Depreciation				(112,332)		(112,332)
Total Noncurrent Assets	-	-	-	3,230	-	3,230
Total Assets	\$ -	\$ 254,761	\$ 307,308	\$ 179,658	\$ 849,820	\$ 1,592,289
LIABILITIES AND NET POSITION:						
Liabilities:						
Cash Overdraft	\$ -	\$ 639,469	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 739,070	\$ 1,378,539
Accounts Payable	2,875				110,750	113,625
Total Liabilities	-	642,344	-	-	849,820	1,492,164
Net Position:						
Net Investment in Capital Assets	-	-	-	6,461	-	6,461
Unrestricted	(387,583)	742	307,308	173,197		93,664
Total Net Position	-	(387,583)	307,308	179,658	-	100,125
Total Liabilities and Net Position	\$ -	\$ 254,761	\$ 307,308	\$ 179,658	\$ 849,820	\$ 1,592,289

The accompanying Notes to Basic Financial Statements are an integral part of this statement.

BOARD OF EDUCATION
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION OF MORRIS COUNTY
PROPRIETARY FUNDS
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES,
AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	Business-Type Activities - Enterprise Funds					
	Food Service Programs-School Nutrition			DOSS	Transportation Leasing	Services for Special Revenue
	Central Park School	Food Service	Food Service ESC			
	Operating					Totals
OPERATING REVENUES:						
Charges for Services:						
Daily Sales - Program (Reimbursable Program) Meals	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Daily Sales - Non-Program (Non-Reimbursable Program) Meals		3,386,979	3,245	412,886		3,245
Program Fees						9,039,220
Total Operating Revenues	-	3,386,979	3,245	412,886	-	5,239,355
						9,042,465
OPERATING EXPENSES:						
Cost of Sales - Program (Reimbursable Program) Meals	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cost of Sales - Non-Program (Non-Reimbursable Program) Meals		1,519,299	11,507			11,507
Salaries		887,942	13,436			4,428,686
Support Services - Employee Benefits						1,006,992
Purchased Prof/Tech Services						22,157
Other Purchased Professional Services		191,911		75,903		667,735
Cleaning, Repair, and Maintenance Services		250,306				250,306
Other Purchased Services		182,007	11,330	255,669		537,822
General Supplies		29,307				1,739,317
Utilities		75,960				75,960
Depreciation Expense					6,461	6,461
Miscellaneous Expenditures		7,292	1,978		380,197	392,917
Total Operating Expenses	-	3,144,024	38,251	331,572	386,658	5,239,355
Change in Net Position Before Other Financing Uses	-	242,955	(35,006)	81,314	(386,658)	(97,395)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES:						
Transfers In (Out)		(35,358)	35,358			-
Total Other Financing Sources	-	(35,358)	35,358	-	-	-
CHANGE IN NET POSITION	-	207,597	352	81,314	(386,658)	(97,395)
TOTAL NET POSITION - JULY 1	-	(595,180)	390	225,994	566,316	197,520
TOTAL NET POSITION - JUNE 30	\$ -	\$ (387,583)	\$ 742	\$ 307,308	\$ 179,658	\$ 100,125

The accompanying Notes to Basic Financial Statements are an integral part of this statement.

BOARD OF EDUCATION
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION OF MORRIS COUNTY
PROPRIETARY FUNDS
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	Business-Type Activities - Enterprise Funds						
	Food Service Programs-School Nutrition						Totals
	Food Service	Central Park School	Operating	Food Service ESC	DOSS	Transportation Leasing	
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:							
Receipts From Customers	\$ -	\$ 3,251,477	\$ (1,519,299)	\$ 3,245	\$ 407,754	\$ 380,197	\$ 9,138,841
Payments To Employees			(887,942)	(13,436)			(2,895,951)
Payments For Employee Benefits			(736,028)	(25,167)	(331,572)	(380,197)	(1,006,992)
Payments To Suppliers							(2,206,323)
							(3,679,287)
Net Cash Provided By (Used For) Operating Activities	-	108,208	(35,358)	(35,358)	76,182	-	(125,156)
CASH FLOWS FROM NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES:							
Operating Subsidies and Transfers to/From Other Funds		(35,358)		35,358			-
Net Cash Provided By (Used For) Noncapital Financing Activities	-	(35,358)		35,358	-	-	-
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	-	72,850		-	76,182	-	(125,156)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, JULY 1	-	(712,319)		-	215,924	-	(613,914)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, JUNE 30	\$ -	\$ (639,469)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 292,106	\$ -	\$ (739,070)
							\$ (1,086,433)
Reconciliation of Operating Loss to Net Cash Provided By (Used For) Operating Activities:							
Operating Income (Loss)	\$ -	\$ 242,955	\$ (35,006)	\$ (35,006)	\$ 81,314	\$ (386,658)	\$ (97,395)
Depreciation						6,461	6,461
Change In Assets And Liabilities:							
Increase In Receivables From Other Governments		(135,502)		(352)	(5,132)	(143,187)	(283,821)
Increase In Inventories							(352)
Decrease In Other Current Assets						380,365	380,365
Increase In Accounts Payable		755				18,031	18,786
Decrease In Other Current Liabilities						(168)	(168)
Net Cash Provided By (Used For) Operating Activities	\$ -	\$ 108,208	\$ (35,358)	\$ (35,358)	\$ 76,182	\$ -	\$ (125,156)
							\$ 23,876

The accompanying Notes to Basic Financial Statements are an integral part of this statement.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION OF MORRIS COUNTY
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2024

NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements of the Board of Education (the “Board”) of Educational Services Commission of Morris County (the “Commission”) have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) as applied to governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The more significant of the Board’s accounting policies are described below.

A. Reporting Entity

The Board is an instrumentality of the State of New Jersey, established to function as an educational institution. The Board consists of elected officials and is responsible for the fiscal control of the Commission. A superintendent is appointed by the Board and is responsible for the administrative control of the Commission.

The primary criterion for including activities within the Commission’s reporting entity, as set forth in Section 2100 of the GASB Codification of Governmental Accounting and Financial Reporting Standards, is whether:

- the organization is legally separate (can sue or be sued in their own name)
- the Commission holds the corporate powers of the organization
- the Commission appoints a voting majority of the organization’s board
- the Commission is able to impose its will on the organization
- the organization has the potential to impose a financial benefit/burden on the Commission
- there is a fiscal dependency by the organization on the Commission

Based on the aforementioned criteria, the Commission has no component units.

B. Basis of Presentation, Basis of Accounting

The School Commission’s basic financial statements consist of District-wide statements, including a statement of net position and a statement of activities, and fund financial statements which provide a more detailed level of financial information.

EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION OF MORRIS COUNTY
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2024

NOTE 1: **SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

Basis of Presentation, Basis of Accounting (Continued)

Basis of Presentation

District-Wide Statements: The statement of net position and the statement of activities display information about the Commission as a whole.

These statements include the financial activities of the overall Commission, except for fiduciary activities. Eliminations have been made to minimize the double-counting of internal activities. These statements distinguish between the governmental and business-type activity of the Commission. Governmental activities generally are financed through taxes, intergovernmental revenues, and other non-exchange transactions. Business-type activities are financed in whole or in part by fees charged to external parties.

The statement of net position presents the financial condition of the governmental and business-type activity of the School Commission at fiscal year-end. The statement of activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for the business-type activity of the Commission and for each function of the Commission's governmental activities. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with a program or function and, therefore, are clearly identifiable to a particular function.

Program revenues include (a) fees and charges paid by the recipients of goods or services offered by the programs and (b) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program. Revenues that are not classified as program revenues, including all taxes, are presented as general revenues. The comparison of direct expenses with program revenues identifies the extent to which each governmental function or business segment is self-financing or draws from the general revenues of the Commission.

Fund Financial Statements: During the fiscal year, the School Commission segregates transactions related to certain Commission functions or activities in separate funds in order to aid financial management and to demonstrate legal compliance. The fund financial statements provide information about the Commission's funds, including its fiduciary funds. Separate statements for each fund category — *governmental*, *proprietary*, and *fiduciary* — are presented. The New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) has elected to require New Jersey districts to treat each governmental fund as a major fund in accordance with the option noted in GASB No. 34, paragraph 76. The

EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION OF MORRIS COUNTY
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2024

NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Basis of Presentation, Basis of Accounting (Continued)

NJDOE believes that the presentation of all funds as major is important for public interest and to promote consistency among district financial reporting models.

The Commission reports the following governmental funds:

General Fund: The general fund is the general operating fund of the Commission and is used to account for all expendable financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund. Included are certain expenditures for vehicles and movable instructional or non-instructional equipment which are classified in the capital outlay sub-fund.

As required by the New Jersey State Department of Education, the Commission includes budgeted capital outlay in this fund. Generally accepted accounting principles as they pertain to governmental entities state that general fund resources may be used to directly finance capital outlays for long-lived improvements as long as the resources in such cases are derived exclusively from unrestricted revenues. Resources for budgeted capital outlay purposes are normally derived from State of New Jersey Aid, district taxes, and appropriated fund balance. Expenditures are those that result in the acquisition of or additions to fixed assets for land, existing buildings, improvements of grounds, construction of buildings, additions to or remodeling of buildings and the purchase of built-in equipment. These resources can be transferred from and to Current Expense by Board resolution.

Special Revenue Fund: The special revenue fund is used to account for the proceeds of specific revenue from State and Federal Government, (other than major capital projects, debt service or the enterprise funds) and local appropriations that are legally restricted to expenditures for specified purposes.

Capital Projects Fund - The Capital Projects Fund is used to account for all financial resources to be used for the acquisition or construction of major capital facilities (other than those financed by Proprietary Funds). The financial resources are derived from sale of bonds, lease purchases and other revenues.

EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION OF MORRIS COUNTY
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2024

NOTE 1: **SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

Basis of Presentation, Basis of Accounting (Continued)

The Commission reports the following proprietary funds:

Enterprise Fund (Food Service): The enterprise fund accounts for all revenues and expenses pertaining to the Board's operations. The funds are utilized to account for operations that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises. The stated intent is that the cost (i.e. expenses including depreciation and indirect costs) of providing goods or services to the students on a continuing basis are financed or recovered primarily through user charges.

The Enterprise Funds: Utilized to account for operations that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises - where the intent of the Board is that the costs (i.e. expenses including depreciation and indirect costs) of providing goods or services to the students on a continuing basis be financed or recovered primarily through user charges; or, where the Commission has decided that periodic determination of revenues earned, expenses incurred, and/or net income is appropriate for capital maintenance, public policy, management control, accountability or other purposes.

The Commission's Enterprise Funds are comprised of the Services for Special Revenue, Food Service Fund, Central Park School, DOSS and Transportation Leasing operations.

Depreciation of all exhaustive fixed assets used by proprietary funds is charged as an expense against their operations. Accumulated depreciation is reported on proprietary fund balance sheets. Depreciation has been provided over the estimated useful lives using the straight-line method. The estimated useful lives are as follows:

Food Service Fund:
Equipment 12 Years

Transportation Leasing:
Vehicles 12 Years

In its accounting and financial reporting, the Commission follows the pronouncements of the GASB and the pronouncements of the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) and its predecessor organizations issued on or before November 30, 1989, unless they

EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION OF MORRIS COUNTY
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2024

NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Basis of Presentation, Basis of Accounting (Continued)

conflict with or contradict GASB pronouncements. The Commission's business-type activities and enterprise funds have elected not to apply the standards issued by the FASB after November 30, 1989.

As a general rule the effect of interfund activity has been eliminated from the government-wide financial statements, however, interfund services provided and used are not eliminated in the process of consolidation.

Additionally, the Commission reports the following fund type:

Fiduciary Funds: The Fiduciary Funds are used to account for assets held by the District on behalf of others and include the Student Activities Fund, Payroll Agency Fund and Scholarship Funds.

In January 2017, the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) issued Statement No. 84 – Fiduciary Activities. The objective of this Statement is to improve guidance regarding the identification of fiduciary activities for accounting and financial reporting purposes and how those activities should be reported. This Statement establishes criteria for identifying fiduciary activities of all state and local government, including New Jersey school districts and their charter schools. The requirements of this Statement are effective for reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2020, or fiscal year 2020-2021. The focus of the criteria generally is on (1) whether a government is controlling the assets of the fiduciary activity and (2) the beneficiaries with whom a fiduciary relationship exists. Separate criteria are included to identify fiduciary component units and postemployment benefit arrangements that are fiduciary activities. After considering the criteria and guidance, it was determined that payroll, payroll agency, and unemployment compensation insurance, previously reported as fiduciary funds, that such activities are more appropriately reported in a general fund. Additionally, the School District previously reported the activity of the student activity fund as a fiduciary fund. Beginning in fiscal year 2020-2021, such activity are more appropriately reported in a special revenue fund.

EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION OF MORRIS COUNTY
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2024

NOTE 1: **SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

Basis of Presentation, Basis of Accounting (Continued)

Basis of Accounting

Basis of accounting determines when transactions are recorded in the financial records and reported on the financial statements.

District-Wide, Proprietary, and Fiduciary Fund Financial Statements: The District-wide financial statements are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting. Governmental funds use the modified accrual basis of accounting; the enterprise fund and fiduciary funds use the accrual basis of accounting. Differences in the accrual and modified accrual basis of accounting arise in the recognition of revenue, the recording of deferred revenue, and in the presentation of expenses versus expenditures. Ad Valorem (Property) Taxes are susceptible to accrual as under New Jersey State Statute a municipality is required to remit to its school district the entire balance of taxes in the amount voted upon or certified, prior to the end of the school year. The District records the entire approved tax levy as revenue (accrued) at the start of the fiscal year, since the revenue is both measurable and available. The District is entitled to receive monies under the established payment schedule and the unpaid amount is considered to be an "accounts receivable". Revenue from grants, entitlements, and donations is recognized in the fiscal year in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied.

Governmental Fund Financial Statements: Governmental funds are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under this method, revenues are recognized when measurable and available. "Measurable" means the amount of the transaction can be determined and "available" means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current period. Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred, except for principal and interest on general long-term debt, claims and judgments, and compensated absences, which are recognized as expenditures to the extent they have matured. General capital asset acquisitions are reported as expenditures in governmental funds. Proceeds of general long-term debt and acquisitions under capital leases are reported as other financing sources.

All governmental and business-type activities and enterprise funds of the Commission follow FASB Statements and Interpretations issued on or before November 30, 1989, Accounting Principles Board Opinions, and Accounting Research Bulletins, unless those pronouncements conflict with GASB pronouncements.

EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION OF MORRIS COUNTY
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2024

NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

C. Budgets/Budgetary Control

Annual appropriated budgets are prepared in the spring of each year for the general, special revenue, and debt service funds. The budgets are submitted to the county office and are voted upon at the annual school election on the third Tuesday in April. Budgets are prepared using the modified accrual basis of accounting except for the special revenue fund as described later. The legal level of budgetary control is established at line item accounts within each fund. Line item accounts are defined as the lowest (most specific) level of detail as established pursuant to the minimum chart of accounts referenced in N.J.A.C. 6:20-2A.2(m)1. All budget amendments/transfers must be approved by School Board resolution. All budget amounts presented in the accompanying supplementary information reflect the original budget and the amended budget (which have been adjusted for legally authorized revisions of the annual budgets during the year).

Appropriations, except remaining project appropriations, encumbrances, and unexpended grant appropriations, lapse at the end of each fiscal year. The capital projects fund presents the remaining project appropriations compared to current year expenditures. Formal budgetary integration into the accounting system is employed as a management control device during the year. For governmental funds there are no appropriations compared to current year expenditures. Formal budgetary integration into the accounting system is employed as a management control device during the year. For governmental funds there are no substantial differences between the budgetary basis of accounting and generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) with the exception of the legally mandated revenue recognition of the last two state aid payments for budgetary purposes only and the special revenue fund as noted below. Encumbrance accounting is also employed as an extension of formal budgetary integration in the governmental fund types. Unencumbered appropriations lapse at fiscal year-end.

The accounting records of the special revenue fund are maintained on the grant accounting budgetary basis. The grant accounting budgetary basis differs from GAAP in that the grant accounting budgetary basis recognizes encumbrances as expenditures and also recognizes the related revenues, whereas the GAAP basis does not. Sufficient supplemental records are maintained to allow for the presentation of GAAP basis financial reports.

EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION OF MORRIS COUNTY
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2024

NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

D. Encumbrances Accounting

Under encumbrance accounting, purchase orders, contracts and other commitments for the expenditure of resources are recorded to reserve a portion of the applicable appropriation. Open encumbrances in governmental funds, other than the special revenue fund, are reported as reservations of fund balances at fiscal year-end as they do not constitute expenditures or liabilities but rather commitments related to unperformed contracts for goods and services.

Open encumbrances in the special revenue fund, for which the Commission has received advances, are reflected in the balance sheet as deferred revenues at fiscal year-end.

The encumbered appropriation authority carries over into the next fiscal year. An entry will be made at the beginning of the next fiscal year to increase the appropriation reflected in the certified budget by the outstanding encumbrance amount as of the current fiscal year end.

E. Assets, Liabilities, and Equity

Interfund Transactions:

Transfers between governmental and business-type activities on the District-wide statements are reported in the same manner as general revenues.

Exchange transactions between funds are reported as revenues in the seller funds and as expenditures/expenses in the purchaser funds. Flows of cash or goods from one fund to another without a requirement for repayment are reported as interfund transfers. Interfund transfers are reported as other financing sources/uses in governmental funds and after non-operating revenues/expenses in the enterprise fund. Repayments from funds responsible for particular expenditures/expenses to the funds that initially paid for them are not presented on the financial statements.

EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION OF MORRIS COUNTY
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2024

NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Assets, Liabilities, and Equity (Continued)

Inventories:

Inventory purchases, other than those recorded in the enterprise fund, are recorded as expenditures during the year of purchase. Enterprise fund inventories are valued at cost, which approximates market, using the first-in/first-out (FIFO) method.

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) commodity portion of the Food Service Fund inventory consists of food donated by USDA. It is valued at estimated market prices by USDA. The amount of unused commodities at year end is reported on Schedule A as unearned revenue

Allowance for Uncollectible Accounts:

No allowance for uncollectible accounts has been recorded as all amounts are considered collectible.

Capital Assets:

The Commission has established a formal system of accounting for its capital assets. Purchased or constructed capital assets are reported at cost. Donated capital assets are valued at their estimated fair market value on the date received. The cost of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend assets' lives are not capitalized. The Commission does not possess any infrastructure. The capitalization threshold used by school districts in the State of New Jersey is \$2,000.

All reported capital assets except for land and construction in progress are depreciated. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method under the half-year convention over the following estimated useful lives:

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Estimated Useful Lives</u>
School Buildings	50
Building Improvements	20
Electrical/Plumbing	30
Vehicles	8
Office & Computer Equipment	5-10
Instructional Equipment	10
Grounds Equipment	15

EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION OF MORRIS COUNTY
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2024

NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Assets, Liabilities, and Equity (Continued)

In the fund financial statements, fixed assets used in governmental fund operations are accounted for as capital outlay expenditures of the governmental fund upon acquisition. Fixed assets are not capitalized and related depreciation is not reported in the fund financial statements.

Compensated Absences:

The Commission accounts for compensated absences (e.g., unused vacation, sick leave) as directed by Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 16 (GASB 16), "Accounting for Compensated Absences". A liability for compensated absences attributable to services already rendered and not contingent on a specific event that is outside the liability based on the accumulated sick and vacation days at the balance sheet date by those employees who are currently eligible to receive termination payments. Salary-related payments for the employer's share of social security and Medicare taxes, as well as pension contributions, are included.

For the District-wide Statements, the current portion is the amount estimated to be used in the following year. In accordance with GAAP, for the governmental funds, in the Fund Financial Statements, all of the compensated absences are considered long-term and therefore, are not a fund liability and represents a reconciling item between the fund level and District-wide presentations.

Deferred Revenue:

Deferred revenue arises when assets are recognized before revenue recognition criteria have been satisfied. Property taxes for which there is an enforceable legal claim as of June 30, 2024, but which were levied to finance fiscal year 2025 operations, have been recorded as deferred revenue. Grants and entitlement received before the eligibility requirements are met are also recorded as deferred revenue.

EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION OF MORRIS COUNTY
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2024

NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Assets, Liabilities, and Equity (Continued)

Accrued Liabilities and Long-Term Obligations:

All payables, accrued liabilities, and long-term obligations are reported on the District-wide financial statements. In general, governmental fund payables and accrued liabilities that, once incurred, are paid in a timely manner and in full from current financial resources, are reported as obligations of the funds. However, contractually required pension contributions and compensated absences that are paid from governmental funds are reported as liabilities on the fund financial statements only to the extent that they are due for payment during the current year. Bonds are recognized as a liability on the fund financial statements when due.

Net Position:

Net position represent the difference between assets and liabilities. Net position invested in capital assets, net of related debt consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, reduced by the outstanding balance of any borrowing used for the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets. Net position are reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed on their use either through the enabling legislation adopted by the Commission or through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors, or laws or regulations of other governments. The Commission's policy is to first apply restricted resources when an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net position are available.

Fund Balance Reserves:

The Commission reserves those portions of fund balance which are legally segregated for a specific future use or which do not represent available expendable resources and, therefore, are not available for appropriation or expenditure. Unreserved fund balance indicates that portion which is available for appropriation in future periods. A fund balance reserve has been established for encumbrances.

Revenues — Exchange and Non-exchange Transactions:

Revenue resulting from exchange transactions, in which each party gives and receives essentially equal value, is recorded on the accrual basis when the exchange takes place. On the modified accrual basis, revenue is recorded in the fiscal year in which the resources are measurable and become available. Available means the resources will be collected within

EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION OF MORRIS COUNTY
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2024

NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Assets, Liabilities, and Equity (Continued)

Revenues — Exchange and Non-exchange Transactions (Continued)

the current fiscal year or are expected to be collected soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current fiscal year. For the Commission, available means within sixty days of the fiscal year end.

Non-exchange transactions, in which the Commission receives value without directly giving equal value in return, include property taxes, income taxes, grants, entitlements, and donations. On the accrual basis, revenue from property taxes is recognized in the fiscal year for which the taxes are levied. Revenue from income taxes is recognized in the period in which the income is earned. Revenue from grants, entitlements, and donations is recognized in the fiscal year in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied. Eligibility requirements include timing requirements, which specify the year when the resources are required to be used or the fiscal year when use is first permitted; matching requirements, in which the Commission must provide local resources to be used for a specified purpose; and expenditure requirements, in which the resources are provided to the Commission on a reimbursement basis. On the modified accrual basis, revenue from non-exchange transactions must also be available before it can be recognized. Under the modified accrual basis, the following revenue sources are considered to be both measurable and available at fiscal year-end: property taxes available as an advance, interest, and tuition.

Operating Revenues and Expenses:

Operating revenues are those revenues that are generated directly from the primary activity of the enterprise fund. For the Commission, these revenues are sales for food service. Operating expenses are necessary costs incurred to provide the service that is the primary activity of the enterprise fund.

Allocation of Indirect Expenses:

The Commission reports all direct expenses by function in the Statement of Activities. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a function. Indirect expenses are allocated to functions but are reported separately in the Statement of Activities. Employee benefits, including the employer's share of social security, workers compensation, and medical and dental benefits, were allocated based on salaries of that program. Depreciation expense, where practicable, is specifically identified by function and is included in the indirect expense column of the Statement

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NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Assets, Liabilities, and Equity (Continued)

Allocation of Indirect Expenses (Continued)

of Activities. Depreciation expense that could not be attributed to a specific function is considered an indirect expense and is reported separately on the Statement of Activities.

Extraordinary and Special Items:

Extraordinary items are transactions or events that are unusual in nature and infrequent in occurrence. Special items are transactions or events that are within the control of management and are either unusual in nature or infrequent in occurrence. Neither of these types of transactions occurred during the fiscal year.

Management Estimates:

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of revenues and expenditures/expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

F. Pensions

For purposes of measuring the net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net pension of the State of New Jersey Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) and the State of New Jersey Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund (TPAF) and additions to/deductions from the PERS's and TPAF's net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by the PERS and the TPAF. For this purpose, benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Pension Plan investments are reported at fair value.

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NOTE 1: **SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

G. Impact of Recently Issued Accounting Principles

During fiscal year 2024, the School Commission has adopted the following GASB statements.

GASB Statement No. 100, *Accounting Changes and Error Corrections - an amendment of GASE Statement No. 62*. The primary objective of this Statement is to enhance accounting and financial reporting requirements for accounting changes and error corrections to provide more understandable, reliable, relevant, consistent, and comparable information for making decisions or assessing accountability.

Recently Issued Accounting Pronouncements

Other GASB Statements that the School Commission is currently reviewing for applicability and potential impact on the financial statements include:

GASB Statement No. 101, *Compensated Absences*, will be effective beginning with the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025. The objective of this Statement is to better meet the information needs of financial statement users by updating the recognition and measurement guidance for compensated absences. That objective is achieved by aligning the recognition and measurement guidance under a unified model and by amending certain previously required disclosures.

GASB Statement No. 102, *Certain Risk Disclosures*, will be effective beginning with the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025. The requirements of this Statement will improve financial reporting by providing users of financial statements with essential information that currently is not often provided. The disclosures will provide users with timely information regarding certain concentrations or constraints and related events that have occurred or have begun to occur that make a school district vulnerable to a substantial impact. As a result, users will have better information with which to understand and anticipate certain risks to a school district's financial condition.

GASB Statement No. 103, *Financial Reporting Model Improvements*, will be effective beginning with the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026. The requirements for MD&A will improve the quality of the analysis of changes from the prior year, which will enhance the relevance of that information. They also will provide clarity regarding what information should be presented in MD&A. The requirements for the separate presentation of unusual or infrequent items will provide clarity regarding which items should be reported separately from other inflows and outflows of resources.

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NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Impact of Recently Issued Accounting Principles (Continued)

Recently Issued Accounting Pronouncements (Continued)

The definitions of operating revenues and expenses and of nonoperating revenues and expenses will replace accounting policies that vary from school district to school district, thereby improving comparability. The addition of a subtotal for operating income (loss) and noncapital subsidies will improve the relevance of information provided in the proprietary fund statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in fund net position. The requirement for presentation of major component unit information will improve comparability. The requirement that budgetary comparison information be presented as RSI will improve comparability, and the inclusion of the specified variances and the explanations of significant variances will provide more useful information for making decisions and assessing accountability.

H. Unearned Revenue

Control of the employer and employee is accrued as employees earn the rights to the benefits. Commission employees are granted varying amounts of vacation and sick leave in accordance with the Commission's personnel policies. Upon retirement and/or termination, employees are paid for accrued vacation. The Commission's policy permits employees to accumulate unused sick leave and carry forward the full amount to subsequent years. Upon retirement employees shall be paid by the Commission for the unused sick leave in accordance with the Commission's agreements with the various employee unions.

The liability for compensated absences was accrued using the termination payment method, whereby the liability is calculated based on the amount of sick leave that is expected to become eligible for payment upon termination. The Commission estimates its accrued compensated absences.

Unearned revenue arises when assets are recognized before revenue recognition criteria have been satisfied.

Unearned revenue in the special revenue fund represents cash that has been received but not yet earned. See Note 2(E) regarding the special revenue fund.

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NOTE 2: CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AND INVESTMENTS

Cash and cash equivalents includes petty cash, change funds, amounts in deposits, money market or less.

Investments are stated at cost, or amortized cost, which approximates market. The amortized cost method involves valuing a security at its cost on the date of purchase and thereafter assuming a constant amortization to maturity of any discount or premium. The Board classifies certificates of deposit which have original maturity dates of more than three months but less than twelve months from the date of purchase, as investments.

GASB Statement No. 3 requires disclosure of the level of custodial credit risk assumed by the Board in its cash, cash equivalents and investments. Category 1 includes deposits/investments held by the Board's custodial bank trust department or agent in the Board's name. Category 2 includes uninsured and unregistered deposits/investments held by the Board's custodial bank trust department or agent in the Board's name. Category 3 includes uninsured or unregistered deposits/investments held by a broker or dealer, or held by the Board's custodial bank trust department or agent but not in the Board's name. These categories are not broad representations that deposits or investments are "safe" or "unsafe".

Cash and cash equivalents include petty cash, change funds, cash in banks and all highly liquid investments with a maturity of three months or less at the time of purchase and are stated at cost plus accrued interest. U.S. Treasury and agency obligations and certificates of deposit with maturities of one year or less when purchased are stated at cost. All other investments are stated at fair value.

New Jersey School Commissions are limited as to the types of investments and types of financial institutions they may invest in. New Jersey statute 18A:20-37 provides a list of permissible investments that may be purchased by New Jersey School Commissions. Deposits New Jersey statutes require that school districts deposit public funds in public depositories located in New Jersey which are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, the Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corporation, or by any other agency of the United States that insures deposits made in public depositories. School districts are also permitted to deposit public funds in the State of New Jersey Cash Management Fund.

New Jersey statutes require public depositories to maintain collateral for deposits of public funds that exceed depository insurance limits as follows:

The market value of the collateral must equal at least five percent of the average daily balance of collected public funds on deposit.

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NOTE 2: CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

In addition to the above collateral requirement, if the public funds deposited exceed 75% of the capital funds of the depository, the depository must provide collateral having a market value at least equal to 100% of the amount exceeding 75%.

All collateral must be deposited with the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia, the Federal Home Loan Bank of New York, or a banking institution that is a member of the Federal Reserve System and has capital funds of not less than \$25,000,000.

Additionally, the Commission has adopted a cash management plan that requires it to deposit public funds in public depositories protected from loss under the provisions of the Governmental Unit Deposit Protection Act ("GUDPA"). GUDPA was enacted in 1970 to protect Governmental Units from a loss of funds on deposit with a failed banking institution in New Jersey. N.J.S.A. 17:9-41 et seq. establishes the requirements for the security of deposits of governmental units. The statute requires that no governmental unit shall deposit public funds in a public depository unless such funds are secured in accordance with the Act. Public depositories include Savings and Loan institutions, banks (both state and national banks) and savings banks the deposits of which are federally insured. All public depositories must pledge collateral, having a market value at least equal to five percent of the average daily balance of collected public funds, to secure the deposits of Governmental Units. If a public depository fails, the collateral it has pledged, plus the collateral of all other public depositories, is available to pay the full amount of their deposits to the Governmental Units.

A. Tuition Revenues/Receivable

Tuition charges were established by the Board of Education based on estimated costs. The charges are not subject to adjustment when the final costs have been determined.

B. Tuition Payable

The Commission has no Tuitions Payable.

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NOTE 2: CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

C. Investment Rate Risk

The Commission does not have a formal investment policy that limits investment maturities as a means of managing its exposure to fair value losses arising from increasing interest rates. However, New Jersey Statutes 18A:20-37 limits the length of time for most investment to 397 days.

New Jersey statutes permit the Board to purchase the following types of securities:

- a. Bonds or other obligations of the United States or obligations guaranteed by the United States.
- b. Bonds of any Federal Intermediate Credit Bank, Federal Home Loan Bank, Federal National Mortgage Agency or of any United States Bank for Cooperatives which have a maturity date not greater than twelve months from the date of purchase
- c. Bonds or other obligations of the Commission.

The investments recorded in the District-wide statements have been recorded at amortized cost. In accordance with GASB 31, participating interest earning investment contracts that have a remaining maturity at the time of purchase of one year or less may be reported at amortized cost. For those securities purchased more than one year from the maturity date, the difference between the carrying amount and market value is not material to the District-wide statements. The carrying amount of the Board's cash and cash equivalents at June 30, 2024 was \$2,174,446 and the bank balance was \$6,271,593. All bank balances were covered by federal depository insurance and/or covered by a collateral pool maintained by the banks as required by New Jersey statutes.

D. Risk Category

All bank deposits, as of the balance sheet date, are entirely insured or collateralized by a collateral pool maintained by public depositories as required by the Governmental Unit Deposit Protection Act. In general, bank deposits are classified as to credit risk by three categories described below:

Category 1 — Insured or collateralized with securities held by the Board or by its agent in the Board's name.

Category 2 — Collateralized with securities held by the pledging public depository's trust department or agent in the Board's name.

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NOTE 2: CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

Risk Category (Continued)

Category 3 — Uncollateralized, including any deposits that are collateralized with securities held by the pledging public depository, or by its trust department or agent, but not in the Board's name.

As of June 30, 2024, the Board has no funds invested and on deposit in checking accounts and New Jersey ARM. These funds constitute "deposits with financial institutions" as defined by GASB Statement No. 3 and are classified as Category 1, both at year-end and throughout the year.

Investments

A. Credit Risk

New Jersey Statutes 18A:20-37 limits school district investments to those specified in the Statutes. The type of allowance investments are Bonds of the United States of America, bonds or other obligations of the school districts or bonds or other obligations of the local unit or units within which the school district is located: obligations of federal agencies not exceeding 397 days; government money market mutual funds; the State of New Jersey Cash Management Plan; local government investment pools; or repurchase of fully collateralized securities.

B. Concentration of Credit Risk

The Commission places no limit on the amount they may invest in any one issuer.

New Jersey Cash Management Fund

All investments in the Fund are governed by the regulations of the Investment Council, which prescribe specific standards designed to insure the quality of investments and to minimize the risks related to investments. In all the years of the Division of Investment's existence, the Division has never suffered a default of principal or interest on any short-term security held by it due to the bankruptcy of a securities issuer; nevertheless, the possibility always exists, and for this reason a reserve is being accumulated as additional protection for the "Other-than-State" participants. In addition to the Council regulations, the Division sets further standards for specific investments and monitors the credit of all eligible securities issuers on a regular basis.

As of June 30, 2024, the Commission had no funds on deposit with the New Jersey Cash Management Fund.

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NOTE 2: CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

Investments (Continued)

C. Prepaid Items

Payments made to vendors for services that will benefit periods beyond June 30, 2024, are recorded as prepaid items using the consumption method. A current asset for the prepaid amount is recorded at the time of purchase and an expenditure/expense is reported in the year in which services are consumed.

NOTE 3: RECEIVABLES

Receivables at June 30, 2024, consisted of accounts (tuition), intergovernmental, grants, and miscellaneous.

All receivables are considered collectible in full. A summary of the principal items of intergovernmental receivables follows:

	Governmental Funds			Proprietary Fund		
	General Fund	Special Revenue Fund	Total Governmental Activities	Food Service Fund	Total Business Type Activities	Total
State Aid	\$ 8,141	\$ -	\$ 8,141	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,141
Federal Aid	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other	3,426,271	-	3,426,271	1,119,783	1,119,783	4,546,054
Gross Receivables	3,434,412	-	3,434,412	1,119,783	1,119,783	4,554,195
Less: Allowance for Uncollectibles	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Receivables, Net	<u>\$ 3,434,412</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 3,434,412</u>	<u>\$ 1,119,783</u>	<u>\$ 1,119,783</u>	<u>\$ 4,554,195</u>

NOTE 4: INTERFUND TRANSFERS AND BALANCES

Transfers between funds are used to repay expenses paid by another fund.

The following interfund balances remained on the fund financial statements at June 30, 2024:

Fund	Interfund Receivable	Interfund Payable
General Fund	\$ -	\$ 176,428
Proprietary Fund	176,428	
Total	<u>\$ 176,428</u>	<u>\$ 176,428</u>

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NOTE 5: CAPITAL ASSETS

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

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Retirements	Ending Balance
Governmental Activities:				
<i>Capital Assets Being Depreciated:</i>				
Machinery and Equipment	\$ 230,525	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 230,525
Right-Of-Use Leased Assets	1,739,344	-	1,165,346	573,998
Totals at Historical Cost	1,969,869	-	1,165,346	804,523
Less Accumulated Depreciation For:				
Machinery and Equipment	205,878	5,090	-	210,968
Right-Of-Use Leased Assets	1,261,012	114,800	1,165,346	210,466
Total Accumulated Depreciation	1,466,890	119,890	1,165,346	421,434
Total Capital Assets Being Depreciated,	502,979	(119,890)	-	383,089
Net of Accumulated Depreciation				
Government Activity Capital Assets, Net	<u>\$ 502,979</u>	<u>\$ (119,890)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 383,089</u>
Business-Type Activities:				
<i>Capital Assets Being Depreciated:</i>				
Machinery and Equipment	\$ 115,562	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 115,562
Less Accumulated Depreciation	(105,871)	(6,461)	-	(112,332)
Enterprise Fund Capital Assets, Net	<u>\$ 9,691</u>	<u>\$ (6,461)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 3,230</u>

The governmental fund balance sheet includes a reconciliation between fund balance-total governmental funds and net position-governmental activities as reported in the District-wide statement of net position. One item of that reconciliation explains that capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds. An addition to the fund balance-total governmental funds is made to reflect the carrying value of the Commission's capital assets at year-end in the District-wide financial statements.

The School Commission has recorded a right-of-use leased asset. The asset is right-of-use asset for leased school facility. The related leases are discussed in the leases subsection of the liabilities section of this note. The right-of-use lease assets are amortized on a straight-line basis over the terms of the related leases.

At the end of the fiscal year 2024, the depreciation expense was charged to governmental function as follows:

Instruction Services	\$ 870
General and Business Administrative Services	4,220
Total	<u>\$ 5,090</u>

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NOTE 6: LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS

Changes in long-term obligations for the year ended June 30, 2024, are as follows:

	Balance			Balance	Amounts
	July 1, 2023	Increase	Decrease	June 30, 2024	Due Within
					One Year
Morris County Improvement					
Authority Bonds	\$ 490,000	\$ -	\$ 240,000	\$ 250,000	\$ 250,000
Lease Liabilities	496,033	-	102,036	393,997	112,252
Compensated Absences					
Payable	160,293	27,054	10,305	177,042	5,924
Net Pension					
Liability	2,208,588	39,994	693,101	1,555,481	-
Total	<u>\$ 3,354,914</u>	<u>\$ 67,048</u>	<u>\$ 1,045,442</u>	<u>\$ 2,376,520</u>	<u>\$ 368,176</u>

Compensated absences, capital leases, and net pension liability have been liquidated in the General Fund.

A. Bonds Payable

The Board issued General Obligation Bonds to provide funds for the acquisition and construction of major capital facilities and other capital assets.

Bonds are authorized in accordance with State Law by the voters of the District through referendums. All bonds are retired in serial installments within the statutory period of usefulness. Bonds issued by the District are General Obligation Bonds.

Outstanding Bonds Payable at June 30, 2024 consisted of the following:

Description	Interest Rate	Due Date	Maturity Date	Amount Issued	Amount Outstanding
Morris County ESC Project (Refunding)	2.09%	10/1/23	10/1/24	\$2,075,000	\$250,000

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NOTE 6: LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS (CONTINUED)

Bonds Payable (Continued)

Principal and interest due on Serial Bonds Outstanding is as follows:

Year Ending June 30,	Principal	Interest	Total
2025	250,000	2,613	247,733
	<u>\$ 250,000</u>	<u>\$ 2,613</u>	<u>\$ 247,733</u>

NOTE 7: PENSION PLANS

A substantial number of the District's employees participate in one of the following defined benefit pension plans: the Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund ("TPAF") and the Public Employees' Retirement System ("PERS"), which are administered by the New Jersey Division of Pensions and Benefits (the "Division"). In addition, several School District employees participate in the Defined Contribution Retirement Program ("DCRP"), which is a defined contribution pension plan. This plan is administered by Prudential Financial for the Division. Each plan has a Board of Trustees that is primarily responsible for its administration. The Division issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. The report may be obtained by writing to:

State of New Jersey
Division of Pensions and Benefits
P.O. Box 295
Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0295
<http://www.nj.gov/treasury/pensions>.

A. Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS)

Plan Description

The State of New Jersey, Public Employees; Retirement System (PERS) is a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan administered by the State of New Jersey, Division of Pensions and Benefits (the Division). For additional information about the PERS, please refer to the Division's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) which can be found at www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions/annrpts.shtml.

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NOTE 7: **PENSION PLANS (CONTINUED)**

Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) (Continued)

Vesting and Benefit Provisions

The vesting and benefit provisions are set by N.J.S.A. 43:15A. PERS provides retirement, death and disability benefits. All benefits vest after ten years of service, except for medical benefits, which vest after 25 years of service or under the disability provisions of PERS. The following represents the membership tiers for PERS:

<u>Tier</u>	<u>Descriptions</u>
1	Members who were enrolled prior to July 1, 2007
2	Members who were eligible to enroll on or after July 1, 2007 and prior to November 2, 2008
3	Members who were eligible to enroll on or after November 2, 2008, and prior to May 22, 2010
4	Members who were eligible to enroll on or after May 22, 2010 and prior to June 28, 2011
5	Members who were eligible to enroll on or after June 28, 2011

Service retirement benefits of 1/55th of final average salary for each year of service credit is available to Tiers 1 and 2 members upon reaching age 60 and to Tier 3 members upon reaching 62. Service retirement benefits of 1/60th of final average salary for each year of service credit is available to Tier 4 members upon reaching age 62 and to Tier 5 members upon reaching age 65. Early retirement benefits are available to Tiers 1 and 2 members before reaching age 60, to Tiers 3 and 4 with 25 or more years of service credit before age 62 and Tier 5 with 30 more years of service credit before age 65. Benefits are reduced by a fraction of a percent for each month that a members retires prior to the age of which a member can receive full early retirement benefits in accordance with their respective tier. Tier 1 members can receive an unreduced benefit from age 55 to age 60 if they have at least 25 years of service. Deferred retirement is available to members who have at least 10 years of service credit and have not reached the service retirement age for the respective tier.

Contributions

The contribution policy for PERS is set by N.J.S.A. 43:15A and requires contributions by active members and contributing employers. State legislation has modified the amount that is contributed by the State. The State's pension contribution is based on an actuarially determined amount, which includes the employer portion of the normal cost and an amortization of the unfunded accrued liability.

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NOTE 7: PENSION PLANS (CONTINUED)

Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) (Continued)

Contributions (Continued)

Funding for noncontributory group insurance benefits is based on actual claims paid. For fiscal year 2023, the State's pension contribution was less than actuarial determined amount.

The local employers' contribution amounts are based on an actuarially determined rate, which includes the normal cost and unfunded accrued liability. Chapter 19, P.L. 2009 provided an option for local employers of PERS to contribute 50% of normal and accrued liability contribution amounts certified for payments due in State fiscal year 2009. Such employers will be credited with the full payment and any such amounts will not be included in their unfunded liability. The actuaries will determine the unfunded liability of those retirement systems, by employer, for the reduced normal and accrued liability contributions provided under this law. This unfunded liability will be paid by the employer in level annual payments over a period of 15 years beginning with the payments due in the fiscal year ended June 30, 2012 and will be adjusted by the rate of return on the actuarial value of assets. The Commission contributions to PERS amounted to \$143,530 for fiscal year 2024.

The employee contribution rate was 7.50% effective July 1, 2018.

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

At June 30, 2024, the Commission reported a liability of \$1,555,481 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2023, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 01, 2022 which was rolled forward to June 30, 2023. The Commission's proportion of the net pension liability was based on a projection of the Commission's long-term share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the projected contributions of all participating members, actuarially determined. For the June 30, 2023 measurement date, the Commission's proportion was 0.0107390253%, which was a decrease of 0.0038141080% from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2022 of 0.0145531333%.

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, the Commission recognized pension expense of (\$306,805), in the government-wide financial statements. This pension expense was based on the pension plans June 30, 2023 measurement date.

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NOTE 7: PENSION PLANS (CONTINUED)

Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) (Continued)

Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions (Continued)

At June 30, 2024, the Commission reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to PERS from the following sources:

	<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>
Difference Between Expected and Actual Experience	\$ 14,872	\$ 6,358
Changes in Assumptions	3,417	94,269
Net Difference Between Projected and Actual Investment Earnings on Pension Plan Investments	7,163	-
Changes in Proportion and Differences between School District Contributions and Proportionate Share of Contributions	12,247	930,584
School District Contributions Subsequent to the Measurement Date	<u>143,530</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>\$ 181,229</u>	<u>\$ 1,031,211</u>

\$143,530, included in deferred outflows of resources, will be included as a reduction of the net pension liability in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025.

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NOTE 7: PENSION PLANS (CONTINUED)

Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) (Continued)

Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions (Continued)

Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources (excluding employer specific amounts) related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Fiscal Year Ending June 30,	Total
2024	\$ (82,124)
2025	(45,838)
2026	64,056
2027	(11,463)
2028	194
	<u>\$ (75,175)</u>

Changes in Proportion

The previous amounts do not include employer specific deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to changes in proportion. These amounts should be recognized (amortized) by each employer over the average of the expected remaining service lives of all plan members, which is 5.08, 5.04, 5.13, 5.16, 5.21, and 5.63 years for the 2023, 2022, 2021, 2020, 2019, and 2018, respectively.

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NOTE 7: PENSION PLANS (CONTINUED)

Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) (Continued)

Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions (Continued)

The amortization of the other deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be over the following number of years:

	<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>
Difference Between Expected and Actual Experience		
Year of Pension Plan Deferral:		
June 30, 2018	-	5.63 years
June 30, 2019	-	5.21 years
June 30, 2020	5.16 years	-
June 30, 2021	5.13 years	-
June 30, 2022	-	5.04 years
June 30, 2023	5.08 years	-
Changes in Assumptions		
Year of Pension Plan Deferral:		
June 30, 2018	-	5.63 years
June 30, 2019	-	5.21 years
June 30, 2020	-	5.16 years
June 30, 2021	5.13 years	-
June 30, 2022	-	5.04 years
Net Difference Between Projected and Actual Investment Earnings on Pension Plan Investments		
Year of Pension Plan Deferral:		
June 30, 2019	5.00 years	-
June 30, 2020	5.00 years	-
June 30, 2021	5.00 years	-
June 30, 2022	5.00 years	-
June 30, 2023	5.00 years	-

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NOTE 7: PENSION PLANS (CONTINUED)

Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) (Continued)

Actuarial Assumptions

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 01, 2022. The total pension liability was calculated through the use of updated procedures to roll forward from the actuarial valuation date to the measurement date of June 30, 2023. This actuarial valuations used the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods in the measurement.

Inflation Rate:

Price	2.75%
Wage	3.25%

Salary Increases:	2.75 - 6.55%
	based on years of service

Investment Rate of Return	7.00%
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Pre-retirement mortality rates were based on the Pub-2010 General Below-Median Income Employee mortality table with an 82.2% adjustment for males and 101.4% adjustment for females, and with future improvement from the base year of 2010 on a generational basis. Post-retirement mortality rates were based on the Pub-2010 General Below-Median Income Healthy Retiree mortality table with a 91.4% adjustment for males and 99.7% adjustment for females, and with future improvement from the base year of 2010 on a generational basis. Disability retirement rates used to value disabled retirees were based on the Pub-2010 Non-Safety Disabled Retiree mortality table with a 127.7% adjustment for males and 117.2% adjustment for females, and with future improvement from the base year of 2010 on a generational basis. Mortality improvement is based on Scale MP-2021. The actuarial assumptions used in the July 01, 2021 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2021.

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Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) (Continued)

Long-Term Expected Rate of Return

In accordance with State statute, the long-term expected rate of return on plan investments (7.00% at June 30, 2023) is determined by the State Treasurer, after consultation with the Directors of the Division of Investment and Division of Pensions and Benefits, the board of trustees and the actuaries. The long-term expected rate of return was determined using a building block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. Best estimates of arithmetic rates of return for each major asset class included in PERS's target asset allocation as of June 30, 2023 are summarized in the following table:

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Target Allocation</u>	<u>Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return</u>
U.S. Equity	28.00%	8.98%
Non-U.S. Developed Markets Equity	12.75%	9.22%
International Small Cap Equity	1.25%	9.22%
Emerging Markets Equity	5.50%	11.13%
Private Equity	13.00%	12.50%
Real Estate	8.00%	8.58%
Real Assets	3.00%	8.40%
High Yield	4.50%	6.97%
Private Credit	8.00%	9.20%
Investment Grade Credit	7.00%	5.19%
Cash Equivalents	2.00%	3.31%
U.S. Treasuries	4.00%	3.31%
Risk Mitigation Strategies	3.00%	6.21%

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NOTE 7: PENSION PLANS (CONTINUED)

Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) (Continued)

Discount Rate

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.00% as of June 30, 2023. This single blended discount rate was based on the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments of 7.00% and a municipal bond rate of 3.65% as of June 30, 2023, based on the Bond Buyer Go 20-Bond Municipal Bond Index. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from plan members will be made at the current member contribution rates and that contributions from employers will be based on 100% of the actuarially determined contributions for the State employer and 100% of actuarially determined contributions for the local employers. Based on those assumptions, the plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on plan investments was applied to all projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

Sensitivity of the Commission's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate

The following presents the Commission's proportionate share of the collective net pension liability of the participating employers as of June 30, 2023, calculated using the discount rate as disclosed above as well as what the Commission's proportionate share of the collective net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower or 1-percentage-point higher than the current rate:

	Measurement Date June 30, 2023		
	1% Decrease (6.00%)	Current Discount Rate (7.00%)	1% Increase (8.00%)
School District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	\$ 2,041,976	\$ 1,568,595	\$ 1,165,684

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NOTE 7: **PENSION PLANS (CONTINUED)**

Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) (Continued)

Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position

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 respective fiduciary net position of the PERS and additions to/deductions from PERS's fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by TPAF and PERS. Accordingly, benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value. For additional information about PERS, please refer to the plan's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) which can be found at www.nj.gov/treasury/pensions.

B. Teacher's Pension Annuity Fund (TPAF)

Plan Description

The State of New Jersey, Teacher's Pension and Annuity Fund (TPAF), is a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan with a special funding situation, by which the State of New Jersey (the State) is responsible to fund 100% of the employer contributions, excluding any local employer early retirement incentive (ERI) contributions. TPAF is administered by the State of New Jersey, Division of Pensions and Benefits (the Division). For additional information about TPAF, please refer to the Division's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) which can be found at www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions/annrpts.shtml.

Vesting and Benefit Provisions

The vesting and benefit provision are set by N.J.S.A. 18A:66. TPAF provides retirement, death and disability benefits. All benefits vest after ten years of service, except for medical benefits, which vest after 25 years of service or under the disability provisions of TPAF. Members are always fully vested for their own contributions and, after three years of service credit, become vested of 2% of related interest earned on the contributions. In the case of death before retirement, members' beneficiaries are entitled to full interest credited to the members' accounts.

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NOTE 7: PENSION PLANS (CONTINUED)

Teacher's Pension Annuity Fund (TPAF) (Continued)

Vesting and Benefit Provisions (Continued)

The following represents the membership tiers for TPAF:

Tier	Descriptions
1	Members who were enrolled prior to July 1, 2007
2	Members who were eligible to enroll on or after July 1, 2007 and prior to November 2, 2008
3	Members who were eligible to enroll on or after November 2, 2008 and prior to May 22, 2010
4	Members who were eligible to enroll on or after May 22, 2010 and prior to June 28, 2011
5	Members who were eligible to enroll on or after June 28, 2011

Service retirement benefits of $1/55^{\text{th}}$ of final average salary for each year of service credit is available to Tiers 1 and 2 members upon reaching age 60 and to Tier 3 members upon reaching age 62. Service retirement benefits of $1/60^{\text{th}}$ of final average salary for each year of service credit is available to Tier 4 members upon reaching age 62 and Tier 5 members upon reaching age 65. Early retirement benefits are available to Tiers 1 and 2 members before reaching age 60, Tiers 3 and 4 with 25 or more years of service credit before age 62, and Tier 5 before age 65 with 30 or more years of service credit. Benefits are reduced by a fraction of a percent for each month that a member retires prior to the retirement age for his/her respective tier. Deferred retirement is available to members who have at least 10 years of service credit and have not reached the service retirement age for the respective tier.

Contributions

The contribution policy for TPAF is set by N.J.S.A 18A:66 and requires contributions by active members and contributing employers. State legislation has modified the amount that is contributed by the State. The State's pension contribution is based on an actuarially determined amount which includes the employer portion of the normal cost and an amortization of the unfunded accrued liability. Funding for noncontributory group insurance benefits is based on actual claims paid. For Fiscal year 2023, the State's pension contribution was less than the actuarially determined amount.

The employer contributions for local participating employers are legally required to be funded by the State in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18:66-33. Therefore, these local participating employers are considered to be in a

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NOTE 7: PENSION PLANS (CONTINUED)

Teacher's Pension Annuity Fund (TPAF) (Continued)

Contributions (Continued)

special funding situation as defined by GASB Statement No. 68 and the State is treated as a nonemployer contributing entity. Since the local participating employers do not contribute directly to the plan (except for employer specific financed amounts), there is no net pension liability or deferred outflows or inflows to report in the financial statements of the local participating employers, such as the Commission. However, the notes to the financial statements of the Commission must disclose the portion of the Commission's total proportionate share of the net pension liability that is associated with the Commission. During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, the State of New Jersey contributed \$106,666 to the TPAF for normal pension benefits on behalf of the Commission, which is less than the contractually required contribution of \$910,240.

The employee contribution rate was 7.50% effective July 1, 2018.

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

At June 30, 2024, the Commission was not required to report a liability for its proportionate share of the net pension liability because of a 100% special funding situation by the State of New Jersey.

The State's proportionate share of the net pension liability, attributable to the Commission is as follows:

School District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	\$ -
State of New Jersey 's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability Associated with the School District	<u>11,148,582</u>
Total	<u>\$ 11,148,582</u>

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 01, 2022. The total pension liability was calculated through the use of updated procedures to roll forward from

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Teacher's Pension Annuity Fund (TPAF) (Continued)

Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions (Continued)

the actuarial valuation date to the measurement date of June 30, 2023. For the June 30, 2023 measurement date, the Commission's proportion of the net pension liability was based on a projection of the Commission's long-term share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the projected contributions of all participating employers and the State of New Jersey, actuarially determined. At June 30, 2023, Commission's proportion was 0.00% due to the 100% special funding situation with the State of New Jersey. For the June 30, 2023 measurement date, the State's proportionate share of the TPAF net pension liability associated with the Commission was 0.0218459703%, which was a decrease of 0.0026807898% from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2022.

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, the Commission recognized \$106,666 in pension expense and revenue, in the government-wide financial statements, for the State of New Jersey on behalf TPAF pension contributions. This pension expense and revenue was based on the pension plans June 30, 2023 measurement date.

The State reported the collective deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources (excluding employer specific amounts) for the year ended June 30, 2023:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Changes in Assumptions	\$ 1,278,925,078	\$ 14,657,999,241
Difference Between Expected and Actual Experience	658,340,412	83,374,071
Net Difference Between Projected and Actual Investment Earnings on Pension Plan Investments	476,283,186	-
	<u>\$ 2,413,548,676</u>	<u>\$ 14,741,373,312</u>

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Teacher's Pension Annuity Fund (TPAF) (Continued)

Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions (Continued)

The amortization of the deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be over the following number of years:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Difference Between Expected and Actual Experience		
Year of Pension Plan Deferral:		
June 30, 2015	8.30 years	-
June 30, 2016	-	8.30 years
June 30, 2017	8.30 years	-
June 30, 2018	8.29 years	-
June 30, 2019	-	8.04 years
June 30, 2020	-	7.99 years
June 30, 2021	7.93 years	-
June 30, 2022	-	7.83 years
June 30, 2023	7.93 years	-
Changes in Assumptions		
Year of Pension Plan Deferral:		
June 30, 2015	8.30 years	-
June 30, 2016	8.30 years	-
June 30, 2017	-	8.30 years
June 30, 2018	-	8.29 years
June 30, 2019	-	8.04 years
June 30, 2020	7.99 years	-
June 30, 2021	-	7.93 years
June 30, 2022	7.83 years	-
Investment Earnings on Pension Plan		
Year of Pension Plan Deferral:		
June 30, 2019	5.00 years	-
June 30, 2020	5.00 years	-
June 30, 2021	5.00 years	-
June 30, 2022	5.00 years	-
June 30, 2023	6.00 years	-

Amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources (excluding employer specific amounts) related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense excluding that attributable to employer-paid member contributions as follows:

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NOTE 7: PENSION PLANS (CONTINUED)

Teacher's Pension Annuity Fund (TPAF) (Continued)

Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions (Continued)

Fiscal Year Ending June 30,	Total
2024	\$ (3,918,676,894)
2025	(3,446,016,070)
2026	(1,604,289,401)
2027	(1,742,641,843)
2028	(1,672,806,952)
Thereafter	<u>56,606,524</u>
	<u><u>\$ (12,327,824,636)</u></u>

Actuarial Assumptions

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 01, 2022. The total pension liability was calculated through the use of updated procedures to roll forward from the actuarial valuation date to the measurement date of June 30, 2023. This actuarial valuations used the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods in the measurement.

Inflation Rate:

Price	2.75%
Wage	3.25%

Salary Increases:

2.75% - 4.25%
based on years of service

Investment Rate of Return

7.00%

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NOTE 7: PENSION PLANS (CONTINUED)

Teacher's Pension Annuity Fund (TPAF) (Continued)

Actuarial Assumptions (Continued)

Pre-retirement mortality rates were based on the Pub-2010 Teachers Above-Median Income Employee mortality table with a 93.9% adjustment for males and 85.3% adjustment for females, and with future improvement from the base year of 2010 on a generational basis. Post-retirement mortality rates were based on the Pub-2010 Teachers Above-Median Income Healthy Retiree mortality table with a 114.7% adjustment for males and 99.6% adjustment for females, and with future improvement from the base year of 2010 on a generational basis. Disability mortality rates were based on the Pub-2010 Non-Safety Disabled Retiree mortality table with a 106.3% adjustment for males and 100.3% adjustment for females, and with future improvement from the base year of 2010 on a generational basis. Mortality improvement is based on Scale MP-2021.

The actuarial assumptions used in the July 1, 2022 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2021.

Long-Term Expected Rate of Return

In accordance with State statute, the long-term expected rate of return on plan investments (7.00% at June 30, 2023) is determined by the State Treasurer, after consultation with the Directors of the Division of Investment and Division of Pensions and Benefits, the board of trustees and the actuaries. The long-term expected rate of return was determined using a building block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. Best estimates of arithmetic rates of return for each major asset class included in TPAF's target asset allocation as of June 30, 2023 are summarized in the following table:

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NOTE 7: PENSION PLANS (CONTINUED)

Long-Term Expected Rate of Return (Continued)

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Target Allocation</u>	<u>Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return</u>
U.S. Equity	28.00%	8.98%
Non-U.S. Developed Markets Equity	12.75%	9.22%
International Small Cap Equity	1.25%	9.22%
Emerging Markets Equity	5.50%	11.13%
Private Equity	13.00%	12.50%
Real Estate	8.00%	8.58%
Real Assets	3.00%	8.40%
High Yield	4.50%	6.97%
Private Credit	8.00%	9.20%
Investment Grade Credit	7.00%	5.19%
Cash Equivalents	2.00%	3.31%
U.S. Treasuries	4.00%	3.31%
Risk Mitigation Strategies	3.00%	6.21%

Discount Rate

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.00% as of June 30, 2023. This single blended discount rate was based on the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments of 7.00% and a municipal bond rate of 3.65% as of June 30, 2023, based on the Bond Buyer Go 20-Bond Municipal Bond Index which includes tax-exempt general obligation municipal bonds with an average rating of AA/Aa or higher. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from plan members will be made at the current member contribution rates and that contributions from employers will be based on 100% of the actuarially determined contributions for the State. Based on those assumptions, the plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on plan investments was applied to all projected benefit payments in determining the total pension liability.

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NOTE 7: **PENSION PLANS (CONTINUED)**

Teacher's Pension Annuity Fund (TPAF) (Continued)

Sensitivity of the Commission's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate

As previously mentioned, TPAF has a special funding situation where the State pays 100% of the Commission's annual required contribution. As such, the proportionate share of the net pension liability as of June 30, 2023, the pension plans measurement date, attributable to the Commission is \$0, and the State of New Jersey's proportionate share of the net pension liability, attributable to the Commission, using a discount rate of 7.00%, as well as using a discount rate that is 1% lower or 1% higher than the current rates used is as follows:

	Measurement Date June 30, 2023		
	1% Decrease (6.00%)	Current Discount Rate (7.00%)	1% Increase (8.00%)
School District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
State of New Jersey's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability Associated with the School District	13,166,112	11,165,467	9,480,449
	<u>\$ 13,166,112</u>	<u>\$ 11,165,467</u>	<u>\$ 9,480,449</u>

Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position

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 respective fiduciary net position of the PERS and additions to/deductions from PERS's fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by TPAF and PERS. Accordingly, benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value. For additional information about PERS, please refer to the plan's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) which can be found at www.nj.gov/treasury/pensions.

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NOTE 7: PENSION PLANS (CONTINUED)

C. Defined Contribution Retirement Program (DCRP)

Plan Description

The Defined Contribution Retirement Program (DCRP) is a multiple-employer defined contribution pension fund established on July 1, 2007 under the provisions of Chapter 92, P.L. 2007, and Chapter 103, P.L. 2007 (N.J.S.A. 43:15C-1 et. seq.). The DCRP is a tax-qualified defined contribution money purchase pension plan under Internal Revenue Code (IRC) § 401(a) et seq., and is a "governmental plan" within the meaning of IRC § 414(d). The DCRP provides retirement benefits for eligible employees and their beneficiaries. Individuals covered under DCRP are employees enrolled in TPAF or PERS on or after July 1, 2007, who earn salary in excess of established "maximum compensation" limits; employees otherwise eligible to enroll in TPAF or PERS on or after November 2, 2008, who do not earn the minimum annual salary for Tier 3 enrollment but who earn salary of at least \$5,000.00 annually (The minimum salary in 2018 is \$8,300 and is subject to adjustment in future years); and employees otherwise eligible to enroll in TPAF or PERS after May 21, 2010 who do not work the minimum number of hours per week required for Tiers 4 or 5 enrollment, but who earn salary of at least \$5,000.00 annually. The minimum number of hours is 32 hours per week for local education employees.

Vesting and Benefit Provisions

Eligible members are provided with a defined contribution retirement plan intended to qualify for favorable Federal income tax treatment under IRC Section 401(a), a noncontributory group life insurance plan and a noncontributory group disability benefit plan. A participant's interest in that portion of his or her defined contribution retirement plan account attributable to employee contributions shall immediately become and shall at all times remain fully vested and non-forfeitable. A participant's interest in that portion of his or her defined contribution retirement plan account attributable to employer contributions shall be vested and non-forfeitable on the date the participant commences the second year of employment or upon his or her attainment of age 65, while employed by an employer, whichever occurs first.

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NOTE 7: PENSION PLANS (CONTINUED)

Defined Contribution Retirement Program (DCRP) (Continued)

Contributions

The contribution policy is set by N.J.S.A. 43:15C-3 and requires contributions by active members and contributing employers. In accordance with Chapter 92, P.L. 2007 and Chapter 103, P.L. 2007, plan members are required to contribute 5.5% of their annual covered salary. In addition to the employee contributions, the Commission contributes 3% of the employees' base salary, for each pay period, to Prudential Financial not later than the fifth business day after the date on which the employee is paid for that pay period. The actuary determined employer contribution includes funding for cost-of-living adjustments and noncontributory death benefits and post-retirement medical premiums.

For DCRP, the Commission recognized \$47,821 pension expense for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024. There were \$64,943 employee contributions to DCRP for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024.

NOTE 8: POST-RETIREMENT MEDICAL BENEFITS

The State of New Jersey sponsors and administers the post-retirement health benefit program plan for school districts.

As a result of implementing GASB Statement No. 75, *Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefit Plans Other than Pension Plans*, the post-retirement health benefit program plan is reported in an Agency Fund in the New Jersey Comprehensive Annual Financial Report effective for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023. Therefore, the plan has no assets accumulated in a trust. In accordance with GASB Statement No. 75, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other than Pension* (GASB No. 75), the plan is classified as a single employer defined benefit OPEB plan with a special funding situation that is not administered through a trust that meets the criteria in paragraph 4 of GASB No. 75.

Plan Description and Benefits Provided

The State of New Jersey sponsors and administers the following post-retirement health benefit program plan covering certain local school district employees, including those Board employees and retirees eligible for coverage.

State Health Benefit Program Fund – Local Education Retired (including Prescription Drug Program Fund) – N.J.S.A. 52:14-17.32f provides medical coverage and prescription drug benefits to qualified retired education participants. The State of New Jersey provides

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NOTE 8: POST-RETIREMENT MEDICAL BENEFITS (CONTINUED)

Plan Description and Benefits Provided (Continued)

employer-paid coverage to members of the TPAF who retire from a board of education or county college with 25 years of service or on a disability retirement. Under the provisions of Chapter 126, P.L. 1992, the State also provides employer-paid coverage to members of the PERS and Alternate Benefits Program (ABP) who retire from a board of education or county college with 25 years of service or on a disability retirement if the member's employer does not provide this coverage. Certain local participating employers also provide post-retirement medical coverage to their employees. Retirees who are not eligible for employer paid health coverage at retirement can continue in the program if their employer participates in this program or if they are participating in the health benefits plan of their former employer and are enrolled in Medicare Parts A and B by paying the cost of the insurance for themselves and their covered dependents.

Pursuant to Chapter 78, P.L. 2011, future retirees eligible for postretirement medical coverage who have less than 20 years of creditable service on June 28, 2011 will be required to pay a percentage of the cost of their health care coverage in retirement provided they retire with 25 or more years of pension service credit. The percentage of the premium for which the retiree will be responsible will be determined based on the retiree's annual retirement benefit and level of coverage.

The State of New Jersey, Department of the Treasury, Division of Pensions and Benefits, issues publicly available financial reports that include the financial statements and required supplementary information of the above Fund. The financial reports may be accessed via the State of New Jersey, Department of the Treasury, Division of Pensions and Benefits, website at www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions.

Plan Membership

Membership of the defined benefit OPEB plan consisted of the following at June 30, 2022:

Active Plan Members	217,212
Inactive Plan Members or Beneficiaries Currently Receiving Benefits	152,383
Inactive Plan Members Entitled to but Not Yet Receiving Benefits	-
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Total Plan Members	<u>369,595</u>

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NOTE 8: POST-RETIREMENT MEDICAL BENEFITS (CONTINUED)

Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

The financial statements of the post-employment health benefit plans are prepared in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles as applicable to governmental organizations. In doing so, the Division adheres to reporting requirements established by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB).

The accrual basis of accounting is used for measuring financial position and changes in net position of the post-employment health benefit plans. Under this method, contributions are recorded in the accounting period in which they are legally due from the employer or plan member, and deductions are recorded at the time the liabilities are due and payable in accordance with the terms of each plan. The accounts of the Division are organized and operated on the basis of funds. All funds are accounted for using an economic resources measurement focus.

Investment Valuation

Investments are reported at fair value. Investments that do not have an established market are reported at estimated fair value. Fair value is the amount at which a financial instrument could be exchanged in a current transaction between willing parties, other than in a forced or liquidation sale.

Collective Net OPEB Liability

The collective net OPEB liability of the State, as the non-employer contributing entity, of the plan at June 30, 2023 is \$52,361,668,239, and the plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total OPEB liability is zero percent.

The total OPEB liabilities were determined based on actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2022 which were rolled forward to June 30, 2023.

Actuarial Methods and Assumptions

In the June 30, 2022 OPEB actuarial valuation, the actuarial assumptions and methods used in these valuations were described in the Actuarial Assumptions and Methods section of the Actuary's report and are included here in this note to the financial statements. The Plan selected economic and demographic assumptions and prescribed them for use for purposes of compliance with GASB Statement No. 75. The Actuary provided guidance with respect to these assumptions, and it is their belief that the assumptions represent reasonable expectations of anticipated plan experience.

**EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION OF MORRIS COUNTY
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NOTE 8: POST-RETIREMENT MEDICAL BENEFITS (CONTINUED)

Post-Retirement Medical Benefits Contributions

The funding policy of the OPEB plan is pay as you go basis; therefore, there is no prefunding of the liability. Contributions to pay for the health benefit premiums of participating employees in the OPEB plan are made by the State, as a nonemployer contributing entity, under a special funding situation in accordance with State statutes as previously disclosed. The State as a non-employer contributing entity made contributions of \$1.44 billion to the OPEB plan in fiscal year 2023.

The State sets the contribution rate based on a pay as you go basis rather than the actuarial determined contribution, an amount actuarially determined in accordance with the parameters of GASB Statement 75. The actuarial determined contribution represents a level of funding that, if paid on an ongoing basis, is projected to cover normal cost each year and any unfunded actuarial liabilities (or funding excess) of the plan using a systematic and rational method over a closed period equal to the average of the expected remaining service lives of all employees that are provided with OPEB through the Plan. The State's contributions, as a non-employer contributing entity, to the State Health Benefits Program Fund-Local Education Retired for retirees' post-retirement benefits on behalf of the Commission for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2024, 2023, and 2022 were \$237,603, \$237,864 and \$239,231, respectively, which equaled the required contributions for each year. The State's contributions to the State Health Benefits Program Fund – Local Education Retired for PERS retirees' post-retirement benefits on behalf of the Commission was not determined or made available by the State of New Jersey. The on-behalf OPEB contributions are recognized in the governmental fund financial statements (modified accrual basis) as both a revenue and expenditure in accordance with GASB No. 85.

OPEB Liabilities, OPEB Expenses and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB

GASB Statement No. 75 requires participating employers in the State Health Benefit Program Fund – Local Education Retired to recognize their proportionate share of the collective OPEB liability, collective deferred outflows of resources, collective deferred inflows of resources and collective OPEB expense. The non-employer allocation percentages presented are based on the ratio of the State's contributions made as a non-employer toward the actuarially determined contribution amount to total contributions to the plan during the measurement period July 01, 2022 through June 30, 2023. Non-employer allocation percentages have been rounded for presentation purposes.

EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION OF MORRIS COUNTY
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NOTE 8: POST-RETIREMENT MEDICAL BENEFITS (CONTINUED)

Post-Retirement Medical Benefits Contributions (Continued)

In accordance with GASB No. 75, the Commission is not required to recognize an OPEB liability for the post-employment health benefit plan. The State of New Jersey, as a non-employer contributing entity, is the only entity that has a legal obligation to make employer contributions to the plan on behalf of the Commission. Accordingly, the Commission's proportionate share percentage determined under Statement No. 75 is zero percent and the State's proportionate share is 100% of the OPEB liability attributable to the Commission. Therefore, in addition, the Commission does not recognize any portion of the collective deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to the plan.

OPEB Liabilities, OPEB Expenses and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB

At June 30, 2023, the State had deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

	<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>
Difference Between Actual and Expected Experience	\$ 7,639,717,639	\$ 13,791,541,217
Net Difference Between Expected and Actual Earnings on OPEB Plan Investments	-	-
Assumptions Changes	<u>7,445,895,322</u>	<u>14,449,948,556</u>
Sub Total	15,085,612,961	28,241,489,773
Contributions Made in Fiscal Year Ending 2018 After June 30, 2017 Measurement Date	Not Available	Not Available
Total	<u><u>\$ 15,085,612,961</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 28,241,489,773</u></u>

EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION OF MORRIS COUNTY
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JUNE 30, 2024

NOTE 8: POST-RETIREMENT MEDICAL BENEFITS (CONTINUED)

OPEB Liabilities, OPEB Expenses and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB (Continued)

Amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB will be recognized in State's OPEB expense as follows:

Measurement Period Ending June 30,	Total
2024	\$ (2,611,225,301)
2025	(2,611,225,301)
2026	(2,269,523,460)
2027	(1,338,024,839)
2028	(273,877,609)
Total Thereafter	<u>(4,052,000,302)</u>
	<u><u>\$ (13,155,876,812)</u></u>

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, the Commission recognized in the district-wide statement of activities (accrual basis) OPEB expense of \$12,259. This amount has been included in the district-wide statement of activities (accrual basis) as a revenue and expense in accordance with GASB No. 85.

At June 30, 2024, the State's proportionate share of the OPEB liability attributable to the Commission is \$17,511,927. The non-employer allocation percentages are based on the ratio of the State's proportionate share of the OPEB liability attributable to the Commission at June 30, 2023 to the total OPEB liability of the State Health Benefit Program Fund – Local Education Retired Employees Plan at June 30, 2023. At June 30, 2023, the state's share of the OPEB liability attributable to the Commission was 0.0334441732%, which was a decrease of 0.0037681333% from its proportionate share measured as of June 30, 2022 of 0.0372123064%.

Actuarial Assumptions

The OPEB liability for the June 30, 2023 measurement date was determined by an actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2022, which was rolled forward to June 30, 2023. This actuarial valuation used the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods in the measurement.

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NOTE 8: POST-RETIREMENT MEDICAL BENEFITS (CONTINUED)

Actuarial Assumptions (Continued)

Total Nonemployer OPEB Liability \$52,361,668,239

	<u>TPAF/ABP</u>	<u>PERS</u>	<u>PFRS</u>
Salary Increases:	2.75 - 4.25% based on service years	2.75 - 6.55% based on service years	3.25 - 16.25% based on service years

Preretirement mortality rates were based on the Pub-2010 Health "Teachers" (TPAF/ABP, "General" (PERS), and "Safety" (PFRS) classification headcount-weighted mortality table with fully generational mortality improvement projections from the central year using Scale MP-2021. Postretirement mortality rates were based on the Pub-2010 "General" classification headcount-weighted mortality table with fully generational mortality improvement projections from the central year using Scale MP-2021. Disability mortality was based on the Pub-2010 "General" classification headcount-weighted disabled mortality table with fully generational mortality improvement projections from the central year using Scale MP-2021 for current disables retirees. Future disabled retirees was based on the Pub-2010 "Safety" (PFRS), "General" (PERS), and "Teachers" (TPAF/ABP) classification headcount-weighted disabled mortality table with fully generational mortality improvement projections from the central year using Scale MP-2021.

Actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2022 valuation were based on the results of the TPAF, PERS, and PFRS experience studies prepared for July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2021.

100% of active members are considered to participate in the plan upon retirement.

Health Care Trend Assumption

For pre-Medicare medical benefits, the trend rate is initially 6.50% and decreases to a 4.50% long-term trend rate after nine years. For post-65 medical benefits PPO, the trend is increasing to 14.8% in fiscal year 2026 and decreases to 4.50% in fiscal year 2033. For HMO, the trend is increasing to 17.4% in fiscal year 2026 and decreases to 4.50% in fiscal year 2033. For prescription drug benefits, the initial trend rate is 9.5% and decreases to a 4.50% long-term trend rate after seven years. For the Medicare Part B reimbursement, the trend rate is 5.00%.

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JUNE 30, 2024

NOTE 8: POST-RETIREMENT MEDICAL BENEFITS (CONTINUED)

Discount Rate

The discount rate used to measure the total OPEB liabilities of the plan was as follows:

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Measurement Date</u>	<u>Discount Rate</u>
2024	June 30, 2023	3.65%
2023	June 30, 2022	3.54%

The discount rate represents the municipal bond return rate as chosen by the Division. The source is the Bond Buyer Go 20-Bond Municipal Bond Index, which includes tax-exempt general obligation municipal bonds with an average rating of AA/Aa or higher. As the long-term rate of return is less than the municipal bond rate, it is not considered in the calculation of the discount rate, rather the discount rate is set at the municipal bond rate.

Changes in the Total OPEB Liability

The change in the State's proportionate share of the OPEB liability attributable to the Commission for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024 (measurement date June 30, 2023) is as follows:

	<u>Commission's Total OPEB Liability (State Share 100%)</u>	<u>State of New Jersey's Total OPEB Liability</u>
Balance at June 30, 2022 Measurement Date	<u>\$ 18,846,717</u>	<u>\$ 50,646,462,966</u>
Changes Recognized for the Fiscal Year:		
Service Cost	609,570	2,136,235,476
Interest on Total OPEB Liability	616,749	1,844,113,951
Changes of Benefit Terms	-	-
Differences between Expected and Actual Experiences	(2,131,445)	(980,424,863)
Effect of Changes of Assumptions	35,297	105,539,463
Contributions - Employees	15,805	(1,437,516,858)
Gross Benefits Paid by the State	(480,766)	47,258,104
Net Changes	<u>(1,334,790)</u>	<u>1,715,205,273</u>
Balance at June 30, 2023 Measurement Date	<u>\$ 17,511,927</u>	<u>\$ 52,361,668,239</u>

EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION OF MORRIS COUNTY
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2024

NOTE 8: POST-RETIREMENT MEDICAL BENEFITS (CONTINUED)

Changes in the Total OPEB Liability (Continued)

Changes of assumptions and other inputs reflect a change in the discount rate from 3.54% in 2022 to 3.65% in 2023.

The change in the total OPEB liability was based on the State's proportionate share of the OPEB liability attributable to the Commission at June 30, 2023. A change in the total OPEB liability specific to the State's proportionate share of the OPEB liability attributable to the Commission for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023 was not provided by the pension system.

Sensitivity of OPEB Liability

Sensitivity of the total OPEB liability to changes in the discount rate. The following presents the State's proportionate share of the OPEB liability attributable to the Commission calculated using the discount rate of 3.65%, as well as what the State's proportionate share of the OPEB liability attributable to the Commission that would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (2.65%) or 1-percentage-point higher (4.65%) than the current rate:

	At 1% Decrease (2.65%)	At Current Discount Rate (3.65%)	At 1% Increase (4.65%)
Net OPEB Liability (Allocable to the Commission and the responsibility of the State)	\$ 20,529,728	\$ 17,511,927	\$ 15,088,983

Sensitivity of the total OPEB liability to changes in the healthcare cost trend rates. The following presents the State's proportionate share of the OPEB liability attributable to the Commission calculated using healthcare cost trend rates that are 1-percentage-point lower or 1-percentage-point higher than the current healthcare cost trend rates:

	1% Decrease	Healthcare Cost Trend Rate	1% Increase
Net OPEB Liability (Allocable to the Commission and the responsibility of the State)	\$ 14,537,599	\$ 17,511,927	\$ 21,403,843

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NOTE 8: POST-RETIREMENT MEDICAL BENEFITS (CONTINUED)

Sensitivity of OPEB Liability (Continued)

The sensitivity analyses were based on the State's proportionate share of the OPEB liability attributable to the Commission at June 30, 2023. Sensitivity analyses specific to the State's proportionate share of the OPEB liability attributable to the Commission at June 30, 2023 were not provided by the pension system.

NOTE 9: FUND BALANCE APPROPRIATED

General Fund – Of the \$2,082,160 General Fund fund balance at June 30, 2024, it is unreserved and undesignated.

- **Non-spendable** fund balance includes amounts that are not in a spendable form (inventory, for example) or are required to be maintained intact (the principal of an endowment fund, for example).
- **Restricted** fund balance includes amounts that can be spent only for the specific purposes stipulated by external resource providers (for example, grant providers), constitutionally, or through enabling legislation (that is, legislation that creates a new revenue source and restricts its use). Effectively, restrictions may be changed or lifted only with the consent of resource providers.
- **Committed** fund balance includes amounts that can be used only for the specific purposes determined by a formal action of the Board's highest level of decision-making authority. Commitments may be changed or lifted only by the government taking the same formal action that imposed the constraint originally.
- **Assigned** fund balance comprises amounts *intended* to be used by the Board for specific purposes. Intent can be expressed by the governing body or by an official or body to which the governing body delegates the authority. In governmental funds other than the general fund, assigned fund balance represents the amount that is not restricted or committed. This indicates that resources in other governmental funds are, at a minimum, intended to be used for the purpose of that fund.

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NOTE 9: FUND BALANCE APPROPRIATED (CONTINUED)

General Fund (Continued)

- **Unassigned** fund balance is the residual classification for the general fund and includes all amounts not contained in the other classifications. Unassigned amounts are technically available for any purpose. If another governmental fund has a fund balance deficit, then it will be reported as a negative amount in the unassigned classification in that fund. Positive unassigned amounts will be reported only in the general fund.

NOTE 10: RESERVED FUND BALANCES – GENERAL FUND

Calculation Of Excess Surplus – In accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:7F-7, as amended, the designation for Reserved Fund Balance – Excess Surplus is a required calculation pursuant to the New Jersey Comprehensive Educational Improvement and Financing Act of 1996 (CEIFA). New Jersey school districts are required to reserve General Fund fund balance at the fiscal year end of June 30 if they did not appropriate a required minimum amount as budgeted fund balance in their subsequent years' budget. At June 30, 2024, there is no excess fund balance.

NOTE 11: RISK MANAGEMENT

The Commission 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.

Property and Liability Insurance – The Commission maintains commercial insurance coverage for property, liability, student accident, and surety bonds. A complete schedule of insurance coverage can be found in the Statistical Section of this Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

NOTE 12: CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

Litigation – The Board's attorney is unaware of any potential claims against the Commission that would materially affect the financial condition of the Commission.

NOTE 13: SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Subsequent events were evaluated through January 15, 2025, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION – PART II

SECTION C – BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE

BOARD OF EDUCATION
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION OF MORRIS COUNTY
GENERAL FUND
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	Original Budget	Budget Transfers	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Final to Actual Favorable (Unfavorable)
REVENUES:					
Local Sources:					
Other Local Government Units	\$ 1,171,063	\$ (546,674)	\$ 624,389	\$ 624,389	\$ -
Transportation Fees	41,458,120	(1,081,419)	40,376,701	40,376,701	-
Earnings on Investments	39,600	9,551	49,151	49,152	1
Other Revenues from Local Sources	1,000	151,494	152,494	152,494	-
Total Local Sources	42,669,783	(1,467,048)	41,202,735	41,202,736	1
State Sources:					
On-Behalf TPAF Pension Aid				873,018	873,018
Reimbursed TPAF Social Security Aid				172,324	172,324
On-Behalf TPAF Post-Retirement Medical Aid				237,603	237,603
On-Behalf TPAF Long-Term Disability Insurance Aid				110	110
Total State Sources	-	-	-	1,283,055	1,283,055
Total Revenues	42,669,783	(1,467,048)	41,202,735	42,485,791	1,283,056
EXPENDITURES:					
Current Expenses:					
Undistributed Expenditures:					
Health Services:					
Purchased Prof/Tech Services	10,000	(8,659)	1,341	1,341	-
Total Health Services	10,000	(8,659)	1,341	1,341	-
Other Support Services Students - Related Services:					
Salaries	154,713	(153,956)	757	757	-
Purchased Prof/Ed Services		1,520	1,520	1,520	-
Total Other Support Services Students - Related Services	154,713	(152,436)	2,277	2,277	-
Other Support Services Students - Special Services:					
Salaries of Other Professional Staff	156,000	(153,894)	2,106	2,106	-
Other Purchased Prof/Tech Services	80,000	60,953	140,953	137,467	3,486
Miscellaneous Purchased Services	1,000		1,000	461	539
Supplies and Materials	25,000	(2,247)	22,753	22,690	63
Other Objects	16,000	(3,045)	12,955	12,955	-
Total Other Support Services Students - Special Services	278,000	(98,233)	179,767	175,679	4,088
Support Services General Administration:					
Salaries	87,829	21,831	109,660	109,660	-
Audit Fees	27,000	2,500	29,500	29,003	497
Purchased Technical Services	22,000	(6,448)	15,552	15,552	-
Communications/Telephone	40,200	4,306	44,506	44,085	421
BOE Other Purchased Services	20,000	50,989	70,989	70,989	-
Other Purchased Services	169,523	(95,461)	74,062	72,672	1,390
General Supplies	14,500	8,142	22,642	22,642	-
Equipment	500		500		500
Miscellaneous Expenditures	21,000	(1,882)	19,118	19,118	-
BOE Membership Dues and Fees	5,135	(926)	4,209	2,975	1,234
Total Support Services General Administration	407,687	(16,949)	390,738	386,696	4,042

See Management's Discussion and Analysis section of this report for explanation of significant budget variances, original and final.

BOARD OF EDUCATION
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION OF MORRIS COUNTY
GENERAL FUND
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	Original Budget	Budget Transfers	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Final to Actual Favorable (Unfavorable)
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Support Services School Administration:					
Salaries of Secretarial and Clerical Assistants	\$ 115,513	\$ (115,418)	\$ 95	\$ 95	\$ -
Purchased Prof/Tech Services	500		500		500
Other Purchased Services	4,000	3,114	7,114	7,114	-
Supplies and Materials	500		500	117	383
Total Support Services School Administration	120,513	(112,304)	8,209	7,326	883
Central Services:					
Salaries	86,661	(63,861)	22,800	5,209	17,591
Purchased Technical Services	26,000	(7,525)	18,475	18,475	-
Miscellaneous Purchased Services	7,500	2,500	10,000	10,000	-
Interest for Lease Purchased Agreements				23,330	(23,330)
Miscellaneous Expenditures	6,000	(1,700)	4,300	3,543	757
Total Central Services	126,161	(70,586)	55,575	60,557	(4,982)
Other Operation and Maintenance of Plant Services:					
Rental of Land and Buildings					
- Other Than Lease Purchase Agreements	167,115	(1,705)	165,410	55,278	110,132
Other Purchased Property Services	500		500		500
Energy (Heat and Electricity)	14,000	(14,000)	-		-
Total Other Operation and Maintenance of Plant Services	181,615	(15,705)	165,910	55,278	110,632
Student Transportation Services:					
Salaries for Pupil Transportation (B/T Home & School) - Regular	334,325	68,317	402,642	402,443	199
Other Purchased Professional and Technical Services	28,400	(6,800)	21,600	20,128	1,472
Cleaning, Repair and Maintenance Services	4,200	1,000	5,200	3,916	1,284
Contracted Services - Aid In Lieu of Payment for Non-public School Students	6,484,613	(1,353,562)	5,131,051	4,914,746	216,305
Contracted Services - Transportation (B/T Home & School) - Vendors	731,400		731,400	650,017	81,383
Contracted Services (B/T Home & School) - Joint Agreements	2,295,536	2,142,880	4,438,416	4,400,435	37,981
Contracted Services (Special Ed Students) - Vendors	27,790,920	(1,750,145)	26,040,775	25,937,122	103,653
Contracted Services (Special Ed Students) - Joint Agreements	3,004,500	(344,515)	2,659,985	2,659,985	-
Supplies and Materials	15,000	2,821	17,821	17,821	-
Other Objects	17,300		17,300	14,087	3,213
Total Student Transportation Services	40,706,194	(1,240,004)	39,466,190	39,020,700	445,490
Unallocated Benefits - Employee Benefits:					
Social Security Contribution	92,900	(27,573)	65,327	65,327	-
Other Retirement Contributions - Regular	112,603	(66,535)	46,068	44,478	1,590
Unemployment Compensation	10,300	2,217	12,517	10,604	1,913
Workmen's Compensation	27,942	(2,659)	25,283	25,283	-
Health Benefits	730,109	50,494	780,603	778,912	1,691
Tuition Reimbursement	9,500	(6,570)	2,930	2,930	-
Total Unallocated Benefits - Employee Benefits	983,354	(50,626)	932,728	927,534	5,194
On-Behalf TPAF Pension Contributions (Non-Budgeted)				873,018	(873,018)
Reimbursed TPAF Social Security Contributions (Non-Budgeted)				172,324	(172,324)
On-Behalf TPAF Post-Retirement Medical Contributions (Non-Budgeted)				237,603	(237,603)
On-Behalf TPAF Long-Term Disability Insurance Contributions (Non-Budgeted)				110	(110)
Total Contributions	-	-	-	1,283,055	(1,283,055)

See Management's Discussion and Analysis section of this report for explanation of significant budget variances, original and final.

BOARD OF EDUCATION
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION OF MORRIS COUNTY
GENERAL FUND
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	Original Budget	Budget Transfers	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Final to Actual Favorable (Unfavorable)
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Total Undistributed Expenditures	\$ 42,968,237	\$ (1,765,502)	\$ 41,202,735	\$ 41,920,443	\$ (717,708)
Total Expenditures - Current Expenses	42,968,237	(1,765,502)	41,202,735	41,920,443	(717,708)
Capital Outlay:					
Facilities Acquisition and Construction Services:					
Buildings Other Than Lease Purchase Agreements				85,932	(85,932)
Total Capital Outlay	-	-	-	85,932	(85,932)
Total Expenditures	42,968,237	(1,765,502)	41,202,735	42,006,375	(803,640)
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(298,454)	298,454	-	479,416	479,416
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):					
Interfund Transfers	298,454	(298,454)	-		-
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	298,454	(298,454)	-	-	-
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Financing Uses	-	-	-	479,416	479,416
FUND BALANCES, JULY 1	1,602,744	-	1,602,744	1,602,744	-
FUND BALANCES, JUNE 30	\$ 1,602,744	\$ -	\$ 1,602,744	\$ 2,082,160	\$ 479,416
RECAPITULATION:					
Unassigned:					
Unassigned Fund Balance				\$ 2,082,160	
Reconciliation to Governmental Funds Statement (GAAP):				2,082,160	
Last State Aid Payment Not Recognized on GAAP Basis				-	
Fund Balance Per Governmental Funds (GAAP)				\$ 2,082,160	

See Management's Discussion and Analysis section of this report for explanation of significant budget variances, original and final.

BOARD OF EDUCATION
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION OF MORRIS COUNTY
SPECIAL REVENUE FUND
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	Original Budget	Budget Transfers	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Final to Actual
REVENUE SOURCES:					
Federal	\$ 11,103	\$ -	\$ 11,103	\$ 11,103	\$ -
Total Revenues	11,103	-	11,103	11,103	-
EXPENDITURES:					
Instruction:					
General Supplies	11,103		11,103	11,103	-
Total Expenditures	11,103	-	11,103	11,103	-
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under)					
Expenditures	-	-	-	-	-
Fund Balances, Beginning of Year	-	-	-	-	-
Fund Balances, End of Year	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

***NOTES TO THE REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
PART II***

BOARD OF EDUCATION
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION OF MORRIS COUNTY
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE
NOTE TO RSI
FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

Note A - Explanation of Differences between Budgetary Inflows and Outflows and GAAP Revenues and Expenditures

	General Fund	Special Revenue Fund
Sources/Inflows of Resources		
Actual amounts (budgetary) "revenues" from the budgetary comparison schedules	[C-1] \$ 42,485,791	[C-2] \$ 11,103
Difference - Budget to GAAP:		
Grant accounting budgetary basis differs from GAAP in that encumbrances are recognized as expenditures, and the related revenue is recognized		-
State aid payment recognized for GAAP statements in the current year, previously recognized for budgetary purposes.	-	
State aid payment recognized for budgetary purposes, not recognized for GAAP statements until the subsequent year.	-	
Total revenues as reports on the statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balance - governmental funds.	[B-2] \$ <u>42,485,791</u>	[B-2] \$ <u>11,103</u>
Uses/Outflows of resources		
Actual amounts (budgetary basis) "total outflows" from the budgetary comparison schedule	[C-1] \$ 42,006,375	[C-2] \$ 11,103
Differences - Budget to GAAP:		
Encumbrances for supplies and equipment ordered but not received are reported in the year the order is placed for budgetary purposes, but in the year the supplies are received for financial accounting purposes.		-
Transfers to and from other fund are presented as outflows of budgetary resources but are not expenditures for financial accounting purposes.		
Net Transfers (Outflows) to/from general fund.	-	
Total expenditures as reported on the statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances - governmental funds.	[B-2] \$ <u>42,006,375</u>	[B-2] \$ <u>11,103</u>

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION – PART III

***SECTION L – DISTRICT’S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET
PENSION LIABILITY FOR TPAF AND PERS AND DISTRICT’S PERS
AND TPAF CONTRIBUTIONS***

The schedules are presented to illustrate the requirement to show information for 10 years. However, until a full 10-year trend is compiled, this presentation will only include information for those years for which information is available.

BOARD OF EDUCATION
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION OF MORRIS COUNTY
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION SCHEDULES
SCHEDULE OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET PENSION LIABILITY
PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS
UNAUDITED

	Fiscal Year Ending June 30,									
	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
School District's proportion of the net pension liability	0.0107390253%	0.0145531333%	0.0151448675%	0.0173103045%	0.0203934296%	0.0190519149%	0.0180772052%	0.0200952128%	0.0249996568%	0.0261517191%
School District's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 1,555,481	\$ 2,196,268	\$ 1,794,137	\$ 2,822,858	\$ 3,751,227	\$ 3,751,227	\$ 4,208,084	\$ 5,951,626	\$ 5,611,922	\$ 4,896,317
School District's covered payroll (plan measurement period)	\$ 830,051	\$ 909,043	\$ 863,020	\$ 998,173	\$ 1,268,727	\$ 1,268,727	\$ 1,397,519	\$ 1,302,476	\$ 1,300,552	\$ 1,400,231
School District's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of it's covered employee payroll	187.40%	241.60%	207.89%	282.80%	295.67%	349.68%	301.11%	456.95%	431.50%	349.68%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	65.23%	62.91%	70.33%	56.27%	56.27%	53.60%	48.10%	40.14%	47.93%	47.92%

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EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION OF MORRIS COUNTY
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION SCHEDULES
SCHEDULE OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT CONTRIBUTIONS
PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS
UNAUDITED

	Fiscal Year Ending June 30,									
	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Contractually required contribution	\$ 143,530	\$ 177,364	\$ 177,364	\$ 189,366	\$ 189,505	\$ 189,505	\$ 167,466	\$ 178,523	\$ 214,930	\$ 215,591
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	(143,530)	(183,522)	(177,364)	(189,366)	(189,890)	(189,890)	(168,324)	(178,964)	(214,930)	(215,591)
Contribution deficiency/(excess)	\$ -	\$ (6,158)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (385)	\$ (385)	\$ (858)	\$ (441)	\$ -	\$ -
School District's covered employee payroll	\$ 830,051	\$ 909,043	\$ 863,020	\$ 998,173	\$ 1,268,727	\$ 1,268,727	\$ 1,397,519	\$ 1,302,476	\$ 1,300,552	\$ 1,400,231
Contributions as a percentage of covered employee payroll	17.29%	19.51%	20.55%	18.97%	14.94%	14.94%	11.98%	13.71%	16.53%	15.40%

BOARD OF EDUCATION
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION OF MORRIS COUNTY
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION SCHEDULES
SCHEDULE OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET PENSION LIABILITY
TEACHERS PENSION AND ANNUITY FUND
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS
UNAUDITED

	Fiscal Year Ending June 30,									
	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
State's proportion of the net pension liability attributable of the School District	0.0218459703%	0.0245267601%	0.0251249106%	0.0265468790%	0.0277185492%	0.0289084238%	0.0310184317%	0.0328924709%	0.0329276634%	0.0385944861%
State's proportionate share of the net pension liability attributable to the School District	\$ 1,148,582	\$ 12,654,439	\$ 12,078,848	\$ 17,480,800	\$ 17,011,135	\$ 18,390,918	\$ 20,913,745	\$ 25,875,312	\$ 20,811,689	\$ 20,627,497
School District's covered payroll (plan measurement period)	\$ 2,421,161	\$ 2,440,224	\$ 2,430,482	\$ 2,563,313	\$ 2,746,243	\$ 2,816,517	\$ 2,917,630	\$ 2,890,550	\$ 2,980,111	\$ 34,418,369
School District's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of it's covered employee payroll	460.46%	518.58%	496.97%	681.96%	619.43%	652.97%	716.81%	895.17%	698.35%	59.93%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	34.68%	32.29%	35.52%	24.60%	26.49%	26.49%	25.41%	22.33%	28.71%	33.64%

EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION OF MORRIS COUNTY
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION SCHEDULES
SCHEDULE OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT'S CONTRIBUTIONS
TEACHERS PENSION AND ANNUITY FUND
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS
UNAUDITED

	Fiscal Year Ending June 30,									
	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Contractually required contribution	\$ 910,240	\$ 1,026,507	\$ 736,289	\$ 601,560	\$ 557,321	\$ 436,995	\$ 348,310	\$ 261,955	\$ 176,962	\$ 163,945
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	(106,666)	(100,795)	(94,443)	(68,167)	(41,674)	(52,074)	(41,442)	(35,076)	(29,655)	(101,658)
Contribution deficiency/(excess)	<u>\$ 803,574</u>	<u>\$ 925,712</u>	<u>\$ 641,846</u>	<u>\$ 533,393</u>	<u>\$ 515,647</u>	<u>\$ 384,921</u>	<u>\$ 306,868</u>	<u>\$ 226,879</u>	<u>\$ 147,307</u>	<u>\$ 62,287</u>
School District's covered employee payroll	\$ 2,421,161	\$ 2,440,224	\$ 2,430,482	\$ 2,563,313	\$ 2,746,243	\$ 2,816,517	\$ 2,917,630	\$ 2,890,550	\$ 2,980,111	\$ 34,418,369
Contributions as a percentage of covered employee payroll	37.60%	42.07%	30.29%	23.47%	20.29%	15.52%	11.94%	9.06%	5.94%	0.48%

***Section M – Schedules Related to Accounting and Reporting for OPEB
(GASB 75)***

BOARD OF EDUCATION
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION OF MORRIS COUNTY
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION SCHEDULES
SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN THE COMMISSION'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF TOTAL OPEB LIABILITY AND RELATED RATIOS
TEACHERS PENSION AND ANNUITY FUND AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM
LAST EIGHT FISCAL YEARS
UNAUDITED

	Fiscal Year Ending June 30,							
	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
OPEB Liability at Beginning of Measurement Period	\$ 18,846,717	\$ 22,591,810	\$ 26,308,629	\$ 16,021,251	\$ 17,221,735	\$ 20,596,446	\$ 22,147,626	\$ -
Changes Recognized for the Fiscal Year:								
Service Cost	609,570	795,858	988,879	584,190	606,626	698,955	830,984	Not Available
Interest on Total OPEB Liability	616,749	499,459	586,055	573,485	680,811	754,487	648,389	Not Available
Effect on Changes of Benefit Terms	-	-	(24,046)	-	157,714	-	-	Not Available
Differences Between Expected and Actual Experience	(2,131,445)	494,249	(4,843,332)	4,768,151	(2,407,286)	(2,407,286)	-	Not Available
Effect on Changes of Assumptions	35,297	(5,055,801)	22,289	4,805,682	238,878	(1,976,280)	(2,571,062)	Not Available
Contributions from the Employees	15,805	15,871	14,983	13,882	14,578	15,916	17,566	Not Available
Gross Benefit Paid by the State	(480,766)	(494,729)	(461,647)	(458,012)	(491,805)	(460,503)	(477,057)	Not Available
Net Changes	(1,334,790)	(3,745,093)	(3,716,819)	10,287,378	(1,200,484)	(3,374,711)	(1,551,180)	-
OPEB Liability at the End of Measurement Period	\$ 17,511,927	\$ 18,846,717	\$ 22,591,810	\$ 26,308,629	\$ 16,021,251	\$ 17,221,735	\$ 20,596,446	\$ 22,147,626
Commission's Proportionat Share of the Total OPEB Liability	0.0334441732%	0.0372123064%	0.0376482159%	0.0387975866%	0.0383934911%	0.0373485662%	0.0383976635%	0.0382966327%
Commission's Covered Employees Payroll	\$ 3,251,212	\$ 3,349,267	\$ 3,293,502	\$ 3,561,486	\$ 3,866,885	\$ 4,085,244	\$ 4,315,149	\$ 4,193,026
Total Commission's OPEB Liability as a Percentage of Covered Employee Payroll	538.63%	562.71%	685.95%	738.70%	414.32%	421.56%	477.31%	528.20%
Commission's Contributions	None	None	None	None	None	None	None	None

Note: No assets are accumulated in a trust that meets the criteria in paragraph 4 of GASB 75.

Note: This schedule does not contain ten years of information as GASB No. 75 was implemented during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2018.

NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION – PART III

EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION OF MORRIS COUNTY
NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM
FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

NET PENSION LIABILITY (SCHEDULES L-1 AND L-2)

A. Benefit Changes

There were none.

B. Changes in Assumptions

The discount rate remained unchanged at 7.00% as of June 30, 2022 and June 30, 2023. Please see Note 7 for details of assumptions used in calculating the net pension liability and statutorily required employer contribution.

NET OPEB LIABILITY (SCHEDULE M-1)

A. Benefit Changes

There were none.

B. Changes in Assumptions

The discount rate changed from 3.54% as of June 30, 2022 to 3.65% as of June 30, 2023. Please see Note 8 for details of assumptions used in calculating the OPEB liability.

EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION OF MORRIS COUNTY
NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
TEACHERS PENSION AND ANNUITY FUND
FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

NET PENSION LIABILITY (SCHEDULES L-3 AND L-4)

A. Benefit Changes

There were none.

B. Changes in Assumptions

The discount rate remained unchanged at 7.00% as of June 30, 2022 and June 30, 2023. Please see Note 7 for details of assumptions used in calculating the net pension liability and statutorily required employer contribution.

NET OPEB LIABILITY (SCHEDULE M-1)

A. Benefit Changes

There were none.

B. Changes in Assumptions

The discount rate changed from 3.54% as of June 30, 2022 to 3.65% as of June 30, 2023. Please see Note 8 for details of assumptions used in calculating the OPEB liability.

OTHER SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

***SECTION E – SPECIAL REVENUE FUND
DETAIL STATEMENTS***

The Special Revenue Fund is used to account for the proceeds of specific sources (other than expandable trusts or major capital projects) that are legally restricted to expenditures for specific purposes.

BOARD OF EDUCATION
 EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION OF MORRIS COUNTY
 SPECIAL REVENUE FUND
 COMBINING SCHEDULE OF PROGRAM REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES - BUDGETARY
 BASIS
 FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	CRRSA ESSER II Fund	Grand Total
REVENUE SOURCES:		
Federal	\$ 11,103	\$ 11,103
Total Revenues	11,103	11,103
EXPENDITURES:		
Instruction:		
General Supplies	11,103	11,103
Total Expenditures	11,103	11,103
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	-	-
Fund Balance, July 1	-	-
Fund Balance, June 30	\$ -	\$ -

**SECTION G – PROPRIETARY FUNDS
DETAIL STATEMENTS**

Proprietary Funds are used to account for operations that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises – where the intent of the Commission’s board is that the costs of providing goods or services be financed through user charges.

Food Services Fund – The fund provides for the operation of food services in all schools within the school district.

THIS SECTION HAS ALREADY BEEN INCLUDED IN STATEMENTS B-4, B-5, AND B-6.

SECTION I – LONG-TERM DEBT SCHEDULES

The Long-Term Debt Schedules are used to reflect the outstanding principal balances of the general long-term liabilities of the school district. This includes serial bonds outstanding and obligations under capital leases.

BOARD OF EDUCATION
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION OF MORRIS COUNTY
LONG TERM DEBT
SCHEDULE OF MCIA BONDS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

Purpose	Date of Issue	Amount of Issue	Annual Maturities of Bonds Outstanding		Interest Rate	Balance June 30, 2023	Retired Current Year	Balance June 30, 2024
			Date	Amount				
COP'S Refunding and Various Improvements to Commission's School Buildings	3/31/2004	\$ 4,940,000	10/1/2024	\$ 250,000	2.090%	\$ 490,000	\$ 240,000	\$ 250,000
Total						<u>\$ 490,000</u>	<u>\$ 240,000</u>	<u>\$ 250,000</u>

STATISTICAL SECTION (UNAUDITED)

GASB requires that ten years of statistical data be presented. The following information is presented utilizing information available. Each year thereafter, an additional year's data will be included until ten years of data is presented.

Contents

Financial Trends

These schedules contain trend information to help the reader understand how the Commission's financial performance and well-being have changed over time.

Revenue Capacity

These schedules contain information to help the reader assess the Commission's most significant local revenue source, the property tax.

Debt Capacity

These schedules present information to help the reader assess the affordability of the Commission's current levels of outstanding debt and the Commission's ability to issue additional debt in the future.

Demographic and Economic Information

These schedules offer demographic and economic indicators to help the reader understand the environment within which the Commission's financial activities take place.

Operating Information

These schedules contain service and infrastructure data to help the reader understand how the information in the Commission's financial report relates to the services the Commission provides and the activities it performs.

Sources: *Unless otherwise noted, the information in these schedules is derived from the comprehensive annual financial reports (CAFR) for the relevant year. The Commission implemented GASB Statement 34 in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2004; schedules presenting district-wide information include information beginning that year.*

FINANCIAL TRENDS

BOARD OF EDUCATION
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION OF MORRIS COUNTY
NET POSITION BY COMPONENT
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS
(*accrual basis of accounting*)

	Fiscal Year Ending June 30,									
	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Governmental Activities										
Net Investment in Capital Assets										
Restricted	\$ 19,557	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 403,319	\$ (6,811,293)	\$ 314,311	\$ 279,609	\$ 264,136	\$ 2,373,513	\$ 2,363,214
Unrestricted	(924,340)	(2,052,249)	(3,037,527)	(3,140,124)	259,921	261,257	261,257	255,255	255,255	295,628
Total Governmental Activities Net Assets/Position	<u>\$ (904,783)</u>	<u>\$ (2,052,249)</u>	<u>\$ (3,037,527)</u>	<u>\$ (2,476,884)</u>	<u>\$ (4,120,392)</u>	<u>\$ (3,852,863)</u>	<u>\$ (3,490,972)</u>	<u>\$ (3,910,940)</u>	<u>\$ (2,010,952)</u>	<u>\$ (2,017,800)</u>
Business-Type Activities										
Net Investment in Capital Assets										
Restricted	\$ 6,461	\$ 9,691	\$ 18,465	\$ 288,739	\$ 476,840	\$ 476,840	\$ 573,410	\$ 493,770	\$ 126,788	\$ 253,577
Unrestricted	93,664	187,829	139,047	(225,527)	(655,917)	(616,533)	(286,973)	373,293	835,296	544,362
Total Business-Type Activities Net Assets/Position	<u>\$ 100,125</u>	<u>\$ 197,520</u>	<u>\$ 157,512</u>	<u>\$ 63,212</u>	<u>\$ (179,077)</u>	<u>\$ (139,693)</u>	<u>\$ 286,437</u>	<u>\$ 867,063</u>	<u>\$ 962,084</u>	<u>\$ 797,939</u>
District-wide										
Net Investment in Capital Assets										
Restricted	\$ 26,018	\$ 9,691	\$ 18,465	\$ 692,058	\$ (6,334,453)	\$ 791,151	\$ 853,019	\$ 757,906	\$ 2,500,301	\$ 2,616,791
Unrestricted	(830,676)	(1,864,420)	(2,898,480)	(3,365,651)	1,775,063	(5,044,964)	(4,318,811)	(4,057,038)	(3,804,424)	(4,132,280)
Total District-wide Net Assets/Position	<u>\$ (804,658)</u>	<u>\$ (1,854,729)</u>	<u>\$ (2,880,015)</u>	<u>\$ (2,413,672)</u>	<u>\$ (4,299,469)</u>	<u>\$ (3,992,556)</u>	<u>\$ (3,204,535)</u>	<u>\$ (3,043,877)</u>	<u>\$ (1,048,868)</u>	<u>\$ (1,219,861)</u>

BOARD OF EDUCATION
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION OF MORRIS COUNTY
CHANGES IN NET POSITION
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS
(*accrual basis of accounting*)

Fiscal Year Ending June 30,										
	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Expenses										
Governmental Activities:										
Instruction:										
Regular	\$ 11,103	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,155,494	\$ 1,254,097	\$ 1,068,915	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Special Education	870	981	92,280	183,407	183,691	1,289,438	1,431,674	4,715,502	4,017,730	3,036,154
Support Services:										
Student and Instruction Related Services	179,297	148,719	183,908	263,617	3,313,446	3,896,746	3,615,036	4,002,036	3,469,026	2,992,881
General and Business Administration Services	1,948,983	2,120,224	2,888,701	1,486,181	2,720,727	3,256,755	3,438,325	659,995	554,039	357,766
School Administrative Services	7,326	11,859	13,508	26,779	9,693	195,062	66,380	936,870	734,365	784,179
Plant Operations and Maintenance	55,278	37,471	75,745	176,731	405,871	443,890	396,537	455,417	427,005	394,660
Pupil Transportation	39,020,700	36,482,329	29,121,363	18,107,847	19,248,420	17,611,930	15,437,531	17,832,215	17,207,719	16,770,316
Capital Outlay	-	-	1,477,991	222,015	227,411	217,931	217,103	-	-	-
Interest on Long-Term Debt	23,330	28,758	-	-	-	-	-	-	40,373	59,008
Unallocated Amortization	114,800	135,395	240,051	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Governmental Activities Expenses	41,361,887	38,965,736	34,104,746	20,466,577	27,264,753	28,165,849	25,671,501	28,602,036	26,450,257	24,394,964
Business-Type Activities:										
Food Service	38,251	39,971	38,352	28,122	30,098	41,038	53,417	51,853	50,480	50,544
Central Park School (Formerly Regional Day)	3,144,024	3,065,949	3,359,985	3,319,382	3,674,162	1,620,784	2,192,486	2,556,739	2,627,702	2,940,373
DOSS (Formerly BOSS)	331,572	409,868	352,774	339,957	358,316	387,493	414,554	378,355	347,634	414,421
Transportation Leasing	386,658	(47,759)	193,781	1,445,819	1,789,939	2,208,766	2,334,100	1,595,410	1,175,243	1,084,348
Services for Special Revenue	5,239,355	6,901,921	6,289,276	3,434,642	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Business-Type Activities Expenses	9,139,860	10,369,950	10,234,168	8,567,922	5,852,515	4,258,081	4,994,557	4,582,357	4,201,059	4,489,686
Total District Expenses	\$ 50,501,547	\$ 49,335,686	\$ 44,338,914	\$ 29,034,499	\$ 33,117,268	\$ 32,423,930	\$ 30,666,058	\$ 33,184,393	\$ 30,651,316	\$ 28,884,650
Program Revenues										
Governmental Activities:										
Charges for Services	\$ 40,376,701	\$ 37,577,929	\$ 30,265,207	\$ 20,203,240	\$ 19,932,705	\$ 18,149,674	\$ 15,903,597	\$ 17,909,887	\$ 17,243,077	\$ 17,106,950
Operating Grants and Contributions	1,295,314	1,598,127	2,504,953	1,155,888	6,246,634	5,925,004	5,977,383	6,177,478	4,909,428	3,268,607
Capital Grants and Contributions	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Governmental Activities Expenses	41,672,015	39,176,056	32,770,160	21,359,128	26,179,339	24,074,678	21,880,980	24,087,365	22,152,505	20,375,557
Business-Type Activities:										
Charges for Services	8,560,736	8,123,665	4,237	3,160	2,881	3,485	6,436	4,078,361	4,344,031	4,562,710
Operating Grants and Contributions	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Grants and Contributions	481,729	2,322,390	2,204,239	-	-	-	-	386,612	-	-
Total Business-Type Activities Expenses	9,042,465	10,446,055	2,208,476	3,160	2,881	3,485	6,436	4,464,973	4,344,031	4,562,710
Total District Program Revenues	\$ 50,714,480	\$ 49,622,111	\$ 34,978,636	\$ 21,362,288	\$ 26,182,220	\$ 24,078,163	\$ 21,887,416	\$ 28,552,338	\$ 26,496,536	\$ 24,938,267
Net (Expense)/Revenue										
Governmental Activities	\$ 310,328	\$ 210,320	\$ (1,334,586)	\$ 892,551	\$ (1,085,414)	\$ (4,091,171)	\$ (3,790,521)	\$ (4,514,671)	\$ (4,297,752)	\$ (4,019,407)
Business-Type Activities	(97,395)	76,105	(8,025,692)	(8,564,762)	(5,849,634)	(4,254,596)	(4,988,121)	(117,384)	142,972	73,024
Total District-wide Net Expense	\$ 212,933	\$ 286,425	\$ (9,360,278)	\$ (7,672,211)	\$ (6,935,048)	\$ (8,345,767)	\$ (8,778,642)	\$ (4,632,055)	\$ (4,154,780)	\$ (3,946,383)

BOARD OF EDUCATION
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION OF MORRIS COUNTY
CHANGES IN NET POSITION
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS
(accrual basis of accounting)

	Fiscal Year Ending June 30,									
	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
General Revenues and Other Changes in Net Position										
Governmental Activities:										
Other Local Government Units	\$ 624,389	\$ -	\$ 513,464	\$ 715,713	\$ 709,426	\$ 816,287	\$ 784,172	\$ 1,035,193	\$ 933,214	\$ 1,045,638
Federal and State Aid Not Restricted	11,103	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Investment Earnings	49,152	28,662	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Tuition Revenue	-	-	-	-	-	2,918,361	3,440,049	3,721,197	3,526,771	3,203,599
Miscellaneous Income	152,494	746,296	559,651	35,244	108,459	30,634	18,768	12,094	799	51,419
Loss on Disposal of Fixed Assets	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(2,131,439)	-	-
Refunding Debt Increase	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(135,000)	-
Transfer	-	-	(259,921)	-	-	(36,002)	(24,101)	(22,362)	(21,173)	(18,938)
Total Governmental Activities	837,138	774,958	813,194	750,957	817,885	3,729,280	4,218,888	2,614,683	4,304,611	4,281,724
Business-Type Activities:										
Transfer	-	-	-	-	-	36,002	24,101	22,362	21,173	18,938
Total Business-Type Activities	-	-	-	-	-	36,002	24,101	22,362	21,173	18,938
Total District-wide	\$ 837,138	\$ 774,958	\$ 813,194	\$ 750,957	\$ 817,885	\$ 3,765,282	\$ 4,242,989	\$ 2,637,045	\$ 4,325,784	\$ 4,300,662
Change in Net Position										
Governmental Activities	\$ 1,147,466	\$ 985,278	\$ (521,392)	\$ 1,643,508	\$ (267,529)	\$ (361,891)	\$ 428,367	\$ (1,899,988)	\$ 6,859	\$ 262,317
Business-Type Activities	(97,395)	76,105	(8,025,692)	(8,564,762)	(5,849,634)	(4,218,594)	(4,964,020)	(95,022)	164,145	91,962
Total District	\$ 1,050,071	\$ 1,061,383	\$ (8,547,084)	\$ (6,921,254)	\$ (6,117,163)	\$ (4,580,485)	\$ (4,535,653)	\$ (1,995,010)	\$ 171,004	\$ 354,279

BOARD OF EDUCATION
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION OF MORRIS COUNTY
FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS
(modified accrual basis of accounting)

	Fiscal Year Ending June 30,									
	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
General Fund										
Assigned/Reserved	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Unassigned/Unreserved	2,082,160	1,602,744	1,437,276	1,274,574	354,455	974,769	1,620,715	1,738,821	1,582,264	1,508,764
Total General Fund	\$ 2,082,160	\$ 1,602,744	\$ 1,437,276	\$ 1,274,574	\$ 354,455	\$ 974,769	\$ 1,620,715	\$ 1,738,821	\$ 1,582,264	\$ 1,508,764
All Other Governmental Funds										
Assigned/Reserved	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 259,921	\$ 259,921	\$ 261,257	\$ 261,257	\$ 255,255	\$ 295,628	\$ 524,636
Unassigned/Unreserved, Reported In:										
Capital Projects Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total All Other Governmental Funds	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 259,921	\$ 259,921	\$ 261,257	\$ 261,257	\$ 255,255	\$ 295,628	\$ 524,636

BOARD OF EDUCATION
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION OF MORRIS COUNTY
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS
(modified accrual basis of accounting)

Fiscal Year Ending June 30,	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Revenues:										
Local Sources:										
Other Local Government Units										
Tuition	\$ 624,389	\$ 532,653	\$ 587,664	\$ 742,407	\$ 738,034	\$ 845,830	\$ 811,166	\$ 1,035,194	\$ 933,214	\$ 1,045,638
Transportation Fees	40,376,701	37,577,929	30,239,289	20,176,546	19,906,333	2,918,361	3,440,049	3,721,198	3,526,771	3,203,599
Interest In Investments	49,152	28,662	-	-	-	18,122,931	15,876,603	17,909,887	17,243,077	17,106,950
Miscellaneous	152,494	213,643	136,421	35,244	106,223	27,834	18,768	12,093	-	6
State Sources	1,283,055	1,314,710	1,443,247	1,155,888	4,748,577	4,509,304	4,032,585	3,613,751	3,124,513	2,949,628
Federal Sources	11,103	-	-	-	1,046,606	723,348	741,092	619,556	514,173	318,979
Total Revenues	42,496,894	39,667,597	32,406,621	22,110,085	26,545,773	27,147,608	24,920,263	26,911,679	25,342,547	24,676,219
Expenditures:										
Instruction:										
Regular	11,103	-	-	-	1,466,845	1,254,097	1,068,915	-	-	-
Special Education	-	-	-	-	-	1,104,789	1,245,126	2,767,896	2,417,455	2,209,935
Support Services:										
Student and Instructional Related Services	179,297	148,719	183,908	263,617	2,889,630	3,896,746	3,615,036	2,922,639	2,587,605	2,535,354
General and Business Administration Services	423,923	451,326	347,142	373,697	368,252	568,330	600,307	272,457	248,749	221,232
School Administrative Services	7,326	11,859	13,508	26,779	9,693	195,062	66,380	617,672	600,421	604,532
Plant Operations and Maintenance	55,278	37,471	75,745	176,731	405,871	443,890	396,537	357,979	351,303	368,985
Pupil Transportation	39,020,700	36,482,329	29,121,363	18,107,847	19,248,420	17,611,930	15,437,531	17,288,382	16,792,755	16,626,575
Employee Benefits	2,210,589	2,216,863	2,358,811	2,011,295	2,550,514	2,460,846	2,361,331	2,272,867	2,030,880	1,851,466
Capital Outlay	109,262	727,560	798,169	230,000	226,862	221,862	217,103	232,870	218,707	-
Debt Service:										
Interest and Other Charges	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	40,373	229,008
Total Expenditures	42,017,478	40,076,127	32,898,646	21,189,966	27,166,087	27,757,552	25,008,266	26,732,762	25,288,248	24,647,067
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	479,416	(408,530)	(492,025)	920,119	(620,314)	(609,944)	(88,003)	178,917	54,299	29,132
Other Financing Sources (Uses):										
Transfer to Food Service	-	-	-	-	-	(36,002)	(24,101)	(22,362)	(21,173)	(18,944)
Transfers In	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Transfers to Escrow	-	-	(259,921)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sale or Compensation for Loss of Fixed Assets	-	-	374,948	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lease Purchases	-	573,998	319,030	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	-	573,998	434,057	-	-	(36,002)	(24,101)	(22,362)	(21,173)	(18,938)
Net Change in Fund Balance	\$ 479,416	\$ 165,468	\$ (57,968)	\$ 920,119	\$ (620,314)	\$ (645,946)	\$ (112,104)	\$ 156,555	\$ 33,126	\$ 10,194
Debt service as a percentage of noncapital expenditures	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.16%	0.93%

Source: District records

Note: Noncapital expenditures are total expenditures less capital outlay.
Central Service and Administrative Information Technology account classifications were added beginning with year end June 30, 2005.
Prior to June 30, 2005, Central Service and Administrative Information Technology were combined in Other Support Services as Business and Other Support Services.

BOARD OF EDUCATION
 EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION OF MORRIS COUNTY
 GENERAL FUND - OTHER LOCAL REVENUE BY SOURCE
 LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS
(modified accrual basis of accounting)

Fiscal Year Ending June 30,	Interest	Prior Year Refunds	Miscellaneous Revenue	Annual Total
2024	\$ 49,152	\$ 149,384	\$ 3,110	\$ 201,646
2023	28,662	213,360	283	242,305
2022	-	130,484	5,937	136,421
2021	-	35,244	-	35,244
2020	-	70,357	35,866	106,223
2019	-	4,760	23,074	27,834
2018	-	588	100,120	100,708
2017	-	-	12,094	12,094
2016	-	-	799	799
2015	6	-	51,419	51,425

Source: District records

DEMOGRAPHIC AND ECONOMIC INFORMATION

BOARD OF EDUCATION
 EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION OF MORRIS COUNTY
 DEMOGRAPHIC AND ECONOMIC STATISTICS
 LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS

<u>Year</u>	<u>Per Capita Personal Income</u>	<u>Unemployment Rate</u>
2023	N/A	3.60%
2022	\$ 111,597	2.40%
2021	107,767	2.30%
2020	102,227	5.70%
2019	99,140	5.30%
2018	97,244	2.60%
2017	93,544	3.60%
2016	91,252	3.90%
2015	88,298	4.20%
2014	84,287	4.90%

N/A At the time of ACFR completion, this data was not yet available

BOARD OF EDUCATION
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION OF MORRIS COUNTY
PRINCIPAL EMPLOYERS
CURRENT YEAR AND TEN YEARS AGO

Employer	2024			2015		
	Employees	Rank	Percentage of Total Municipal Employment	Employees	Rank	Percentage of Total Municipal Employment
Company	N/A		N/A	N/A		N/A
Individual	N/A		N/A	N/A		N/A
	-		0.00%	-		0.00%

N/A At the time of ACFR completion, this data was not yet available

OPERATING INFORMATION

BOARD OF EDUCATION
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION OF MORRIS COUNTY
FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT DISTRICT EMPLOYEES BY FUNCTION/PROGRAM
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS

Function/Program	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Instruction:										
Special Education	70	61	55	56	54	55	56	56	50	50
Support Services:										
Student and Instruction Related Services	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	5	5
General and Business Administration Services	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
School Administrative Services	2	2	2	2	2	2	4	4	4	4
Plant Operations and Maintenance	-	1	2	1	1	2	2	2	2	2
Pupil Transportation	-	-	-	19	19	18	15	15	15	14
Total	80	72	67	86	84	85	85	85	80	79

Source: District Personnel Records

N/A At the time of ACFR completion, this data was not yet available

BOARD OF EDUCATION
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION OF MORRIS COUNTY
OPERATING STATISTICS
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS

Fiscal Year	Enrollment	Central Park School Operating Expenditures ^a	Cost Per Pupil	Percentage Change	Teaching Staff ^b	Pupil/Teacher Ratio	Average Daily Enrollment (ADE) ^c	Average Daily Attendance (ADA) ^c	Percent Change in Average Daily Enrollment	Student Attendance Percentage
2024	29.47	\$ 3,179,382	\$ 107,885	2.07%	41	1:2	29.47	24.90	0.37%	84.49%
2023	29.36	3,101,903	105,651	1.03%	42	1:2	29.36	24.94	-10.56%	84.95%
2022	32.46	3,393,953	104,558	13.15%	44	1:2	32.46	27.70	-13.49%	85.34%
2021	36.84	3,345,225	90,804	-1.79%	46	1:2	36.84	33.53	-9.66%	91.02%
2020	40.04	3,701,044	92,434	-13.44%	49	1:2	40.40	37.28	25.50%	92.28%
2019	30.10	3,156,197	104,857	11.69%	59	1:0	30.10	29.24	-100.00%	97.14%
2018	60.20	5,574,367	92,597	2.10%	59	1:0	60.20	54.10	-14.95%	89.87%
2017	69.20	6,273,388	90,656	8.15%	60	1:2	69.20	62.90	-5.92%	90.90%
2016	73.30	6,103,332	83,265	9.50%	55	1:3	73.30	67.70	-7.09%	92.36%
2015	78.50	5,915,560	75,357	-1.51%	55	1:4	78.50	73.00	-2.55%	92.99%

Sources: District records

BOARD OF EDUCATION
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION OF MORRIS COUNTY
SCHOOL BUILDING INFORMATION
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
<u>Commission Buildings</u>										
Park Lake School (closed in 2022)										
Square Feet				14,190	14,190	14,190	14,190	14,190	14,190	14,190
Capacity (students)				110	110	110	110	110	110	110
Enrollment				0	0	32.1	39	44	42	37
Central Park School										
Square Feet	21,590	21,590	21,590	21,590	21,590	21,590	21,590	21,590	21,590	21,590
Capacity (students)	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Enrollment	29	30	32	36	18.4	18.4	25	25	31	44

Number of Schools at June 30, 2024
Elementary = 1

Source: District Facilities Office

Note: Increases in square footage and capacity are the result of and additions.

Enrollment is based on the annual October District count.

N/A At the time of ACFR completion, this data was not yet available

BOARD OF EDUCATION
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION OF MORRIS COUNTY
INSURANCE SCHEDULE
JUNE 30, 2024
UNAUDITED

A) Property Policy

\$697,908	Blanket, Contents
\$250,000	Business Interruption/Extra Expense

Sub-Limits:

\$5,000,000	Earthquake (Annual Aggregate)
	Flood Categories:
\$10,000,000	Flood Zone C-X - \$50,000 Deductible
\$15,000	Debris Removal
\$25,000	Fire Department Service Charge
\$100,000	Pollutants Clean Up and Removal

B) Boilers & Machinery Policy:

\$150,000,000	Blanket
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C) Inland Marine Floater

\$250,000	Valuable Papers
\$2,500,000	Electronic Data Processing Equipment
\$250,000	Contractor's Equipment
\$100,000	School Property Coverage
\$250,000	Miscellaneous

D) Liability

\$1,000,000	Automobile
\$1,000,000 / \$2,000,000	General
\$1,000,000	Employee Benefit
\$10,000,000	Umbrella
\$30,000,000	Excess
\$25,000,000	2nd Excess

E) Crime

\$500,000	Blanket Employee Dishonesty
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F) School Board Legal Liability - Employment Practices

\$1,000,000

G) Cyber Liability

\$1,000,000

H) Excess Workers Compensation

\$5,000,000

Source: District records.

SINGLE AUDIT SECTION

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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**

Honorable President and
Members of the Board of Education
Educational Services Commission of Morris County
County of Morris
Morristown, New Jersey

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; and in compliance with audit requirements as prescribed by the Office of School Finance, Department of Education, State of New Jersey, the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Educational Services Commission of Morris County (Commission), in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the School District's basic financial statements as listed in table of contents and have issued our report thereon dated January 15, 2025.

Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the School District's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the 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 School District's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the School District's internal control.

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

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weakness or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weakness. However, material weakness may exist that have not been identified.

Report on Compliance and Other Matters


As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the School District's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. 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 matter that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards* and audit requirements as prescribed by the Office of School Finance, Department of Education, State of New Jersey.

We also noted other matters that we reported to the Board of Trustees of the Educational Services Commission of Morris County in a separate report entitled, Auditor's Management Report on Administrative Findings dated January 15, 2025.

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and the Office of School Finance, Department of Education, State of New Jersey, and state awarding agencies and pass-through entities, in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.


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Union, New Jersey
January 15, 2025

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**REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR FEDERAL AND STATE
PROGRAM AND REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE
REQUIRED BY NEW JERSEY OMB CIRCULAR 15-08**

Honorable President and
Members of the Board of Education
Educational Services Commission of Morris County
County of Morris
Morristown, New Jersey

Report on Compliance for Each Major State Program

Opinion on Each Major State Program

We have audited the compliance of the Educational Services Commission of Morris County (School Commission), in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, with the types of compliance requirements identified as subject to audit in the *New Jersey OMB Circular 15-08 State Aid/Grant Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of the School Commission's major state programs for the year ended June 30, 2024. The School Commission's major state programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

In our opinion, the Educational Services Commission of Morris County, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major state programs for the year ended June 30, 2024.

Basis for Opinion on Each Major Federal and State Program

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; the audit requirements as prescribed by the Office of School Finance, Department of Education, State of New Jersey; the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements*,

Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (Uniform Guidance); and New Jersey OMB's Circular 15-08, *Single Audit Policy for Recipients of Federal Grants, State Grants and State Aid*. Our responsibilities under those standards, the Uniform Guidance, and New Jersey OMB Circular 15-08 are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section of our report.

We are required to be independent of Educational Services Commission of Morris County 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 state program. Our audit does not provide a legal determination of Educational Services Commission of Morris County'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 Educational Services Commission of Morris County's federal and state 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 Educational Services Commission of Morris County's compliance based on our audit. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, *Government Auditing Standards*, audit requirements as prescribed by the Office of School Finance, Department of Education, State of New Jersey, U.S. Uniform Guidance and New Jersey OMB Circular 15-08 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 Educational Services Commission of Morris County's compliance with the requirements of each major federal and state program as a whole.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, *Government Auditing Standards*, audit requirements as prescribed by the Office of School Finance, Department of Education, State of New Jersey, U.S. Uniform Guidance, and New Jersey OMB Circular 15-08, 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 Educational Services Commission of Morris County'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 Educational Services Commission of Morris County'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 New Jersey Circular 15-08-OMB, Single Audit Policy for Recipients of Federal Grants, State Grants and State Aid but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Educational Services Commission of Morris County'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 state program on a timely basis. *A material weakness in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance, such that there is a reasonable possibility that material noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a state 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 state 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 that the testing based on the requirements of the Uniform Guidance and New Jersey OMB's Circular 15-08. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purposes.



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January 15, 2025

EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION OF MORRIS COUNTY
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

Federal Grantor/Pass-through Grantor/ Program Title	Federal AL/CPDA Number	FAIN	Grant or State Project Number	Program or Award Amount	Grant Period From To	Balance at June 30, 2023	Carryover/ (Waiver) Amount	Cash Received	Budgetary Expenditures	Adjustments	Payment Of Prior Years' Balances	Accounts Receivable	Balance at June 30, 2024	Due to Grantor
Special Revenue Fund:														
U.S. Department of Education														
Passed-through State Department of Education														
Other Special Revenue Funds:														
CRRSA ESSER II Fund	84.425D	S425D200027	N/A	\$ 11,103	3/13/21 9/30/24	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 11,103	\$ (11,103)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Federal Financial Awards						\$ -	\$ -	\$ 11,103	\$ (11,103)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION OF MORRIS COUNTY
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF STATE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

State Grantor/Program Title	Grant or State Project Number	Program or Award Amount	Grant Period		Balance at June 30, 2023			Carryover/ (Walkover) Amount	Cash Received	Budgetary Expenditures	Adjustments/ Reimbursement of Prior Year's Balance	Balance at June 30, 2024		MEMO	
			From	To	Deferred Revenue (Accounts Receivable)	Due to Grantor	(Accounts Receivable)					Unearned Revenue/ Interfund Payable	Due to Grantor	Budgetary Receivable	Cumulative Total Expenditures
State Department of Education															
General Fund:															
Other General Funds:															
On-Behalf TPAF Post-Retirement Medical Contributions	24-495-034-5094-001	\$	237,603	7/1/23	6/30/24	\$	-	\$	237,603	\$	(237,603)	\$	-	\$	237,603
On-Behalf TPAF Pension Contributions	24-495-034-5094-002	873,018	7/1/23	6/30/24	6/30/24				873,018	(873,018)					873,018
Reimbursed TPAF - Social Security	24-495-034-5094-003	172,324	7/1/23	6/30/24	6/30/24				164,184	(172,324)		(8,140)		8,140	172,324
Reimbursed TPAF - Social Security	23-495-034-5094-003	171,264	7/1/22	6/30/23	6/30/23				8,183						
On-Behalf TPAF Non-Contributory Insurance	24-495-034-5094-004	110	7/1/23	6/30/24	6/30/24				110	(110)					110
Total State Financial Assistance						\$	(8,183)	\$	1,283,098	\$	(1,285,055)	\$	-	\$	1,283,055
State Financial Assistance Not Subject to Major Program Determination:															
General Fund:															
On-Behalf TPAF Post-Retirement Medical Contributions	24-495-034-5094-001	237,603	7/1/23	6/30/24	6/30/24				(237,603)	237,603					(237,603)
On-Behalf TPAF Pension Contributions	24-495-034-5094-002	873,018	7/1/23	6/30/24	6/30/24				(873,018)	873,018					(873,018)
On-Behalf TPAF Non-Contributory Insurance	24-495-034-5094-004	110	7/1/23	6/30/24	6/30/24				(110)	110					(110)
Total On-Behalf TPAF Pension System Contributions						-	-	-	(1,110,731)	1,110,731		-	-	-	(1,110,731)
Total State Financial Assistance Subject to Major Program Determination						\$	(8,183)	\$	172,367	\$	(172,324)	\$	-	\$	172,324

**EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION OF MORRIS COUNTY
NOTES TO SCHEDULES OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS AND STATE
FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
JUNE 30, 2024**

NOTE 1. GENERAL

The accompanying schedules of expenditures of federal awards and state financial assistance include federal and state award activity of the Board of Education, Educational Services Commission of Morris County. The Board of Education is defined in Note 1 to the board's basic financial statements. All federal and state awards received directly from federal and state agencies, as well as federal awards and state financial assistance passed through other government agencies is included on the schedules of expenditures of federal awards and state financial assistance.

NOTE 2. BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The accompanying schedules of expenditures of awards and financial assistance are presented on the budgetary basis of accounting with the exception of programs recorded in the food service fund, which are presented using the accrual basis of accounting. These bases of accounting are described in Note 1 to the board's basic financial statements. The information in this schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (Uniform Guidance)* and New Jersey OMB's Circular 15-08, *Single Audit Policy for Recipients of Federal Grants, State Grants and State Aid*. Therefore, some amounts presented in this schedule may differ from amounts presented in, or used in the presentation of, the basic financial statements. This does not apply to charter schools as districts are not permitted to defer the June payments to charter schools.

NOTE 3. RELATIONSHIP TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The basic financial statements present the general fund and special revenue fund on a GAAP basis. Budgetary comparison statements or schedules (RSI) are presented for the general fund and special revenue fund to demonstrate finance-related legal compliance in which certain revenue is permitted by law or grant agreement to be recognized in the audit year, whereas for GAAP reporting, revenue is not recognized until the subsequent year or when expenditures have been made.

The general fund is presented in the accompanying schedules on the modified accrual basis with the exception of the revenue recognition of the one or more deferred June state aid payments in the current budget year, which is mandated pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 18A:22-44.2*. For GAAP purposes payments are not recognized until the subsequent

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NOTE 3. RELATIONSHIP TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

budget year due to the state deferral and recording of the one or more June state aid payments in the subsequent year. The special revenue fund is presented in the accompanying schedules on the grant accounting budgetary basis which recognizes encumbrances as expenditures and also recognizes the related revenues, whereas the GAAP basis does not. The special revenue fund also recognizes the one or more June state aid payment in the current budget year, consistent with *N.J.S.A. 18A:22-4.2*.

The net adjustment to reconcile from the budgetary basis to the GAAP basis is none for the general fund and none for the special revenue fund. See Notes to the Required Supplementary Information for a reconciliation of the budgetary basis to the modified accrual basis of accounting for the general and special revenue funds. Awards and financial assistance revenues are reported in the board's basic financial statements on a GAAP basis as presented below:

	Federal	State	Total
General Fund	\$ -	\$ 1,283,055	\$ 1,283,055
Special Revenue Fund	11,103	-	11,103
Food Service Fund	-	-	-
Total Awards & Financial Assistance	<u>\$ 11,103</u>	<u>\$ 1,283,055</u>	<u>\$ 1,294,158</u>

NOTE 4. RELATIONSHIP TO FEDERAL AND STATE FINANCIAL REPORTS

Amounts reported in the accompanying schedules agree with the amounts reported in the related federal and state financial reports.

NOTE 5. FEDERAL AND STATE LOANS OUTSTANDING

Educational Services Commission of Morris County has no loan balances outstanding at June 30, 2024.

**EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION OF MORRIS COUNTY
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NOTE 6. OTHER

Revenues and expenditures reported under the Food Distribution Program represent current year value received and current year distributions respectively. The amounts reported as TPAF Pension Contributions, TPAF Post-Retirement Medical Contributions, and TPAF Long-Term Disability Insurance Contributions represent the amount paid by the State on behalf of the school district for the year ended June 30, 2024. TPAF Social Security Contributions represents the amount reimbursed by the state for the employer's share of social security contributions for TPAF members for the year ended June 30, 2024.

NOTE 7. ON-BEHALF PROGRAMS NOT SUBJECT TO STATE SINGLE AUDIT

On-behalf State Programs for TPAF Pension, Post-Retirement Medical Benefits, and Long-Term Disability Insurance Contributions payments are not subject to a State single audit and, therefore, are excluded from major program determination. The Schedule of State Financial Assistance provides a reconciliation of State financial assistance reported in the School District's basic financial statements and the amount subject to State single audit and major program determination.

NOTE 8. INDIRECT COST RATE

The Educational Services Commission of Morris County has elected not to use the 10 percent de minimis Indirect Cost Rate as allowed under the Uniform Guidance.

NOTE 9. SCHOOLWIDE PROGRAM FUNDS

Schoolwide programs are not separate federal programs as defined in the Uniform Guidance; amounts used in schoolwide programs are included in the total expenditures of the program contributing the funds in the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards.

EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION OF MORRIS COUNTY
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

Section I – Summary of Auditor’s Results

Financial Statements

Type of auditors’ report issued on financial statements		<u>Unmodified</u>
Internal control over financial reporting:		
1) Material weakness(es) identified?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
2) Significant deficiencies identified that are not considered to be material weaknesses?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None Reported
Noncompliance material to basic financial statements noted?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

Federal Awards – N/A

State Awards

Internal control over compliance:		
1) Material weakness(es) identified?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
2) Significant deficiencies identified that are not considered to be material weaknesses?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None Reported
Type of auditors’ report issued on compliance for major programs		<u>Unmodified</u>
Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with NJOMB Circular Letter 15-08?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

Identification of major state programs:

GMIS Number(s)	Name of State Program
24-495-034-5094-003	Reimbursed TPAF - Social Security

Dollar threshold used to distinguish between Type A and Type B programs:	\$750,000
Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

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Section II – Financial Statement Findings – N/A

This section identifies the significant deficiencies, material weaknesses, fraud, illegal acts, violations of provisions of contracts and grant agreements, and abuse related to the financial statements for which *Government Auditing Standards* requires reporting in the Uniform Guidance audit. See paragraphs 13.15 and 13.35.

Finding

There were no matters reported.

***Section III – Schedule of Federal and State Award
Findings and Questioned Costs As Prepared By Management – N/A***

This section identifies the significant deficiencies, material weaknesses, and material matters of noncompliance, including questioned costs and significant instances of abuse, related to the audit of major federal and state programs, as required by U.S Uniform Guidance and New Jersey OMB's Circular 15-08.

STATE AWARDS – N/A

Findings

There were no matters reported

**EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION OF MORRIS COUNTY
SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR YEAR AUDIT FINDINGS
AND QUESTIONED COSTS AS PREPARED BY MANAGEMENT
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

STATUS OF PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS – N/A

This section identifies the status of prior year findings related to the basic financial statements and federal and state awards that are required to be reported in accordance with Chapter 6.12 of *Government Auditing Standards*, Uniform Guidance (.511(a)(b)) and NJOMB's Circular 15-08, as amended.

Findings

There were no matters reported.