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FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

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Ridgewood, New Jersey

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Village of Ridgewood, New Jersey

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Prepared by

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Honorable President and Members
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Village of Ridgewood School District
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Dear Board Members:

The Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) of the Village of Ridgewood School District (District) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024 is hereby submitted. Responsibility for both the accuracy of the data and completeness and fairness of the presentation, including all disclosures, rests with the management of the Board of Education (Board). To the best of our knowledge and belief, the data presented in this report is accurate in all material respects. It is reported in a manner designed to fairly present the financial position and results of operations of the various funds of the District. All disclosures necessary to enable the reader to gain an understanding of the District's financial activities have been included.

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

- The Introductory Section contains a Table of Contents, Letter of Transmittal, Organizational Chart and a List of Principal Officials of the District;
- The Financial Section begins with the Independent Auditor's Report and includes the Management's Discussion and Analysis, the Basic Financial Statements including the district-wide financial statements presented in accordance with the provisions of the *Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 34, Basic Financial Statements – and Management's Discussion and Analysis – for State and Local Governments*. The basic financial statements also include individual fund financial statements, notes to the Financial Statements and Required Supplementary Information (RSI).
- The Statistical Section includes selected financial trends, revenue capacity, debt capacity, demographic and economic information, and operating information of the District, generally presented on a multi-year basis.
- The Single Audit Section – The District is required to undergo an annual single audit in conformity with the provisions of the U.S. Uniform Guidance, and New Jersey OMB's 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, if any, is included in the single audit section of this report.

Reporting Entity and Its Services

The Village of Ridgewood School District is an independent reporting entity within the criteria adopted by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) as established by GASB No. 14. All funds of the District are included in this report. The Village of Ridgewood Board of Education and all its schools constitute the District's reporting entity. The District consists of one high school, two middle schools, seven elementary schools, and an administration building.

The District provides education to approximately 5,489 students in grades kindergarten through twelve as well as a pre-k disabled program.

An elected five-member Board of Education (the "Board") serves as the policy maker for the District. 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 District's tax money.

The Superintendent is the Chief Executive Officer of the District, responsible to the Board for total educational and support operations. The Business Administrator/Board Secretary is the Chief Financial Officer of the District, responsible to the Board for maintaining all financial records, making payments of liabilities incurred by the District, acting as custodian of all District funds, and investing funds as permitted by New Jersey law.

Economic Conditions and Outlook

The District completed the 2023-2024 school fiscal year with an average daily enrollment of 5,492 students, which is 12 students less than the previous year's average daily student enrollment. The average daily enrollment is a compilation of enrollment and attendance data for the entire year. The statistic is different than the enrollment figure which represents the actual number of students enrolled. The following chart details the changes in the average daily student enrollment of the District over the last ten years.

Fiscal Year	Average Daily Student Enrollment	% Change
2023-24	5,492	-0.22%
2022-23	5,504	-1.30%
2021-22	5,577	0.58%
2020-21	5,545	-2.62%
2019-20	5,694	0.74%
2018-19	5,652	-0.21%
2017-18	5,664	0.09%
2016-17	5,659	0.07%
2015-16	5,655	0.09%
2014-15	5,650	-1.17%

Economic Conditions and Outlook **(Continued)**

The District's actual enrollment on October 15, 2024 was 5,462, a decrease of 82 students from October 15, 2023.

Like many public schools in the State, the District's primary funding source is property tax revenue. The District has faced many challenges through and beyond the pandemic which continue to be of concern, including managing the cost and availability of: 1) student transportation, 2) substitute teachers and paraprofessionals, 3) making improvements to infrastructure, and 4) obtaining competitive and timely supplies and human resources to effectuate capital and other facilities projects.

Despite these new and evolving challenges, the Village of Ridgewood School District continues to be fiscally responsible when developing its budget. The Board is cognizant of the impact the school tax levy has upon taxpayers and seeks to strike a balance between maintaining its high quality educational services in a safe and welcoming environment and its fiscal accountability to the community.

Educational Program

The mission statement for the Ridgewood Public Schools is as follows:

The Ridgewood Public Schools, committed to a tradition of excellence and innovation, in partnership with the community, provide a rich and challenging learning environment, enabling students to maximize their unique potentials to become life-long learners and productive, responsible citizens.

The Ridgewood Public School system is composed of seven elementary schools (Pre-K-5), two middle schools (6-8), and one high school (9-12), serving approximately 5,578 students. All public schools are accredited by the New Jersey Department of Education.

To maintain and advance instructional excellence, RPS promotes comprehensive systems of professional development, program evaluation, and educational innovation. Recent efforts to support the whole child have included a later start time for high school students, a reevaluation of K-5 ELA and mathematics programs, training for educators in generative artificial intelligence, and the completion of a five year strategic plan.

Ridgewood High School is a comprehensive high school, grades 9-12, which attempts to meet the needs of all students. It is also an institution with a long-standing tradition of providing a sound and challenging academic program for college-bound students. With a population of 1,728 students, RHS is the largest in Bergen County. The class of 2024 included 414 students. The following page details the post-graduation plans for this class.

Post-Secondary Plans: Class of 2024

4-Year Colleges	92.4%
2-Year Colleges	2.6%

The Class of 2024 received acceptances from the following colleges and universities:

<p>American University (3) Arizona State University-Tempe (2) Auburn University (2) Bard College (2) Bergen Community College (9) Binghamton University (5) Boston University (3) Bryn Mawr College (1) Bucknell University (4) Caldwell (1) Carnegie Mellon University (1) Catholic University of America (1) Chapman University (1) Clemson University (1) Colby College (1) Colgate University (1) College of Charleston (4) College of the Holy Cross (4) Colorado School of Mines (1) Connecticut College (1) Cornell University (4) Dartmouth College (1) East Stroudsburg (1) Eckerd College (1) Elon University (2) Fairfield University (2) Fairleigh Dickinson University-Met Campus (2) Florida Atlantic University (1) Florida State University (2) Fordham University (5) Georgetown University (1) Hamilton College (1) Highpoint University (2) Hofstra University (1) Holy Cross College (1) Indiana University-Bloomington (11) Ithaca College (4) James Madison University (2) Johnson and Wales University (1) Kenyon College (1) Lafayette College (2) Lehigh University (2) Loyola University Chicago (1) Loyola University Maryland (2) Macalester College (1) Manhattan College (1) Marist College (3) Marquette College (1) McGill University (2) Miami University, Oxford (1) Michigan State University (7) Monmouth University (6) Montclair State University (8) Muhlenberg College (1)</p>	<p>NEOMA Business School (1) New Jersey Institute of Technology (1) New York University (5) Northeastern University (14) Norwich University (1) Nova Southeastern University (1) Pace University, New York City Campus (1) Penn State University - Abington (1) Penn State University - Berks (1) Penn. State University-Main Campus (7) Point Park University (1) Pratt Institute-Main (2) Providence College (4) Purdue University-Main Campus (5) Quinnipiac University (2) Ramapo College of New Jersey (7) Randolph-Macon College (1) Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (4) Rider University (1) Rowan University (5) Rutgers University-New Brunswick (21) Rutgers University-Newark (1) Sacred Heart University (10) Saint Joseph's University (3) San Diego State University (1) Santa Clara University (1) Seton Hall University (3) Sienna College (1) Skidmore College (3) Southern Methodist University (1) St. Lawrence University (1) Stevens Institute of Technology (7) Stony Brook University (5) Suffolk University (2) SUNY University (1) Syracuse University (11) Texas A & M University-College Station (1) Texas Christian University (1) The Catholic University of America (1) The College of New Jersey (4) The Ohio State University (1) The University of Alabama (1) The University of Tennessee-Knoxville (3) Tulane University of Louisiana (4) Union College (1) US Military Academy of West Point (3) US Naval Academy (1) University of Arizona (2) University of California-Berkeley (3) University of Colorado Boulder (3) University of Connecticut (3) University of Delaware (4)</p>	<p>University of Florida (2) University of Hartford (2) University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (3) University of Iowa (1) University of Maryland-College Park (6) University of Massachusetts-Amherst (2) University of Miami (3) University of Michigan-Ann Arbor (3) University of Mississippi (2) University of New Hampshire-Main Campus (2) University of Notre Dame (1) University of Pittsburgh-Pittsburgh Campus (3) University of Rhode Island (3) University of Richmond (1) University of Rochester (1) University of San Diego (1) University of Scranton (5) University of South Carolina- Columbia (7) University of Southern California (2) University of Toronto (3) University of Tulsa (1) University of Vermont (3) University of Wisconsin-Madison (1) Vanderbilt University-Blair School of Music (1) Vaughn of Aeronautics & Tech (1) Villanova University (3) Virginia Tech (4) Wagner College (1) Wake Forest University (3) Washington University in St Louis (1) West Virginia University (1) Wheaton College -IL(1) Wheaton College - MA (1) William Paterson University of New Jersey (3) Wofford College (1)</p>
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Major Initiatives

Capital Projects

The District utilized Capital Reserves to replace the roof on the science wing and upgrade the woodshop dust collector at the Ridgewood High School.

In District Special Education Classes

The District offers specialized classes for students with disabilities that are located in-district. At Glen School, the Ridgewood Early Development (RED) classes offer a comprehensive educational experience for a child who has been identified as a preschool disabled student, ages 3-5 that focuses on skill development within the social, motor, cognitive, and communications domains. The district also offers Language Learning Disabled (LLD) classes at Ridgewood High School, George Washington Middle School, Willard Elementary, and Hawes Elementary School. The District's ABA-Based program, Ridgewood Intensive Services (RISe), is offered at Ridgewood High School, Ben Franklin Middle School, Ridge Elementary, and Glen School. Additionally, Strategic Actions for Innovative Learning (SAIL) is the District's multiply disabled program and is offered at Hawes Elementary School and the Practical, Real-Life Education Program (PREP) is a multiply disabled program offered at Ben Franklin Middle School and the Ridgewood High School. The Program for Emotional Regulation & Learning (PERL) Program is a self-contained class designed for students with behavioral disabilities who are dysregulated emotionally/behaviorally and is offered at Somerville Elementary School and Ben Franklin Middle School. The District's transition to adulthood class, School Transition and Employment Program for Student Success (STEPSS) offered to students ages 18-21-year-old who have met state graduation requirements, but continue to need more time and skill development before entering independent or interdependence adulthood.

These classes provide Ridgewood students with the opportunity to remain in the Ridgewood Public School system rather than be sent to potentially more restrictive out-of-district specialized schools for the disabled. In-district programs provide these students with disabilities additional inclusive opportunities to learn and work alongside their non-disabled peers in regular education classes and non-academic activities in their home school buildings when appropriate.

Financial Information

Internal Accounting Controls: Management of the District is responsible for establishing and maintaining an internal control structure designed to ensure that the assets of the District are protected from loss, theft, or misuse, and to ensure that adequate accounting data are compiled to allow for the preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (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 management.

As a recipient of federal awards and state financial assistance, the District also is responsible for ensuring that an adequate internal control structure is in place to ensure compliance with applicable laws, regulations, contracts and grants related to those programs. The internal control structure is also subject to periodic evaluation by the District's management.

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

Budgetary Controls: In addition to internal accounting controls, the District maintains budgetary controls. The objective of these budgetary controls is to ensure compliance with legal provisions embodied in the annual appropriated budget approved by the Trustees of the Board. Annual appropriated budgets are adopted for the general fund, special revenue fund

and debt service fund. Project-length budgets are approved for the capital improvements and are 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-appropriations of fund balance in the subsequent year. Those amounts to be re-appropriated are reported as committed or assigned fund balance on June 30, 2024.

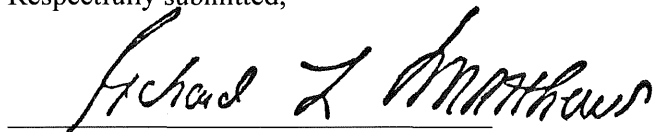
Cash Management: The investment policy of the District is guided in large part by state statute as detailed in "Notes to the Financial Statements". The District has adopted a cash management plan, which requires it to deposit public funds in public depositories protected from loss under the provisions 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.

Risk Management: The District 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. A schedule of insurance coverage is found in Exhibit J-20.

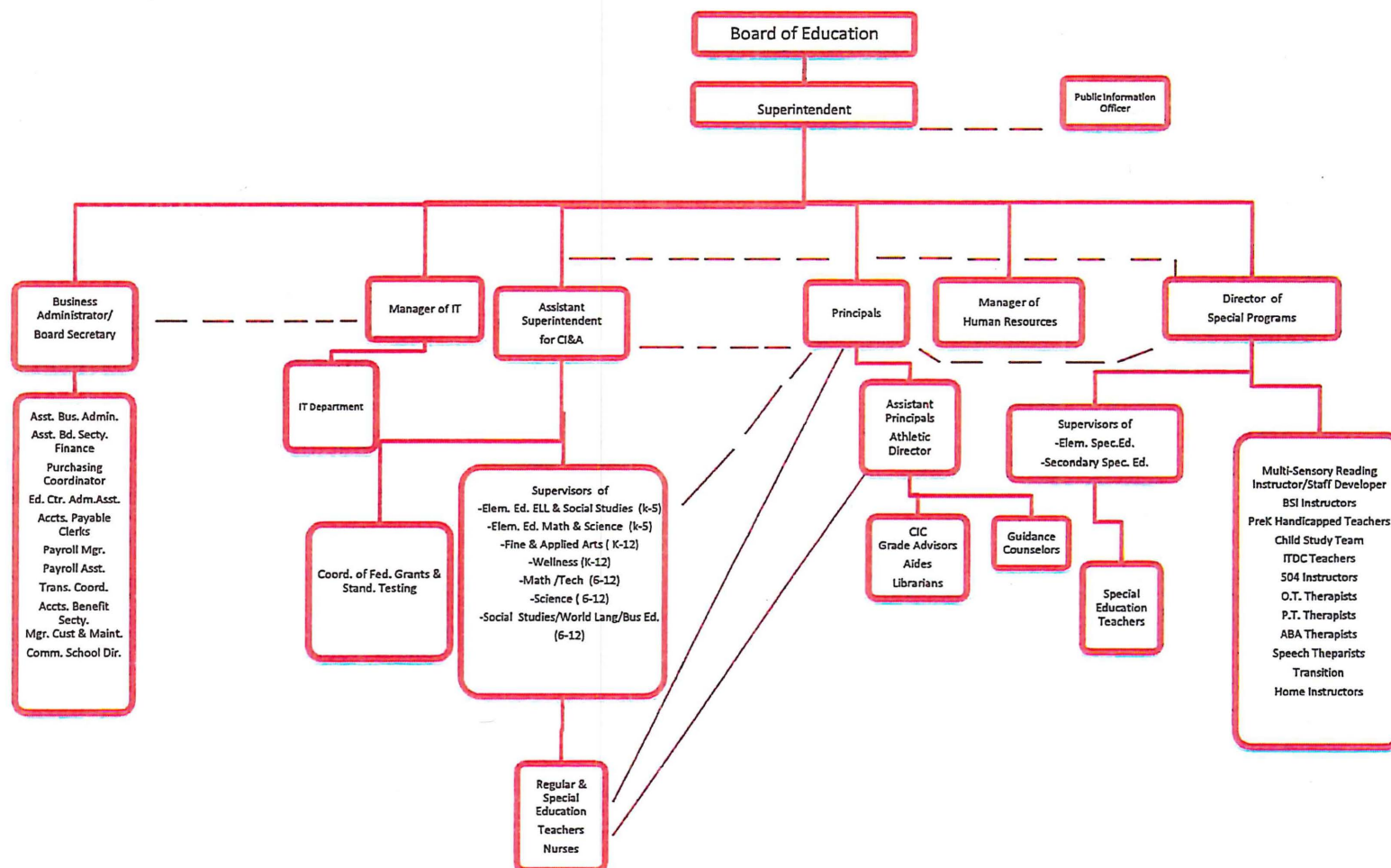
Independent Audit: State statutes require an annual audit by independent certified public accountants or registered municipal accountants. The accounting firm of Lerch, Vinci and Bliss, LLP was selected by the Board. In addition to meeting the requirements set forth in state statutes, the audit also was designed to meet the requirements of the U.S. Uniform Guidance, and New Jersey OMB's Circular 15-08. The auditor's report on the basic financial statements and specific required supplemental information 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.

We would like to express our appreciation to the members of the Village of Ridgewood School Board for their concern in providing fiscal accountability to the citizens and taxpayers of the District 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Richard L. Matthews", written over a horizontal line.

Richard Matthews
Business Administrator/Board Secretary



RIDGEWOOD BOARD OF EDUCATION

ROSTER OF OFFICIALS JUNE 30, 2024

<u>Members of the Board of Education</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Ms. Sheila Brogan, President	2024
Mr. Muhammad Mahmoud, Vice President	2024
Mr. Saurabh Dani	2026
Ms. Hyunju Kwak	2024
Ms. Mary Micale	2026

Other Officials

Dr. Mark Schwarz, Superintendent of Schools

Ms. Julie Kot, School Business Administrator (September 2023 – May 2024)

Mr. Aaron Bowman, Acting School Business Administrator (May 2024 – June 2024)

Mr. Angelo DeSimone, Treasurer

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Honorable President and Members
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Ridgewood Board of Education
Ridgewood, New Jersey

Report on the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Ridgewood Board of Education, as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024 and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Board of Education's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Ridgewood Board of Education as of June 30, 2024, and the respective changes in 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, the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States and the audit requirements 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 the Ridgewood Board of Education and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Ridgewood Board of Education'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 Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, Government Auditing Standards and audit requirements prescribed by the Office of School Finance, Department of Education, State of New Jersey, 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 generally accepted auditing standards, Government Auditing Standards and audit requirements prescribed by the Office of School Finance, Department of Education, State of New Jersey, we:

- Exercise professional judgement and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Ridgewood Board of Education's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Ridgewood Board of Education'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, pension information and other postemployment benefits information be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Ridgewood Board of Education's basic financial statements. The accompanying combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements, schedule of expenditures of federal awards as required by Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (Uniform Guidance) and schedule of expenditures of state financial assistance as required by New Jersey OMB Circular 15-08, Single Audit Policy for Recipients of Federal Grants, State Grants and State Aid, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements of the Ridgewood Board of Education. 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 and individual nonmajor fund financial statements, schedules 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 section, financial schedules and statistical section 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 financial statements, or the other information otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work performed, we conclude that an uncorrected material misstatement of the other information exists, we are required to describe it in our report.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated January 14, 2025 on our consideration of the Ridgewood Board of Education's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Ridgewood Board of Education's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards in considering the Ridgewood Board of Education's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.


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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

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Management's Discussion and Analysis

This section of Ridgewood Board of Education's annual comprehensive financial report presents our discussion and analysis of the District's financial performance during the fiscal year that ended on June 30, 2024. The intent of this section is to look at the District's financial performance as a whole; readers should also review the basic financial statements and notes to enhance their understanding of the District's financial performance.

Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) is an element of the Required Supplementary Information specified in the Governmental Accounting Standards Board's (GASB) Statement. 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 the 2023-2024 fiscal year include the following:

- The assets and deferred outflows of resources of the Ridgewood Board of Education exceeded its liabilities and deferred inflows of resources at the close of the fiscal year by \$76,053,311 (net position).
- Overall District revenues were \$145,253,628. General revenues accounted for \$109,964,090 or 76% of all revenues. Program specific revenues in the form of charges for services and grants and contributions accounted for \$35,289,538, or 24% of total revenue.
- The School District had \$135,490,982 in expenses for governmental activities; only \$30,568,877 of these expenses were offset by program specific charges, grants or contributions. General revenues (predominantly property taxes and unrestricted State aid) of \$109,942,729 were adequate to provide for these programs.
- As of the close of the current fiscal year, the District's governmental funds reported a combined ending fund balance of \$31,800,454 an increase of \$3,847,758 when compared to the ending fund balance at June 30, 2023 of \$27,952,696.
- The General Fund unassigned fund balance at June 30, 2024 was in a deficit position of \$883,369 a decrease of \$265,789 when compared with the ending deficit position of \$1,149,158 at June 30, 2023.
- The General Fund unassigned budgetary fund balance at June 30, 2024 was \$2,321,673 which represents an increase of \$99,171 when compared to the ending unassigned fund balance at June 30, 2023 of \$2,222,502.

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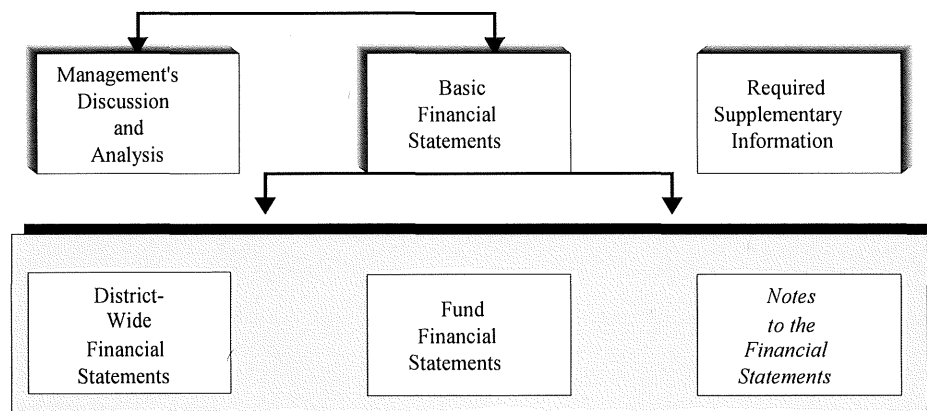
Management's Discussion and Analysis

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

- The first two statements are district wide financial statements that provide both short-term and long-term information about the District's overall financial status.
- The remaining statements are fund financial statements that focus on individual parts of the District, reporting the District's operations in more detail than the district-wide statements.
 - The Governmental Funds statements tell how basic services were financed in the short term as well as what remains for future spending.
 - Proprietary Funds statements offer short-term and long-term financial information about the activities the district operated like businesses.

The financial statements also include notes that explain some of the information in the statements and provide more detailed data. The table below shows how the various parts of this annual report are arranged and related to one another.



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OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

The major features of the District's financial statements, including the portion of the District's activities they cover and the types of information they contain are summarized below. The remainder of this overview section of management's discussion and analysis highlights the structure and contents of each of the statements.

Major Features of the District-Wide and Fund Financial Statements

	District-Wide Statements	Fund Financial Statements	
		Governmental Funds	Proprietary Funds
Scope	Entire district	The activities of the district that are not proprietary or fiduciary, such as instruction, special education building maintenance, and community education	Activities the district operates similar to private businesses: Enterprise funds
Required financial statements	Statements of Net Position Statement of Activities	Balance Sheet Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances	Statement of Net Position Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position Statement of Cash Flows
Accounting Basis and Measurement focus	Accrual accounting and economic resources focus	Modified accrual accounting and current financial focus	Accrual accounting and economic resources focus
Type of asset/liability information	All assets, deferred outflows, liabilities, deferred inflows, both financial and capital, short-term and long-term	Generally, assets expected to be used up and liabilities that come due during the year or soon there after; no capital assets or long-term liabilities included	All assets, deferred outflows, liabilities, deferred inflows, both financial and capital, and short-term and long-term
Type of inflow/outflow information	All revenues and expenses during 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 the related liability is due and payable.	All revenues and expenses during the year, regardless of when cash is received or paid.

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District-Wide Financial Statements

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

The two district-wide statements report the District's net position and how it has changed. Net position – the difference between the District's assets/deferred outflows and liabilities/deferred inflows – is one way to measure the District's financial health or position

- Over time, increases or decreases in the District's net position are an indicator of whether its financial position is improving or deteriorating, respectively.
- To assess the overall health of the District you need to consider additional non-financial factors such as changes in the District's property tax base and the condition of school buildings and other facilities.

In the district-wide financial statements the District's activities are shown in two categories:

- *Governmental Activities* – Most of the District's basic services are included here, such as regular instruction and special education, transportation, administration, and plant operation and maintenance. Property taxes, State and Federal Aids and tuition charged to other school districts finance most of these activities.
- *Business Type Activities* – These funds are used to account for operations that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises. The District's Food Service, Infant Toddler Development, Technology Initiative Funds and Photography Lab are included here.

Fund Financial Statements

The fund financial statements provide more detailed information about the District's funds – focusing on its most significant or “major” funds – not the District as a whole. Funds are accounting devices the District uses to keep track of specific sources of funding and spending on particular programs:

- Some funds are required by State law and bond covenants.
- The District establishes other funds to control and manage money for particular purposes or to show that it is properly using certain revenues (federal and state grants).

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Fund Financial Statements (Continued)

The District has two kinds of funds:

- *Governmental funds* – Most of the District's basic services are included in governmental funds, which generally focus on (1) how cash and other financial assets that can readily be converted to cash flow in and out and (2) the balances left at year-end that are available for spending. Consequently, the governmental funds statements provide a detailed short-term view that helps to determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance the District's programs. Because this information does not encompass the additional long-term focus of the district-wide statements, we provide additional information at the bottom of the governmental funds statements that explains the relationship (or differences) between them.
- *Proprietary funds* – Services for which the District charges a fee are generally reported in proprietary funds. Proprietary funds are reported in the same way as the district-wide statements. The District's Enterprise Funds are established to account for operations that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises. The stated intent is that costs of providing goods or services to the students on a continuing basis are financed or recovered primarily through user charges.

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 following the fund financial statements.

Other Information

In addition to the financial statements and accompanying notes, this report also presents certain required supplementary information concerning the District's budget process. The District adopts an annual expenditure budget for the general, special revenue and debt service funds. A budgetary comparison statement has been provided for these funds as required supplementary information. The required supplementary information can be found following the notes to the financial statements.

The District also presents required supplementary information regarding the accounting and reporting for pensions as required under GASB Statement No. 68 and post-retirement medical benefits as required under GASB Statement No. 75. The required supplementary information can be found following the notes to the financial statements.

Combining statements and schedules are presented immediately following the major budgetary comparisons if required.

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DISTRICT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

Net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of the District's financial position. The District's assets and deferred outflows of resources exceeded liabilities and deferred inflows of resources by \$76,053,311 and \$70,774,781 as of June 30, 2024 and 2023, respectively, as shown below.

By far the largest portion of the District's net position reflects its investment in capital assets (e.g., land and improvements, buildings and improvements, vehicles, furniture and equipment); less any related debt used to acquire those assets that are still outstanding. The District uses these capital assets to provide services to its students; consequently, these assets are not available for future spending. Although the District's investment in its capital assets is reported net of related debt, it should be noted that the resources needed to repay this debt must be provided from other sources, since the capital assets themselves cannot be used to liquidate these liabilities.

Net Position as of June 30, 2024 and 2023

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>		<u>Business-Type Activities</u>		<u>Total</u>	
	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Assets						
Current and Other Assets	\$ 35,318,913	\$ 32,264,592	\$ 1,268,033	\$ 1,087,772	\$ 36,586,946	\$ 33,352,364
Capital Assets	<u>88,454,221</u>	<u>90,577,785</u>	<u>329,079</u>	<u>304,616</u>	<u>88,783,300</u>	<u>90,882,401</u>
Total Assets	<u>123,773,134</u>	<u>122,842,377</u>	<u>1,597,112</u>	<u>1,392,388</u>	<u>125,370,246</u>	<u>124,234,765</u>
Deferred Outflows of Resources						
Deferred Amounts on Net Pension Liability	1,524,635	1,768,286			1,524,635	1,768,286
Deferred Amounts on Refunding of Debt	<u>368,223</u>	<u>854,357</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>368,223</u>	<u>854,357</u>
Total Deferred Outflows	<u>1,892,858</u>	<u>2,622,643</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,892,858</u>	<u>2,622,643</u>
Total Assets and Deferred Outflows	<u>125,665,992</u>	<u>125,465,020</u>	<u>1,597,112</u>	<u>1,392,388</u>	<u>127,263,104</u>	<u>126,857,408</u>
Liabilities						
Long-Term Liabilities	45,974,166	49,083,139			45,974,166	49,083,139
Other Liabilities	<u>3,884,089</u>	<u>4,690,603</u>	<u>76,916</u>	<u>130,098</u>	<u>3,961,005</u>	<u>4,820,701</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>49,858,255</u>	<u>53,773,742</u>	<u>76,916</u>	<u>130,098</u>	<u>49,935,171</u>	<u>53,903,840</u>
Deferred Inflows of Resources						
Deferred Amounts on Net Pension Liability	<u>1,274,622</u>	<u>2,178,787</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,274,622</u>	<u>2,178,787</u>
Total Deferred Inflows	<u>1,274,622</u>	<u>2,178,787</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,274,622</u>	<u>2,178,787</u>
Total Liabilities and Deferred Inflows	<u>51,132,877</u>	<u>55,952,529</u>	<u>76,916</u>	<u>130,098</u>	<u>51,209,793</u>	<u>56,082,627</u>
Net Position						
Net Investment in Capital Assets	55,419,102	54,786,232	329,079	304,616	55,748,181	55,090,848
Restricted	24,588,618	22,384,072			24,588,618	22,384,072
Unrestricted	<u>(5,474,605)</u>	<u>(7,657,813)</u>	<u>1,191,117</u>	<u>957,674</u>	<u>(4,283,488)</u>	<u>(6,700,139)</u>
Total Net Position	<u>\$ 74,533,115</u>	<u>\$ 69,512,491</u>	<u>\$ 1,520,196</u>	<u>\$ 1,262,290</u>	<u>\$ 76,053,311</u>	<u>\$ 70,774,781</u>

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The changes in net position for fiscal years ended 2024 and 2023 are as follows:

Change in Net Position For the Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 2024 and 2023						
	Governmental Activities		Business-Type Activities		Total	
	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023
Revenues						
Program Revenues						
Charges for Services	\$ 4,118,763	\$ 2,884,244	\$ 4,720,661	\$ 4,832,201	\$ 8,839,424	\$ 7,716,445
Operating Grants and Contributions	26,129,632	27,930,954			26,129,632	27,930,954
Capital Grants and Contributions	320,482	281,325			320,482	281,325
General Revenues						
Property Taxes	105,777,791	104,639,354			105,777,791	104,639,354
Federal and State Aid - Restricted	86,672	82,006			86,672	82,006
Other	4,078,266	2,708,520	21,361	4,537	4,099,627	2,713,057
Total Revenues	140,511,606	138,526,403	4,742,022	4,836,738	145,253,628	143,363,141
Expenses						
Instruction						
Regular	52,680,092	52,030,247			52,680,092	52,030,247
Special Education	23,033,474	20,855,122			23,033,474	20,855,122
Other Instruction	4,185,023	3,943,612			4,185,023	3,943,612
School Sponsored Activities and Athletics	3,351,646	2,987,978			3,351,646	2,987,978
Support Services						
Student and Instruction Related Services	21,406,658	21,249,378			21,406,658	21,249,378
General Administration Services	1,504,200	1,449,876			1,504,200	1,449,876
School Administration Services	5,828,547	5,373,785			5,828,547	5,373,785
Central Services	1,877,465	1,779,914			1,877,465	1,779,914
Administration Information Technology	1,205,023	1,273,465			1,205,023	1,273,465
Plant Operation and Maintenance	14,158,823	14,159,590			14,158,823	14,159,590
Pupil Transportation	4,995,844	4,798,481			4,995,844	4,798,481
Interest and Other Chgs on Long-Term Debt	1,264,187	1,333,672			1,264,187	1,333,672
Food Service			3,160,524	3,029,748	3,160,524	3,029,748
Infant/Toddler Development			1,244,958	1,129,795	1,244,958	1,129,795
Technology Initiative/Photography Lab	-	-	78,634	14,957	78,634	14,957
Total Expenses	135,490,982	131,235,120	4,484,116	4,174,500	139,975,098	135,409,620
Change in Net Position	5,020,624	7,291,283	257,906	662,238	5,278,530	7,953,521
Net Position, Beginning of Year	69,512,491	62,221,208	1,262,290	600,052	70,774,781	62,821,260
Net Position, End of Year	\$ 74,533,115	\$ 69,512,491	\$ 1,520,196	\$ 1,262,290	\$ 76,053,311	\$ 70,774,781

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Governmental Activities

As discussed elsewhere in this commentary, the financial position of the District improved significantly. However, maintaining existing programs, the provision of a multitude of special education programs and increases in District health benefits costs places a great demand on the District's resources. As a result, careful management of expenses remains essential for the District to sustain its financial health.

Total and Net Cost of Governmental Activities. The following schedule presents the District's total costs of services provided by major activity. After applying program revenues, derived from charges for services, operating grants and contributions and capital grants and contributions, the net cost of these services is presented. The following is a comparative analysis of the total and the net cost of governmental activities for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023.

**Total and Net Cost of Governmental Activities
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024 and 2023**

	Total Cost of Services		Net Cost (Revenues) of Services	
	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Instruction				
Regular	\$ 52,680,092	\$ 52,030,247	\$ 41,332,052	\$ 39,609,680
Special Education	23,033,474	20,855,122	10,978,459	9,613,101
Other Instruction	4,185,023	3,943,612	3,265,563	2,957,258
School Sponsored Activities and Athletics	3,351,646	2,987,978	1,862,193	1,761,382
Support Services				
Student and Instruction Related Services	21,406,658	21,249,378	18,943,217	18,386,347
General Administration	1,504,200	1,449,876	1,507,985	1,448,608
School Administration Services	5,828,547	5,373,785	5,098,950	4,603,824
Central Services	1,877,465	1,779,914	1,891,184	1,775,094
Plant Operation and Maintenance	14,158,823	14,159,590	13,298,087	13,251,129
Administrative Information Technology	1,205,023	1,273,465	1,213,277	1,270,392
Pupil Transportation	4,995,844	4,798,481	4,315,610	4,179,886
Interest and Other Charges on Long-Term Debt	<u>1,264,187</u>	<u>1,333,672</u>	<u>1,215,528</u>	<u>1,281,896</u>
Total	<u>\$ 135,490,982</u>	<u>\$ 131,235,120</u>	<u>\$ 104,922,105</u>	<u>\$ 100,138,597</u>

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FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE DISTRICT'S FUNDS

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

Governmental Funds

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

The financial performance of the District as a whole is reflected in its governmental funds as well. As the District completed the year, its governmental funds reported a combined fund balance of \$31,800,454, an increase of \$3,847,758 from last year's fund balance of \$27,952,696.

Revenues for the District's governmental funds were \$154,466,194; total expenditures were \$151,558,436. In addition, Other financing sources related to a capital financing agreement of \$940,000 was received.

General Fund - The General Fund is the chief operating fund of the District and includes the primary operations of providing educational services to students.

Revenues of the General Fund were \$147,277,788 for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024. State sources amounted to \$37,344,296, federal sources totaled \$17,088 and local sources totaled \$109,916,404.

Expenditures of the General Fund were \$143,663,997, which consists of instructional expenditures of \$90,760,889, support services of \$50,275,378, capital expenditures of \$1,115,141, and debt service expenditures of \$1,512,589 for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024.

Special Revenue Fund - The Special Revenue Fund includes all restricted federal, state and local sources of the district to provide educational services to students including student activities and scholarships.

Revenues of the Special Revenue Fund were \$4,496,041 for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024. Local sources amounted to \$2,071,080. State sources amounted to \$305,897 and federal sources amounted to \$2,119,064.

Expenditures of the Special Revenue Fund were \$4,112,826, which consist of instructional expenditures of \$3,372,312, support services of \$420,032, and capital expenditures of \$320,482 for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024.

Capital Projects - The revenues and other financing sources exceeded expenditures by \$305,902 increasing the fund balance from \$8,957 at June 30, 2023 to \$314,859 at June 30, 2024.

Proprietary Funds

The District maintains an Enterprise Fund to account for activities, which are supported in part through user fees.

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Enterprise Fund - The District uses Enterprise Funds to report activities related to the Food Services, Infant Toddler Development, Technology Initiative and Photography Lab programs. The District's Enterprise Funds provide the same type of information found in the district-wide financial statements, business-type activities, but in more detail. Factors concerning the finances of this Fund have already been addressed in the discussion of the District's business-type activities.

GENERAL FUND BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS

Over the course of the year, the District revised the annual operating budget several times. These budget amendments fall into the following categories

- Implementing budgets for specially funded programs, which include both federal and state grants.
- Reappropriation of June 30, 2023 encumbrances.

CAPITAL ASSETS

The District's investment in capital assets for its governmental and business type activities as of June 30, 2024 and 2023 amounts to \$88,783,300 and \$90,882,401 (net of accumulated depreciation), respectively. The capital assets consist of land, buildings, building improvements, right-to-use leased buildings, computers, specialized machinery and various other types of equipment. Depreciation charges for the fiscal year 2023-2024 amounted to \$3,819,149 for governmental activities and \$49,965 for the Business-Type activities.

The following is a comparative analysis of capital assets at June 30, 2024 and 2023.

	Governmental		Business Type		Total	
	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023
Land	\$ 7,435,206	\$ 7,435,206			\$ 7,435,206	\$ 7,435,206
Land Improvements	9,051,554	9,043,271			9,051,554	9,043,271
Buildings and Building Improvements	133,596,993	132,322,173			133,596,993	132,322,173
Right to use Leased Buildings	202,128	202,128			202,128	202,128
Machinery and Equipment	<u>7,999,223</u>	<u>7,586,741</u>	<u>\$ 814,607</u>	<u>\$ 740,179</u>	<u>8,813,830</u>	<u>8,326,920</u>
Subtotal	158,285,104	156,589,519	814,607	740,179	159,099,711	157,329,698
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(69,830,883)</u>	<u>(66,011,734)</u>	<u>(485,528)</u>	<u>(435,563)</u>	<u>(70,316,411)</u>	<u>(66,447,297)</u>
Total Capital Assets,						
Net of Accumulated Depreciation	<u>\$ 88,454,221</u>	<u>\$ 90,577,785</u>	<u>\$ 329,079</u>	<u>\$ 304,616</u>	<u>\$ 88,783,300</u>	<u>\$ 90,882,401</u>

Additional information on the District's capital assets are presented in the Notes to the Financial Statements.

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LONG TERM LIABILITIES

At June 30, 2024, the District's long-term liabilities consisted of compensated absences payable of \$1,297,587, serial bonds including unamortized premium of \$32,810,165, capital financing agreements of \$1,971,185, leases payable of \$93,263 and net pension liability of \$9,801,966 totaling \$45,974,166. This is in comparison to long-term liabilities at June 30, 2023 of \$49,083,139 a decrease of \$3,108,973.

Additional information on the District's long-term liabilities are presented in the Notes to the Financial Statements.

ECONOMIC FACTORS AND NEXT YEAR'S BUDGET AND RATES

Many factors were considered by the District's administration during the process of developing the fiscal year 2024-2025 budget. The primary factors were the District's projected student population, anticipated state and federal aid as well as increasing labor and related employee benefit costs. Other budgetary increases are anticipated with special education, and utilizes the required investment to repair the District's aging facilities.

These expenditures are to be paid for by the mandated 2% CAP on the property tax levy with certain allowable adjustments to the tax levy. In the future, any such allowable adjustments may not be permitted.

CONTACTING THE DISTRICT'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, customers, and investors and creditors with a general overview of the District's finances and to demonstrate the District's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional information contact the Business Office, Ridgewood Board of Education, 49 Cottage Place, Ridgewood, NJ 07450.

DISTRICT-WIDE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**RIDGEWOOD BOARD OF EDUCATION
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
AS OF JUNE 30, 2024**

	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	Total
ASSETS			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 31,500,292	\$ 1,235,340	\$ 32,735,632
Investments, at Fair Value	2,617,287		2,617,287
Receivables, Net:			
Receivables from Other Governments	1,064,604		1,064,604
Other	136,730	15,902	152,632
Inventories		16,791	16,791
Capital Assets Not Being Depreciated	7,435,206		7,435,206
Capital Assets, Being Depreciated, net	<u>81,019,015</u>	<u>329,079</u>	<u>81,348,094</u>
Total Assets	<u>123,773,134</u>	<u>1,597,112</u>	<u>125,370,246</u>
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Deferred Amounts on Refunding of Debt	1,524,635		1,524,635
Deferred Amounts on Net Pension Liability	<u>368,223</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>368,223</u>
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	<u>1,892,858</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,892,858</u>
Total Assets and Deferred Outflows of Resources	<u>125,665,992</u>	<u>1,597,112</u>	<u>127,263,104</u>
LIABILITIES			
Accounts Payable and Other Current Liabilities	2,143,001	6,979	2,149,980
Accrued Interest Payable	365,630		365,630
Unearned Revenue	1,375,458	69,937	1,445,395
Noncurrent Liabilities			
Due Within One Year	3,188,057		3,188,057
Due Beyond One Year	<u>42,786,109</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>42,786,109</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>49,858,255</u>	<u>76,916</u>	<u>49,935,171</u>
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Deferred Amounts on Net Pension Liability	<u>1,274,622</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,274,622</u>
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>1,274,622</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,274,622</u>
Total Liabilities and Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>51,132,877</u>	<u>76,916</u>	<u>51,209,793</u>
NET POSITION			
Net Investment in Capital Assets	55,419,102	329,079	55,748,181
Restricted for			
Capital Projects	15,809,020		15,809,020
Facility Maintenance	4,646,146		4,646,146
Other Purposes	4,133,452		4,133,452
Unrestricted (Deficit)	<u>(5,474,605)</u>	<u>1,191,117</u>	<u>(4,283,488)</u>
Total Net Position	<u>\$ 74,533,115</u>	<u>\$ 1,520,196</u>	<u>\$ 76,053,311</u>

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

**RIDGEWOOD BOARD OF EDUCATION
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	\$ 52,680,092	\$ 2,422,735	\$ 8,900,413	\$ 24,892	\$ (41,332,052)		\$ (41,332,052)
Special Education	23,033,474		12,055,015		(10,978,459)		(10,978,459)
Other Instruction	4,185,023	71,226	848,234		(3,265,563)		(3,265,563)
School Sponsored Activities and Athletics	3,351,646	1,501,382	(11,929)		(1,862,193)		(1,862,193)
Support Services					-		
Student and Instruction Related Services	21,406,658		2,463,441		(18,943,217)		(18,943,217)
School Administration Services	5,828,547		729,597		(5,098,950)		(5,098,950)
General Administration Services	1,504,200		(3,785)		(1,507,985)		(1,507,985)
Central Services	1,877,465		(13,719)		(1,891,184)		(1,891,184)
Administration Information Technology	1,205,023		(8,254)		(1,213,277)		(1,213,277)
Plant Operations And Maintenance	14,158,823	123,420	441,726	295,590	(13,298,087)		(13,298,087)
Pupil Transportation	4,995,844		680,234		(4,315,610)		(4,315,610)
Interest On Long-Term Debt	1,264,187	-	48,659	-	(1,215,528)	-	(1,215,528)
Total Governmental Activities	<u>135,490,982</u>	<u>4,118,763</u>	<u>26,129,632</u>	<u>320,482</u>	<u>(104,922,105)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(104,922,105)</u>
Business-Type Activities							
Food Service	3,160,524	3,074,100	-			\$ (86,424)	(86,424)
Infant/Toddler Development	1,244,958	1,550,717				305,759	305,759
Technology Initiative	78,235	95,199	-	-	-	16,964	16,964
Photography Lab Fee	399	645	-	-	-	246	246
Total Business-Type Activities	<u>4,484,116</u>	<u>4,720,661</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>236,545</u>	<u>236,545</u>
Total Primary Government	<u>\$ 139,975,098</u>	<u>\$ 8,839,424</u>	<u>\$ 26,129,632</u>	<u>\$ 320,482</u>	<u>(104,922,105)</u>	<u>236,545</u>	<u>(104,685,560)</u>
General Revenues							
Taxes							
Property Taxes Levied for General Purposes					\$ 103,222,022		\$ 103,222,022
Property Taxes Levied for Debt Service					2,555,769		2,555,769
State Aid Restricted - Debt Service					86,672		86,672
Interest Income					140,533	\$ 21,361	161,894
Miscellaneous Income					3,937,733	-	3,937,733
Total General Revenues					<u>109,942,729</u>	<u>21,361</u>	<u>109,964,090</u>
Change in Net Position					5,020,624	257,906	5,278,530
Net Position, Beginning of Year					<u>69,512,491</u>	<u>1,262,290</u>	<u>70,774,781</u>
Net Position, End of Year					<u>\$ 74,533,115</u>	<u>\$ 1,520,196</u>	<u>\$ 76,053,311</u>

The accompanying Notes to the Financial Statements are an Integral Part of this Statement

FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**RIDGEWOOD BOARD OF EDUCATION
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
BALANCE SHEET
AS OF JUNE 30, 2024**

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Special Revenue Fund</u>	<u>Capital Projects Fund</u>	<u>Debt Service Fund</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
ASSETS					
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 29,677,153	\$ 1,049,130	\$ 314,859	\$ 459,150	\$ 31,500,292
Investments, at Fair Value		2,617,287			2,617,287
Receivables, Net					
Receivables from Other Governments	447,123	617,481			1,064,604
Other Accounts Receivable	136,730	-	-	-	136,730
Total Assets	<u>30,261,006</u>	<u>4,283,898</u>	<u>314,859</u>	<u>459,150</u>	<u>35,318,913</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES					
Liabilities					
Accounts Payable	28,339	12,619			40,958
Payable to Other Government		40,742			40,742
Payroll Deductions and Withholdings Payable	2,061,301				2,061,301
Unearned Revenue	618,711	756,747	-	-	1,375,458
Total Liabilities	<u>2,708,351</u>	<u>810,108</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,518,459</u>
Fund Balances					
Restricted Fund Balance					
Excess Surplus	2,700,000				2,700,000
Excess Surplus - Designated for					
Subsequent Year's Expenditures	2,616,672				2,616,672
Capital Reserve	8,968,358				8,968,358
Capital Reserve - Designated for					
Subsequent Year's Expenditures	6,840,662				6,840,662
Maintenance Reserve	3,146,146				3,146,146
Maintenance Reserve - Designated for					
Subsequent Year's Expenditures	1,500,000				1,500,000
Emergency Reserve	500,000				500,000
Emergency Reserve - Designated for					
Subsequent Year's Expenditures	500,000				500,000
Unemployment Compensation	200,512				200,512
Student Activity/Athletic Funds		397,542			397,542
Scholarship Awards		3,076,248			3,076,248
Capital Projects			314,859		314,859
Debt Service				459,150	459,150
Assigned Fund Balance					
Year End Encumbrances	1,463,674				1,463,674
Unassigned Fund Balance:					
General Fund	<u>(883,369)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(883,369)</u>
Total Fund Balances	<u>27,552,655</u>	<u>3,473,790</u>	<u>314,859</u>	<u>459,150</u>	<u>31,800,454</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	<u>\$ 30,261,006</u>	<u>\$ 4,283,898</u>	<u>\$ 314,859</u>	<u>\$ 459,150</u>	<u>\$ 35,318,913</u>

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**RIDGEWOOD BOARD OF EDUCATION
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
BALANCE SHEET
AS OF JUNE 30, 2024**

Total Fund Balances - Governmental Funds	\$ 31,800,454
Amounts reported for <i>governmental activities</i> in the statement of net position (A-1) are different because:	
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds. The cost of the assets is \$158,285,104 and the accumulated depreciation is \$69,830,883.	88,454,221
Accrued interest on long-term bonds, notes and capital leases is not due and payable in the current period and therefore is not reported as a liability in the funds.	(365,630)
Amounts resulting from the refunding of debt are reported as deferred outflows of reserves on the statement of net position and amortized over the life of the debt.	1,524,635
Certain amounts resulting from the measurement of the net pension liability are reported as either deferred outflows of resources or deferred inflows of resources on the statement of net position and deferred over future years.	
Deferred Outflows of Resources	\$ 368,223
Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>(1,274,622)</u>
	(906,399)
Long-term liabilities, including bonds payable, are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported as liabilities in the funds.	
Serial Bonds Payable (including unamortized premium)	(32,810,165)
Capital Financing Agreements/Leases Payable	(2,064,448)
Compensated Absences	(1,297,587)
Net Pension Liability	<u>(9,801,966)</u>
	(45,974,166)
Net position of governmental activities (Exhibit A-1)	<u>\$ 74,533,115</u>

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

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Special Revenue Fund</u>	<u>Capital Projects Fund</u>	<u>Debt Service Fund</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
REVENUES					
Local Sources					
Property Taxes	\$ 103,222,022			\$ 2,555,769	\$ 105,777,791
Tuition	2,493,961				2,493,961
Miscellaneous	4,200,421	\$ 2,071,080	\$ 1,265	-	6,272,766
Total - Local Sources	109,916,404	2,071,080	1,265	2,555,769	114,544,518
State Sources	37,344,296	305,897		135,331	37,785,524
Federal Sources	17,088	2,119,064	-	-	2,136,152
Total Revenues	147,277,788	4,496,041	1,265	2,691,100	154,466,194
EXPENDITURES					
Current					
Instruction:					
Regular	60,200,824	290,505	314,586		60,805,915
Special Education	23,900,212	1,468,861			25,369,073
Other Instruction	4,626,207	192,350			4,818,557
School Sponsored Activities and Athletics	2,033,646	1,420,596			3,454,242
Support Services					
Student and Instruction Related Services	23,169,985	420,032			23,590,017
School Administrative Services	6,503,778				6,503,778
General Administration Services	1,475,933		60,815		1,536,748
Central Services	1,995,451				1,995,451
Administration Information Technology	1,276,013				1,276,013
Plant Operations And Maintenance	10,851,850				10,851,850
Pupil Transportation	5,002,368				5,002,368
Debt Service:					
Principal	1,306,027			2,015,000	3,321,027
Interest and Other Charges	206,562			1,131,250	1,337,812
Capital Outlay	1,115,141	320,482	259,962	-	1,695,585
Total Expenditures	143,663,997	4,112,826	635,363	3,146,250	151,558,436
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	3,613,791	383,215	(634,098)	(455,150)	2,907,758
Other Financing Sources (Uses)					
Capital Financing Agreement	-	-	940,000	-	940,000
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	-	-	940,000	-	940,000
Net Change in Fund Balances	3,613,791	383,215	305,902	(455,150)	3,847,758
Fund Balance, Beginning of Year	23,938,864	3,090,575	8,957	914,300	27,952,696
Fund Balance, End of Year	\$ 27,552,655	\$ 3,473,790	\$ 314,859	\$ 459,150	\$ 31,800,454

**RIDGEWOOD BOARD OF EDUCATION
RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS STATEMENT OF
REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
WITH THE DISTRICT-WIDE STATEMENTS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

Total net change in fund balances - governmental funds (Exhibit B-2) **\$ 3,847,758**

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

Capital outlays are reported in governmental funds as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of these assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which depreciation expense exceeded capital additions in the period.

Capital Additions	\$ 1,695,585	
Depreciation Expense	<u>(3,819,149)</u>	
		(2,123,564)

In the statement of activities, interest on debt in the statement of activities is accrued, regardless of when due. In the governmental funds, interest is reported when due.

Accrued Interest		13,077
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Repayments of bond and capital financing and leases payable principal are expenditures in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the statement of net position and is not reported in the statement of activities.

Serial Bonds		2,225,000
Capital Financing Agreements/Leases Payable		1,096,027

The issuance of long-term debt (e.g. bonds, leases) provides current financial resources to governmental funds, while the repayment of the principal of long-term debt consumes the current financial resources of governmental funds. Neither transaction, however, has any effect on net position.

Capital Lease/Lease Purchase Agreement Proceeds		(940,000)
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Governmental funds report the effect of discounts and losses on the refunding of debt when debt is first issued whereas these amounts are deferred and amortized in the statement of activities. This amount is the net effect of these differences.

Amortization of Bond Premium	304,199	
Amortization of Deferred Amounts on Refunding	<u>(243,651)</u>	
		60,548

In the statement of activities, certain operating expenses, e.g., compensated absences (vacations) and pension expense are measured by the amounts earned or accrued during the year. In the governmental funds, however, expenditures for these items are reported in the amount of financial resources used (paid).

Increase in Compensated Absences	(391,294)	
Decrease in Pension Expense	<u>1,233,072</u>	
		<u>841,778</u>

Change in net position of governmental activities (Exhibit A-2) **\$ 5,020,624**

The accompanying Notes to the Financial Statements are an Integral Part of this Statement

**RIDGEWOOD BOARD OF EDUCATION
PROPRIETARY FUNDS
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
AS OF JUNE 30, 2024**

	<u>Business-Type Activities - Enterprise Fund</u>				
	<u>Food Service</u>	<u>Infant/ Toddler Development</u>	<u>Non-Major Technology Initiative</u>	<u>Non-Major Photography Lab Fee</u>	<u>Totals</u>
ASSETS					
Current Assets					
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 131,031	\$ 960,683	\$ 139,960	\$ 3,666	\$ 1,235,340
Other Accounts Receivable	15,902	-			15,902
Inventories	<u>16,791</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>16,791</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>163,724</u>	<u>960,683</u>	<u>139,960</u>	<u>3,666</u>	<u>1,268,033</u>
Capital Assets					
Equipment	656,768	157,839			814,607
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(383,273)</u>	<u>(102,255)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(485,528)</u>
Total Capital Assets, Net	<u>273,495</u>	<u>55,584</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>329,079</u>
Total Assets	<u>437,219</u>	<u>1,016,267</u>	<u>139,960</u>	<u>3,666</u>	<u>1,597,112</u>
LIABILITIES					
Current Liabilities					
Accounts Payable	6,479	500			6,979
Unearned Revenue	<u>54,237</u>	<u>15,700</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>69,937</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>60,716</u>	<u>16,200</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>76,916</u>
NET POSITION					
Net Investment in Capital Assets	273,495	55,584			329,079
Unrestricted	<u>103,008</u>	<u>944,483</u>	<u>139,960</u>	<u>3,666</u>	<u>1,191,117</u>
Total Net Position	<u>\$ 376,503</u>	<u>\$ 1,000,067</u>	<u>\$ 139,960</u>	<u>\$ 3,666</u>	<u>\$ 1,520,196</u>

**RIDGEWOOD BOARD OF EDUCATION
PROPRIETARY FUNDS
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND
CHANGES IN NET POSITION
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

	<u>Business-Type Activities - Enterprise Fund</u>				
	<u>Food Service</u>	<u>Infant/ Toddler Development</u>	<u>Non-Major Technology Initiative</u>	<u>Non-Major Photography Lab Fee</u>	<u>Totals</u>
OPERATING REVENUES					
Charges for Services					
Daily Sales - Non-Reimbursable Programs	\$ 3,074,100				\$ 3,074,100
Program Fees	-	\$ 1,550,717	\$ 95,199	\$ 645	1,646,561
Total Operating Revenues	3,074,100	1,550,717	95,199	645	4,720,661
OPERATING EXPENSES					
Salaries and Employee Benefits	1,168,496	1,104,021			2,272,517
Cost of Sales - Non-Reimbursable Programs	1,355,003				1,355,003
Other Purchased Services	170,032	115,320			285,352
Management Fees	237,148				237,148
Travel		495			495
Supplies and Materials	78,960	14,163	78,235	399	171,757
Equipment		240			240
Miscellaneous	104,971	6,668			111,639
Depreciation	45,914	4,051	-	-	49,965
Total Operating Expenses	3,160,524	1,244,958	78,235	399	4,484,116
Operating Income (Loss)	(86,424)	305,759	16,964	246	236,545
NONOPERATING REVENUES					
Interest Income	21,361	-	-	-	21,361
Total Nonoperating Revenues	21,361	-	-	-	21,361
Change in Net Position	(65,063)	305,759	16,964	246	257,906
Net Position, Beginning of Year	441,566	694,308	122,996	3,420	1,262,290
Net Position, End of Year	\$ 376,503	\$ 1,000,067	\$ 139,960	\$ 3,666	\$ 1,520,196

**RIDGEWOOD BOARD OF EDUCATION
PROPRIETARY FUNDS
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

	<u>Business-Type Activities - Enterprise Fund</u>				
	<u>Food Service</u>	<u>Infant/ Toddler Development</u>	<u>Non-Major Technology Initiative</u>	<u>Non-Major Photography Lab Fee</u>	<u>Totals</u>
Cash Flows from Operating Activities					
Receipts from Customers	\$ 3,094,042	\$ 1,530,442	\$ 95,199	\$ 645	\$ 4,720,328
Payments for Employees' Salaries and Benefits	(1,168,496)	(1,104,021)	-	-	(2,272,517)
Payments to Suppliers for Goods and Services	(2,043,567)	(136,407)	(78,235)	(399)	(2,258,608)
Net Cash Provided by (Used for) Operating Activities	(118,021)	290,014	16,964	246	189,203
Cash Flows from Investing Activities					
Interest Earnings	21,361	-	-	-	21,361
Net Cash Provided by Investing Activities	21,361	-	-	-	21,361
Cash Flows from Capital and Related Financing Activities					
Acquisition of Capital Assets	(74,428)	-	-	-	(74,428)
Net Cash (Used for) Capital and Related Financing Activities	(74,428)	-	-	-	(74,428)
Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents	(171,088)	290,014	16,964	246	136,136
Cash and Cash Equivalents, Beginning of Year	302,119	670,669	122,996	3,420	1,099,204
Cash and Cash Equivalents, End of Year	\$ 131,031	\$ 960,683	\$ 139,960	\$ 3,666	\$ 1,235,340
Reconciliation of Operating Income (Loss) to Net Cash Provided by (Used for) Operating Activities					
Operating Income (Loss)	\$ (86,424)	\$ 305,759	\$ 16,964	\$ 246	\$ 236,545
Adjustments to Reconcile Operating Income (Loss) to Net Cash Provided by (Used for) Operating Activities					
Depreciation	45,914	4,051	-	-	49,965
Change in Assets and Liabilities:					
Decrease/(Increase) in Accounts Receivable	3,166	1,675	-	-	4,841
(Decrease)/Increase in Unearned Revenue	16,776	(21,950)	-	-	(5,174)
(Increase)/Decrease in Inventories	5,259	-	-	-	5,259
Increase/(Decrease) in Accounts Payable	(102,712)	479	-	-	(102,233)
Total Adjustments	(31,597)	(15,745)	-	-	(47,342)
Net Cash Provided by (Used for) Operating Activities	\$ (118,021)	\$ 290,014	\$ 16,964	\$ 246	\$ 189,203

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**RIDGEWOOD BOARD OF EDUCATION
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Reporting Entity

The Ridgewood Board of Education (the “Board” or the “District”) is an instrumentality of the State of New Jersey, established to function as an education institution. The Board consists of five elected officials and is responsible for the fiscal control of the District. A Superintendent of Schools is appointed by the Board and is responsible for the administrative control of the District. A School Business Administrator/Board Secretary is also appointed by the Board and oversees the business functions of the District. Under existing statutes, the Board's duties and powers include, but are not limited to, the development and adoption of a school program; the establishment, organization and operation of schools; and the acquisition, maintenance and disposition of school property. The Board currently operates a Pre-Kindergarten through grade twelve (12) school district.

The Board also has broad financial responsibilities, including the approval of the annual budget and the establishment of a system of accounting and budgetary controls. The Superintendent of Schools is the Chief Administrative Officer of the District who is responsible for general supervision of all schools, planning and operational functions of the District. The School Business Administrator/Board Secretary is the Chief Financial Officer and is responsible for budgeting, financial accounting and reporting and reports through the Superintendent of Schools to the Board

The reporting entity is composed of the primary government, component units, and other organizations that are included to ensure that the financial statements of the District are not misleading. The primary government consists of all funds, departments, boards and agencies that are not legally separate from the District. For the Ridgewood Board of Education this includes general operations, food service, infant toddler development, technology initiative, photography labs and student related activities of the District.

Component units are legally separate organizations for which the District is financially accountable. The District is financially accountable for an organization if the District appoints a voting majority of the organization’s governing board and (1) the District is able to significantly influence the programs or services performed or provided by the organization; or (2) the District is legally entitled to or can otherwise access the organization’s resources; the District is legally obligated or has otherwise assumed the responsibility to finance the deficits of, or provide financial support to, the organization; or the District is obligated for the debt of the organization. Component units may also include organizations that are fiscally dependent on the District in that the District approves the budget, the issuance of debt or the levying of taxes. Based on the foregoing criteria, the District has no component units. Furthermore, the District is not includable in any other reporting entity as a component unit.

B. New Accounting Standards

During fiscal year 2024, the District adopted the following GASB statements:

- GASB Statement No. 100, *Accounting Changes and Error Corrections – an amendment of GASB Statement No. 62*, will be effective beginning with the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024. 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.

Other accounting standards that the District 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.

**RIDGEWOOD BOARD OF EDUCATION
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

B. New Accounting Standards (Continued)

- 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. 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.

C. Basis of Presentation - Financial Statements

The financial statements include both district-wide financial statements (based on the District as a whole) and fund financial statements (based on specific District activities or objectives). Both the district-wide and fund financial statements categorize activities as either governmental activities or business-type activities. While separate district-wide and fund financial statements are presented, they are interrelated. In the district-wide financial statements, the governmental activities column incorporates data from governmental funds while business-type activities incorporate data from the District's enterprise funds. Fiduciary funds are excluded from the district-wide financial statements. Currently the District has no fiduciary funds.

District-Wide Financial Statements

The district-wide financial statements (i.e., the statement of net position and the statement of activities) report information on all of the nonfiduciary activities of the Board of Education. All fiduciary activities are reported only in the fund financial statements. For the most part, the effect of interfund activity has been removed from these statements. Governmental activities, which normally are supported by property taxes and intergovernmental revenues, are reported separately from business-type activities, which rely to a significant extent on fees and charges for support. In the statement of net position, both the governmental and business-type activities columns (a) are presented on a consolidated basis by column, and (b) reflect on a full accrual economic resource basis, which incorporates long-term assets and receivables as well as long-term debt and obligations.

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function or segment are offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function or segment. Program revenues include 1) charges to customers or other governmental entities, including other school districts, who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods or services provided by a given function or segment and 2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function or segment. Property taxes, unrestricted state aid and other items not properly included among program revenues are reported instead as general revenues.

As a general rule the effect of interfund activity has been eliminated from the district-wide financial statements. Exceptions to this general rule are charges between the Board's proprietary funds since elimination of these charges would distort the direct costs and program revenues reported for the various functions concerned.

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NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

C. Basis of Presentation - Financial Statements (Continued)

Fund Financial Statements

Separate fund financial statements are provided for governmental, proprietary, and fiduciary activities, even though the latter are excluded from the district-wide financial statements. The emphasis of fund financial statements is on major individual governmental and enterprise funds, each reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements. All remaining governmental and enterprise funds are aggregated and reported as nonmajor funds. The District considers all of its governmental and food service and infant/toddler development enterprise funds to be major funds.

The District reports the following major governmental funds:

The *general fund* is the School District's primary operating fund. It accounts for all financial resources of the District, except those to be accounted for in another fund.

The *special revenue fund* accounts for the proceeds of specific revenue sources legally restricted to expenditures for specified purposes. This fund accounts for federal, state and local financial programs, with the exception of grants for major capital projects and the child nutrition programs, student activity funds derived from athletic events or other activities of pupil organizations and private donations for scholarship awards.

The *capital projects fund* accounts for the proceeds from the sale of bonds, financing agreements, grants and other revenues used for the acquisition or construction of capital facilities and other capital assets, other than those financed by the proprietary funds.

The *debt service fund* accounts for the accumulation of resources that are restricted, committed or assigned for the payment of principal and interest on long-term general obligation debt of governmental funds.

The District reports the following major proprietary funds which are organized to be self-supporting through user charges:

The *food service fund* accounts for the activities of the school cafeteria, which provides food service to students as well as a la carte and catering services for administrators, teachers and special events.

The *infant/toddler development fund* accounts for the activities of the District's teaching and recreational school program which provides daycare and recreation to infants and toddlers.

The District reports the following non-major proprietary funds which are organized to be self-supporting through user charges:

The *technology initiative fund* accounts for the non refundable deposits charged to repair and replenish the districts chromebooks which are provided to students.

The *photography lab fee* accounts for the annual lab fees collected for the photography program at Ridgewood High School.

Activity between funds that are representative of lending/borrowing arrangements outstanding at the end of the fiscal year are referred to as either "due to/from other funds" (i.e., the current portion of interfund loans) or "advances to/from other funds" (i.e., the non-current portion of interfund loans). All other outstanding balances between funds are reported as "due to/from other funds". Any residual balances outstanding between the governmental activities and business-type activities are reported in the district-wide financial statements as "internal balances".

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NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

C. Basis of Presentation - Financial Statements (Continued)

Reclassifications

Certain amounts presented in the prior year data may have been reclassified in order to be consistent with the current year's presentation.

D. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

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

The district-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting, as are the proprietary fund and fiduciary fund financial statements. All assets, all liabilities and all deferred outflows/inflows of resources associated with these operations are included on the Statement of Net Position. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded at the time liabilities are incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Property taxes are recognized as revenues in the year for which they are levied. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized when susceptible to accrual (i.e. when they are both measurable and available). Revenues are considered to be available when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the Board considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days after year-end. Expenditures are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual basis of accounting, with the exception of debt service expenditures as well as expenditures related to compensated absences and claims and judgments which are recorded only when payment is due. General capital asset acquisitions are reported as expenditures in governmental funds. Issuance of long-term debt, acquisitions under financing agreements, leases payable for intangible right-to-use leased assets and subscription arrangements for intangible right-to-use information technology (IT) software assets are reported as other financing sources.

Property taxes, tuition, transportation fees, unrestricted state aid, and interest associated with the current fiscal period are all considered to be susceptible to accrual and so have been recognized as revenues of the current fiscal period. Entitlements (formula-type grants and aid) are recorded as revenues when all eligibility requirements are met, including any time requirements, and the amount is received during the period or within the availability period for this revenue source. Expenditure-driven grants and similar awards (reimbursement-type grants and awards) are recognized as revenue when the qualifying expenditures have been incurred and all other eligibility requirements imposed by the grantor or provider have been met, and the amount is received during the period or within the availability period for this revenue source. All other revenue items are considered to be measurable and available only when cash is received by the District.

When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is the Board's policy to use restricted resources first, then unrestricted resources as they are needed.

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

1. Cash, Cash Equivalents and Investments

Cash and cash equivalents are considered to be cash on hand, demand deposits, and short-term investments with original maturities of three months or less from the date of acquisition.

Investments are reported at fair value and are limited by N.J.S.A. 18A:20-37.

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NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

E. Assets, Liabilities, Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources, and Net Position/Fund Balance (Continued)

2. *Receivables*

All receivables are reported at their gross value, and where appropriate, are reduced by the estimated portion that is expected to be uncollectible.

3. *Inventories*

The cost of inventories of the governmental fund types are recorded as expenditures at the time individual inventory items are purchased.

Food Service Fund inventories, are valued at cost, using the first-in first-out (FIFO) method and consist of food and expendable supplies. The cost of such inventories is recorded as expenses when consumed rather than when purchased.

4. *Capital Assets*

Capital assets, which include property, plant and equipment, are reported in the applicable governmental or business-type activities columns in the district-wide financial statements. Capital assets are defined by the Board as assets with an initial, individual cost of \$2,000 and an estimated useful life in excess of two years. The District was able to estimate the historical cost for the initial reporting of these capital assets through back trending. As the District constructs or acquires additional capital assets each period, they are capitalized and reported at historical cost except for intangible right-to-use leased assets the measurement of which is discussed in Note 1. E.8. Donated capital assets are recorded at acquisition value at the date of donation. The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend its useful life are not capitalized.

Major outlays for capital assets and improvements are capitalized as projects are constructed.

Land and construction in progress are not depreciated. The other property, plant, and equipment of the District is depreciated using the straight line method over the following estimated useful lives:

<u>Assets</u>	<u>Years</u>
Land Improvements	20
Buildings and Building Improvements	20-45
Right-to-use Leased Buildings	5
Machinery and Equipment	5-10

5. *Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources*

In addition to assets, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred outflows of resources, represents a consumption of net position that applies to future periods and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then. The Board has two items which arise only under the accrual basis of accounting that qualify for reporting in this category. One item is the deferred amount on refunding of debt which results from a debt refunding reported in the district-wide statement of net position. Deferred amounts on debt refunding result from the difference on the transaction when the debt's reacquisition price is greater than the carrying value of the refunded debt. These amounts are deferred and amortized over the shorter of the life of the refunded or refunding debt. The other item that qualifies for reporting in this category is the deferred amounts on net pension liability. Deferred amounts on net pension liability are reported in the district-wide statement of net position and result from: (1) differences between expected and actual experience; (2) changes in assumptions; (3) net difference between projected and actual investment earnings on pension plan investments; (4) changes in proportion and differences between employer contributions and proportionate share of contributions; and (5) contributions made subsequent to the measurement date. These amounts are deferred and amortized over future years.

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NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

E. Assets, Liabilities, Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources, and Net Position/Fund Balance (Continued)

5. *Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources (Continued)*

In addition to liabilities, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred inflows of resources, represents an acquisition of net position that applies to future periods and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. The Board has one type of item, which arises only under the accrual basis of accounting that qualifies for reporting in this category. The one item that qualifies for reporting in this category are the deferred amounts on net pension liability. Deferred amounts on net pension liability are reported in the district-wide statement of net position and result from: (1) differences between expected and actual experience; (2) changes in assumptions; (3) net difference between projected and actual investment earnings on pension plan investments; and (4) changes in proportion and differences between employer contributions and proportionate share of contributions. These amounts are deferred and amortized over future years.

6. *Compensated Absences*

It is the District's policy to permit employees to accumulate (with certain restrictions) earned but unused vacation and sick leave benefits. A long-term liability of accumulated vacation and sick leave and salary related payments has been recorded in the governmental activities in the district-wide financial statements, representing the Board's commitment to fund such costs from future operations. Proprietary Funds accrue accumulated vacation and sick leave and salary related payments in the period that they are earned. A liability is reported in the governmental funds only to the amount actually due at year end as a result of employee resignations and retirements.

7. *Pensions*

In the district-wide financial statements and proprietary fund types in the fund financial statements, for purposes of measuring the net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the retirement systems sponsored and administered by the State of New Jersey and additions to/deductions from these retirement systems' fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by the retirement systems. For this purpose, 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.

In the governmental fund financial statements, net pension liabilities represent amounts normally expected to be liquidated with expendable available financial resources for required pension contributions that are due and payable at year end. Pension expenditures are recognized based on contractual pension contributions that are required to be made to the pension plan during the fiscal year.

8. *Leases*

Leases Payable

Non-cancellable leases for the use of buildings are recognized as a lease liability and an intangible right-to-use lease asset in the district-wide and proprietary fund type financial statements. The District recognizes lease liabilities with an initial, individual value of \$2,000 or more. The lease liability is subsequently reduced by the principal portion of lease payments made each year. The lease asset is initially measured as the initial amount of the lease liability, adjusted for lease payments made at or before the lease commencement date, plus certain initial direct costs. Subsequently, the lease asset is amortized on a straight-line basis over the shorter of the lease term or the asset's useful life. Leases are monitored for changes in circumstances that would require a remeasurement of the lease and the lease assets and liabilities are remeasured if certain changes occur that are expected to significantly affect the amount of the lease liability. Lease assets are reported with other capital assets and lease liabilities are reported with long-term liabilities on the statement of net position.

In the fund financial statements leases payable are recognized as other financing sources at the initial amount of the lease liability. Intangible right-to-use leased assets are reported as capital outlay expenditures.

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NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

E. Assets, Liabilities, Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources, and Net Position/Fund Balance (Continued)

9. Financing Agreements

Capital financing agreements and other financing agreements are financed purchase contracts that transfer ownership of the underlining assets or items (i.e. expendable supplies) to the District by the end of the agreement and do not contain termination options. Capital financing agreements and other financing agreements are recognized as long-term liabilities along with the related capital asset or expenses being financed, respectively, in the district-wide and proprietary fund type financial statements.

In the fund financial statements, capital financing agreements and other financing agreements are recognized as other financing sources at the face amount of the financed purchase contract. Assets and supplies financed under these agreements are reported as capital outlay or current expenditures, respectively.

10 Long-Term Obligations

In the district-wide financial statements, and proprietary fund types in the fund financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the applicable governmental activities, business-type activities, or proprietary fund type statement of net position. Differences resulting from debt refundings are classified as deferred inflows of resources or as deferred outflows of resources. Bond premiums and discounts are deferred and amortized over the life of the bonds using the effective interest method. Differences resulting from debt refundings are also deferred and amortized over the life of the refunded bonds or new bonds whichever is less using the effective interest method. Bonds payable are reported with the unamortized bond premium or discount. Bond issuance costs (other than for prepaid insurance) are treated as an expense.

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

11. Net Position/Fund Balance

District-Wide Statements

In the district-wide statements, there are three classes of net position:

- **Net Investment in Capital Assets** – consists of net capital assets (cost less accumulated depreciation) reduced by outstanding balances of related debt obligations from the acquisition, construction or improvement of those assets. Deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources attributable to the acquisition, construction or improvement of those assets or related debt also should be included.
- **Restricted Net Position** – reports net position when constraints placed on the residual amount of noncapital assets are either externally imposed by creditors (such as through debt covenants), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments, or imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.
- **Unrestricted Net Position** – any portion of net position not already classified as either net investment in capital assets or net position – restricted is classified as net position – unrestricted.

Governmental Fund Statements

Fund balance categories are designed to make the nature and extent of the constraints placed on the District's fund balance more transparent. These categories are comprised of a hierarchy based primarily on the extent to which the District is bound to observe constraints imposed upon the use of the resources reported in governmental funds.

Restricted Fund Balance – Amounts constrained to specific purposes by their providers (such as grantors, bondholders, and higher levels of government), through constitutional provisions, or by enabling legislation.

Excess Surplus – This restriction was created in accordance with NJSA 18A:7F-7 to represent the June 30, 2024 audited excess surplus that is required to be appropriated in the 2025/2026 original budget certified for taxes.

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NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

E. Assets, Liabilities, Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources, and Net Position/Fund Balance (Continued)

11. Net Position/Fund Balance (Continued)

Governmental Fund Statements (Continued)

Restricted Fund Balance (Continued)

Excess Surplus – Designated for Subsequent Year’s Expenditures - This restriction was created in accordance with NJSA 18A:7F-7 to represent the June 30, 2023 audited excess surplus that was appropriated in the 2024/2025 original budget certified for taxes.

Capital Reserve – This restriction was created by the District in accordance with NJAC 6A:23A-14.1 to fund future capital expenditures (See Note 2C).

Capital Reserve - Designated for Subsequent Year’s Expenditures – This designation was created to dedicate the portion of capital reserve fund balance appropriated in the 2024/2025 original budget certified for taxes.

Maintenance Reserve – This restriction was created by the Board in accordance with NJAC 6A:23A-14.2 to accumulate funds for the required maintenance of school facilities in accordance with the EFCA (NJSA 18A:7G-9) for a thorough and efficient education. (See Note 2D).

Maintenance Reserve - Designated for Subsequent Year’s Expenditures – This designation was created to dedicate the portion of maintenance reserve fund balance appropriated in the 2024/2025 original budget certified for taxes.

Emergency Reserve – This restriction was created in accordance with NJAC 6A:23A-14.4(A)1 to accumulate funds in accordance with State statute to finance unanticipated general fund expenditures required for a thorough and efficient education. (See Note 2E).

Emergency Reserve – Designated for Subsequent Year’s Expenditures – This designation was created to dedicate the portion of emergency reserve fund balance appropriated in the 2024/2025 original budget certified for taxes.

Unemployment Compensation Reserve – This restriction was created in accordance with R.S. 43:21-7.3 to reserve funds for unemployment compensation claims reimbursable to the State under the District’s election for payment in lieu of contributions (benefit reimbursement method). (See Note 4A).

Student Activities/Athletic Funds – This restriction was created in accordance with NJAC 6A:23A-16.12 to represent the accumulation of funds derived from athletic events and other student organizations reserved for the payment of student group activities.

Scholarship Awards – This restriction was created to represents the accumulation of donor restricted funds specifically earmarked for student scholarship awards.

Capital Projects – Represents fund balance restricted specifically for capital acquisitions and improvements in the Capital Projects Fund.

Debt Service – Represents fund balance restricted specifically for the repayment of long-term debt principal and interest in the Debt Service Fund.

Assigned Fund Balance – Amounts a government intends to use for a specific purpose; intent can be expressed by the governing body or by an official or body to which the governing body delegates the authority.

Year-End Encumbrances – Represent outstanding purchase orders for goods or services approved by management for specific purposes from available resources of the current year for which the goods and materials have not yet been received or the services have not yet been rendered at June 30.

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NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

E. Assets, Liabilities, Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources, and Net Position/Fund Balance (Continued)

11. Net Position/Fund Balance (Continued)

Governmental Fund Statements (Continued)

Unassigned Fund Balance – Represents fund balance that has not been restricted, committed or assigned to specific purposes within the governmental funds.

In the general operating fund and other governmental funds (special revenue, capital projects and debt service fund types), it is the District's policy to consider restricted resources to have been spent first when an expenditure is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted (i.e., committed, assigned or unassigned) fund balances are available, followed by committed and then assigned fund balances. Unassigned amounts are used only after the other resources have been used.

12. Fund Balance Policies

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

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

Amounts in the assigned fund balance classification are intended to be used by the Board of Education for specific purposes but do not meet the criteria to be classified as committed. The Board has authorized the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary to assign fund balance. The Board may also assign fund balance as it does when appropriating fund balance to cover a gap between estimated revenue and appropriations in the subsequent year's appropriated budget. Unlike commitments, assignments generally only exist temporarily. In other words, an additional action does not normally have to be taken for the removal of an assignment. Conversely, as discussed above, an additional action is essential to either remove or revise a commitment.

F. Revenues and Expenditures/Expenses

1. Program Revenues

Amounts reported as program revenues in the district-wide statement of activities include 1) charges to customers or applicants for goods or services, provided, 2) operating grants and contributions, and 3) capital grants and contributions. Internally dedicated resources are reported as general revenues rather than as program revenues. Likewise, general revenues include all property taxes, unrestricted state aid, investment earnings and miscellaneous revenues.

2. Property Taxes

Property taxes are levied pursuant to law and are collected by the municipality and are transferred to the District as requested. Property tax revenues are recognized in the year they are levied and become available. Property taxes collected in advance of the year-end for which they are levied and transferred to the District are reported as deferred inflows of resources. The tax bills are mailed annually in June by the municipal tax collector and are levied and due in four quarterly installments on August 1, November 1, February 1 and May 1 of the fiscal year. When unpaid, taxes or any other municipal lien, or part thereof, on real property, remains in arrears on April 1st in the year following the calendar year levy when the same became in arrears, the tax collector of the municipality shall, subject to the provisions of New Jersey Statute, enforce the lien by placing the property on a tax sale. The municipality may institute annual "in rem" tax foreclosure proceedings to enforce the tax collection or acquisition of title to the property.

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NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

F. Revenues and Expenditures/Expenses (Continued)

3. *Tuition Revenues and Expenditures*

Tuition Revenues - Tuition charges were established by the Board of Education based on estimated costs. The charges are subject to adjustment when the final costs are determined and certified by the State Department of Education.

Tuition Expenditures - Tuition charges for the fiscal years 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 were based on rates established by the receiving district. These rates are subject to change when the actual costs have been certified by the State Department of Education.

4. *On-Behalf Payments*

Revenues and expenditures of the general fund include payments made by the State of New Jersey on-behalf of the District for social security, pension, long-term disability insurance and post-retirement medical benefit contributions for District employees enrolled in the Teacher Pension and Annuity Fund (TPAF) retirement system.

Revenues and expenses of governmental activities include the State's proportionate share of the on-behalf actuarial determined pension and post-retirement medical benefit amounts attributable to the District for District employees enrolled in the TPAF retirement system.

5. *Proprietary Funds, Operating and Nonoperating Revenues and Expenses*

Proprietary funds distinguish operating revenues and expenses from nonoperating items. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services and producing and delivering goods in connection with a proprietary fund's principal ongoing operations. The principal operating revenues of the food service, infant/toddler development, the technology initiative and photography lab enterprise funds are charges to customers for sales and services. Operating expenses for enterprise funds include the cost of sales and services, administrative expenses, and depreciation on capital assets. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as nonoperating revenues and expenses.

NOTE 2 STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY

A. Budgetary Information

In accordance with the requirements of the New Jersey Department of Education ("the Department"), the District annually prepares its operating budget for the forthcoming year. The budget, except for the general fund and special revenue fund, which is more fully explained below and in the notes to the required supplementary information, is prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America and serves as a formal plan for expenditures and the proposed means for financing them.

The District must prepare its budget in compliance with applicable laws limiting the amount by which the general fund property tax levy can increase in the annual school budget. The 2010 Tax Levy CAP Law is calculated using the formulas and provisions of NJSA 18A:7F-38. The law was originally adopted in 2007 and was most recently amended in 2018. The core of the tax-levy cap calculation is a 2% increase to the previous budget year's general fund tax levy with exceptions only for enrollment increases, increases for certain pension contributions in excess of 2%, certain healthcare increases, and amounts approved by a simple majority of voters at a special election. Additionally, school districts can bank the unused tax levy for use in any of the next three (3) succeeding budget years if they were not granted approval to exceed the tax levy cap by the voters. The restrictions are solely on the tax levy for the general fund and are not applicable to the debt service fund.

The annual budget is adopted in the spring of the preceding year for the general, special revenue and debt service funds. The District is not required to adopt an annual budget for the capital projects fund. The budget is submitted to the county superintendent for review and approval prior to adoption. Districts that have their school board members elected in November no longer have to submit their budgets that meet levy cap requirements for voter approval. Only a school board decision to exceed the tax levy cap would require voter approval for the additional amount on the November ballot. The Board adopted a resolution to move its annual election to the date of the general elections in accordance with the law; therefore voter approval of the annual budget is not required.

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NOTE 2 STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY (Continued)

A. Budgetary Information (Continued)

Budget adoptions and amendments are recorded in the District's board minutes. The budget is amended by the Board of Trustees as needed throughout the year. The budget for revenues, other resources, other uses, and fund balances is prepared by fund source and amount. The budget for expenditures is prepared by fund, program, function, object and amount. The legal level of budgetary control is established at the line item account 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. The Board approved several budget transfers during 2023/2024. Also, during 2023/2024 the Board increased the original budget of the general fund by \$372,062 and the special revenue fund by \$3,485,782. The increases were funded by grant awards, student activity revenues, scholarship donations and the reappropriation of prior year general fund encumbrances.

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 accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, with the exception of the legally mandated revenue recognition of certain state aid payments for budgetary purposes only and the treatment of encumbrances in the special revenue fund as described in the Notes to Required Supplementary Information (RSI). Encumbrance accounting is also employed as an extension of formal budgetary integration in the governmental fund types. Unencumbered appropriations lapse at fiscal year end.

Encumbrance accounting is employed in the governmental funds. 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 committed and/or assigned 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 which are reappropriated and honored during the subsequent fiscal year.

B. Deficit Fund Equity

The District has an unassigned fund deficit of \$883,369 in the General Fund as of June 30, 2024 as reported in the fund financial statements (modified accrual basis). NJSA 18A:22-44.2 provides that in the event a state school aid payment is not made until the following school budget year, districts must record these delayed state aid payments as revenue, for budget purposes only, in the current school budget year. The statute provides legal authority for school districts to recognize this revenue in the current budget year. GASB Statement No. 33, "Accounting and Financial Reporting for Nonexchange Transactions", requires that intergovernmental transactions (revenue, expenditure, asset, liability) should be recognized in symmetry (i.e., if one government recognizes an asset, the other government recognizes a liability). Since the State of New Jersey is recording certain 2023/2024 budgeted state aid payments in the subsequent fiscal year, the school district cannot recognize such payments on the GAAP (fund) financial statements until the year the State records the payable. Due to the timing difference of recording these delayed state aid payments, the General deficit does not alone indicate that the District is facing financial difficulties; however, unless the State of New Jersey budgets the delayed payments in future years, the District may also report fund deficits in the future.

Pursuant to NJSA 18A:22-44.2, any negative unreserved, undesignated (i.e., unassigned) general fund balance that is reported as a direct result of a delay in the payment of state aid until the following fiscal year, is not considered as a violation of New Jersey Statute or regulation and is not considered an item in need of corrective action. The District deficit in the GAAP (fund) financial statements of \$883,369 in the General Fund is less than the delayed state aid payments at June 30, 2024.

C. Capital Reserve

A capital reserve account was established by the District. The accumulation of funds will be used for capital outlay expenditures in subsequent fiscal years. The capital reserve is maintained in the general fund and its activity is included in the general fund annual budget.

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NOTE 2 STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY (Continued)

C. Capital Reserve (Continued)

Funds placed in the capital reserve are restricted to capital projects in the District's approved Long Range Facilities Plan (LRFP). Upon submission of the LRFP to the Department, a district may increase the balance in the capital reserve by appropriating funds in the annual general fund budget certified for taxes or by transfer by board resolution at year end of any unanticipated revenue or unexpended line-item appropriation amounts or both. A district may also appropriate additional amounts when the express approval of the voters has been obtained either by a separate proposal at budget time or by a special question at one of the four special elections authorized pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:60-2. Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6:23A-14.1(g), the balance in the reserve cannot at any time exceed the local support costs of uncompleted capital projects in its approved LRFP.

The activity of the capital reserve for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024 is as follows:

Balance, July 1, 2023		\$ 13,013,477
Increased by:		
Interest Earnings	\$ 128,788	
Unexpended Balance on Withdrawal to Capital Outlay	744,570	
Deposits Approved by Board Resolution	<u>3,799,299</u>	
Total Increases		<u>4,672,657</u>
		17,686,134
Decreased by:		
Withdrawals Approved in District Budget		<u>1,877,114</u>
Balance, June 30, 2024		<u>\$ 15,809,020</u>

The June 30, 2024 LRFP balance of the total costs of uncompleted capital projects is estimated by management to be \$65,350,280. The withdrawals from the capital reserve were for use in a department approved facilities project, consistent with the District's Long Range Facilities Plan. \$6,840,662 of the capital reserve balance at June 30, 2024 was designated and appropriated for use in the 2024/2025 original budget certified for taxes.

D. Maintenance Reserve

A maintenance reserve account was established by the District. The accumulation of funds will be used for required maintenance of school facilities expenditures in subsequent fiscal years. The maintenance reserve is maintained in the General Fund and its activity is included in the General Fund annual budget.

Funds placed in the maintenance reserve are restricted to required maintenance activities for a school facility as reported in the comprehensive maintenance plan. A District may appropriate funds into the maintenance reserve in the annual General Fund budget certified for taxes or by transfer by board resolution at year end of any unanticipated revenue or unexpended line item appropriation amounts or both. Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-14.2(g), the balance in the reserve cannot at any time exceed four percent of the replacement cost of the school district's school facilities for the current year.

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NOTE 2 STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY (Continued)

D. Maintenance Reserve (Continued)

The activity of the maintenance reserve for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024 is as follows:

Balance, July 1, 2023		\$ 5,161,731
Increased by:		
Interest Earnings	\$ 3,500	
Deposits Approved by Board Resolution	<u>1,000,000</u>	
		<u>1,003,500</u>
		6,165,231
Decreased by:		
Withdrawals Approved in District Budget		<u>1,519,085</u>
Balance, June 30, 2024		<u>\$ 4,646,146</u>

The June 30, 2024 comprehensive maintenance plan indicated a maximum maintenance reserve amount of \$5,230,271. \$1,500,000 of the maintenance reserve balance at June 30, 2024 was designated and appropriated for use in the 2024/2025 original budget certified for taxes.

E. Emergency Reserve

An emergency reserve account was established by the District. The accumulation of funds will be used to finance unanticipated General Fund current expenditures required for a thorough and efficient education in subsequent fiscal years.

Funds placed in the emergency reserve are restricted to finance reasonably unforeseeable costs and shall not include additional costs due to poor planning. A District may appropriate funds into the emergency reserve in the annual General Fund budget certified for taxes or by transfer by board resolution at year end of any unanticipated revenue or unexpended line item appropriation amounts or both. Withdrawals from the reserve require the approval of the Commissioner unless the withdrawal is necessary to meet an increase in total health care costs in excess of four percent or the withdrawal is included in the original budget certified for taxes to finance school security improvements to school facilities pursuant to 18A:7G-6(c)1. Pursuant to NJAC 6A:23A-14.4(A), the balance in the reserve cannot at any time exceed the greater of \$250,000 or one percent of the school district's General Fund budget as certified for taxes up to a maximum of \$1,000,000.

The activity of the emergency reserve for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024 is as follows:

Balance, July 1, 2023	\$ 1,000,000
Increased by:	
Deposits Approved by Board Resolution	<u>500,000</u>
	1,500,000
Decreased by:	
Withdrawals Approved in District Budget	<u>500,000</u>
Balance, June 30, 2024	<u>\$ 1,000,000</u>

\$500,000 of the emergency reserve balance at June 30, 2024 was designated and appropriated for use in the 2024/2025 original budget certified for taxes.

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NOTE 2 STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY (Continued)

F. Calculation of Excess Surplus

In accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:7F-7, as amended, the restricted fund balance for 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 restrict General Fund fund balance in excess of 2% of budget expenditures at the fiscal year end of June 30 if they did not appropriate a required minimum amount as budgeted fund balance in their subsequent year’s budget. The excess fund balance at June 30, 2024 is \$5,316,672. Of this amount, \$2,616,672 was designated and appropriated in the 2024/2025 original budget certified for taxes and the remaining amount of \$2,700,000 will be appropriated in the 2025/2026 original budget certified for taxes.

NOTE 3 DETAILED NOTES ON ALL FUNDS

A. Cash Deposits and Investments

Cash Deposits

The Board's deposits are insured through either the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), National Credit Union Share Insurance Fund (NCUSIF), Securities Investor Protection Corporation (SIPC) or New Jersey's Governmental Unit Deposit Protection Act (GUDPA). The Board is required to deposit their funds in a depository which is protecting such funds pursuant to GUDPA. The New Jersey Governmental Unit Deposit Protection Act requires all banks doing business in the State of New Jersey to pledge collateral equal to at least 5% of the average amount of its public deposits and 100% of the average amount of its public funds in excess of the lesser of 75% of its capital funds or \$200 million for deposits in excess of the FDIC and NCUSIF insured amounts. GUDPA does not protect intermingled trust funds, withholdings from an employee’s salary or funds which may pass to the local government upon the happening of a future condition.

Bank balances are insured up to \$250,000 in the aggregate by the FDIC for each bank. NCUSIF insures credit union accounts up to \$250,000 in the aggregate for each financial institution. SIPC replaces cash claims up to a maximum of \$250,000 for each failed brokerage firm. At June 30, 2024, the book value of the Board's deposits was \$32,735,632 and bank and brokerage firm balances of the Board’s deposits amounted to \$38,980,412. The Board's deposits which are displayed on the various fund balance sheets as “cash and cash equivalents” are categorized as:

Depository Account

Insured	\$ 36,252,064
Uninsured and Collateralized	<u>2,728,348</u>
	<u>\$ 38,980,412</u>

Custodial Credit Risk – Deposits – Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the government’s deposits may not be returned to it. The Board does not have a policy for custodial credit risk. As of June 30, 2024 the Board’s bank balance of \$2,728,348 was exposed to custodial credit risk as follows:

Depository Account

Uninsured and Collateralized:	
Collateral held by pledging financial institutions' trust department or agent but not in the Board's name	<u>\$ 2,728,348</u>
	<u>\$ 2,728,348</u>

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NOTE 3 DETAILED NOTES ON ALL FUNDS (Continued)

A. Cash Deposits and Investments (Continued)

Investments

The Board is permitted to invest public funds in accordance with the types of securities authorized by N.J.S.A. 18A:20-37. Examples of the allowable investments are bonds or other obligations of the United States or obligations guaranteed by the United States of America; Government Money Market Mutual Funds; any obligation that a federal agency or a federal instrumentality has issued in accordance with an act of Congress, which security has a maturity date not greater than 397 days from the date of purchase, provided that such obligations bear a fixed rate of interest not dependent on any index or other external factor; bonds or other obligations of the school district or bonds or other obligations of the local unit or units within which the school district is located; Bonds or other obligations, having a maturity date of not more than 397 days from the date of purchase, issued by New Jersey school districts, municipalities, counties, and entities subject to the “Local Authorities Fiscal Control Law,” (C.40A:5A-1 et seq.); Other bonds or obligations having a maturity date not more than 397 days from the date of purchase may be approved by the Division of Investment in the Department of the Treasury for investment by school districts; Local Government investment pools; deposits with the State of New Jersey Cash Management Fund established pursuant to section 1 of P.L. 1977, c.281 (C.52:18A-90.4); and agreements for the repurchase of fully collateralized securities, if transacted in accordance with the above statute.

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

<u>Investment Type:</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>
U.S. Government Securities	
Fixed Income and Preferred	\$ 533,476
Equities	1,894,327
Alternative Investments	<u>189,484</u>
	<u>\$ 2,617,287</u>

The investments which were received as donations to the school district, are to be invested with specific custodians, according to donor stipulations. These custodians, which are subsidiaries of banks, make all investment decisions.

Custodial Credit Risk – Investments – For an investment, this is the risk, that in the event of the failure of the counterparty, the Board will not be able to recover the value of its investments or collateral securities that are held by an outside party. The Board does not have a policy for custodial credit risk. As of June 30, 2024, \$2,617,287 of the Board’s investments was exposed to custodial credit risk as follows:

	<u>Fair Value</u>
Uninsured and Collateralized:	
Collateral held by pledging financial institutions' trust department or agent but not in the Board's name	<u>\$ 2,617,287</u>
	<u>\$ 2,617,287</u>

Interest Rate Risk – Interest rate risk is the risk that changes in the market interest rate will adversely affect the fair value of an investment. The Board does not have a formal investment policy that limits investment maturities as a means of managing its exposure to fair value losses arising from increasing interest rates.

Credit Risk – Generally, credit risk is the risk that an issuer of an investment will not fulfill its obligation to the holder of the investment. State law limits investments as noted above (N.J.S.A. 18A:20-37). The District does not have an investment policy that would further limit its investment choices.

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NOTE 3 DETAILED NOTES ON ALL FUNDS (Continued)

A. Cash Deposits and Investments (Continued)

Investments (Continued)

Concentration of Credit Risk – The concentration of credit risk is the risk of loss that may be caused by the Board's investment in a single issuer. The Board places no limit in the amount the District may invest in any one issuer. More than five (5) percent of the Board's investments are in BNY Mellon and Morgan Stanley brokerage accounts. These investments are 100% of the District's total investments.

Fair Value of Investments. The Ridgewood Board of Education measures and records its investments using fair value measurement guidelines established by generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). These guidelines recognize a three-tiered fair value hierarchy as follows:

- *Level 1:* Quoted prices for identical investments in active markets;
- *Level 2:* Observable inputs other than those in Level 1; and
- *Level 3:* Unobservable inputs.

Investments are valued based on price data obtained from observed transactions and market price quotations provided by BNY Mellon and Morgan Stanley. Since the value is not obtained from a quoted price in an active market the investments held by the District at June 30, 2024 are categorized as Level 2.

B. Receivables

Receivables as of June 30, 2024 for the district's individual major funds and nonmajor funds, in the aggregate including the applicable allowances for uncollectible accounts, are as follows:

	<u>General</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>	<u>Food Service</u>	<u>Total</u>
Receivables:				
Other	\$ 136,730		\$ 15,902	\$ 152,632
Intergovernmental-				
Federal		\$ 617,481		617,481
State	255,463			255,463
Local	<u>191,660</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>191,660</u>
Gross Receivables	583,853	617,481	15,902	1,217,236
Less: Allowance for Uncollectibles	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net Total Receivables	<u>\$ 583,853</u>	<u>\$ 617,481</u>	<u>\$ 15,902</u>	<u>\$ 1,217,236</u>

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NOTE 3 DETAILED NOTES ON ALL FUNDS (Continued)

C. Unearned Revenue

Governmental funds report unearned revenue in connection with resources that have been received, but not yet earned. At the end of the current fiscal year, the various components of unearned revenue reported in the governmental funds were as follows:

General Fund	
Prepaid Fees	\$ 618,711
Special Revenue Fund	
Unencumbered Grant Draw Downs	466,328
Grant Draw Downs Reserved for Encumbrances	290,419
Total Unearned Revenue for Governmental Funds	<u>\$ 1,375,458</u>

D. Capital Assets

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

	Balance, July 1, 2023	Increases	Decreases	Balance, June 30, 2024
Governmental Activities:				
Capital Assets, Not Being Depreciated:				
Land	\$ 7,435,206	-	-	\$ 7,435,206
Total Capital Assets, Not Being Depreciated	<u>7,435,206</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,435,206</u>
Capital Assets, Being Depreciated:				
Land Improvements	9,043,271	\$ 8,283		9,051,554
Building and Building Improvements	132,322,173	1,274,820		133,596,993
Right to use - Leased Buildings	202,128			202,128
Machinery and Equipment	7,586,741	412,482	-	7,999,223
Total Capital Assets Being Depreciated	<u>149,154,313</u>	<u>1,695,585</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>150,849,898</u>
Less Accumulated Depreciation for:				
Land Improvements	(5,678,447)	(424,078)		(6,102,525)
Building and Building Improvements	(54,485,713)	(2,793,329)		(57,279,042)
Right to use - Leased Buildings	(80,852)	(40,426)		(121,278)
Machinery and Equipment	(5,766,722)	(561,316)	-	(6,328,038)
Total Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(66,011,734)</u>	<u>(3,819,149)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(69,830,883)</u>
Total Capital Assets, Being Depreciated, Net	<u>83,142,579</u>	<u>(2,123,564)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>81,019,015</u>
Governmental Activities Capital Assets, Net	<u>\$ 90,577,785</u>	<u>\$ (2,123,564)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 88,454,221</u>

**RIDGEWOOD BOARD OF EDUCATION
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NOTE 3 DETAILED NOTES ON ALL FUNDS (Continued)

D. Capital Assets (Continued)

	Balance, <u>July 1, 2023</u>	<u>Increases</u>	<u>Decreases</u>	Balance, <u>June 30, 2024</u>
Business-Type Activities:				
Capital Assets, Being Depreciated:				
Equipment	\$ 740,179	\$ 74,428	\$ -	\$ 814,607
Total Capital Assets Being Depreciated	<u>740,179</u>	<u>74,428</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>814,607</u>
Less Accumulated Depreciation for:				
Equipment	<u>(435,563)</u>	<u>(49,965)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(485,528)</u>
Total Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(435,563)</u>	<u>(49,965)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(485,528)</u>
Total Capital Assets, Being Depreciated, Net	<u>304,616</u>	<u>24,463</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>329,079</u>
Business-Type Activities Capital Assets, Net	<u>\$ 304,616</u>	<u>\$ 24,463</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 329,079</u>

Depreciation expense was charged to functions/programs of the District as follows:

Governmental Activities:

Instruction	
Regular	\$ 194,889
Total Instruction	<u>194,889</u>
Support Services	
Student and Instruction Related Services	134,317
School Administration	137,235
Operations and Maintenance of Plant	<u>3,352,708</u>
Total Support Services	<u>3,624,260</u>
Total Depreciation Expense - Governmental Funds	<u>\$ 3,819,149</u>

Business-Type Activities:

Food Service Fund	\$ 45,914
Infant/Toddler Development Fund	<u>4,051</u>
Total Depreciation Expense-Business-Type Activities	<u>\$ 49,965</u>

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NOTE 3 DETAILED NOTES ON ALL FUNDS (Continued)

E. Interfund Receivables, Payables, and Transfers

There are no interfund balances as of June 30, 2024.

F. Leases Payable

In August, 2021, the District entered into a five (5) year lease agreement as lessee for the use of general office space and classrooms for students. An initial lease liability was recorded in the amount of \$202,128. The lease has an interest rate of 2.50%. The District is required to make monthly payments of \$3,450 to \$3,734. As of June 30, 2024 the value of the lease liability was \$93,263. The building has a five (5) year estimated useful life. The value of the right -to-use asset as of June 30, 2023 is \$202,128 and had accumulated depreciation of \$121,278.

The future principal and interest lease payments as of June 30, 2024 were as follows:

Governmental Activities:

Fiscal Year Ending June 30,	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2025	\$ 41,936	\$ 1,855	\$ 43,791
2026	43,882	784	44,666
2027	<u>7,445</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>7,468</u>
Total	<u>\$ 93,263</u>	<u>\$ 2,662</u>	<u>\$ 95,925</u>

G. Financing Agreements

Capital Financing Agreements

The District entered into the following agreements to finance capital assets under capital financing agreements. The repayments under these financing agreements are subject to the annual appropriation of funds in the District's approved budget.

**RIDGEWOOD BOARD OF EDUCATION
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NOTE 3 DETAILED NOTES ON ALL FUNDS (Continued)

G. Financing Agreements (Continued)

Capital financing agreements at June 30, 2024 are comprised of the following:

\$940,000, fiscal year 2021 Agreement for the acquisition of technology equipment for a term of 5 years due in an annual principal installment \$191,205 through November, 2024 interest at 1.02%	\$	191,205
\$940,000, fiscal year 2022 Agreement for the acquisition of technology equipment for a term of 5 years due in annual principal installments of \$188,154 to \$190,071 through December, 2025 interest at 1.02%		378,225
\$940,000, fiscal year 2023 Agreement for the acquisition of technology equipment for a term of 5 years due in annual principal installments of \$183,435 to \$195,477 through November, 2026 interest at 3.23%		568,273
\$940,000, fiscal year 2024 Agreement for the acquisition of technology equipment for a term of 5 years due in annual principal installments of \$174,533 to \$198,144 through November, 2027 interest at 4.32%		744,689
\$541,878, fiscal year 2021 Agreement for the acquisition of copiers for a term of 5 years due in an annual principal installment of \$88,793 through March, 2025 interest at 4.23%		<u>88,793</u>
Total	\$	<u>1,971,185</u>

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NOTE 4 DETAILED NOTES ON ALL FUNDS (Continued)

G. Financing Agreements (Continued)

The maturity schedule of the remaining capital financing agreement payments for principal and interest is as follows:

Governmental Activities:

Fiscal Year Ending June 30,	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2025	\$ 826,121	\$ 58,484	\$ 884,605
2026	561,505	38,998	600,503
2027	385,415	23,079	408,494
2028	<u>198,144</u>	<u>8,560</u>	<u>206,704</u>
Total	<u>\$ 1,971,185</u>	<u>\$ 129,121</u>	<u>\$ 2,100,306</u>

H. Long-Term Debt

General Obligation Bonds

The Board issued general obligation bonds to provide funds for the acquisition and construction of major capital facilities and other capital assets or other purposes permitted by statute. The full faith and credit of the Board are irrevocably pledged for the payment of the principal of the bonds and the interest thereon.

Bonds payable at June 30, 2024 are comprised of the following issues:

\$3,475,000, 2011 Refunding Bonds, due in annual installments of \$230,000 to \$235,000 through February, 2028 interest at 4.00%	\$935,000
\$32,860,000, 2016 School Refunding Bonds, due in annual installments of \$1,860,000 to \$2,755,000 through March, 2035, interest at 3.00% to 4.00%	26,015,000
\$6,660,000, 2016 ESIP Bonds, due in annual installments of \$225,000 to \$460,000 through November, 2035, interest at 3.00% to 4.00%	<u>3,950,000</u>
Total	<u>\$30,900,000</u>

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NOTE 3 DETAILED NOTES ON ALL FUNDS (Continued)

H. Long-Term Debt

General Obligation Bonds (Continued)

The Board's schedule of principal and interest for long-term debt issued and outstanding is as follows:

Governmental Activities:

Fiscal Year Ending June 30,	Principal	Interest	Total
2025	\$ 2,320,000	\$ 1,192,075	\$ 3,512,075
2026	2,450,000	1,101,300	3,551,300
2027	2,540,000	1,005,475	3,545,475
2028	2,675,000	906,200	3,581,200
2029	2,565,000	800,150	3,365,150
2030-2034	14,725,000	2,365,900	17,090,900
2035-2036	<u>3,625,000</u>	<u>118,250</u>	<u>3,743,250</u>
Total	<u>\$ 30,900,000</u>	<u>\$ 7,489,350</u>	<u>\$ 38,389,350</u>

Statutory Borrowing Power

The Board's remaining borrowing power under N.J.S. 18A:24-19, as amended, at June 30, 2024 was as follows:

4% of Equalized Valuation Basis (Municipal)	\$ 306,910,989
Less: Net Debt Issued and Authorized But Not Issued	<u>30,900,000</u>
Remaining Borrowing Power	<u>\$ 276,010,989</u>

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NOTE 3 DETAILED NOTES ON ALL FUNDS (Continued)

I. Other Long-Term Liabilities (Continued)

Changes in Long-Term Liabilities

Long-term liability activity for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, was as follows:

	Balance, <u>July 1, 2023</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Reductions</u>	Balance, <u>June 30, 2024</u>	Due Within <u>One Year</u>
Governmental Activities:					
Bonds Payable	\$ 33,125,000		\$ 2,225,000	\$ 30,900,000	\$ 2,320,000
Add: Original Issue Premium	<u>2,214,364</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>304,199</u>	<u>1,910,165</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Bonds Payable	35,339,364	-	2,529,199	32,810,165	2,320,000
Capital Financing Agreements	2,087,158	\$ 940,000	1,055,973	1,971,185	826,121
Leases Payable	133,317		40,054	93,263	41,936
Compensated Absences	906,293	391,294		1,297,587	
Net Pension Liability	<u>10,617,007</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>815,041</u>	<u>9,801,966</u>	<u>-</u>
Governmental Activity Long-Term Liabilities	<u>\$ 49,083,139</u>	<u>\$ 1,331,294</u>	<u>\$ 4,440,267</u>	<u>\$ 45,974,166</u>	<u>\$ 3,188,057</u>

For the governmental activities, the liabilities for compensated absences, capital financing agreements, leases payable and net pension liability are generally liquidated by the general fund.

NOTE 4 OTHER INFORMATION

A. Risk Management

The District is exposed to various risks of loss related to property, general liability, automobile coverage, theft of, damage to and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; student accident; termination of employees and natural disasters. The Board has obtained commercial insurance coverage to guard against these events to minimize the exposure to the District should they occur. A complete schedule of insurance coverage can be found in the statistical section of this Annual Comprehensive Financial Report.

The District is a member of the Northeast Bergen County School Board Insurance Group (NESBIG or Group). The Group is a risk sharing public entity pool, established for the purpose of insuring against various claims.

The relationship between the Board and the insurance group is governed by a contract and by-laws that have been adopted by resolution of each unit's governing body. The Board is contractually obligated to make all annual and supplementary contributions to the group, to report claims on a timely basis, cooperate with the management of the group, its claims administrator and attorneys in claims investigation and settlement, and to follow risk management procedures as outlined by the group. Members have a contractual obligation to fund any deficit of the group attributable to a membership year during which they were a member.

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NOTE 4 OTHER INFORMATION (Continued)

A. Risk Management (Continued)

NESBIG provides its members with risk management services, including the defense of and settlement of claims and to establish reasonable and necessary loss reduction and prevention procedures to be followed by the members. Complete financial statements of the respective insurance funds are on file with the School's Business Administrator.

There has been no significant reduction in insurance coverage from the previous year nor have there been any settlements in excess of insurance coverage's in any of the prior three years.

The District has elected to fund its New Jersey Unemployment Compensation Insurance under the "Benefit Reimbursement Method". Under this plan the District is required to reimburse the New Jersey Unemployment Trust Fund for benefits paid to its former employees and charged to its account with the State. The District is billed quarterly for amounts due to the State. The following is a summary of employee contributions, interest earnings, reimbursements to the State for benefits paid and the ending balance of the District's restricted fund balance for unemployment compensation claims in the General Fund for the current and previous two years:

<u>Fiscal</u> <u>Year Ended</u> <u>June 30,</u>	<u>Employee</u> <u>Contributions</u>	<u>Interest</u> <u>Earnings</u>	<u>Amount</u> <u>Reimbursed</u>	<u>Ending</u> <u>Balance</u>
2024	\$ 105,600	\$ 5,480	\$ 101,828	\$ 200,512
2023	100,789	1,910	101,648	195,032
2022	87,296	450	16,595	193,122

B. Contingent Liabilities

The District is a party defendant in some lawsuits, none of a kind unusual for a school district of its size and scope of operation. In the opinion of the Board's Attorney the potential claims against the District not covered by insurance policies would not materially affect the financial condition of the District.

Federal and State Awards – The Board participates in a number of federal and state programs that are fully or partially funded by grants received from other governmental units. Expenditures financed by grants are subject to audit by the appropriate grantor government. If expenditures are disallowed due to noncompliance with grant program regulations, the Board may be required to reimburse the grantor government. As of June 30, 2024, significant amounts of grant expenditures have not been audited by the various grantor agencies but the Board believes that disallowed expenditures, if any, based on subsequent audits will not have a material effect on any of the individual governmental funds or the overall financial position of the District.

C. Federal Arbitrage Regulations

The District is subject to Section 148 of the Internal Revenue Code as it pertains to the arbitrage rebate on all tax-exempt obligations, both long and short-term debt. Under the 1986 Tax Reform Act, the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) required that all excess earnings from investment proceeds be rebated to the IRS. Arbitrage, for purposes of these regulations, is defined as the difference between the yield on the investment and the yield on the obligations issued. If there are excess earnings, this amount may be required to be rebated to the IRS. At June 30, 2024, the District has not estimated its arbitrage earnings due to the IRS, if any.

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D. Employee Retirement Systems and Pension Plans

Plan Descriptions and Benefits Provided

The State of New Jersey sponsors and administers the following contributory defined benefit public employee retirement systems (retirement systems) covering substantially all Board employees who are eligible for pension coverage:

Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) – Established in January 1955, under the provisions of N.J.S.A. 43:15A to provide coverage, to substantially all full time employees of the State or any county, municipality, school district, or public agency provided the employee is not a member of another State-administered retirement system. Membership is mandatory for such employees. PERS is a cost sharing multiple employer defined benefit pension plan. For additional information about PERS, please refer to the State Division of Pension and Benefits (Division's) Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) which can be found at www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions.

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:

Tier	Definition
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 tier 1 and 2 members upon reaching age 60 and to tier 3 members upon reaching age 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 tier 5 members upon reaching age 65. Early retirement benefits are available to tier 1 and 2 members before reaching age 60, tier 3 and 4 members with 25 or more years of service credit before age 62, and tier 5 members with 30 or more years of service credit before age 65. Benefits are reduced by a fraction of a percent for each month that a member retires prior to the age at 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 ten years of service credit and have not reached the service retirement age for the respective tier.

Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund (TPAF) – Established in January 1955, under the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:66 to provide coverage to substantially all full time certified teachers or professional staff of the public school systems in the State. Membership is mandatory for such employees. TPAF is a cost sharing multiple- employer defined benefit pension plan with a special funding situation, by which the State is responsible to fund 100% of local employer contributions, excluding any local employer early retirement incentive (ERI) contributions. For additional information about TPAF, please refer to the State's Division of Pension and Benefits (Division's) Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) which can be found at www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions.

The vesting and benefit provisions 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 for 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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D. Employee Retirement Systems and Pension Plans (Continued)

Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund (TPAF) (Continued)

The following represent the membership tiers for TPAF:

Tier	Definition
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 tier 1 and 2 members upon reaching age 60 and to tier 3 members upon reaching age 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 tier 5 members upon reaching age 65. Early retirement benefits are available to tier 1 and 2 members before reaching age 60, tier 3 and 4 members with 25 or more years of service credit before age 62, and tier 5 members with 30 or more years of service credit before age 65. Benefits are reduced by a fraction of a percent for each month that a member retires prior to the retirement age for their respective tier. Deferred retirement is available to members who have at least ten years of service credit and have not reached the service retirement age for the respective tier.

The State of New Jersey sponsors and administers the following defined contribution public employee retirement program covering certain state and local government employees which include those Board employees who are eligible for pension coverage.

Defined Contribution Retirement Program (DCRP) – established under the provisions of Chapter 92, P.L. 2007 and Chapter 103, P.L. 2008 to provide coverage to elected and certain appointed officials, effective July 1, 2007 and employees enrolled in PERS or TPAF on or after July 1, 2007 who earn in excess of established annual maximum compensation limits (equivalent to annual maximum wage for social security deductions). This provision was extended by Chapter 1, P.L. 2010, effective May 21, 2010, to new employees (Tier 2) of the PFRS and new employees who would otherwise be eligible to participate in PERS or TPAF on or after November 2, 2008 and do not earn the minimum salary required for tier 3 enrollment or do not work the minimum required hours for tier 4 and tier 5 enrollments but earn a base salary of at least \$5,000 are eligible for participation in the DCRP. Membership is mandatory for such individuals with vesting occurring after one (1) year of membership. DCRP is a defined contribution pension plan.

Other Pension Funds

The State established and administers a Supplemental Annuity Collective Trust Fund (SACT) which is available to active members of the State-administered retirement systems to purchase annuities to supplement the guaranteed benefits provided by their retirement system. The state or local government employers do not appropriate funds to SACT.

The cost of living increase for PERS and TPAF, are funded directly by each of the respective systems but are currently suspended as a result of reform legislation.

According to state law, all obligations of each retirement system will be assumed by the State of New Jersey should any retirement system be terminated.

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

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D. Employee Retirement Systems and Pension Plans (Continued)

Plan Amendments

The authority to amend the provisions of the above plans rests with legislation passed by the State of New Jersey. Pension reforms enacted pursuant to Chapter 78, P.L. 2011 included provisions creating special Pension Plan Design Committees for TPAF and PERS, once a Target Funded Ratio (TFR) is met. The Pension Plan Design Committees will have the discretionary authority to modify certain plan design features, including member contribution rate; formula for calculation of final compensation of final salary; fraction used to calculate a retirement allowance; age at which a member may be eligible and the benefits for service or early retirement; and benefits provided for disability retirement. The committees will also have the authority to reactivate the cost of living adjustment (COLA) on pensions. However, modifications can only be made to the extent that the resulting impact does not cause the funded ratio to drop below the TFR in any one year of a 30-year projection period.

Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

The financial statements of the retirement systems 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 pension trust funds. 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

The Division of Investment, Department of the Treasury, State of New Jersey (Division of Investment) manages and invests certain assets of the retirement systems. Empower Retirement (formerly Prudential) is the third-party administrator for the DCRP and provides record keeping, administrative services and investment options. Investment transactions are accounted for on a trade or investment date basis. Interest and dividend income is recorded on the accrual basis, with dividends accruing on the ex-dividend date. The net increase or decrease in the fair value of investments includes the net realized and unrealized gains or losses on investments.

The State of New Jersey, Department of the Treasury, Division of Investment issues publicly available financial reports that include the financial statements of the State of New Jersey Cash Management Fund. The financial reports may be obtained in writing to the State of New Jersey, Department of the Treasury, Division of Investment, P.O. Box 290, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0290 or at www.state.nj.us/treasury/doinvest.

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D. Employee Retirement Systems and Pension Plans (Continued)

Collective Net Pension Liability

The collective net pension liability of the participating employers for local PERS at June 30, 2023 is \$14.6 billion and the plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability is 65.23%. The collective net pension liability of the State funded TPAF at June 30, 2023 is \$51.1 billion and the plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of total pension liability is 34.68%.

The total pension liabilities for the June 30, 2023 measurement date were determined based on actuarial valuations as of July 1, 2022 which were rolled forward to June 30, 2023.

Actuarial Methods and Assumptions

In the July 1, 2022 PERS and TPAF 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 pension systems selected economic and demographic assumptions and prescribed them for use for purposes of compliance with GASB Statement No. 68. The Actuary provided guidance with respect to these assumptions, and it is their belief that the assumptions represent reasonable expectations of anticipated plan experience.

Employer and Employee Pension Contributions

The contribution policy is set by laws of the State of New Jersey and contributions are required by active members and participating employers. Plan members and employer contributions may be amended by State of New Jersey legislation with the amount of contributions by the State of New Jersey contingent upon the Annual Appropriations Act. As defined, the retirement systems require employee contributions based on 7.50% for PERS, 7.50% for TPAF and 5.50% for DCRP of the employee's annual compensation for fiscal year 2024.

PERS employers' and TPAF State's nonemployer contributions are based on actuarially determined amounts, which include the normal cost and unfunded accrued liability. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024 for TPAF, which is a cost sharing multiple employer defined benefit pension plan with a special funding situation, the State's annual pension contribution was more than the actuarial determined amount. For local PERS, which is a cost sharing multiple employer defined benefit pension plan, the annual pension contributions were equal to the actuarial determined amounts. TPAF nonemployer contributions are made annually by the State of New Jersey to the pension system on behalf of the Board. PERS employer contributions are made annually by the Board to the pension system in accordance with Chapter 114, P.L. 1997. In the DCRP, which is a defined contribution plan, member contributions are matched by a 3% employer contribution. All PERS and DCRP contributions made by the Board for fiscal years 2024, 2023 and 2022 were equal to the required contributions.

During the fiscal years ended June 30, 2024, 2023 and 2022 the Board was required to contribute for PERS and DCRP and the State of New Jersey, as a nonemployer contributing entity, contributed for TPAF, respectively for normal cost pension and unfunded accrued liability contributions (including non-contributory group life insurance (NCGI)) the following amounts:

<u>Fiscal Year Ended June 30,</u>	<u>PERS</u>	<u>On-behalf TPAF</u>	<u>DCRP</u>
2024	\$ 904,465	\$ 18,761,615	\$ 131,044
2023	887,166	18,351,311	131,549
2022	808,275	18,679,489	103,906

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D. Employee Retirement Systems and Pension Plans (Continued)

Employer and Employee Pension Contributions (Continued)

In addition for fiscal years 2024, 2023 and 2022 the State contributed \$5,393, \$5,042 and \$4,986, respectively for TPAF for Long Term Disability Insurance Premium (LTDI).

The PERS contributions are recognized in the governmental fund financial statements (modified accrual basis) as an expenditure. The on-behalf TPAF contributions are recognized in the governmental fund financial statements (modified accrual basis) as both a revenue and expenditure in accordance with GASB Statement No. 85, *Omnibus 2017* (GASB No. 85). The DCRP contributions are recognized in the governmental fund financial statements (modified accrual basis) as an expenditure, as well as, the district-wide financial statements (accrual basis) as an expense.

Also, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:66-66 the State of New Jersey reimbursed the Board \$3,896,984 during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024 for the employer's share of social security contributions for TPAF members as calculated on their base salaries. This amount has been recognized in the district-wide financial statements (accrual basis) and the governmental fund financial statements (modified accrual basis) as both a revenue and expense/expenditure in accordance with GASB No. 85.

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

Public Employees Retirement System (PERS)

GASB Statement No. 68, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions*, (GASB No. 68) requires participating employers in PERS to recognize their proportionate share of the collective net pension liability, collective deferred outflows of resources, collective deferred inflows of resources and collective pension expense based on a measurement date no earlier than the end of the employer's prior fiscal year. The employer allocation percentages presented are based on the ratio of the contributions as an individual employer to total contributions to the PERS during the measurement period July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023. Employer allocation percentages have been rounded for presentation purposes. Contributions from employers are recognized when due based on statutory requirements.

Although the NJ Division of Pensions and Benefits ("Division") administers one cost-sharing multiple employer defined benefit pension plan, separate (sub) actuarial valuations are prepared to determine the actuarial determined contribution rate by group. Following this method, the measurement of the collective net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources, deferred inflows of resources and pension expense are determined separately for each individual employer of the State and local groups of the plan.

To facilitate the separate (sub) actuarial valuations, the Division maintains separate accounts to identify additions, deductions, and fiduciary net position applicable to each group. The allocation percentages are presented for each group. The allocation percentages for each group as of June 30, 2023 are based on the ratio of each employer's contributions to total employer contributions of the group for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023.

At June 30, 2024, the District reported in the statement of net position (accrual basis) a liability of \$9,801,966 for its proportionate share of the PERS net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2023 and was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2022. The District's proportionate share of the net pension liability was based on the ratio of the District's share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the total contributions of all participating governmental entities, for the year ended June 30, 2023. At June 30, 2023, the District's proportionate share was 0.06767 percent, which was a decrease of 0.00268 from its proportionate share measured as of June 30, 2022 of 0.07035 percent.

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

Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) (Continued)

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, the District recognized in the district-wide statement of activities (accrual basis) pension benefit of \$328,607 for PERS. The pension contribution made by the District during the current 2023/2024 fiscal year is the contribution that is applied to the net pension liability reported at the end of the current fiscal year of June 30, 2024 with a measurement date of the prior fiscal year end of June 30, 2023. Since the State of New Jersey applies the current year pension contribution towards the calculation of the net pension liability reported at the end of the current fiscal year, which has a measurement date of the preceding fiscal year end, there is no deferred outflows of resources reported as of June 30, 2024 for contributions made subsequent to the measurement date. At June 30, 2024, the District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to PERS pension from the following sources:

	<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>
Difference Between Expected and Actual Experience	\$ 93,719	\$ 40,067
Changes of Assumptions	21,533	594,041
Net Difference Between Projected and Actual Earnings on Pension Plan Investments	45,139	
Changes in Proportion and Differences Between District Contributions and Proportionate Share of Contributions	<u>207,832</u>	<u>640,514</u>
Total	<u><u>\$ 368,223</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 1,274,622</u></u>

At June 30, 2024, the amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to PERS pension will be recognized in pension expense/(benefit) as follows:

Year Ending <u>June 30,</u>	<u>Total</u>
2024	\$ (650,489)
2025	(389,657)
2026	295,004
2027	(156,124)
2028	(5,133)
Thereafter	<u>-</u>
	<u><u>\$ (906,399)</u></u>

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Related to Pensions (Continued)

Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) (Continued)

Actuarial Assumptions

The District’s total pension liability for the June 30, 2023 measurement date was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2022, which was rolled forward to June 30, 2023. This actuarial valuation 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%

Mortality Rates

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 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.

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Related to Pensions (Continued)**

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% 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 actuaries. The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plans 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 real rates of return for each major asset class included in the 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>
Risk Mitigation Strategies	3.00%	6.21%
Cash Equivalents	2.00%	3.31%
U.S. Treasuries	4.00%	3.31%
Investment Grade Credit	7.00%	5.19%
US Equity	28.00%	8.98%
Non-US Developed Markets Equity	12.75%	9.22%
Emerging Markets Equity	5.50%	11.13%
High Yield	4.50%	6.97%
Real Assets	3.00%	8.40%
Private Credit	8.00%	9.20%
Real Estate	8.00%	8.58%
Private Equity	13.00%	12.50%
International Small Cap Equity	1.25%	9.22%

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Related to Pensions (Continued)**

Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) (Continued)

Discount Rate

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability for PERS was 7.00% as of June 30, 2023. 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 and the nonemployer contributing entity 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 in determining the total pension liability.

Sensitivity of Net Pension Liability

The following presents the District’s proportionate share of the PERS net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 7.00, as well as what the District’s proportionate share of the PERS net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (6.00 percent) or 1-percentage-point higher (8.00 percent) than the current rate:

	1% Decrease <u>6.00%</u>	Current Discount Rate <u>7.00%</u>	1% Increase <u>8.00%</u>
District's Proportionate Share of the PERS Net Pension Liability	\$ <u>12,760,074</u>	\$ <u>9,801,966</u>	\$ <u>7,284,225</u>

The sensitivity analysis was based on the proportionate share of the District’s net pension liability as of the measurement date of June 30, 2023. A sensitivity analysis specific to the District’s net pension liability at June 30, 2023 was not provided by the pension system.

Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position

Detailed information about the PERS pension plan’s fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued financial report from the State of New Jersey, Department of the Treasury, Division of Pension and Benefits. The financial report may be accessed via the New Jersey, Division of Pensions and Benefits, website at www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions.

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**Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources
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Teachers Pension and Annuity Fund (TPAF)

GASB No. 68, requires participating employers in TPAF to recognize their proportionate share of the collective net pension liability, collective deferred outflows of resources, collective deferred inflows of resources and collective pension expense based on a measurement date no earlier than the end of the employer's prior fiscal year. The non-employer allocation percentages presented are based on the ratio of the State's actual contributions made as an employer and non-employer adjusted for unpaid early retirement incentives to total contributions to TPAF during the measurement period July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023. Non-employer allocation percentages have been rounded for presentation purposes.

The contribution policy for TPAF is set by N.J.S.A. 18A:66 and requires contributions by active members and non-employer contributions by the State. 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. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023, the State's pension contribution was more than the actuarial determined amount.

In accordance with GASB No. 68, the District is not required to recognize a net pension liability for TPAF. The State of New Jersey, as a nonemployer contributing entity, is the only entity that has a legal obligation to make employer contributions to TPAF on behalf of the District. Accordingly, the District's proportionate share percentage determined under Statement No. 68 is zero percent and the State's proportionate share is 100% of the net pension liability attributable to the District for TPAF. Therefore, in addition, the District does not recognize any portion of the TPAF collective deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources.

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, the District recognized in the district-wide statement of activities (accrual basis) pension expense of \$5,550,957 for TPAF. This amount has been included in the district-wide statement of activities (accrual basis) as both a revenue and expense in accordance with GASB No. 85.

At June 30, 2024 the State's proportionate share of the net pension liability attributable to the District is \$225,950,940. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2023 and was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2022. The nonemployer allocation percentages are based on the ratio of the State's contributions made as a nonemployer attributable to the District adjusted for unpaid early retirement incentives relative to total contributions to TPAF during the year ended June 30, 2023. At June 30, 2023, the State's share of the net pension liability attributable to the District was 0.44276 percent, which was a decrease of 0.00468 from its proportionate share measured as of June 30, 2022 of 0.44744 percent.

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NOTE 4 OTHER INFORMATION (Continued)

D. Employee Retirement Systems and Pension Plans (Continued)

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

Actuarial Assumptions

The total pension liability for the June 30, 2023 measurement date was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2022, which was rolled forward to June 30, 2023. This actuarial valuation 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%

Mortality Rates

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.

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D. Employee Retirement Systems and Pension Plans (Continued)

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

Teachers Pension and Annuity Fund (TPAF) (Continued)

Long-Term Expected Rate of Return

In accordance with State statute, the long-term expected rate of return on plan investments (7% 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 actuaries. The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rate of return (expected returns, net of pension plans 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 real rates of return for each major asset class included in the TPAF'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>
Risk Mitigation Strategies	3.00%	6.21%
Cash Equivalents	2.00%	3.31%
U.S. Treasuries	4.00%	3.31%
Investment Grade Credit	7.00%	5.19%
US Equity	28.00%	8.98%
Non-US Developed Markets Equity	12.75%	9.22%
Emerging Markets Equity	5.50%	11.13%
High Yield	4.50%	6.97%
Real Assets	3.00%	8.40%
Private Credit	8.00%	9.20%
Real Estate	8.00%	8.58%
Private Equity	13.00%	12.50%
International Small Cap Equity	1.25%	9.22%

Discount Rate

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability for TPAF was 7.00% as of June 30, 2023. 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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D. Employee Retirement Systems and Pension Plans (Continued)

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

Teachers Pension and Annuity Fund (TPAF) (Continued)

Sensitivity of Net Pension Liability

The following presents the State’s proportionate share of the TPAF net pension liability attributable to the District calculated using the discount rate of 7.00%, as well as what the State’s proportionate share of the TPAF net pension liability attributable to the District that would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (6.00% percent) or 1-percentage-point higher (8.00% percent) than the current rate:

	1% Decrease (6.00%)	Current Discount Rate (7.00%)	1% Increase (8.00%)
State's Proportionate Share of the TPAF Net Pension Liability Attributable to the District	\$ 266,437,160	\$ 225,950,940	\$ 191,851,920

The sensitivity analysis was based on the State’s proportionate share of the net pension liability attributable to the District as of the measurement date of June 30, 2023. A sensitivity analysis specific to the State’s proportionate share of the net pension liability attributable to the District at June 30, 2023 was not provided by the pension system.

Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position

Detailed information about the TPAF pension plan’s fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued financial report from the State of New Jersey, Department of the Treasury, Division of Pension and Benefits. The financial report may be accessed via the New Jersey, Division of Pensions and Benefits, website at www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions.

E. 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. 74, *Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefit Plans Other than Pension Plans*, the post-retirement health benefit program plan is reported in a Custodial Fund in the New Jersey Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023. In addition, the plan is administered on a pay-as-you-go basis. Therefore, the plan has no assets accumulated in a qualified 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 multiple-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.

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E. Post-Retirement Medical Benefits (Continued)

State Health Benefit Program Fund – Local Education Retired Employees Plan (including Prescription Drug Program Fund) – N.J.S.A. 52:14-17.32f provides medical coverage, prescription drug benefits and Medicare Part B reimbursement to qualified retired education employees and their covered dependents. The State of New Jersey provides 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, the Police and Firemen Retirement System (PFRS) or Alternate Benefits Program (ABP) who retire from a board of education or county college with 25 years of service or on a disability retirement. 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	<u>152,383</u>
Total	<u>369,595</u>

Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

The financial statements of the post-employment health benefit plan 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 plan. 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.

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 \$52.4 billion, and the plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total OPEB liability is zero percent.

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

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NOTE 4 OTHER INFORMATION (Continued)

E. Post-Retirement Medical Benefits (Continued)

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.

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 non-employer 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 nonemployer contributing entity, to the State Health Benefits Program Fund – Local Education Retired Employees Plan for retirees' post-retirement benefits on behalf of the School District for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2024, 2023 and 2022 were \$5,106,225, \$4,820,845 and \$4,364,284, respectively, which equaled the required contributions for each year. The State's contributions to the State Health Benefits Program Fund – Local Education Retired Employees Plan for PERS retirees' post-retirement benefits on behalf of the School District 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 Employees Plan to recognize their proportionate share of the collective OPEB liability, collective deferred outflows of resources, collective deferred inflows of resources and collective OPEB expense based on a measurement date no earlier than the end of the employer's prior fiscal year. The nonemployer allocation percentages presented are based on the ratio of the State's contributions made as a nonemployer toward the actuarially determined contribution amount to total contributions to the plan during the measurement period July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023. Nonemployer allocation percentages have been rounded for presentation purposes.

In accordance with GASB No. 75, the District is not required to recognize an OPEB liability for the post-employment health benefit plan. The State of New Jersey, as a nonemployer contributing entity, is the only entity that has a legal obligation to make employer contributions to the plan on behalf of the District. Accordingly, the District'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 District. Therefore, in addition, the District does not recognize any portion of the collective deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to the plan.

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, the District recognized in the district-wide statement of activities (accrual basis) OPEB expense of \$4,362,295. This amount has been included in the district-wide statement of activities (accrual basis) as both 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 District is \$169,158,107. The nonemployer allocation percentages are based on the ratio of the State's proportionate share of the OPEB liability attributable to the District 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 District was 0.32306 percent, which was a decrease of 0.00087 from its proportionate share measured as of June 30, 2022 of 0.32393 percent.

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E. Post-Retirement Medical Benefits (Continued)

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

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.

	<u>PERS</u>	<u>TPAF</u>
Salary Increases	2.75% to 6.55% Based on Years of Service	2.75% to 4.25% Based on Years of Service

Preretirement mortality rates were based on the Pub-2010 Health “Teachers” (TPAF) and “General” (PERS) 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 “General” (PERS) and “Teachers” (TPAF) classification headcount-weighted disabled mortality table with fully generational mortality improvement projections from the central year using Scale MP-2021.

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

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

Health Care Trend Assumptions

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 4.5% 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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NOTE 4 OTHER INFORMATION (Continued)

E. Post-Retirement Medical Benefits (Continued)

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

Discount Rate

The discount rate for June 30, 2023 was 3.65%. This 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 District for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024 (measurement date June 30, 2023) is as follows:

	Total OPEB Liability (<u>State Share 100%</u>)
Balance, June 30, 2022 Measurement Date	\$ <u>164,060,303</u>
Changes Recognized for the Fiscal Year:	
Service Cost	6,765,777
Interest on the Total OPEB Liability	5,957,542
Differences Between Expected and Actual Experience	(3,475,138)
Changes of Assumptions	340,953
Gross Benefit Payments	(4,644,001)
Contributions from the Member	<u>152,671</u>
Net Changes	\$ <u>5,097,804</u>
Balance, June 30, 2023 Measurement Date	\$ <u><u>169,158,107</u></u>

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 District at June 30, 2023.

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E. Post-Retirement Medical Benefits (Continued)

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

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 District calculated using the discount rate of 3.65%, as well as what the State's proportionate share of the OPEB liability attributable to the District 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:

	1% Decrease <u>(2.65%)</u>	Current Discount Rate <u>(3.65%)</u>	1% Increase <u>(4.65%)</u>
State's Proportionate Share of the OPEB Liability Attributable to the District	<u>\$ 198,308,840</u>	<u>\$ 169,158,107</u>	<u>\$ 145,753,453</u>

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 District calculated using healthcare cost trend rates that are 1-percentage-point lower or 1-percentage-point higher than the current healthcare cost trend rates:

	1% Decrease	Healthcare Cost Trend Rates	1% Increase
State's Proportionate Share of the OPEB Liability Attributable to the District	<u>\$ 140,427,308</u>	<u>\$ 169,158,107</u>	<u>\$ 206,752,431</u>

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

F. Tax Abatements

As defined by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB), a tax abatement is an agreement between a government and an individual or entity in which the government promises to forgo tax revenues and the individual or entity promises to subsequently take a specific action that contributes to economic development or otherwise benefits the government or its citizens. School districts are not authorized by New Jersey statute to enter into tax abatement agreements. However, the county or municipality in which the school district is situated may have entered into tax abatement agreements, and that potential school tax revenue must be disclosed in these financial statements. If the county or municipality entered into tax abatement agreements, those agreements will not directly affect the school district's local tax revenue because N.J.S.A. 54:4-75 and N.J.S.A. 54:4-76 require that amounts so forgiven must effectively be recouped from other taxpayers and remitted to the school district.

For Ridgewood Board of Education, the District's share of abated taxes resulting from the municipality having entered into a tax abatement agreement is indeterminate.

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NOTE 5 RECENT HEALTHCARE DEVELOPMENTS

In early March of 2020, the World Health Organization declared a pandemic following the global outbreak of COVID-19, a respiratory disease caused by a newly discovered strain of coronavirus. On March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared a national public health emergency to unlock federal funds and assistance to help states and local governments fight the pandemic. The Governor of the State declared a state of emergency and a public health emergency on March 9, 2020. In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, federal and State legislation and executive orders were implemented to mitigate the spread of the disease and provide relief to State and local governments. The pandemic and certain mitigation measures altered the behavior of businesses and people with negative impacts on regional, State and local economies. The national public health emergency and the State public health emergency have since ended, while the state of emergency declared by the State and several executive orders signed by the Governor remain to manage COVID-19 on an endemic level. Depending on future circumstances, ongoing actions could be taken by State, federal and local governments and private entities to mitigate the spread and impacts of COVID-19, its variants or other critical health care challenges.

To date, the overall finances and operations of the Board have not been materially adversely affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. Nonetheless, the degree of any future impact to the Board's operations and finances is difficult to predict due to the dynamic nature of the COVID-19 pandemic and any additional actions that may be taken by governmental and other health care authorities to manage the COVID-19 pandemic.

The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, H.R. 1319 (the "Plan"), signed into law by the President of the United States on March 11, 2021, provided \$1.9 trillion in relief designed to provide funding to address the COVID-19 pandemic and alleviate the economic and health effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Plan, in part, provides funding for State and local governments to offset costs to safely reopen schools during the COVID-19 pandemic and to subsidize COVID-19 testing and vaccination programs. In addition, the Plan includes \$350 billion in relief funds to public entities, such as the Board.

The Board has been awarded a total of \$2,579,562 in federal aid to address the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.

BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULES

**RIDGEWOOD BOARD OF EDUCATION
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE
GENERAL FUND
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

	<u>Original Budget</u>	<u>Adjustments/ Budget Transfers</u>	<u>Final Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance Final Budget to Actual</u>
REVENUES					
Local Sources					
Property Tax Levy	\$ 103,222,022		\$ 103,222,022	\$ 103,222,022	
Tuition from Individuals	991,431		991,431	750,772	\$ (240,659)
Tuition from Other LEAs within the State	1,694,563		1,694,563	1,671,963	(22,600)
Tuition from Summer School	267,900		267,900	71,226	(196,674)
Rents and Royalties	875,000		875,000	123,420	(751,580)
Unrestricted Miscellaneous Revenue	1,111,101		1,111,101	2,132,578	1,021,477
Interest Earned on Current Expense Emergency Reserve	1,500		1,500	1,500	-
Interest Earned on Maintenance Reserve	3,500		3,500	3,500	-
Interest Earned on Capital Reserve Account	1,225		1,225	128,788	127,563
Interest Earned on Unemployment Account				5,480	5,480
Other Restricted Miscellaneous Revenues	851,030		851,030	1,805,155	954,125
State Sources					
Categorical Special Education Aid	5,706,363		5,706,363	5,706,363	-
Categorical Security Aid	447,742		447,742	447,742	-
Categorical Transportation Aid	620,535		620,535	620,535	-
Extraordinary Aid	3,010,867		3,010,867	2,571,396	(439,471)
Additional Nonpublic Transportation Aid	57,628		57,628	61,425	3,797
Reimbursed TPAF Social Security Payments (Non-Budget)				3,896,984	3,896,984
On-behalf TPAF Pension System Contribution (Non-Budget)				18,550,062	18,550,062
On-behalf TPAF Pension - NCGI Premium (Non-Budget)				211,553	211,553
On-behalf TPAF Post Retirement Medical Contribution (Non-Budget)				5,106,225	5,106,225
On-behalf TPAF Long-Term Disability Insurance (Non-Budget)				5,393	5,393
Federal Sources					
Medicaid Reimbursement	37,249		37,249	17,088	(20,161)
Medicaid Reimbursement - FFCRA	5,930	-	5,930	-	(5,930)
Total Revenues	118,905,586	-	118,905,586	147,111,170	28,205,584
EXPENDITURES					
CURRENT EXPENDITURES					
Instruction - Regular Programs					
Salaries of Teachers					
Kindergarten	2,379,237	\$ (238,808)	2,140,429	1,916,775	223,654
Grades 1-5	13,222,593	156,323	13,378,916	12,713,483	665,433
Grades 6-8	9,093,432	(365,605)	8,727,827	8,278,428	449,399
Grades 9-12	11,539,959	(28,445)	11,511,514	11,342,464	169,050
Regular Programs - Home Instruction					
Salaries of Teachers	10,300	4,066	14,366	14,366	-
Purchased Professional-Educational Services	12,000	2,000	14,000	10,736	3,264
Regular Programs - Undistributed Instruction					
Other Salaries for Instruction	61,717	(1,732)	59,985	41,460	18,525
Purchased Professional-Educational Services	23,470	(4,508)	18,962	16,288	2,674
Cleaning, Repair and Maintenance	41,355	(554)	40,801	21,991	18,810
Other Purchased Services	1,128,026	101,975	1,230,001	1,170,119	59,882
General Supplies	1,014,471	589,276	1,603,747	1,484,175	119,572
Textbooks	362,203	(114,751)	247,452	211,185	36,267
Other Objects	11,045	(3,485)	7,560	4,241	3,319
Total Regular Programs	38,899,808	95,752	38,995,560	37,225,711	1,769,849
Special Education					
Learning and/or Language Disabilities					
Salaries of Teachers	1,205,944	260,094	1,466,038	1,409,316	56,722
Other Salaries for Instruction	546,153	(198,362)	347,791	277,016	70,775
General Supplies	18,250	(649)	17,601	12,865	4,736
Total Learning and/or Language Disabilities	1,770,347	61,083	1,831,430	1,699,197	132,233

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	Original Budget	Adjustments/ Budget Transfers	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Final Budget to Actual
EXPENDITURES					
CURRENT EXPENDITURES (Continued)					
Emotional Regulation Impairment					
Other Salaries for Instruction	\$ 92,573	\$ 32,709	\$ 125,282	\$ 123,588	\$ 1,694
Purchased Professional-Educational Services	92,000	(91,276)	724	-	724
General Supplies	3,000	29,876	32,876	11,318	21,558
Total Emotional Regulation Impairment	187,573	(28,691)	158,882	134,906	23,976
Multiple Disabilities					
Salaries of Teachers	1,232,618	191,233	1,423,851	1,313,808	110,043
Other Salaries for Instruction	950,588	231,373	1,181,961	1,051,819	130,142
Purchased Professional-Educational Services		19,465	19,465	19,465	-
Other Purchases Services		4,595	4,595	2,570	2,025
General Supplies	44,100	27,012	71,112	30,274	40,838
Other Objects	-	106	106	106	-
STEPPS Student YMCA Membership	-	4,620	4,620	4,620	-
Total Multiple Disabilities	2,227,306	478,404	2,705,710	2,422,662	283,048
Resource Room/Resource Center					
Salaries of Teachers	5,665,260	(386,190)	5,279,070	5,135,144	143,926
Other Salaries for Instruction	1,055,064	100,377	1,155,441	1,005,128	150,313
Purchased Professional-Educational Services	4,000	-	4,000		4,000
Purchased Technical Services	11,300	(4,300)	7,000		7,000
General Supplies	20,245	(864)	19,381	13,106	6,275
Total Resource Room	6,755,869	(290,977)	6,464,892	6,153,378	311,514
Autism					
General Supplies	-	79	79	79	-
Total Autism	-	79	79	79	-
Preschool Disabilities - Full Time					
Salaries of Teachers	632,739	55,553	688,292	675,028	13,264
Other Salaries for Instruction	282,169	56,104	338,273	338,090	183
Purchased Professional-Educational Services	20,500	(14,346)	6,154	3,195	2,959
General Supplies	43,200	(11,590)	31,610	24,969	6,641
Other Objects	3,000	(700)	2,300	650	1,650
Total Preschool Disabilities - Full Time	981,608	85,021	1,066,629	1,041,932	24,697
Home Instruction					
Salaries of Teachers	14,000	19,962	33,962	33,961	1
Purchased Professional-Educational Services	21,000	(10,000)	11,000	5,284	5,716
Total Home Instruction	35,000	9,962	44,962	39,245	5,717
Total Special Education	11,957,703	314,881	12,272,584	11,491,399	781,185
Basic Skills/Remedial					
Salaries of Teachers	1,116,038	4,620	1,120,658	1,015,182	105,476
General Supplies	6,630	(1,099)	5,531	2,757	2,774
Total Basic Skills/Remedial	1,122,668	3,521	1,126,189	1,017,939	108,250
Bilingual Education					
Salaries of Teachers	658,572	45,788	704,360	632,873	71,487
General Supplies	3,335	1,779	5,114	3,280	1,834
Total Bilingual Education	661,907	47,567	709,474	636,153	73,321

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	Original Budget	Adjustments/ Budget Transfers	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Final Budget to Actual
EXPENDITURES					
CURRENT EXPENDITURES (Continued)					
School Sponsored Co-Curricular Activities					
Salaries	\$ 388,013	\$ 143,227	\$ 531,240	\$ 527,615	\$ 3,625
Purchased Professional - Educational Services	2,700	(2,500)	200		200
Purchased Services	11,000	1,769	12,769	11,755	1,014
Supplies and Materials	14,420	(1,400)	13,020	9,289	3,731
Other Objects	20,650	(1,404)	19,246	18,140	1,106
Total School-Sponsored Co/Extra Curricular Activities	436,783	139,692	576,475	566,799	9,676
School Sponsored Athletics - Instruction					
Salaries	592,929	(822)	592,107	592,107	-
Salaries of Other Professional Staff	170,187	(4,540)	165,647	165,647	-
Purchased Services	79,500	-	79,500	77,663	1,837
Cleaning, Repairs and Maintenance	33,100	11,978	45,078	40,714	4,364
Other Purchased Services	84,101	(62,182)	21,919	13,662	8,257
Supplies and Materials	138,950	(1,853)	137,097	132,778	4,319
Supplies and Materials (Nonbudgeted - Insurance Proceeds)					-
Other Objects	52,182	21,000	73,182	69,338	3,844
Total School Sponsored Athletics	1,150,949	(36,419)	1,114,530	1,091,909	22,621
Summer School - Instruction					
Salaries of Teachers	116,722	(47,608)	69,114	69,114	-
General Supplies	550	-	550	-	550
Total Summer School - Instruction	117,272	(47,608)	69,664	69,114	550
Total Instruction	54,347,090	517,386	54,864,476	52,099,024	2,765,452
Undistributed Expenditures					
Instruction					
Tuition to Other LEA's Within the State - Special	405,481	(307,445)	98,036	68,076	29,960
Tuition to County Vocational School District-Regular	567,378	18,489	585,867	585,867	-
Tuition to CSSD & Regional Day Schools	776,744	(205,898)	570,846	570,846	-
Tuition to Private Schools for Disabled - Within State	6,544,932	(1,057,944)	5,486,988	4,968,727	518,261
Tuition to Private Schools for Disabled & Other LEAs-Spl,O/S State	319,862	(319,862)			-
Tuition - Other	-	29,324	29,324	29,290	34
Total Undistributed Expenditures - Instruction	8,614,397	(1,843,336)	6,771,061	6,222,806	548,255
Attendance and Social Work					
Salaries	1,173	-	1,173		1,173
Supplies and Materials	200	-	200	153	47
Total Attendance and Social Work	1,373	-	1,373	153	1,220

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	<u>Original Budget</u>	<u>Adjustments/ Budget Transfers</u>	<u>Final Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance Final Budget to Actual</u>
EXPENDITURES					
CURRENT EXPENDITURES (Continued)					
Undistributed Expenditures (Continued)					
Health Services					
Salaries	\$ 990,629	\$ 50,783	\$ 1,041,412	\$ 1,000,316	\$ 41,096
Purchased Professional and Technical Services	3,000	3,054	6,054	5,685	369
Other Purchased Services	500	-	500	475	25
Supplies and Materials	29,225	376	29,601	24,263	5,338
Total Health Services	1,023,354	54,213	1,077,567	1,030,739	46,828
Speech, OT, PT and Related Svcs.					
Salaries	1,845,485	42,685	1,888,170	1,752,383	135,787
Purchased Professional-Educational Services	1,093,577	(273,710)	819,867	657,197	162,670
Supplies and Materials	33,550	(19,947)	13,603	9,692	3,911
Total Speech, OT, PT and Related Svcs.	2,972,612	(250,972)	2,721,640	2,419,272	302,368
Other Support Services - Students - Extra Services					
Salaries	1,654,444	(438,303)	1,216,141	1,027,274	188,867
Other Salaries	66,886	(66,876)	10	(2,096)	2,106
Purchased Professional-Educational Services	1,371,682	(54,752)	1,316,930	1,121,370	195,560
Supplies and Materials	55,536	-	55,536	53,121	2,415
Total Other Support Services - Students - Extra Services	3,148,548	(559,931)	2,588,617	2,199,669	388,948
Guidance					
Salaries of Other Professional Staff	2,393,259	(163,223)	2,230,036	2,139,376	90,660
Salaries of Secretarial and Clerical Assistants	251,242	5,800	257,042	239,903	17,139
Other Salaries	8,000	-	8,000	4,055	3,945
Purchased Professional-Educational Services	88,966	272,500	361,466	252,589	108,877
Other Purchased Services	1,900	455	2,355	2,250	105
Supplies and Materials	8,910	(4,423)	4,487	(9,357)	13,844
Other Objects	900	-	900	700	200
Total Guidance	2,753,177	111,109	2,864,286	2,629,516	234,770
Child Study Teams					
Salaries of Other Professional Staff	3,841,372	13,377	3,854,749	3,615,555	239,194
Salaries of Secretarial and Clerical Assistants	501,364	7,328	508,692	499,371	9,321
Purchased Professional-Educational Services	230,500	24,218	254,718	157,225	97,493
Other Purchased Services	12,000	-	12,000		12,000
Supplies and Materials	63,310	(29,983)	33,327	22,259	11,068
Other Objects	1,500	700	2,200	2,194	6
Total Child Study Teams	4,650,046	15,640	4,665,686	4,296,604	369,082
Improvement of Instructional Services					
Salaries of Supervisors of Instruction	1,336,878	(37,014)	1,299,864	1,233,745	66,119
Salaries of Other Professional Staff	251,056	(36,597)	214,459	204,262	10,197
Salaries of Secretarial and Clerical Assistants	205,044	73,041	278,085	276,485	1,600
Purchased Professional - Educational Services	25,702	(4,171)	21,531	20,702	829
Other Purchased Services	45,250	(16,208)	29,042	4,894	24,148
Supplies and Materials	2,500	3,430	5,930	5,929	1
Other Objects	12,965	(7,489)	5,476	3,790	1,686
Total Improvement of Instructional Services	1,879,395	(25,008)	1,854,387	1,749,807	104,580

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EXPENDITURES					
CURRENT EXPENDITURES (Continued)					
Undistributed Expenditures (Continued)					
Educational Media Services/School Library					
Salaries	\$ 1,047,520	\$ 419,804	\$ 1,467,324	\$ 1,435,608	\$ 31,716
Purchased Professional and Technical Services	109,848	-	109,848	108,934	914
Other Purchased Services	250	-	250	250	-
Supplies and Materials	143,750	(1,199)	142,551	137,325	5,226
Other Objects	-	40	40	40	-
Total Educational Media Serv./School Library	1,301,368	418,645	1,720,013	1,682,157	37,856
Instructional Staff Training Services					
Salaries of Other Professional Staff	12,913	3,375	16,288	9,271	7,017
Purchased Professional - Educational Services	126,500	(78,039)	48,461	33,710	14,751
Other Purchased Services	177,900	2,788	180,688	101,402	79,286
Supplies and Materials	6,450	-	6,450	3,819	2,631
Other Objects	-	910	910	-	910
Total Instructional Staff Training Services	323,763	(70,966)	252,797	148,202	104,595
Support Services - General Administration					
Salaries of Other Professional Staff	276,620	4,695	281,315	280,026	1,289
Salaries of Secretarial and Clerical Assistants	72,620	5,391	78,011	75,201	2,810
Other Salaries	3,800	-	3,800	-	3,800
Legal Services	295,000	9,822	304,822	261,948	42,874
Audit Fees	59,008	106,955	165,963	88,298	77,665
Architectural/Engineering Services	54,590	7,512	62,102	35,975	26,127
Other Purchased Professional Services	12,037	-	12,037	-	12,037
Insurance	394,079	(70,000)	324,079	300,938	23,141
Communications/Telephone	255,860	(6,853)	249,007	188,388	60,619
BOE Other Purchased Services	15,485	1,661	17,146	9,447	7,699
Misc Purchased Services	65,911	(20,497)	45,414	28,105	17,309
General Supplies	19,535	260	19,795	9,419	10,376
Judgments Against the School District	14,744	(14,744)	-	-	-
Miscellaneous Expenditures	27,955	(10,278)	17,677	9,209	8,468
BOE Membership Dues and Fees	32,612	-	32,612	27,195	5,417
Total Support Services - General Administration	1,599,856	13,924	1,613,780	1,314,149	299,631
Support Services - School Administration					
Salaries of Principal/Asst. Principals	2,369,584	581,520	2,951,104	2,948,304	2,800
Salaries of Secretarial and Clerical Assistants	1,010,975	62,409	1,073,384	1,057,066	16,318
Purchased Professional - Educational Services	-	3,500	3,500	3,500	-
Other Purchased Services	17,400	30,754	48,154	29,179	18,975
Supplies and Materials	123,432	(27,211)	96,221	86,247	9,974
Other Objects	4,500	7,134	11,634	7,149	4,485
Total Support Services - School Administration	3,525,891	658,106	4,183,997	4,131,445	52,552
Central Services					
Salaries	1,161,769	134,732	1,296,501	1,287,674	8,827
Purchased Professional Services	242,892	(89,872)	153,020	122,196	30,824
Misc Purchased Services	55,503	33,412	88,915	65,606	23,309
Cleaning, Repair and Maintenance Services	1,400	(205)	1,195	-	1,195
Supplies and Materials	38,500	(11,902)	26,598	24,708	1,890
Miscellaneous Expenditures	6,575	59,116	65,691	64,091	1,600
Total Central Services	1,506,639	125,281	1,631,920	1,564,275	67,645

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	Original Budget	Adjustments/ Budget Transfers	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Final Budget to Actual
EXPENDITURES					
CURRENT EXPENDITURES (Continued)					
Undistributed Expenditures (Continued)					
Admin. Info. Technology					
Salaries	\$ 900,486	\$ 46,176	\$ 946,662	\$ 774,775	\$ 171,887
Purchased Professional Services	313,154	-	313,154	235,299	77,855
Other Purchased Services	11,985	(3,627)	8,358	1,428	6,930
Supplies and Materials	3,000	3,627	6,627	2,953	3,674
Other Objects	2,125	-	2,125	2,125	-
Total Admin. Info. Technology	1,230,750	46,176	1,276,926	1,016,580	260,346
Required Maintenance for School Facilities					
Salaries	231,152	(60,000)	171,152	163,000	8,152
Purchased Professional Services	64,700	(27,628)	37,072	28,892	8,180
Cleaning, Repair and Maintenance Services	1,758,342	441,832	2,200,174	1,933,225	266,949
Lead Testing of Drinking Water		113	113		113
General Supplies	317,600	(61,296)	256,304	239,035	17,269
Other Objects	2,000	(1,285)	715	240	475
Total Required Maintenance for School Facilities	2,373,794	291,736	2,665,530	2,364,392	301,138
Custodial Services					
Salaries	181,000	(161,990)	19,010	16,402	2,608
Salaries of Non-Instructional Aides	208,161	103,162	311,323	258,047	53,276
Purchased Professional and Technical Services	15,000	(5,950)	9,050	8,950	100
Cleaning, Repair and Maintenance Services	4,889,419	(204,243)	4,685,176	4,567,004	118,172
Rental of Land & Bldg. Oth. Than Lease Pur Agrmt	210,340	(56,611)	153,729	138,530	15,199
Other Purchased Property Services	185,031	86,305	271,336	117,866	153,470
Insurance	572,459	72,068	644,527	634,924	9,603
General Supplies	494,422	(121,563)	372,859	351,410	21,449
Energy (Natural Gas)	615,106	(9,019)	606,087	407,796	198,291
Energy (Electricity)	786,393	138,799	925,192	829,467	95,725
Energy (Gasoline)	26,611	(9,479)	17,132	17,126	6
Interest - Energy Savings Impr Prog Bonds	147,950	-	147,950	147,950	-
Principal - Energy Savings Impr Prog Bonds	210,000	-	210,000	210,000	-
Total Custodial Services	8,541,892	(168,521)	8,373,371	7,705,472	667,899
Care and Upkeep of Grounds					
Purchased Professional and Technical Services	58,012	(52,481)	5,531	5,474	57
Cleaning, Repair and Maintenance Services	349,270	479,742	829,012	578,594	250,418
Other Purchased Property Services		839	839	325	514
General Supplies	128,385	(53,722)	74,663	72,627	2,036
Total Care and Upkeep of Grounds	535,667	374,378	910,045	657,020	253,025
Security					
Salaries	71,436	(2,948)	68,488	56,215	12,273
Purchased Professional and Technical Services	232,580	(8,568)	224,012	223,755	257
Cleaning, Repair and Maintenance Services	29,985	43,184	73,169	62,432	10,737
General Supplies	35,284	(10,060)	25,224	15,614	9,610
Other Objects	-	75	75	75	-
Total Security	369,285	21,683	390,968	358,091	32,877

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	<u>Original Budget</u>	<u>Adjustments/ Budget Transfers</u>	<u>Final Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance Final Budget to Actual</u>
EXPENDITURES					
CURRENT EXPENDITURES (Continued)					
Undistributed Expenditures (Continued)					
Student Transportation Services					
Salaries for Pupil Transportation(Bet Home & Sch) Reg	\$ 68,485	\$ (1,756)	\$ 66,729	\$ 38,529	\$ 28,200
Salaries for Pupil Transportation(Other than Bet Home & Sch)	60,320	(12,880)	47,440	32,665	14,775
Management Fee-ESC and CTSA Transportation Prog.	64,654	(7,234)	57,420	52,766	4,654
Cleaning, Repair and Maintenance Services	16,500	(2,300)	14,200	13,795	405
Contracted Services - Aid in Lieu of Payments - Non Public	211,000	(36,585)	174,415	142,696	31,719
Contracted Svcs. (Between Home & School) - Vendors	1,361,780	1,534	1,363,314	1,343,523	19,791
Contracted Svcs. (Other than Between Home and School) - Vendors	312,885	(4,131)	308,754	272,885	35,869
Contracted Services (Bet. Home & Sch)-Joint Agreements	156,281	(73,396)	82,885	82,885	-
Contracted Services (Special Ed. Students)-Vendors	80,660	76,936	157,596	144,845	12,751
Contracted Services (Special Ed. Students)-Joint Agreements	2,550,021	400,000	2,950,021	2,848,663	101,358
General Supplies	300	10,000	10,300	5,172	5,128
Miscellaneous Expenditures	-	105	105	105	-
Total Student Transportation Services	4,882,886	350,293	5,233,179	4,978,529	254,650
Unallocated Benefits - Employee Benefits					
Social Security Contributions	1,111,000	161,807	1,272,807	1,191,773	81,034
Other Retirement Contributions - DCRP	241,400	-	241,400	131,044	110,356
Other Retirement Contributions - PERS	974,592	(68,412)	906,180	819,180	87,000
Unemployment Compensation	-	-	-	-	-
Workmen's Compensation	281,663	-	281,663	228,603	53,060
Health Benefits	13,503,779	(444,654)	13,059,125	12,542,483	516,642
Tuition Reimbursement	220,000	29,077	249,077	109,880	139,197
Other Employee Benefits	17,000	-	17,000	7,550	9,450
Memberships Administrators RAA	69,000	(33,386)	35,614	20,640	14,974
Unused Sick Payment to Terminated/Retired Staff	52,199	-	52,199	-	52,199
Total Unallocated Benefits-Employee Benefits	16,470,633	(355,568)	16,115,065	15,051,153	1,063,912
Reimbursed TPAF Social Security Payments (Non-Budget)	-	-	-	3,896,984	(3,896,984)
On-behalf TPAF Pension System Contribution (Non-Budget)	-	-	-	18,550,062	(18,550,062)
On-behalf TPAF Pension - NCGI Premium (Non-Budget)	-	-	-	211,553	(211,553)
On-behalf TPAF Post Retirement Medical Contribution (Non-Budget)	-	-	-	5,106,225	(5,106,225)
On-behalf TPAF Long-Term Disability Insurance (Non-Budget)	-	-	-	5,393	(5,393)
Total On-Behalf TPAF	-	-	-	27,770,217	(27,770,217)
Total Undistributed Expenditures	67,705,326	(793,118)	66,912,208	89,290,248	(22,378,040)
Interest Earned on Maintenance Reserve	3,500	-	3,500	-	3,500
Interest Earned on Current Expense Emergency Res	1,500	-	1,500	-	1,500
Total Expenditures - Current Expenditures	122,057,416	(275,732)	121,781,684	141,389,272	(19,607,588)
CAPITAL OUTLAY					
Equipment					
Regular Programs - Instruction					
Grades 1-5	-	10,641	10,641	6,901	3,740
Grades 6-8	-	17,263	17,263	13,346	3,917
Grades 9-12	-	22,888	22,888	20,325	2,563
Special Programs - Instruction					
Resource Center	-	21,337	21,337	21,337	-
Preschool Disabilities - Full Time	-	4,540	4,540	3,845	695
School Sponsored Athletics	-	48,280	48,280	10,481	37,799
Undistributed Expenditures					
Support Services - Non Instructional Health Services	-	10,482	10,482	-	10,482
Support Services - Child Study Teams	-	2,450	2,450	2,450	-
Support Services - Improvement of Instruction	-	2,200	2,200	2,200	-
Support Services - Education Media/Library	-	3,000	3,000	-	3,000
Support Services - Information Technology	-	216,105	216,105	216,105	-
Support Services - Central Services	5,000	-	5,000	-	5,000
Support Services - Operation Maint of Plant Serv	-	240,552	240,552	145,968	94,584
Support Services - Operation Maint for School Fac.	-	2,240	2,240	2,100	140
Care and Upkeep of Grounds	-	45,816	45,816	45,816	-
Total Equipment	5,000	647,794	652,794	490,874	161,920

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CAPITAL OUTLAY (Continued)					
Facilities Acquisition and Construction Services					
Architectural/Engineering Services	\$ 105,896	\$ (54,440)	\$ 51,456		\$ 51,456
Construction Services	1,771,218	54,440	1,825,658	\$ 624,888	1,200,770
Assessment for Debt Service on SDA Funding	42,837	-	42,837	42,837	-
Total Facilities Acquisition and Construction Services	1,919,951	-	1,919,951	667,725	1,252,226
Interest Deposit into Capital Reserve	1,225	-	1,225	-	1,225
Total Capital Outlay	1,926,176	647,794	2,573,970	1,158,599	1,415,371
SPECIAL SCHOOLS					
Summer School - Instruction					
Salaries of Teachers	283,278	11,500	294,778	274,083	20,695
General Supplies	16,800	(2,556)	14,244	13,738	506
Total Summer School - Instruction	300,078	8,944	309,022	287,821	21,201
Summer School - Support Services					
Salaries	76,431	(6,189)	70,242	47,984	22,258
Personal Services - Employee Benefits	52,596	-	52,596		52,596
Other Purchased Services	18,075	-	18,075	2,200	15,875
Other Objects	16,000	-	16,000	13,378	2,622
Total Summer School - Support Services	163,102	(6,189)	156,913	63,562	93,351
Other Special Schools - Instruction					
Salaries of Teachers	351,786	(28)	351,758	344,335	7,423
Purchased Professional and Technical Services	60,500	(9,849)	50,651	49,421	1,230
General Supplies	17,600	(8,422)	9,178	8,739	439
Total Other Special Schools - Instruction	429,886	(18,299)	411,587	402,495	9,092
Other Special Schools - Support Services					
Salaries	45,991	21,621	67,612	57,920	9,692
Personal Services - Employee Benefits	65,490	-	65,490		65,490
Other Purchased Services	80,794	2,250	83,044	3,194	79,850
Supplies and Materials	6,350	(5,200)	1,150	913	237
Other Objects	24,450	(74)	24,376	17,817	6,559
Total Other Special Schools - Support Services	223,075	18,597	241,672	79,844	161,828
Adult Education - Local - Instruction					
Salaries of Teachers	128,763	(7,200)	121,563	107,561	14,002
Purchased Professional and Technical Services	64,735	(5,000)	59,735	58,235	1,500
General Supplies	1,900	-	1,900	73	1,827
Other Objects	4,000	-	4,000	-	4,000
Total Adult Education - Local - Instruction	199,398	(12,200)	187,198	165,869	21,329

**RIDGEWOOD BOARD OF EDUCATION
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE
GENERAL FUND
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

	<u>Original Budget</u>	<u>Adjustments/ Budget Transfers</u>	<u>Final Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance Final Budget to Actual</u>
Adult Education - Local - Support Services					
Other Salaries	\$ 52,689	\$ 9,147	\$ 61,836	\$ 61,092	\$ 744
Personal Services - Employee Benefits	53,379	-	53,379		53,379
Other Purchased Services	102,134	-	102,134	39,648	62,486
Supplies and Materials	4,500	-	4,500		4,500
Other Objects	19,000	-	19,000	15,795	3,205
Total Adult Education - Local - Support Services	231,702	9,147	240,849	116,535	124,314
Total Special Schools	1,547,241	-	1,547,241	1,116,126	431,115
Total Expenditures	125,530,833	372,062	125,902,895	143,663,997	(17,761,102)
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues					
Over/(Under) Expenditures	(6,625,247)	(372,062)	(6,997,309)	3,447,173	10,444,482
Change in Fund Balance	(6,625,247)	(372,062)	(6,997,309)	3,447,173	10,444,482
Fund Balance, Beginning of Year	27,310,524	-	27,310,524	27,310,524	-
Fund Balance, End of Year	\$ 20,685,277	\$ (372,062)	\$ 20,313,215	\$ 30,757,697	\$ 10,444,482
Recapitulation Of Fund Balance:					
Restricted Fund Balance:					
Excess Surplus				2,700,000	
Excess Surplus - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures				2,616,672	
Capital Reserve				8,968,358	
Capital Reserve - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures				6,840,662	
Maintenance Reserve				3,146,146	
Maintenance Reserve - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures				1,500,000	
Emergency Reserve				500,000	
Emergency Reserve - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures				500,000	
Unemployment Claims				200,512	
Assigned Fund Balance:					
Year End Encumbrances				1,463,674	
Unassigned Fund Balance				<u>2,321,673</u>	
Reconciliation to Governmental Fund Statement (GAAP)				30,757,697	
State Aid Payments Not Recognized on GAAP Basis					
Extraordinary Aid			\$ (2,571,396)		
Delayed State Aid Payments			<u>(633,646)</u>		
				<u>(3,205,042)</u>	
Fund Balance Per Governmental Funds (GAAP)				<u>\$ 27,552,655</u>	

**RIDGEWOOD BOARD OF EDUCATION
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE
SPECIAL REVENUE FUND
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

	<u>Original Budget</u>	<u>Adjustments/ Budget Transfers</u>	<u>Final Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance Final Budget to Actual</u>
REVENUES					
Intergovernmental					
Local		\$ 2,114,187	\$ 2,114,187	\$ 2,058,043	\$ (56,144)
State	\$ 30,518	29,269	59,787	394,969	335,182
Federal	1,464,619	1,342,326	2,806,945	2,291,055	(515,890)
 Total Revenues	 1,495,137	 3,485,782	 4,980,919	 4,744,067	 (236,852)
EXPENDITURES					
Instruction					
Salaries of Teachers	89,900	197,923	287,823	96,317	191,506
Purchased Prof./Educational Services		700	700	-	700
Purchased Technical Services		175,642	175,642	149,396	26,246
Other Purchased Services		13,500	13,500	11,290	2,210
Tuition	1,211,489	192,055	1,403,544	1,389,404	14,140
Supplies and Materials	9,087	146,375	155,462	90,152	65,310
Textbooks	2,310	(749)	1,561	-	1,561
Student Co-Curricular and Athletics		1,420,596	1,420,596	1,420,596	-
Miscellaneous	-	145,697	145,697	92,110	53,587
 Total Instruction	 1,312,786	 2,291,739	 3,604,525	 3,249,265	 355,260
Support Services					
Salaries of Other Professional Staff	47,438	50,997	98,435	98,082	353
Salaries for Pupil Transportation(Other than Bet Home & Sch)		241	241	-	241
Personnel Services - Employee Benefits	105,053	(55,766)	49,287	32,408	16,879
Purchased Technical Services		8,000	8,000	6,000	2,000
Purchased Prof./Educational Services	17,728	410,911	428,639	378,941	49,698
Other Purchased Professional Services	12,132	(1,972)	10,160	560	9,600
Cleaning, Repair & Maintenance		50	50	-	50
Other Purchased Services		13,942	13,942	4,370	9,572
Transportation		50,013	50,013	37,208	12,805
Travel		58,815	58,815	58,581	234
General Supplies		4,307	4,307	4,132	175
Scholarships Awarded/Net Loss on Inv.	-	81,751	81,751	81,751	-
 Total Support Services	 182,351	 621,289	 803,640	 702,033	 101,607
Facilities Acquisition and Construction Services					
Instructional	-	138,942	138,942	25,263	113,679
Non-instructional Equipment	-	433,812	433,812	384,291	49,521
 Total Facilities Acquisition and Const.Ser.	 -	 572,754	 572,754	 409,554	 163,200
 Total Expenditures	 1,495,137	 3,485,782	 4,980,919	 4,360,852	 620,067
 Excess of Revenues over Expenses	 -	 -	 -	 383,215	 383,215
 Fund Balance, July 1,	 3,090,575	 -	 3,090,575	 3,090,575	 -
 Fund Balance, June 30	 \$ 3,090,575	 \$ -	 \$ 3,090,575	 \$ 3,473,790	 \$ 383,215
 Student Activity/Athletic Funds				\$ 397,542	
Scholarship Awards				3,076,248	
				<u>\$ 3,473,790</u>	

NOTES TO THE REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION - PART II

**RIDGEWOOD BOARD OF EDUCATION
NOTES TO THE REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
BUDGET TO GAAP RECONCILIATION
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

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 accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, with the exception of the legally mandated revenue recognition of certain state aid payments for budgetary purposes only and the treatment of encumbrances in the special revenue fund as described below. Encumbrance accounting is also employed as an extension of formal budgetary integration of 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.

The following presents a reconciliation of the General and Special Revenue Funds from the budgetary basis of accounting as presented in the Budgetary Comparison Schedules - General Fund and Special Revenue Fund to the GAAP basis of accounting as presented in the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance - Governmental Funds.

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Special Revenue Fund</u>
Sources/inflows of resources		
Actual amounts (budgetary basis) "revenue"		
from the budgetary comparison schedules (Exhibits C-1 and C-2)	\$ 147,111,170	\$ 4,744,067
Difference - Budget to GAAP:		
Grant accounting budgetary basis differs from GAAP in that encumbrances are recognized as expenditures, and the related revenue is recognized.		
Encumbrances June 30, 2023		42,393
Encumbrances June 30, 2024		(290,419)
State Aid payments recognized for budgetary purposes not recognized for GAAP statements		
Prior Year	3,371,660	
Current Year	<u>(3,205,042)</u>	<u>-</u>
Total revenues as reported on the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances - Governmental Funds.	<u>\$ 147,277,788</u>	<u>\$ 4,496,041</u>
Uses/outflows of resources		
Actual amounts (budgetary basis) "total outflows" from the budgetary comparison schedule	\$ 143,663,997	\$ 4,360,852
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 reporting purposes.		
Encumbrances June 30, 2023		42,393
Encumbrances June 30, 2024	<u>-</u>	<u>(290,419)</u>
Total expenditures as reported on the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances - Governmental Funds	<u>\$ 143,663,997</u>	<u>\$ 4,112,826</u>

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION - PART III

PENSION INFORMATION
AND
POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS INFORMATION

**RIDGEWOOD BOARD OF EDUCATION
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
SCHEDULE OF THE DISTRICT'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE
OF THE NET PENSION LIABILITY**

**PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM
Last Ten Fiscal Years ***

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
District's Proportion of the Net Position Liability (Asset)	0.06767%	0.07035%	0.07235%	0.07005%	0.07088%	0.07200%	0.07514%	0.07918%	0.08106%	0.12008%
District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset)	<u>\$ 9,801,966</u>	<u>\$ 10,617,007</u>	<u>\$ 8,571,240</u>	<u>\$ 11,424,535</u>	<u>\$ 12,273,286</u>	<u>\$ 14,178,235</u>	<u>\$ 17,491,143</u>	<u>\$ 23,451,718</u>	<u>\$ 18,196,878</u>	<u>\$ 22,482,937</u>
District's Covered Payroll	<u>\$ 4,948,376</u>	<u>\$ 5,090,504</u>	<u>\$ 5,105,332</u>	<u>\$ 5,222,317</u>	<u>\$ 5,068,384</u>	<u>\$ 4,924,565</u>	<u>\$ 5,000,343</u>	<u>\$ 5,088,990</u>	<u>\$ 5,355,142</u>	<u>\$ 7,167,298</u>
District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset) as a Percentage of its Covered Payroll	198.08%	208.56%	167.89%	218.76%	242.15%	287.91%	349.80%	460.83%	339.80%	313.69%
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability	65.23%	62.91%	70.33%	58.32%	56.27%	53.60%	48.10%	40.14%	47.93%	52.08%

* The amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of the previous fiscal year end.

**RIDGEWOOD BOARD OF EDUCATION
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
SCHEDULE OF THE DISTRICT'S CONTRIBUTIONS**

PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM
Last Ten Fiscal Years

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Contractually Required Contribution	\$ 904,465	\$ 887,166	\$ 808,275	\$ 766,393	\$ 689,544	\$ 716,258	\$ 696,082	\$ 703,450	\$ 696,919	\$ 989,952
Contributions in Relation to the Contractually Required Contributions	<u>904,465</u>	<u>887,166</u>	<u>808,275</u>	<u>766,393</u>	<u>689,544</u>	<u>716,258</u>	<u>696,082</u>	<u>703,450</u>	<u>696,919</u>	<u>989,952</u>
Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
District's Covered Payroll	<u>\$ 5,333,442</u>	<u>\$ 4,948,376</u>	<u>\$ 5,090,504</u>	<u>\$ 5,105,332</u>	<u>\$ 5,222,317</u>	<u>\$ 5,068,384</u>	<u>\$ 4,924,565</u>	<u>\$ 5,000,343</u>	<u>\$ 5,088,990</u>	<u>\$ 5,355,142</u>
Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	16.96%	17.93%	15.88%	15.01%	13.20%	14.13%	14.13%	14.07%	13.69%	18.49%

**RIDGEWOOD BOARD OF EDUCATION
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
SCHEDULE OF THE DISTRICT'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE
OF THE NET PENSION LIABILITY**

**TEACHERS PENSION AND ANNUITY FUND
Last Ten Fiscal Years ***

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
District's Proportion of the Net Position Liability (Asset)										
District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
State's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset) Associated with the District	<u>225,950,940</u>	<u>230,854,641</u>	<u>215,187,353</u>	<u>293,815,005</u>	<u>271,531,940</u>	<u>272,952,994</u>	<u>300,609,650</u>	<u>346,457,855</u>	<u>280,128,643</u>	<u>231,014,249</u>
Total	<u>\$ 225,950,940</u>	<u>\$ 230,854,641</u>	<u>\$ 215,187,353</u>	<u>\$ 293,815,005</u>	<u>\$ 271,531,940</u>	<u>\$ 272,952,994</u>	<u>\$ 300,609,650</u>	<u>\$ 346,457,855</u>	<u>\$ 280,128,643</u>	<u>\$ 231,014,249</u>
District's Covered Payroll	<u>\$ 51,487,284</u>	<u>\$ 51,330,183</u>	<u>\$ 51,041,915</u>	<u>\$ 51,351,946</u>	<u>\$ 48,375,614</u>	<u>\$ 47,693,601</u>	<u>\$ 45,578,273</u>	<u>\$ 44,290,765</u>	<u>\$ 44,690,162</u>	<u>\$ 43,796,359</u>
District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset) as a Percentage of its Covered Payroll	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability	34.68%	32.29%	35.52%	24.60%	26.95%	26.49%	25.41%	22.33%	28.71%	33.64%

* The amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of the previous fiscal year end.

**RIDGEWOOD BOARD OF EDUCATION
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
SCHEDULE OF DISTRICT'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF NET PENSION LIABILITY
AND SCHEDULE OF DISTRICT CONTRIBUTIONS
NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

Change of Benefit Terms:	None.
Change of Assumptions:	Assumptions used in calculating the net pension liability and statutorily required employer contribution are presented in Note 4.

**RIDGEWOOD BOARD OF EDUCATION
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN THE DISTRICT'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF
TOTAL OPEB LIABILITY**

Postemployment Health Benefit Plan

Last Seven Fiscal Years*

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Total OPEB Liability							
Service Cost	\$ 6,765,777	\$ 8,731,119	\$ 9,935,784	\$ 5,599,218	\$ 5,381,730	\$ 6,008,296	\$ 7,186,978
Interest on Total OPEB Liability	5,957,542	4,347,779	5,072,484	4,893,585	5,966,519	6,302,473	5,465,675
Change of Benefits		-	(208,127)				
Differences Between Expected and Actual Experience	(3,475,138)	3,621,648	(36,660,677)	37,861,911	(24,055,695)	(12,281,458)	
Changes of Assumptions	340,953	(44,010,648)	192,914	40,382,347	2,028,777	(17,304,961)	(22,719,433)
Gross Benefit Payments	(4,644,001)	(4,306,604)	(3,995,696)	(3,848,690)	(4,176,865)	(4,032,316)	(4,113,092)
Contribution from the Member	152,671	138,158	129,679	116,654	123,814	139,363	151,454
Net Change in Total OPEB Liability	5,097,804	(31,478,548)	(25,533,639)	85,005,025	(14,731,720)	(21,168,603)	(14,028,418)
Total OPEB Liability - Beginning	164,060,303	195,538,851	221,072,490	136,067,465	150,799,185	171,967,788	185,996,206
Total OPEB Liability - Ending	<u>\$ 169,158,107</u>	<u>\$ 164,060,303</u>	<u>\$ 195,538,851</u>	<u>\$ 221,072,490</u>	<u>\$ 136,067,465</u>	<u>\$ 150,799,185</u>	<u>\$ 171,967,788</u>
 District's Proportionate Share of OPEB Liability	 \$ -	 \$ -	 \$ -	 \$ -	 \$ -	 \$ -	 \$ -
State's Proportionate Share of OPEB Liability	169,158,107	164,060,303	195,538,851	221,072,490	136,067,465	150,799,185	171,967,788
Total OPEB Liability - Ending	<u>\$ 169,158,107</u>	<u>\$ 164,060,303</u>	<u>\$ 195,538,851</u>	<u>\$ 221,072,490</u>	<u>\$ 136,067,465</u>	<u>\$ 150,799,185</u>	<u>\$ 171,967,788</u>
 District's Covered Payroll	 <u>\$ 56,435,660</u>	 <u>\$ 56,420,687</u>	 <u>\$ 56,147,247</u>	 <u>\$ 56,574,263</u>	 <u>\$ 53,443,998</u>	 <u>\$ 52,618,166</u>	 <u>\$ 50,578,616</u>
 District's Proportionate Share of the Total OPEB Liability as a Percentage of its Covered-Employee Payroll	 0%	 0%	 0%	 0%	 0%	 0%	 0%

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

*The amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of the previous fiscal year end.

This schedule is presented to illustrate the requirement to show information for 10 years in accordance with GASB Statement No. 75. However, until a full 10-year trend is compiled, the District will only present information for those years for which information is available.

**RIDGEWOOD BOARD OF EDUCATION
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN THE DISTRICT'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE OPEB LIABILITY
AND SCHEDULE OF DISTRICT PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE OPEB LIABILITY
NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

Changes in Benefit Terms:

None.

Changes of Assumptions

Assumptions used in calculating the OPEB liability
are presented in Note 4.

SCHOOL LEVEL SCHEDULES

NOT APPLICABLE

SPECIAL REVENUE FUND

**RIDGEWOOD BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL REVENUE FUND
COMBINING SCHEDULE OF PROGRAM REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES
BUDGETARY BASIS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

	<u>I.D.E.A.</u>		<u>ARP - I.D.E.A.</u>	<u>Student</u>			<u>Subtotal</u>	<u>Subtotal</u>	
	<u>Part B</u>	<u>Preschool</u>	<u>Part B</u>	<u>Activities and</u>	<u>Scholarships</u>	<u>Other Grants</u>	<u>Page 2</u>	<u>Page 3</u>	<u>Total</u>
	<u>Basic</u>		<u>Basic</u>	<u>Athletics</u>					
REVENUES									
Local				\$ 1,501,382	\$ 384,180	\$ 172,481			\$ 2,058,043
State								\$ 394,969	394,969
Federal	\$ 1,166,072	\$ 44,477	\$ 68,576	-	-	-	\$ 334,205	677,725	2,291,055
Total Revenues	1,166,072	44,477	68,576	1,501,382	384,180	172,481	334,205	1,072,694	4,744,067
EXPENDITURES									
Instruction									
Salaries of Teachers						12,690	60,754	22,873	96,317
Purchased Technical Services							-	149,396	149,396
Other Purchased Services							9,500	1,790	11,290
Tuition	1,166,072	44,477					49,975	128,880	1,389,404
Supplies and Materials			8,719			27,054	46,899	7,480	90,152
Student Co-Curricular and Athletics				1,420,596			-	-	1,420,596
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	-	-	92,110	-	-	92,110
Total Instruction	1,166,072	44,477	8,719	1,420,596	-	131,854	167,128	310,419	3,249,265
Support Services									
Salaries of Other Professional Staff							50,644	47,438	98,082
Personnel Services - Employee Benefits							4,675	27,733	32,408
Purchased Technical Services							6,000		6,000
Purchased Prof./Educational Services			59,857				42,738	276,346	378,941
Other Purchased Professional Services						560	-	-	560
Other Purchased Services						707	3,663	-	4,370
Transportation						37,208	-	-	37,208
Travel						1,781	55,225	1,575	58,581
General Supplies							4,132	-	4,132
Scholarships Awarded/Net Loss on Inv.	-	-	-	-	81,751	-	-	-	81,751
Total Support Services	-	-	59,857	-	81,751	40,256	167,077	353,092	702,033
Facilities Acquisition and Construction Services									
Construction Services									-
Instructional Equipment						371	-	24,892	25,263
Non-Instructional Equipment	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	384,291	384,291
Total Facilities Acquisition and Construction Services	-	-	-	-	-	371	-	409,183	409,554
Total Expenditures	1,166,072	44,477	68,576	1,420,596	81,751	172,481	334,205	1,072,694	4,360,852
Excess of Revenues over Expenses	-	-	-	80,786	302,429	-	-	-	383,215
Fund Balance, July 1	-	-	-	316,756	2,773,819	-	-	-	3,090,575
Fund Balance, June 30	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 397,542	\$ 3,076,248	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,473,790

**RIDGEWOOD BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL REVENUE FUND
COMBINING SCHEDULE OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES
BUDGETARY BASIS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

	<u>CRRSA ESSER II</u>	<u>CRRSA Lea. Accel.</u>	<u>CRRSA Ment. Health</u>	<u>ARP ESSER III</u>	<u>ARP Lea. Accel.</u>	<u>ARP Summer Learning</u>	<u>ARP Ment. Health</u>	<u>Page 2 Total</u>
REVENUES								
Federal	\$ 2,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 2,212	\$ 124,288	\$ 144,542	\$ 40,000	\$ 19,163	\$ 334,205
Total Revenues	<u>2,500</u>	<u>1,500</u>	<u>2,212</u>	<u>124,288</u>	<u>144,542</u>	<u>40,000</u>	<u>19,163</u>	<u>334,205</u>
EXPENDITURES								
Instruction								
Salaries of Teachers				60,754				60,754
Other Purchased Services							9,500	9,500
Tuition				9,975		40,000		49,975
Supplies and Materials	-	-	-	46,899	-	-	-	46,899
Total Instruction	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>117,628</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>40,000</u>	<u>9,500</u>	<u>167,128</u>
Support Services								
Salaries of Other Professional Staff				353	50,291			50,644
Personnel Services - Employee Benefits				4,675				4,675
Purchased Technical Services							6,000	6,000
Purchased Prof./Educational Services		1,500	2,212		39,026			42,738
Other Purchased Services							3,663	3,663
Travel					55,225			55,225
General Supplies	2,500	-	-	1,632	-	-	-	4,132
Total Support Services	<u>2,500</u>	<u>1,500</u>	<u>2,212</u>	<u>6,660</u>	<u>144,542</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,663</u>	<u>167,077</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>2,500</u>	<u>1,500</u>	<u>2,212</u>	<u>124,288</u>	<u>144,542</u>	<u>40,000</u>	<u>19,163</u>	<u>334,205</u>
Excess of Revenues over Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fund Balance, July 1,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fund Balance, June 30	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

**RIDGEWOOD BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL REVENUE FUND
COMBINING SCHEDULE OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES
BUDGETARY BASIS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

	<u>Nonpublic</u>		<u>SDA</u>			<u>COVID ARP</u>					<u>Page 3</u>
	<u>Supplemental</u>	<u>Examination</u>	<u>Emerg Needs</u>	<u>Title I</u>	<u>Title II A</u>	<u>Compensatory Spec Ed</u>	<u>Homeless</u>	<u>Title III</u>	<u>High Impact</u>		<u>Total</u>
	<u>Instruction</u>	<u>Classification</u>	<u>Capital Maint</u>			<u>and Related Services</u>	<u>ARP</u>		<u>Tutoring</u>		
REVENUES											
State	\$ 2,148	\$ 8,530	\$ 384,291								\$ 394,969
Federal	-	-	-	\$ 196,007	\$ 73,421	\$ 249,593	\$ 1,790	\$ 20,518	\$ 136,396		677,725
Total Revenues	2,148	8,530	384,291	196,007	73,421	249,593	1,790	20,518	136,396		1,072,694
EXPENDITURES											
Instruction											
Salaries of Teachers				22,873							22,873
Purchased Services				13,000					136,396		149,396
Other Purchased Services							1,790				1,790
Tuition				128,880							128,880
Supplies and Materials	-	-	-	3,362	-	-	-	4,118	-		7,480
Total Instruction	-	-	-	168,115	-	-	1,790	4,118	136,396		310,419
Support Services											
Salaries of Other Professional Staff					47,438						47,438
Personnel Services - Employee Benefits				1,750	25,983						27,733
Purchased Prof./Educational Services	2,148	8,530		1,250		249,593		14,825			276,346
Travel	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,575	-		1,575
Total Support Services	2,148	8,530	-	3,000	73,421	249,593	-	16,400	-		353,092
Facilities Acquisition and Construction Services											
Instructional Equipment				24,892							24,892
Non-Instructional Equipment	-	-	384,291	-	-	-	-	-	-		384,291
Total Facilities Acquisition and Construction Services	-	-	384,291	24,892	-	-	-	-	-		409,183
Total Expenditures	2,148	8,530	384,291	196,007	73,421	249,593	1,790	20,518	136,396		1,072,694
Excess of Revenues over Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-
Fund Balance, July 1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-
Fund Balance, June 30	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -

RIDGEWOOD BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL REVENUE FUND
SCHEDULE OF PRESCHOOL EDUCATION AID
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES
BUDGETARY BASIS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

NOT APPLICABLE

SPECIAL REVENUE FUND
SCHEDULE OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	<u>Balance,</u> <u>July 1, 2023</u>	<u>Cash</u> <u>Receipts</u>	<u>Cash</u> <u>Disbursements</u>	<u>Balance,</u> <u>June 30, 2024</u>
ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS				
Hawes	\$ 2,160	\$ 19,552	\$ 21,388	\$ 324
Orchard	2,681	15,803	18,295	189
Ridge	3,491	40,516	40,355	3,652
Somerville	15,740	50,919	49,114	17,545
Travel	2,046	7,581	6,936	2,691
Willard	19,741	68,000	63,479	24,262
	<u>45,859</u>	<u>202,371</u>	<u>199,567</u>	<u>48,663</u>
Total Elementary Schools	<u>45,859</u>	<u>202,371</u>	<u>199,567</u>	<u>48,663</u>
MIDDLE SCHOOLS				
Benjamin Franklin	40,671	118,372	101,168	57,875
George Washington	49,973	86,533	104,229	32,277
	<u>90,644</u>	<u>204,905</u>	<u>205,397</u>	<u>90,152</u>
Total Junior High School	<u>90,644</u>	<u>204,905</u>	<u>205,397</u>	<u>90,152</u>
HIGH SCHOOL				
Ridgewood High School	178,570	950,101	869,950	258,721
Athletic Accounts	1,683	144,005	145,682	6
	<u>180,253</u>	<u>1,094,106</u>	<u>1,015,632</u>	<u>258,727</u>
Total Senior High School	<u>180,253</u>	<u>1,094,106</u>	<u>1,015,632</u>	<u>258,727</u>
Total All Schools	<u>\$ 316,756</u>	<u>\$ 1,501,382</u>	<u>\$ 1,420,596</u>	<u>\$ 397,542</u>

CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND

**RIDGEWOOD BOARD OF EDUCATION
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND
SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PROJECT EXPENDITURES
FROM INCEPTION THROUGH THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

<u>Issue Project Title</u>	<u>Modified Appropriation</u>	<u>Expenditures to Date</u>		<u>Balance, June 30, 2024</u>
		<u>Prior Years</u>	<u>Current Year</u>	
<u>Capital Leases</u>				
2021-2022 Capital Lease - Computer Equipment	\$ 940,012	\$ 940,012		
2022-2023 Capital Lease - Computer Equipment	940,311	931,350		\$ 8,961
2023-2024 Capital Lease - Computer Equipment	<u>941,261</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>\$ 635,363</u>	<u>305,898</u>
	<u>\$ 2,821,584</u>	<u>\$ 1,871,362</u>	<u>\$ 635,363</u>	<u>\$ 314,859</u>
<u>Reconciliation to GAAP</u>				
Project Balances, June 30, 2024 - Budgetary				<u>\$ 314,859</u>
Fund Balance, June 30, 2024 - GAAP				<u>\$ 314,859</u>
<u>Recapitulation of Fund Balance</u>				
Restricted for Capital Projects				
Reserve for Encumbrances				\$ -
Capital Lease Reserve				<u>314,859</u>
Total Fund Balance - Restricted for Capital Projects				<u>\$ 314,859</u>

**RIDGEWOOD BOARD OF EDUCATION
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND
SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN
FUND BALANCE - BUDGETARY BASIS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

Revenues and Other Financing Sources

Capital Lease Proceeds	\$ 940,000
Interest	<u>1,265</u>
Total Revenues and Other Financing Sources	<u>941,265</u>

Expenditures and Other Financing Uses

Professional Services	60,815
Supplies and Materials	314,586
Equipment	<u>259,962</u>
Total Expenditures and Other Financing Uses	<u>635,363</u>

Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Financing Uses	305,902
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Fund Balance, Beginning of Year	<u>8,957</u>
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Fund Balance - End of Year	<u><u>\$ 314,859</u></u>
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Reconciliation to GAAP Basis

Fund Balance, June 30, 2024 - Budgetary Basis	<u>\$ 314,859</u>
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Fund Balance, June 30, 2024 - GAAP Basis	<u><u>\$ 314,859</u></u>
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RIDGEWOOD BOARD OF EDUCATION
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND
SCHEDULE OF PROJECT REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, PROJECT BALANCES AND PROJECT STATUS -
BUDGETARY BASIS
2021-2022 CAPITAL LEASE - COMPUTER EQUIPMENT
FROM INCEPTION THROUGH THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	<u>Prior Periods</u>	<u>Current Year</u>	<u>Totals</u>	<u>Revised Authorized Cost</u>
REVENUES AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES				
Capital Lease Proceeds	\$ 940,000		\$ 940,000	\$ 940,000
Interest	159		159	159
Transfer	-	\$ (147)	(147)	(147)
Total Revenues	940,159	(147)	940,012	940,012
EXPENDITURES AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES				
Professional Services	30,505		30,505	30,505
Supplies and Materials	909,507		909,507	909,507
Equipment	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditures and other Financing Sources	940,012	-	940,012	940,012
Excess of Revenues over Expenditures	\$ 147	\$ (147)	\$ -	\$ -

Additional Project Information:

NJ DOE Project Number	N/A
SDA Project Number	N/A
Grant Number	N/A
Grant Notification Date	N/A
Grant Amount	N/A
Bond Authorization Date	N/A
Bonds Authorized	N/A
Bonds Issued	N/A
Original Authorized Cost	\$ 940,000
Additional Authorized Cost	\$ 12
Revised Authorized Cost	\$ 940,012

Percentage Increase (Decrease) over Original Authorized

Cost	0.00%
Percentage Completion	100.00%
Original Target Completion Date	06/30/2022
Revised Target Completion Date	06/30/2022

RIDGEWOOD BOARD OF EDUCATION
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND
SCHEDULE OF PROJECT REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, PROJECT BALANCES AND PROJECT STATUS -
BUDGETARY BASIS
2022-2023 CAPITAL LEASE - COMPUTER EQUIPMENT
FROM INCEPTION THROUGH THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	<u>Prior Periods</u>	<u>Current Year</u>	<u>Totals</u>	<u>Revised Authorized Cost</u>
REVENUES AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES				
Capital Lease Proceeds	\$ 940,000		\$ 940,000	\$ 940,000
Interest	160	\$ 4	164	164
Transfer	-	147	147	147
Total Revenues	940,160	151	940,311	940,311
EXPENDITURES AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES				
Professional Services	79,048		79,048	79,048
Supplies and Materials	846,208		846,208	855,018
Equipment	6,094	-	6,094	6,245
Total Expenditures and other Financing Sources	931,350	-	931,350	940,311
Excess of Revenues over Expenditures	\$ 8,810	\$ 151	\$ 8,961	\$ -

Additional Project Information:

NJ DOE Project Number	N/A
SDA Project Number	N/A
Grant Number	N/A
Grant Notification Date	N/A
Grant Amount	N/A
Bond Authorization Date	N/A
Bonds Authorized	N/A
Bonds Issued	N/A
Original Authorized Cost	\$ 940,000
Additional Authorized Cost	\$ 311
Revised Authorized Cost	\$ 940,311

Percentage Increase (Decrease) over Original Authorized

Cost	0.03%
Percentage Completion	99.05%
Original Target Completion Date	06/30/2023
Revised Target Completion Date	06/30/2025

**RIDGEWOOD BOARD OF EDUCATION
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND
SCHEDULE OF PROJECT REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, PROJECT BALANCES AND PROJECT STATUS -
BUDGETARY BASIS
2023-2024 CAPITAL LEASE - COMPUTER EQUIPMENT
FROM INCEPTION THROUGH THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

	<u>Prior Periods</u>	<u>Current Year</u>	<u>Totals</u>	<u>Revised Authorized Cost</u>
REVENUES AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES				
Capital Lease Proceeds	\$ -	\$ 940,000	\$ 940,000	\$ 940,000
Interest	-	1,261	1,261	1,261
Total Revenues	-	941,261	941,261	941,261
EXPENDITURES AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES				
Professional Services	-	60,815	60,815	61,261
Supplies and Materials	-	314,586	314,586	436,500
Equipment	-	259,962	259,962	443,500
Total Expenditures and other Financing Sources	-	635,363	635,363	941,261
Excess of Revenues over Expenditures	\$ -	\$ 305,898	\$ 305,898	\$ -
Additional Project Information:				
NJ DOE Project Number	N/A			
SDA Project Number	N/A			
Grant Number	N/A			
Grant Notification Date	N/A			
Grant Amount	N/A			
Bond Authorization Date	N/A			
Bonds Authorized	N/A			
Bonds Issued	N/A			
Original Authorized Cost	\$	940,000		
Additional Authorized Cost	\$	1,261		
Revised Authorized Cost	\$	941,261		
Percentage Increase (Decrease) over Original Authorized				
Cost	0.13%			
Percentage Completion	67.50%			
Original Target Completion Date	06/30/2024			
Revised Target Completion Date	06/30/2025			

PROPRIETARY FUND

NOT APPLICABLE

FIDUCIARY FUNDS

NOT APPLICABLE

LONG-TERM DEBT

RIDGEWOOD BOARD OF EDUCATION
LONG-TERM DEBT
SCHEDULE OF SERIAL BONDS PAYABLE
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

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<u>Issue</u>	<u>Date of Issue</u>	<u>Amount of Issue</u>	<u>Annual Maturities Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Balance July 1, 2023</u>	<u>Retired</u>	<u>Balance June 30, 2024</u>
Additions and Renovations to Various Schools (Refunded 2003 Bonds Maturing 2/15/2016 to 2/15/2028)	June 1, 2011	\$ 3,475,000	2/15/25-2/15/27 2/15/28	\$ 235,000 230,000	4.00% 4.00%	\$ 1,170,000	\$ 235,000	\$ 935,000
School Refunding Bonds	November 1, 2016	32,860,000	3/15/25 3/15/26 3/15/27 3/15/28 3/15/29 3/15/30 3/15/31 3/15/32 3/15/33 3/15/34 3/15/35	1,860,000 1,975,000 2,050,000 2,175,000 2,275,000 2,370,000 2,465,000 2,610,000 2,755,000 2,745,000 2,735,000	4.00% 4.00% 4.00% 4.00% 4.00% 4.00% 4.00% 4.00% 4.00% 4.00% 3.00%	27,795,000	1,780,000	26,015,000

RIDGEWOOD BOARD OF EDUCATION
LONG-TERM DEBT
SCHEDULE OF SERIAL BONDS PAYABLE
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

<u>Issue</u>	<u>Date of Issue</u>	<u>Amount of Issue</u>	<u>Annual Maturities</u>		<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Balance July 1, 2023</u>	<u>Retired</u>	<u>Balance June 30, 2024</u>
Energy Savings Improvement Bonds	November 1, 2016	\$ 6,660,000	11/15/24	\$ 225,000	3.00%			
			11/15/25	240,000	3.00%			
			11/15/26	255,000	3.00%			
			11/15/27	270,000	3.00%			
			11/15/28	290,000	4.00%			
			11/15/29	310,000	4.00%			
			11/15/30	330,000	3.00%			
			11/15/31	355,000	4.00%			
			11/15/32	380,000	4.00%			
			11/15/33	405,000	4.00%			
			11/15/34	430,000	4.00%			
			11/15/35	460,000	4.00%	\$ 4,160,000	\$ 210,000	\$ 3,950,000
						\$ 33,125,000	\$ 2,225,000	\$ 30,900,000
Paid by General Fund						\$ 210,000		
Paid by Debt Service Fund						<u>2,015,000</u>		
						\$ 2,225,000		

**RIDGEWOOD BOARD OF EDUCATION
LONG-TERM DEBT
CAPITAL LEASES AND LEASE PURCHASE AGREEMENTS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Interest Rate Payable</u>	<u>Amount of Original Issue</u>	<u>Balance, July 1, 2023</u>	<u>Issued Current Year</u>	<u>Retired Current Year</u>	<u>Balance, June 30, 2024</u>
<u>Capital Financing Agreements</u>						
Technology Equipment - 2019-2020	2.0619%	\$ 940,000	\$ 193,016		\$ 193,016	
Technology Equipment - 2020-2021	1.0190%	940,000	379,862		188,657	\$ 191,205
Technology Equipment - 2021-2022	1.0190%	940,000	564,481		186,256	378,225
Technology Equipment - 2022-2023	3.2300%	940,000	745,969		177,696	568,273
Technology Equipment - 2023-2024	4.3200%	940,000	-	\$ 940,000	195,311	744,689
48 Konica Digital Copier	4.2270%	541,878	<u>203,830</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>115,037</u>	<u>88,793</u>
Total Capital Financing Agreements			2,087,158	940,000	1,055,973	1,971,185
<u>Lease Payable</u>						
30-38 Oak Street Lease	2.5000%	202,128	<u>133,317</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>40,054</u>	<u>93,263</u>
			<u>\$ 2,220,475</u>	<u>\$ 940,000</u>	<u>\$ 1,096,027</u>	<u>\$ 2,064,448</u>

RIDGEWOOD BOARD OF EDUCATION
LONG-TERM DEBT
DEBT SERVICE FUND BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	<u>Original Budget</u>	<u>Adjustments/ Budget Transfers</u>	<u>Final Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance Final Budget to Actual</u>
REVENUES					
Local Sources					
Local Taxes	\$ 2,555,769		\$ 2,555,769	\$ 2,555,769	
State Sources					
State Aid Type II	<u>135,331</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>135,331</u>	<u>135,331</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Revenues	<u>2,691,100</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,691,100</u>	<u>2,691,100</u>	<u>-</u>
EXPENDITURES					
Regular Debt Service					
Principal on Bonds	2,015,000	-	2,015,000	2,015,000	
Interest on Bonds	<u>1,131,250</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,131,250</u>	<u>1,131,250</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>3,146,250</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,146,250</u>	<u>3,146,250</u>	<u>-</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(455,150)	-	(455,150)	(455,150)	-
Fund Balance, Beginning of Year	<u>914,300</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>914,300</u>	<u>914,300</u>	<u>-</u>
Fund Balance, End of Year	<u>\$ 459,150</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 459,150</u>	<u>\$ 459,150</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
<u>Analysis of Balance</u>					
Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures				<u>\$ 459,150</u>	

STATISTICAL SECTION

This part of the Ridgewood Board of Education's annual comprehensive financial report presents detailed information as a context for understanding what the information in the financial statements, note disclosures, and required supplementary information says about the government's overall financial health.

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Sources: Unless otherwise noted, the information in these schedules is derived from the annual comprehensive financial reports for the relevant year.

RIDGEWOOD BOARD OF EDUCATION
NET POSITION BY COMPONENT
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS
(Unaudited)
(accrual basis of accounting)

	Fiscal Year Ended June 30,									
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019 (Restated)	2020 (Restated)	2021 (Restated)	2022	2023	2024
Governmental Activities										
Net Investment in Capital Assets	\$ 47,460,901	\$ 50,296,485	\$ 48,026,214	\$ 52,024,622	\$ 53,460,402	\$ 54,281,797	\$ 54,875,869	\$ 55,088,671	\$ 54,786,232	\$ 55,419,102
Restricted	4,818,989	2,446,640	6,721,461	3,154,358	3,367,381	7,448,522	8,869,817	12,719,771	22,384,072	24,588,618
Unrestricted (Deficit)	(21,862,874)	(18,159,172)	(18,984,086)	(19,296,734)	(17,463,586)	(16,121,838)	(12,268,824)	(5,587,234)	(7,657,813)	(5,474,605)
Total Governmental Activities Net Position	\$ 30,417,016	\$ 34,583,953	\$ 35,763,589	\$ 35,882,246	\$ 39,364,197	\$ 45,608,481	\$ 51,476,862	\$ 62,221,208	\$ 69,512,491	\$ 74,533,115
Business-Type Activities										
Net Investment in Capital Assets	\$ 165,869	\$ 157,906	\$ 161,011	\$ 168,572	\$ 155,576	\$ 165,766	\$ 127,413	\$ 167,922	\$ 304,616	\$ 329,079
Unrestricted (Deficit)	(127,338)	(52,385)	(75,778)	169,197	140,996	208,728	(250,328)	432,130	957,674	1,191,117
Total Business-Type Activities Net Position	\$ 38,531	\$ 105,521	\$ 85,233	\$ 337,769	\$ 296,572	\$ 374,494	\$ (122,915)	\$ 600,052	\$ 1,262,290	\$ 1,520,196
District-Wide										
Net Investment in Capital Assets	\$ 47,626,770	\$ 50,454,391	\$ 48,187,225	\$ 52,193,194	\$ 53,615,978	\$ 54,447,563	\$ 55,003,282	\$ 55,256,593	\$ 55,090,848	\$ 55,748,181
Restricted	4,818,989	2,446,640	6,721,461	3,154,358	3,367,381	7,448,522	8,869,817	12,719,771	22,384,072	24,588,618
Unrestricted (Deficit)	(21,990,212)	(18,211,557)	(19,059,864)	(19,127,537)	(17,322,590)	(15,913,110)	(12,519,152)	(5,155,104)	(6,700,139)	(4,283,488)
Total District Net Position	\$ 30,455,547	\$ 34,689,474	\$ 35,848,822	\$ 36,220,015	\$ 39,660,769	\$ 45,982,975	\$ 51,353,947	\$ 62,821,260	\$ 70,774,781	\$ 76,053,311

Note 1 - Net position at June 30, 2019 is restated to reflect the reclassification of expenditures/expenses between the Governmental and Business Type Activities.

Note 2 - Net Position at June 30, 2020 is restated to reflect the implementation of GASB Statement No. 84, "Fiduciary Activities"

Note 3 - Net Position at June 30, 2021 is restated to reflect the implementation of GASB Statement No. 87, "Leases"

RIDGEWOOD BOARD OF EDUCATION
CHANGES IN NET POSITION
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS
(Unaudited)
(accrual basis of accounting)

	Fiscal Year Ended June 30,									
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
	(Restated)									
Expenses										
Governmental Activities										
Instruction										
Regular	\$ 49,809,263	\$ 52,476,438	\$ 59,694,002	\$ 60,234,080	\$ 55,317,248	\$ 54,161,384	\$ 60,024,888	\$ 51,831,793	\$ 52,030,247	\$ 52,680,092
Special Education	12,214,247	20,423,801	22,405,915	22,237,366	21,481,554	21,180,542	22,136,941	19,721,497	20,855,122	23,033,474
Other Special Instruction	2,259,204									
Other Instruction	3,249,504	4,078,298	4,593,792	5,307,856	4,931,423	4,262,453	4,057,750	4,196,910	3,943,612	4,185,023
School Sponsored Activities and Athletics		1,560,774	1,761,876	1,718,793	1,672,880	2,033,520	2,468,142	2,497,556	2,987,978	3,351,646
Support Services:										
Tuition	6,896,926									
Student and Instruction Related Services	20,121,714	19,624,092	21,377,496	21,458,596	20,863,948	21,296,956	22,926,003	21,786,137	21,249,378	21,406,658
School Administrative Services	5,956,806	5,921,747	6,433,802	6,405,997	6,103,999	5,932,010	6,340,651	5,483,087	5,373,785	5,828,547
General Administration Services	992,004	1,105,974	1,431,937	1,361,502	1,188,610	1,260,916	1,404,133	1,214,503	1,449,876	1,504,200
Central Services	1,802,578	1,500,900	1,678,752	1,539,412	1,634,597	1,707,813	1,771,767	1,571,218	1,779,914	1,877,465
Administration Information Technology	1,148,311	1,148,506	1,444,498	1,147,762	1,069,133	1,166,129	1,184,993	1,488,798	1,273,465	1,205,023
Plant Operations And Maintenance	9,002,078	8,907,317	9,519,429	12,395,800	12,613,773	12,552,287	13,051,420	13,464,667	14,159,590	14,158,823
Pupil Transportation	3,214,020	3,420,974	3,390,261	3,707,638	3,455,619	3,150,196	2,898,396	3,458,189	4,798,481	4,995,844
Special Schools	763,467									
Interest On Long-Term Debt	1,786,823	1,811,652	1,561,651	1,400,202	1,544,586	1,503,626	1,451,652	1,390,339	1,333,672	1,264,187
Unallocated Depreciation								-	-	-
Total Governmental Activities Expenses	119,216,945	121,980,473	135,293,411	138,915,004	131,877,370	130,207,832	139,716,736	128,104,694	131,235,120	135,490,982
Business-Type Activities:										
Food Service	1,491,101	1,643,143	1,845,060	1,969,904	2,073,207	1,872,969	356,127	2,470,754	3,029,748	3,160,524
Infant/Toddler Development Program	952,967	1,005,800	1,054,794	933,221	1,315,770	1,191,263	977,939	1,032,357	1,129,795	1,244,958
Technology Initiative		58,239	85,159	89,063	67,522	177,570	88,505	58,131	14,957	78,235
Inclusive Preschool			14,140	30,834	-	-	-	-	-	399
Total Business-Type Activities Expense	2,444,068	2,707,182	2,999,153	3,023,022	3,456,499	3,241,802	1,422,571	3,561,242	4,174,500	4,484,116
Total District Expenses	\$ 121,661,013	\$ 124,687,655	\$ 138,292,564	\$ 141,938,026	\$ 135,333,869	\$ 133,449,634	\$ 141,139,307	\$ 131,665,936	\$ 135,409,620	\$ 139,975,098
Program Revenues										
Governmental Activities:										
Charges for Services	\$ 689,432	\$ 390,244	\$ 1,541,938	\$ 1,570,131	\$ 2,736,701	\$ 2,743,299	\$ 1,121,858	\$ 2,152,436	\$ 2,884,244	\$ 4,118,763
Operating Grants and Contributions	1,999,970	28,730,584	39,130,298	40,845,805	33,160,633	30,227,961	42,155,692	30,863,417	27,930,954	26,129,632
Capital Grants And Contributions	1,815,883	10,828	-	11,027	64,121	77,300	-	885,378	281,325	320,482
Total Governmental Activities Program Revenues	4,505,285	29,131,656	40,672,236	42,426,963	35,961,455	33,048,560	43,277,550	33,901,231	31,096,523	30,568,877
Business-Type Activities:										
Charges For Services										
Food Service	1,537,697	1,678,546	1,883,039	2,013,836	2,150,930	1,915,025	16,573	2,733,621	3,214,497	3,074,100
Infant/Toddler Development Program	939,697	1,012,840	989,001	1,090,435	1,181,341	806,137	813,726	1,454,886	1,527,234	1,550,717
Technology Initiative		96,600	97,890	94,927	98,625	95,950	94,150	94,535	89,465	95,199
Inclusive Preschool			8,700	55,000		1,620		795	1,005	645
Operating Grants And Contributions										
Total Business Type Activities Program Revenues	2,477,394	2,787,986	2,978,630	3,254,198	3,430,896	2,818,732	924,449	4,283,837	4,832,201	4,720,661
Total District Program Revenues	\$ 6,982,679	\$ 31,919,642	\$ 43,650,866	\$ 45,681,161	\$ 39,392,351	\$ 35,867,292	\$ 44,201,999	\$ 38,185,068	\$ 35,928,724	\$ 35,289,538

RIDGEWOOD BOARD OF EDUCATION
CHANGES IN NET POSITION
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS
(Unaudited)
(accrual basis of accounting)

	Fiscal Year Ended June 30,									
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
					(Restated)					
Net (Expense)/Revenue										
Governmental Activities	\$ (114,711,660)	\$ (92,848,817)	\$ (94,621,175)	\$ (96,488,041)	\$ (95,915,915)	\$ (97,159,272)	\$ (96,439,186)	\$ (94,203,463)	\$ (100,138,597)	\$ (104,922,105)
Business-Type Activities	33,326	80,804	(20,523)	231,176	(25,603)	(423,070)	(498,122)	722,595	657,701	236,545
Total District-Wide Net Expense	<u>\$ (114,678,334)</u>	<u>\$ (92,768,013)</u>	<u>\$ (94,641,698)</u>	<u>\$ (96,256,865)</u>	<u>\$ (95,941,518)</u>	<u>\$ (97,582,342)</u>	<u>\$ (96,937,308)</u>	<u>\$ (93,480,868)</u>	<u>\$ (99,480,896)</u>	<u>\$ (104,685,560)</u>
General Revenues And Other Changes In Net Position										
Governmental Activities:										
Property Taxes Levied for:										
General Purposes	\$ 86,223,037	\$ 87,947,497	\$ 90,636,248	\$ 91,519,173	\$ 94,279,356	\$ 96,014,943	\$ 97,305,242	\$ 99,241,616	\$ 101,198,061	\$ 103,222,022
Debt Service	3,214,082	3,313,073	3,323,724	3,265,783	3,164,901	2,869,732	3,017,677	3,459,251	3,441,293	2,555,769
State Aid Restricted				417,813	409,204	134,178	135,122	79,354	82,006	86,672
Unrestricted Grants And Contributions	23,699,314	436,954	440,918	55,859	4,556			-	-	-
Investment Earnings	13,391	32,868	18,164	27,426	126,118	165,977	67,503	1,567	16,114	140,533
Miscellaneous	1,282,353	1,820,195	1,381,757	1,341,503	741,427	629,114	1,541,118	2,166,021	2,692,406	3,937,733
Transfers					18,726	(497,672)		-	-	-
Special Items				(20,859)	653,578	896,029	1,010,943	-	-	-
Total Governmental Activities	<u>114,432,177</u>	<u>93,550,587</u>	<u>95,800,811</u>	<u>96,606,698</u>	<u>99,397,866</u>	<u>100,212,301</u>	<u>103,077,605</u>	<u>104,947,809</u>	<u>107,429,880</u>	<u>109,942,729</u>
Business-Type Activities:										
Investment Earnings	117	254	235	501	3,132	3,320	713	372	4,537	21,361
Transfers In/(Out)				20,859	(18,726)	497,672	-	-	-	-
Total Business-Type Activities	<u>117</u>	<u>254</u>	<u>235</u>	<u>21,360</u>	<u>(15,594)</u>	<u>500,992</u>	<u>713</u>	<u>372</u>	<u>4,537</u>	<u>21,361</u>
Total District-Wide	<u>\$ 114,432,294</u>	<u>\$ 93,550,841</u>	<u>\$ 95,801,046</u>	<u>\$ 96,628,058</u>	<u>\$ 99,382,272</u>	<u>\$ 100,713,293</u>	<u>\$ 103,078,318</u>	<u>\$ 104,948,181</u>	<u>\$ 107,434,417</u>	<u>\$ 109,964,090</u>
Change In Net Position										
Governmental Activities	\$ (279,483)	\$ 701,770	\$ 1,179,636	\$ 118,657	\$ 3,481,951	\$ 3,053,029	\$ 6,638,419	\$ 10,744,346	\$ 7,291,283	\$ 5,020,624
Business-Type Activities	33,443	81,058	(20,288)	252,536	(41,197)	77,922	(497,409)	722,967	662,238	257,906
Total District	<u>\$ (246,040)</u>	<u>\$ 782,828</u>	<u>\$ 1,159,348</u>	<u>\$ 371,193</u>	<u>\$ 3,440,754</u>	<u>\$ 3,130,951</u>	<u>\$ 6,141,010</u>	<u>\$ 11,467,313</u>	<u>\$ 7,953,521</u>	<u>\$ 5,278,530</u>

Note 1 - The Changes in Net Position for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019 is restated to reflect the reclassification of expenditures/expenses between the Governmental and Business-Type Activities.

RIDGEWOOD BOARD OF EDUCATION
FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS
(Unaudited)
(modified accrual basis of accounting)

	Fiscal Year Ended June 30,									
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
					(Restated)	(Restated)				
General Fund										
Restricted	\$ 4,818,989	\$ 4,390,327	\$ 4,637,415	\$ 4,466,451	\$ 5,244,057	\$ 6,294,744	\$ 7,580,797	\$ 13,868,267	\$ 24,715,960	\$ 26,972,350
Committed		936,100	208,900	290,930	137,166	118,451				
Assigned	57,326	1,532,412	1,349,639	298,823	439,418	867,924	1,045,747	2,924,057	372,062	1,463,674
Unassigned	1,757,257	359,127	459,218	472,835	437,229	207,260	2,236,960	2,184,312	(1,149,158)	(883,369)
Total General Fund	<u>\$ 6,633,572</u>	<u>\$ 7,217,966</u>	<u>\$ 6,655,172</u>	<u>\$ 5,529,039</u>	<u>\$ 6,257,870</u>	<u>\$ 7,488,379</u>	<u>\$ 10,863,504</u>	<u>\$ 18,976,636</u>	<u>\$ 23,938,864</u>	<u>\$ 27,552,655</u>
All Other Governmental Funds										
Reserved										
Unreserved										
Restricted	\$ 217,185	\$ 1,354,153	\$ 4,898,207	\$ 1,082,373	\$ 173,324	\$ 3,003,778	\$ 3,581,540	\$ 3,487,552	\$ 4,013,832	\$ 4,247,799
Committed										
Assigned	980,585									
Unassigned										
Total All Other Governmental Funds	<u>\$ 1,197,770</u>	<u>\$ 1,354,153</u>	<u>\$ 4,898,207</u>	<u>\$ 1,082,373</u>	<u>\$ 173,324</u>	<u>\$ 3,003,778</u>	<u>\$ 3,581,540</u>	<u>\$ 3,487,552</u>	<u>\$ 4,013,832</u>	<u>\$ 4,247,799</u>

Note 1 - Fund Balances at June 30, 2020 is restated to reflect the implementation of GASB Statement No. 84, "Fiduciary Activities"

RIDGEWOOD BOARD OF EDUCATION
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS
(Unaudited)
(modified accrual basis of accounting)

	Fiscal Year Ended June 30,									
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Revenues										
Tax Levy	\$ 89,437,119	\$ 91,260,570	\$ 93,959,972	\$ 94,784,956	\$ 97,444,257	\$ 98,884,675	\$ 100,322,919	\$ 102,700,867	\$ 104,639,354	\$ 105,777,791
Tuition	689,432	1,188,229	1,541,938	1,570,131	2,123,032	2,124,331	850,131	1,795,021	2,458,169	2,493,961
Interest Earnings	13,391									
Miscellaneous	2,142,073	1,620,019	1,954,998	2,187,119	2,064,730	1,892,764	3,186,228	4,207,680	5,125,473	6,272,766
State Sources	13,924,734	13,657,818	16,704,906	18,790,535	21,897,041	22,933,441	27,256,070	34,993,847	35,967,387	37,785,524
Federal Sources	1,256,141	1,377,359	1,294,706	1,277,600	1,325,257	1,343,026	1,945,404	2,303,695	2,234,068	2,136,152
Total Revenue	107,462,890	109,103,995	115,456,520	118,610,341	124,854,317	127,178,237	133,560,752	146,001,110	150,424,451	154,466,194
Expenditures										
Instruction										
Regular Instruction	32,726,271	41,966,925	44,795,853	47,820,687	49,267,272	50,279,813	53,362,847	56,838,514	59,321,785	60,805,915
Special Education Instruction	7,638,879	18,151,458	19,168,515	19,722,511	20,291,108	20,456,406	20,582,032	21,087,636	22,910,147	25,369,073
Other Special Instruction	1,450,732									
Other Instruction	1,750,022	3,510,599	3,749,114	4,063,010	4,441,746	4,046,251	3,631,094	4,598,172	4,471,135	4,818,557
School Sponsored Activities and Athletics		1,609,224	1,700,797	1,675,626	1,683,110	1,988,216	2,427,673	2,624,018	3,163,101	3,454,242
Support Services:										
Tuition	6,896,926									
Student & Inst. Related Services	13,762,418	17,516,888	18,128,037	18,892,425	19,586,562	20,676,504	21,220,539	23,394,459	23,636,596	23,590,017
School Administration Services	812,902	4,967,525	5,175,251	5,295,387	5,405,831	5,493,359	5,588,874	5,903,488	6,017,644	6,503,778
General Administration Services	3,769,146	1,059,126	1,404,735	1,128,302	1,191,911	1,280,374	1,391,004	1,245,957	1,501,737	1,536,748
Central Services	1,182,702	1,494,132	1,625,937	1,496,184	1,645,760	1,767,869	1,723,209	1,680,803	1,977,042	1,995,451
Administrative Information Technology Services	774,375	1,142,986	1,301,853	1,115,710	1,076,304	1,206,649	1,154,290	1,563,388	1,399,143	1,276,013
Plant Operations And Maintenance	8,409,424	8,574,472	9,477,746	9,435,958	9,642,962	9,514,239	9,628,376	10,227,688	10,626,106	10,851,850
Pupil Transportation	3,020,649	3,301,115	3,352,012	3,703,386	3,456,768	3,155,266	2,895,331	3,467,745	4,811,204	5,002,368
Employee Benefits	19,683,350									
Special Schools	841,165									
Capital Outlay	3,461,864	1,317,861	6,740,799	5,163,118	1,547,590	1,801,809	1,949,512	2,086,089	1,326,777	1,695,585
Debt Service:										
Principal	1,975,000	3,019,821	3,394,979	3,339,836	4,098,633	3,426,623	3,424,025	3,220,258	3,303,896	3,321,027
Interest And Other Charges	1,745,785	1,726,086	1,425,961	1,579,309	1,717,704	1,657,479	1,569,059	1,492,495	1,409,630	1,337,812
Total Expenditures	109,901,610	109,358,218	121,441,589	124,431,449	125,053,261	126,750,857	130,547,865	139,430,710	145,875,943	151,558,436
Excess (Deficiency) Of Revenues										
Over (Under) Expenditures	(2,438,720)	(254,223)	(5,985,069)	(5,821,108)	(198,944)	427,380	3,012,887	6,570,400	4,548,508	2,907,758
Other Financing Sources (Uses)										
Proceeds from Borrowing			6,660,000							
Premium (Discount) on Bonds			1,037,360							
Capital Leases (Non-Budgeted)	1,440,000	995,000	1,578,969	900,000		940,000	940,000	940,000	940,000	940,000
Leases Payable								202,128	-	-
Insurance Proceeds								306,616	-	-
Proceeds from Refunding			32,860,000							
Payments to Refunded Bond Escrow Agent			(33,170,000)							
Special Item										
Transfers In	651,330		315,000	98,256	159,524	1,408,884			-	-
Transfers Out	(651,330)		(315,000)	(119,115)	(140,798)	(1,906,556)			-	-
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	1,440,000	995,000	8,966,329	879,141	18,726	442,328	940,000	1,448,744	940,000	940,000
Net Change In Fund Balances	\$ (998,720)	\$ 740,777	\$ 2,981,260	\$ (4,941,967)	\$ (180,218)	\$ 869,708	\$ 3,952,887	\$ 8,019,144	\$ 5,488,508	\$ 3,847,758
Debt Service As A Percentage Of Noncapital Expenditures	3.50%	4.39%	4.20%	4.12%	4.71%	4.07%	3.88%	3.43%	3.26%	3.11%

**RIDGEWOOD BOARD OF EDUCATION
GENERAL FUND OTHER LOCAL REVENUE BY SOURCE
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS
(Unaudited)**

<u>Fiscal Year Ended June 30,</u>	<u>Rentals</u>	<u>Transportation</u>	<u>Reimbursements/ Refunds</u>	<u>Miscellaneous Restricted</u>	<u>Miscellaneous Unrestricted</u>	<u>Summer School Tuition and Fees</u>	<u>Other Special School Fees</u>	<u>Student Activity Fees</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2015	\$ 282,355	\$ 22,750		\$ 521,180	\$ 59,698	\$ 100,940	\$ 689,432	\$ 308,821	\$ 13,391	\$ 1,998,567
2016	329,492	58,413			278,441	38,575	797,985	258,817	32,868	1,794,591
2017	386,446	144,251	\$ 160,391		381,187	34,655		273,551	18,164	1,398,645
2018	407,209		261,231		319,600	65,865		287,598	25,361	1,366,864
2019	247,891	2,673	77,874		723,013			303,645	121,941	1,477,037
2020	301,833		77,117		532,626	73,300		263,206	156,452	1,404,534
2021	271,727		507,636		821,384			211,680	67,503	1,879,930
2022	341,936		45,384	376,938	178,198		1,313,525	251,976	1,408	2,509,365
2023	369,520		30,732	257,399	1,212,379	241,765	393,325	274,951	284,835	3,064,906
2024	123,420		128,828	788,770	363,090	615,290	409,688	262,435	1,508,900	4,200,421

Source: District Records

**RIDGEWOOD BOARD OF EDUCATION
ASSESSED VALUE AND ACTUAL VALUE OF TAXABLE PROPERTY
LAST TEN YEARS
(Unaudited)**

Fiscal Year Ended June 30,	Vacant Land	Residential	Commercial	Apartment	Total Assessed Value	Public Utilities	Net Valuation Taxable	Estimated Actual (County Equalized) Value	Total Direct School Tax Rate ^a
2015	\$ 18,991,800	\$ 5,138,526,500	\$ 504,214,500	\$ 88,306,400	\$ 5,750,039,200		\$ 5,750,039,200	\$ 6,224,840,527	\$ 1.590
2016	16,723,800	5,163,336,500	506,142,200	88,156,400	5,774,358,900		5,774,358,900	6,404,608,448	1.592
2017	20,509,500	5,176,844,900	503,089,400	87,624,700	5,788,068,500		5,788,068,500	6,461,282,869	1.654
2018	17,793,600	5,198,029,600	505,395,700	87,624,700	5,808,843,600		5,808,843,600	6,651,451,246	1.678
2019	26,605,500	5,215,426,000	492,242,000	87,624,700	5,821,898,200		5,821,898,200	6,810,324,473	1.699
2020	24,532,000	5,214,285,800	493,934,100	87,624,700	5,820,376,600		5,820,376,600	6,741,842,545	1.724
2021	20,276,800	5,215,465,600	492,469,300	97,837,900	5,826,049,600		5,826,049,600	6,788,081,183	1.763
2022	14,568,000	5,218,453,800	477,567,700	159,646,100	5,870,235,600		5,870,235,600	6,963,795,187	1.782
2023	10,688,900	5,262,921,300	479,847,100	159,646,100	5,913,103,400		5,913,103,400	7,817,186,484	1.789
2024	10,264,100	5,283,653,400	476,738,200	159,646,100	5,930,301,800		5,930,301,800	8,404,797,126	1.819

Source: County Abstract of Ratables

^a Tax rates are per \$100

RIDGEWOOD BOARD OF EDUCATION
DIRECT AND OVERLAPPING PROPERTY TAX RATES
LAST TEN YEARS
(Unaudited)
(rate per \$100 of assessed value)

Assessment Year	Total District School	Overlapping Rates		Total Direct and Overlapping Tax Rate
		Village of Ridgewood	County of Bergen	
2015	\$ 1.590	\$ 0.545	\$ 0.257	\$ 2.392
2016	1.592	0.551	0.269	2.412
2017	1.654	0.560	0.270	2.484
2018	1.678	0.608	0.279	2.565
2019	1.699	0.615	0.283	2.597
2020	1.724	0.626	0.287	2.637
2021	1.763	0.652	0.293	2.708
2022	1.782	0.621	0.274	2.677
2023	1.789	0.698	0.317	2.804
2024	1.819	0.720	0.330	2.869

Source: The Village Tax Duplicate

**RIDGEWOOD BOARD OF EDUCATION
PRINCIPAL PROPERTY TAXPAYERS,
CURRENT YEAR AND NINE YEARS AGO
(Unaudited)**

Taxpayer	2024		2015	
	Taxable Assessed Value	% of Total District Net Assessed Value	Taxable Assessed Value	% Total of District Net Assessed Value
Brogan Co % Ridgewood Dayton LLC	\$ 26,719,000	0.45%		
1200 East Ridgewood LLC% Cushman/Wake	23,000,000	0.39%		
Smith, Ken % KS Broad/Onys Mgmt	17,916,100	0.30%		
Ridgecrest Urban Renewal LP	14,351,900	0.24%		
Chestnut Village LLC	13,886,300	0.23%		N/A
257 Ridgewood Avenue LLC	13,500,000	0.23%		
SL OAK MANOR OWNER LLC %601 W ASSOC	9,705,700	0.16%		
Ridgewood Mayflower Rlty % Kriegman & Mit	8,700,600	0.15%		
Chestnut VD Holdings LLC	8,399,700	0.14%		
Cameron Apartments	8,167,200	0.14%		
			-	
Total	<u>\$ 144,346,500</u>	<u>2.43%</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>0.00%</u>

Source: Municipal Tax Assessor

**RIDGEWOOD BOARD OF EDUCATION
PROPERTY TAX LEVIES AND COLLECTIONS
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS
(Unaudited)**

Fiscal Year Ended June 30,	Taxes Levied for the Fiscal Year		Collected within the Fiscal Year of the Levy		Collections in Subsequent Years
			Amount	Percentage of Levy	
2015	\$	89,437,119	\$ 89,437,119	100.00%	N/A
2016		91,260,570	91,260,570	100.00%	N/A
2017		93,959,972	93,959,972	100.00%	N/A
2018		94,784,956	94,784,956	100.00%	N/A
2019		97,444,257	97,444,257	100.00%	N/A
2020		98,884,675	98,884,675	100.00%	N/A
2021		100,322,919	100,322,919	100.00%	N/A
2022		102,700,867	102,700,867	100.00%	N/A
2023		104,639,354	104,639,354	100.00%	N/A
2024		105,777,791	105,777,791	100.00%	N/A

**RIDGEWOOD BOARD OF EDUCATION
RATIOS OF OUTSTANDING DEBT BY TYPE
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS
(Unaudited)**

Fiscal Year Ended June 30,	Governmental Activities		Total District	Population	Per Capita
	General Obligation Bonds	Capital Financing Agreements/Lease Payable			
2015	\$ 45,255,000	\$ 3,137,662	\$ 48,392,662	25,284	\$ 1,914
2016	43,200,000	3,167,841	46,367,841	25,238	1,837
2017	47,275,000	3,626,831	50,901,831	25,258	2,015
2018	45,120,000	3,341,995	48,461,995	25,165	1,926
2019	42,200,000	2,163,362	44,363,362	25,056	1,771
2020	39,845,000	2,031,739	41,876,739	24,915	1,681
2021	37,495,000	1,897,714	39,392,714	26,202	1,503
2022	35,340,000	2,369,371	37,709,371	26,168	1,441
2023	33,125,000	2,220,475	35,345,475	26,194	1,349
2024	30,900,000	2,064,448	32,964,448	26,194 (A)	1,258

Source: District records

(A) -Estimated

**RIDGEWOOD BOARD OF EDUCATION
RATIOS OF NET GENERAL BONDED DEBT OUTSTANDING
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS
(Unaudited)**

Fiscal Year Ended June 30,	General Bonded Debt Outstanding		Net General Bonded Debt Outstanding	Percentage of Actual Taxable Value ^a of Property	Per Capita ^b
	General Obligation Bonds	Deductions			
2015	\$ 45,255,000		\$ 45,255,000	0.79%	\$ 1,790
2016	43,200,000		43,200,000	0.75%	1,712
2017	47,275,000	\$ 111,032	47,163,968	0.81%	1,867
2018	45,120,000	111,031	45,008,969	0.77%	1,789
2019	42,200,000	134,641	42,065,359	0.72%	1,679
2020	39,845,000	1	39,844,999	0.68%	1,599
2021	37,495,000		37,495,000	0.64%	1,431
2022	35,340,000	455,150	34,884,850	0.59%	1,333
2023	33,125,000	914,300	32,210,700	0.54%	1,230
2024	30,900,000	459,150	30,440,850	0.51%	1,162

Source: District records

Notes:

a See Exhibit J-6 for property tax data.

b See Exhibit J-14 for population data.

**RIDGEWOOD BOARD OF EDUCATION
DIRECT AND OVERLAPPING GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES DEBT
FOR YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023
(Unaudited)**

	<u>Gross Debt</u>	<u>Deductions</u>	<u>Net Debt</u>
MUNICIPAL DEBT: (1)			
School Purposes	\$ 32,915,000	\$ 32,915,000	
Local Utilities		-	
Municipal Purposes	<u>224,233,370</u>	<u>151,505,677</u>	<u>\$ 72,727,693</u>
	<u>\$ 257,148,370</u>	<u>\$ 184,420,677</u>	<u>72,727,693</u>
OVERLAPPING DEBT APPORTIONED TO THE MUNICIPALITY			
Bergen County			
County of Bergen (A)			59,136,518
Northwest Bergen County Utilities Authority (B)			<u>49,427</u>
			<u>59,185,945</u>
Total Direct and Overlapping Bonded Debt			<u>\$ 131,913,638</u>

SOURCE:

(1) Village of Ridgewood 2023 Annual Debt Statement

(A) The debt information for this entity was obtained from the Bergen County Treasurer's office and was apportioned to the Village of Ridgewood by dividing the municipality's 2023 equalized value by the total 2023 equalized value for Bergen County.

(B) Overlapping debt was computed based upon municipal flow to the Authority.

Source: Village of Ridgewood Chief Financial Officer and Bergen County Treasurer's Office.

**RIDGEWOOD BOARD OF EDUCATION
LEGAL DEBT MARGIN INFORMATION
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS
(Unaudited)**

Legal Debt Margin Calculation for Fiscal Year 2023

	Equalized Valuation Basis
2023	\$ 8,368,388,622
2022	7,749,485,941
2021	6,900,449,603
	<u>\$ 23,018,324,166</u>
Average Equalized Valuation of Taxable Property	<u>\$ 7,672,774,722</u>
Debt Limit	\$ 306,910,989
Total Net Debt Applicable to Limit	30,900,000
Legal debt margin	<u>\$ 276,010,989</u>

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Debt Limit	\$ 199,955,909	\$ 247,500,182	\$ 253,282,184	\$ 258,897,167	\$ 264,461,941	\$ 268,429,030	\$ 270,479,613	\$ 272,036,877	\$ 285,602,360	\$ 306,910,989
Total Net Debt Applicable to Limit	45,255,000	43,200,000	47,275,000	45,120,000	42,200,000	39,845,000	37,495,000	35,340,000	33,125,000	30,900,000
Legal Debt Margin	<u>\$ 154,700,909</u>	<u>\$ 204,300,182</u>	<u>\$ 206,007,184</u>	<u>\$ 213,777,167</u>	<u>\$ 222,261,941</u>	<u>\$ 228,584,030</u>	<u>\$ 232,984,613</u>	<u>\$ 236,696,877</u>	<u>\$ 252,477,360</u>	<u>\$ 276,010,989</u>
Total net debt applicable to the limit as a percentage of debt limit	22.63%	17.45%	18.66%	17.43%	15.96%	14.84%	13.86%	12.99%	11.60%	10.07%

Source: Annual Debt Statements

**RIDGEWOOD BOARD OF EDUCATION
DEMOGRAPHIC AND ECONOMIC STATISTICS
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS
(Unaudited)**

<u>Year Ended December 31,</u>	<u>Population</u>	<u>County Per Capita Personal Income</u>	<u>Unemployment Rate</u>
2015	25,284	\$ 77,323	5.3%
2016	25,238	78,836	3.2%
2017	25,258	81,024	3.1%
2018	25,165	85,191	2.5%
2019	25,056	88,241	2.1%
2020	24,915	91,972	6.3%
2021	26,202	97,343	4.6%
2022	26,168	97,138	2.4%
2023	26,194	97,138 (A)	3.0%
2024	26,194 (A)	97,138 (A)	N/A

(A) - Estimated

N/A - Not Available

Source: New Jersey State Department of Education

RIDGEWOOD BOARD OF EDUCATION
PRINCIPAL EMPLOYERS,
CURRENT YEAR AND NINE YEARS AGO
(Unaudited)

2024			2015	
Employer	Employees	Percentage of Municipal Employment	Employees	Percentage of Municipal Employment

NOT AVAILABLE

Source: Information was not available

RIDGEWOOD BOARD OF EDUCATION
FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT DISTRICT EMPLOYEES BY FUNCTION/PROGRAM
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS
(Unaudited)

<u>Function/Program</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>
Instruction										
Regular	344	350	352	352	353	353	353	359	354	331
Special education	82	73	77	77	78	79	79	90	93	83
Other special education - suppl/mainstreaming	101	102	101	102	102	102	102	110	116	138
Other Instruction									21	17
Support Services:										
Student & instruction related services	114	95	108	108	108	108	108	112	156	127
General administration	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	4	2	1
School administrative services	40	40	35	35	35	35	35	43	33	32
Central services	14	14	13	13	13	13	13	15	14	14
Administrative Information Technology	11	11	10	10	10	10	10	14	9	9
Plant operations and maintenance	2	2	3	3	3	3	2	2	2	3
Pupil Transportation	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Special Schools	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Infant/Toddler Development Center	33	33	33	33	33	33	31	34	26	7
Total	<u>746</u>	<u>725</u>	<u>737</u>	<u>738</u>	<u>740</u>	<u>741</u>	<u>738</u>	<u>786</u>	<u>829</u>	<u>765</u>

Source: District Personnel Records

**RIDGEWOOD BOARD OF EDUCATION
OPERATING STATISTICS
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS
(Unaudited)**

<u>Pupil/Teacher Ratio</u>												
<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Enrollment ^a</u>	<u>Operating Expenditures ^b</u>	<u>Cost Per Pupil ^c</u>	<u>Percentage Change</u>	<u>Teaching Staff</u>	<u>Elementary</u>	<u>Middle School</u>	<u>Senior High School</u>	<u>Average Daily Enrollment (ADE)</u>	<u>Average Daily Attendance (ADA)</u>	<u>% Change in Average Daily Enrollment</u>	<u>Student Attendance Percentage</u>
2015	5,650	\$ 102,718,961	\$ 18,180	5.21%	426.00	15.5	15.9	15.0	5,650	5,463.0	-1.17%	96.69%
2016	5,655	103,293,950	18,266	0.47%	423.00	13.6	13.2	10.3	5,655	5,478.0	0.09%	96.87%
2017	5,678	109,577,063	19,299	5.65%	426.00	13.8	13.0	13.3	5,659	5,473.0	0.07%	96.71%
2018	5,691	114,349,186	20,093	4.12%	429.00	13.8	13.0	13.3	5,664	5,451.2	0.09%	96.24%
2019	5,676	117,109,630	20,632	2.68%	431.00	13.6	13.0	13.3	5,652	5,449.0	-0.21%	96.41%
2020	5,699	119,864,946	21,033	1.94%	431.00	13.5	13.0	13.6	5,694	5,546.0	0.74%	97.40%
2021	5,582	123,605,269	22,144	5.28%	431.00	13.6	13.0	13.7	5,545	5,447.0	-2.62%	98.23%
2022	5,630	132,631,868	23,558	6.39%	449.00	13.6	13.0	13.7	5,577	5,335.0	0.58%	95.66%
2023	5,544	132,631,868	23,923	1.55%	449.00	13.6	13.0	13.7	5,504	5,264.7	-1.31%	95.65%
2024	5,489	144,828,611	26,385	10.29%	434.00	10.8	9.8	10.4	5,492	5,283.7	-0.22%	96.21%

Sources: District records

- Note:
- a Enrollment based on annual October district count.
 - b Operating expenditures equal total expenditures less debt service and capital outlay.
 - c Cost per pupil represents operating expenditures divided by enrollment.

**RIDGEWOOD BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHOOL BUILDING INFORMATION
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS
(Unaudited)**

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
<u>District Building</u>										
<u>Elementary</u>										
<u>Glen (1959)</u>										
Square Feet	27,300	27,300	27,300	27,300	27,300	27,300	27,300	27,300	27,300	27,300
Capacity (students)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Enrollment	42	42	42	48	66	67	110	71	71	111
<u>Hawes (1966)</u>										
Square Feet	39,765	39,765	39,765	39,765	39,765	39,765	39,765	39,765	39,765	39,765
Capacity (students)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Enrollment	407	407	423	408	419	408	369	393	393	373
<u>Orchard (1966)</u>										
Square Feet	42,133	42,133	42,133	42,133	42,133	42,133	42,133	42,133	42,133	42,133
Capacity (students)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Enrollment	333	333	316	308	292	308	321	299	299	352
<u>Ridge (1960)</u>										
Square Feet	47,800	47,800	47,800	47,800	47,800	47,800	47,800	47,800	47,800	47,800
Capacity (students)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Enrollment	514	514	432	442	447	463	447	443	443	443
<u>Somerville (1950)</u>										
Square Feet	68,000	68,000	68,000	68,000	68,000	68,000	68,000	68,000	68,000	68,000
Capacity (students)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Enrollment	517	517	411	416	430	421	375	348	348	386
<u>Travel (1966)</u>										
Square Feet	47,800	47,800	47,800	47,800	47,800	47,800	47,800	47,800	47,800	47,800
Capacity (students)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Enrollment	365	365	385	389	394	390	353	377	377	323
<u>Willard (1926)</u>										
Square Feet	50,500	50,500	50,500	50,500	50,500	50,500	50,500	50,500	50,500	50,500
Capacity (students)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Enrollment	500	500	496	491	488	496	485	461	461	470
<u>Middle School</u>										
<u>Benjamin Franklin (1954)</u>										
Square Feet	190,400	190,400	190,400	190,400	190,400	190,400	190,400	190,400	190,400	190,400
Capacity (students)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Enrollment	738	738	711	713	686	681	703	698	698	635
<u>George Washington (1928)</u>										
Square Feet	99,600	99,600	99,600	99,600	99,600	99,600	99,600	99,600	99,600	99,600
Capacity (students)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Enrollment	652	652	732	712	706	676	629	667	667	653

**RIDGEWOOD BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHOOL BUILDING INFORMATION
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS
(Unaudited)**

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	#	2023	2024
<u>District Building</u>											
<u>High School</u>											
<u>Ridgewood High School</u>											
Square Feet	248,286	248,286	248,286	248,286	248,286	248,286	248,286	248,286		248,286	248,286
Capacity (students)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1	N/A	N/A
Enrollment	1,684	1,684	1,684	1,730	1,746	1,789	1,790	1,774		1,774	1,743
<u>Other</u>											
Central Administration (1895)											
Square Feet	32,640	32,640	32,640	32,640	32,640	32,640	32,640	32,640		32,640	32,640

Number of Schools at June 30, 2024

Elementary = 7

Middle School = 2

Senior High School = 1

Other = 1

Source: District Facilities Office

Note: Year of original construction is shown in parentheses. Increases in square footage and capacity are the result of and additions. Enrollment is based on the annual June Enrollment Report.

N/A - Information is not available

**RIDGEWOOD BOARD OF EDUCATION
GENERAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF REQUIRED MAINTENANCE FOR SCHOOL FACILITIES
LAST TEN YEARS
(Unaudited)**

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>
*School Facilities										
Ridgewood High School	\$ 346,196	\$ 351,787	\$ 493,690	\$ 477,170	\$ 391,537	\$ 286,977	\$ 534,539	\$ 444,186	\$ 647,860	\$ 656,468
Benjamin Franklin Middle School	199,093	269,770	295,869	365,920	180,005	202,181	377,979	314,089	496,817	503,418
George Washington Middle School	137,340	141,119	216,994	191,417	165,307	160,250	299,476	248,855	259,890	263,343
Glen Elementary School	51,031	38,681	73,316	52,467	45,729	45,675	84,989	70,624	71,235	72,182
Hawes Elementary School	87,170	56,341	72,499	76,423	83,418	67,424	125,248	104,077	103,760	105,139
Ridge Elementary School	64,474	67,726	79,050	91,865	96,435	58,106	109,592	91,067	124,726	126,383
Somerville Elementary School	138,375	96,347	115,136	130,685	131,631	68,110	127,037	105,564	177,435	179,793
Travel Elementary School	69,091	67,726	117,861	91,865	71,580	68,731	128,155	106,493	124,726	126,383
Orchard Elementary School	64,716	59,697	101,684	80,974	69,656	46,270	84,989	70,624	109,999	111,461
Willard Elementary School	71,780	71,551	99,301	97,054	143,221	118,523	221,420	183,993	131,771	133,522
Education Center	81,398	46,246	55,209	62,729	38,942	76,696	143,140	118,945	85,169	86,300
Total School Facilities	<u>\$ 1,310,664</u>	<u>\$ 1,266,991</u>	<u>\$ 1,720,609</u>	<u>\$ 1,718,569</u>	<u>\$ 1,417,461</u>	<u>\$ 1,198,943</u>	<u>\$ 2,236,564</u>	<u>\$ 1,858,517</u>	<u>\$ 2,333,388</u>	<u>\$ 2,364,392</u>

Source: District Records

RIDGEWOOD BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHEDULE OF INSURANCE
JUNE 30, 2024
(Unaudited)

	<u>Coverage</u>	<u>Deductible</u>
PACKAGE POLICY		
Property	\$ 421,780,484	\$ 5,000
Earthquake/Flood (Outside Zones A N & V)	5,000,000	100,000
Flood (Zones A N & V)	\$7,500,000/\$15,000,000 Fund Aggregate	500,000
Non-Flood (Zones C & X)	\$20,000,000/\$200,000,000 Fund Aggregate	50,000
Automobile	1,000,000	\$1,000/COMP&COLL
Comprehensive General Liability	1,000,000	2,500
Crime (Non-Statutory Bonds)	\$500,000 Per Loss	5,000
Boiler & Machinery	150,000,000	5,000
ENVIRONMENTAL	2,000,000	25,000
	20,000,000 Group Aggregate	
EDUCATOR'S LEGAL LIABILITY/	1,000,000	25,000
EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES	1,000,000	35,000
EXCESS UMBRELLA (unshared)	30,000,000	
EXCESS UMBRELLA (shared)	\$25,000,000 Group Aggregate	
CYBER LIABILITY	1,000,000	25,000
WORKER'S COMPENSATION-Safety National		
Maximum Limit of Indemnity per Occurrence	Statutory	
Employer's Liability Per Occurrence	1,000,000	

SINGLE AUDIT SECTION



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**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**

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Honorable President and Members
of the Board of Education
Ridgewood Board of Education
Ridgewood, New Jersey

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States and audit requirements 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 the Ridgewood Board of Education as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024 and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Ridgewood Board of Education's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated January 14, 2025.

Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

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

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

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

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Ridgewood Board of Education's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed instances of noncompliance or other matters 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 and which are described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as items 2024-001 and 2024-002.

We also noted certain matters that are not required to be reported under Government Auditing Standards that we reported to management of the Ridgewood Board of Education in a separate report entitled, "Auditor's Management Report on Administrative Findings – Financial, Compliance and Performance" dated January 14, 2025.

Ridgewood Board of Education's Response to Finding

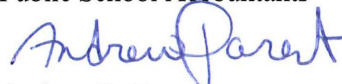
Government Auditing Standards requires the auditor to perform limited procedures on the Ridgewood Board of Education's response to the findings identified in our audit and described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. The Ridgewood Board of Education's responses was not subjected to the other auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the response.

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 Ridgewood Board of Education's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards in considering the Ridgewood Board of Education's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.



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**REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR FEDERAL AND STATE PROGRAM;
REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE; AND REPORT
ON THE SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS REQUIRED BY THE
U.S. UNIFORM GUIDANCE AND SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF STATE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AS
REQUIRED BY NEW JERSEY OMB CIRCULAR 15-08**

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Honorable President and Members
of the Board of Education
Ridgewood Board of Education
Ridgewood, New Jersey

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal and State Program

Opinion on Each Major Federal and State Program

We have audited the Ridgewood Board of Education's compliance with the types of compliance requirements identified as subject to audit in the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Compliance Supplement and the New Jersey OMB Circular 15-08 State Aid/Grant Compliance Supplement that could have a direct and material effect on each of the Ridgewood Board of Education's major federal and state programs for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024. The Ridgewood Board of Education's major federal and 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 Ridgewood Board of Education complied, in all material respects, with the compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal and state programs for the fiscal 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; audit requirements prescribed by the Office of School Finance, Department of Education, State of New Jersey; audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (Uniform Guidance) and audit requirements of New Jersey OMB Circular 15-08, Single Audit Policy for Recipients of Federal Grants, State Grants and State Aid. Our responsibilities under those standards, U.S. Uniform Guidance and New Jersey OMB Circular are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section of our report.

We are required to be independent of the Ridgewood Board of Education and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion on compliance for each major federal and state program. Our audit does not provide a legal determination of the Ridgewood Board of Education'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, regulation, rules, and provisions of contracts or grant agreements applicable to the Ridgewood Board of Education'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 the Ridgewood Board of Education'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 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 omission, misrepresentation, or the override of internal control. Noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above is considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, it would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user of the report on compliance about the Ridgewood Board of Education'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 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 judgement and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material noncompliance, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the Ridgewood Board of Education's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.
- Obtain an understanding of the Ridgewood Board of Education's internal control over compliance relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the U.S. Uniform Guidance and New Jersey OMB Circular 15-08, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Ridgewood Board of Education'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.

Other Matters

The results of our auditing procedures disclosed instances of noncompliance, which are required to be reported in accordance with U.S. Uniform Guidance and New Jersey OMB Circular 15-08 which are described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as items 2024-003 and 2024-004. Our opinion on each major federal and state program is not modified with respect to these matters.

Government Auditing Standards requires the auditor to perform limited procedures on the Ridgewood Board of Education's response to the noncompliance findings identified in our compliance audit described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. The Ridgewood Board of Education's responses were not subjected to the other auditing procedures applied in the audit of compliance and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the response.

Report on Internal Control Over Compliance

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. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, as discussed below, we did identify a certain deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be significant deficiencies.

A deficiency in internal control over compliance exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal or 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 federal or 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 federal or 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. We consider the deficiencies in internal control over compliance described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as items 2024-003 and 2024-004 to be significant deficiencies.


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.


Government Auditing Standards requires the auditor to perform limited procedures on the Ridgewood Board of Education's response to the internal control over compliance findings identified in our compliance audit described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. The Ridgewood Board of Education's responses were not subjected to the other auditing procedures applied in the audit of compliance and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the responses.

The purpose of this report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over compliance and the results of that testing based on the requirements of U.S. Uniform Guidance and New Jersey OMB Circular 15-08. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

Report on Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards Required by U.S. Uniform Guidance and Schedule of Expenditures of State Financial Assistance Required by New Jersey OMB Circular 15-08

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Ridgewood Board of Education, as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Board of Education's basic financial statements. We have issued our report thereon dated January 14, 2025, which contained unmodified opinions on those financial statements. Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the basic financial statements. The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards as required by the U.S. Uniform Guidance and schedule of expenditures of state financial assistance as required by New Jersey OMB Circular 15-08 are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the schedule of expenditures of federal awards and schedule of expenditures of state financial assistance are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.


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RIDGEWOOD BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

Federal/Grantor/Pass-Through Grantor/ Program Title	Federal AL Number	FAIN Number	Grant Period	Award Amount	Accounts Receivable	July 1, 2023	Due to Grantor	A/R	Def. Rev.	Cash Received	Budgetary Expenditures	Cancelled Encumbrances	Accounts Receivable Adjustment	Deferred Revenue Adjustment	Refund of Prior Years' Balances	June 30, 2024			MEMO GAAP Receivable	
						Unearned Revenue		Carryover Amount	Carryover Amount							Accounts Receivable	Unearned Revenue	Due to Grantor		
General Fund																				*
U.S. Department of Human Services Passed-through State Department of Education																				*
Medicaid Assistance	93.778	2005NJ5MAP	7/1/23-6/30/24	\$ 17,088	-	-	-	-	-	\$ 17,088	\$ 17,088	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	-
Total General Fund					-	-	-	-	-	17,088	17,088	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	-
Special Revenue Fund																				*
U.S. Department of Education Passed-through State Department of Education																				*
I.D.E.A. Part B	84.027A	H027A240100	7/1/23-9/30/24	1,170,924						1,166,072	1,166,072					\$ (4,852)	\$ 4,852		*	
I.D.E.A. Preschool	84.173A	H173A240114	7/1/23-9/30/24	44,477							44,477					(44,477)	-		*	\$ (44,477)
IDEA Basic - ARP	84.027X	H027XA230100	7/1/21-9/30/22	237,383	\$ (120,013)	\$ 68,576	\$ 9,553	-	-	120,013	68,576	-	-	-	\$ 9,553	-	-	-	*	-
IDEA Preschool - ARP	84.173X	H173XA230114	7/1/21-9/30/22	20,274	(20,274)	-	-	-	-	20,274	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	-
Total Special Education Cluster (IDEA)					(140,287)	68,576	9,553	-	-	1,306,359	1,279,125	-	-	-	9,553	(49,329)	4,852	-	*	(44,477)
Title I Part A	84.010	S010A240030	7/1/23-9/30/24	128,333				\$ (46,173)	\$ 46,173	8,962	156,808					(165,544)	17,698		*	(147,846)
Title I Part A	84.010	S010A230030	7/1/22-9/30/23	107,404	(102,748)	85,372	-	46,173	(46,173)	56,575	39,199	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	-
Total Title I Cluster					(102,748)	85,372	-	-	-	65,537	196,007	-	-	-	-	(165,544)	17,698	-	*	(147,846)
Title II A	84.367A	S367A240029	7/1/23-9/30/24	78,960				(1,000)	1,000		73,221					(79,960)	6,739		*	(73,221)
Title II A	84.367A	S367A230029	7/1/22-9/30/23	65,230	(23,231)	1,000		1,000	(1,000)	22,231						-	-		*	-
Title III	84.365	S365A240030	7/1/23-9/30/24	21,504				(5,046)	5,046	7,688	20,518					(18,862)	6,032		*	(12,830)
Title III	84.365	S365A230030	7/1/22-9/30/23	20,383	(10,642)	5,046		5,046	(5,046)	5,596						-	-		*	-
Title III	84.365	S365A220030	7/1/21-9/30/22	28,782	-	-	943	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	943	-	-	-	*	-
Total Title III Cluster					(10,642)	5,046	943	-	-	13,284	20,518	-	-	-	943	(18,862)	6,032	-	*	(12,830)
Teaching American History	84.215X	N/A	9/1/10-8/31/15	999,479	-	5,383	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,383	-	*	-
Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER II)																				*
Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations (CRRSA) Act																				*
ESSER II	84.425D	S425D240027	3/13/20-9/30/23	474,421	(4,224)	2,500				4,224	2,500					-	-		*	-
Learning Acceleration	84.425D	S425D240027	3/13/20-9/30/23	30,446	(3,440)	1,500				3,440	1,500					-	-		*	-
Mental Health	84.425D	S425D240027	3/13/20-9/30/23	45,000	(2,789)	2,212				2,789	2,212					-	-		*	-
Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER III)																				*
American Rescue Plan																				*
ESSER III	84.425U	S425U240027	3/13/20-9/30/24	1,066,230	(227,573)	133,144				207,286	124,288					(20,287)	8,856		*	(11,431)
Accelerated Learning	84.425U	S425U240027	3/13/20-9/30/24	456,952	(240,376)	163,345				193,820	144,542					(46,556)	18,803		*	(27,753)
Summer Learning and Enrichment Activities	84.425U	S425U240027	3/13/20-9/30/24	40,000	(40,000)	40,000				40,000	40,000					-	-		*	-
Beyond the School Day Activities	84.425U	S425U240027	3/13/20-9/30/24	40,000	(2,843)					2,843						-	-		*	-
Homeless - ARP	84.425W	S425W210031	4/23/21-9/30/24	4,500	(4,500)	4,470				30	1,790					(4,470)	2,680		*	(1,790)
Mental Health	84.425U	S425U240027	3/13/20-9/30/24	45,000	(21,000)	19,163				1,837	19,163					(19,163)	-		*	(19,163)
High Impact Tutoring	84.425V	S425V240031	10/1/23-8/31/24	154,000	-	-	-	-	-	48,946	136,396	-	-	-	-	(105,054)	17,604	-	*	(87,450)
Total ESSER Cluster					(546,745)	366,334	-	-	-	505,215	472,391	-	-	-	-	(195,530)	47,943	-	*	(147,587)
COVID ARP State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund																				*
DOE Special Education Services Additional or																				*
Compensatory Spec Ed and Related Services	21.027	SLFRFDOEISES	7/1/23-6/30/24	213,975						106,988	213,975					(106,987)	-		*	(106,987)
Compensatory Spec Ed and Related Services	21.027	SLFRFDOEISES	7/1/22-6/30/23	35,618	-	17,809	-	-	-	17,809	35,618	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	-
					-	17,809	-	-	-	124,797	249,593	-	-	-	-	(106,987)	-	-	*	(106,987)
CARES Act - Bergen County	21.019	C8220COVID19	7/1/20-12/31/20	36,043	(1,269)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(1,269)	-	-	*	(1,269)
Total Special Revenue Fund					(824,922)	549,520	10,496	-	-	2,037,423	2,290,855	-	-	-	10,496	(617,481)	88,647	-	*	(534,217)
Total Federal Awards					\$ (824,922)	\$ 549,520	\$ 10,496	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,054,511	\$ 2,307,943	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,496	\$ (617,481)	\$ 88,647	\$ -	*	\$ (534,217)

See Accompanying Notes to the Schedules of Expenditures of Federal Awards and State Financial Assistance

RIDGEWOOD BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURE OF STATE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

													June 30, 2024			MEMO	
State Grantor/Program Title	Grant or State Project Number	Grant Period	Award Amount	Balance, July 1, 2023			Cash Received	Budgetary Expenditures	Accounts Receivable Adjustment	Deferred Revenue Adjustment	Refund of Prior Years' Balances	Accounts Receivable	Deferred Revenue	Due to Grantor	GAAP Receivable	Cumulative Total Expenditures	
				(Accounts Receivable)	Deferred Revenue	Due to Grantor											
General Fund																	
State Department of Education																	
Special Education Aid	24-495-034-5120-089	7/1/23-6/30/24	\$ 5,706,363				\$ 5,172,635	\$ 5,706,363				\$ (533,728)				\$ 5,706,363	
Special Education Aid	23-495-034-5120-089	7/1/22-6/30/23	4,885,005	\$ (449,287)			449,287					-				-	
Security Aid	24-495-034-5120-084	7/1/23-6/30/24	447,742				405,864	447,742				(41,878)				447,742	
Security Aid	23-495-034-5120-084	7/1/22-6/30/23	447,742	(41,180)	-	-	41,180		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Total State Aid Public Cluster				(490,467)	-	-	6,068,966	6,154,105	-	-	-	(575,606)	-	-	-	6,154,105	
Transportation Aid	24-495-034-5120-014	7/1/23-6/30/24	620,535				562,495	620,535				(58,040)				620,535	
Transportation Aid	23-495-034-5120-014	7/1/22-6/30/23	620,535	(57,072)			57,072					-				-	
Additional Non Public Transportation Aid	24-495-034-5120-014	7/1/23-6/30/24	61,425					61,425				(61,425)			\$ (61,425)	61,425	
Additional Non Public Transportation Aid	23-495-034-5120-014	7/1/22-6/30/23	56,555	(56,555)	-	-	56,555		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Total State Aid Transportation Cluster				(113,627)	-	-	676,122	681,960	-	-	-	(119,465)	-	-	(61,425)	681,960	
Extraordinary Aid	24-495-034-5120-044	7/1/23-6/30/24	2,571,396					2,571,396				(2,571,396)				2,571,396	
Extraordinary Aid	23-495-034-5120-044	7/1/22-6/30/23	2,824,121	(2,824,121)			2,824,121					-				-	
On-Behalf TPAF Pension Benefits	24-495-034-5094-002	7/1/23-6/30/24	18,550,062				18,550,062	18,550,062								18,550,062	
On-Behalf TPAF - Pension - NCGI Premium	24-495-034-5094-004	7/1/23-6/30/24	211,553				211,553	211,553								211,553	
On-Behalf TPAF - Post Retirement Medical Contributions	24-495-034-5094-001	7/1/23-6/30/24	5,106,225				5,106,225	5,106,225								5,106,225	
On-Behalf TPAF - Long-Term Disability Insurance	24-495-034-5094-004	7/1/23-6/30/24	5,393				5,393	5,393								5,393	
Reimbursed TPAF Social Security Contr.	23-495-034-5094-003	7/1/22-6/30/23	3,722,949	(1,507)			1,507					-			-	-	
Reimbursed TPAF Social Security Contr.	24-495-034-5094-003	7/1/23-6/30/24	3,896,984	-	-	-	3,702,946	3,896,984	-	-	-	(194,038)	-	-	(194,038)	3,896,984	
Total General Fund				(3,429,722)	-	-	37,146,895	37,177,678	-	-	-	(3,460,505)	-	-	(255,463)	37,177,678	
Special Revenue Fund																	
N.J. Nonpublic Aid:																	
Handicapped Services																	
Examination & Classification	24-100-034-5120-066	7/1/23-6/30/24	14,169				14,169	8,530						\$ 5,639		8,530	
Corrective Speech	24-100-034-5120-066	7/1/23-6/30/24	4,650				4,650							4,650		-	
Supplemental Instruction	24-100-034-5120-066	7/1/23-6/30/24	3,717	-	-	-	3,717	2,148	-	-	-	-	-	1,569	-	2,148	
Total Handicapped Aid				-	-	-	22,536	10,678	-	-	-	-	-	11,858	-	10,678	
Textbook Aid	24-100-034-5120-064	7/1/23-6/30/24	1,561				1,561							1,561		-	
Textbook Aid	23-100-034-5120-064	7/1/22-6/30/23	2,310			\$ 2,178					\$ 2,178					-	
Technology Aid	24-100-034-5120-373	7/1/23-6/30/24	1,323				1,323							1,323		-	
Technology Aid	23-100-034-5120-373	7/1/22-6/30/23	1,470													-	
Security Aid	24-100-034-5120-509	7/1/23-6/30/24	16,400				16,400							16,400		-	
Security Aid	23-100-034-5120-509	7/1/22-6/30/23	13,325			12,915					12,915					-	
Nursing Services	24-100-034-5120-070	7/1/23-6/30/24	9,600				9,600							9,600		-	
Nursing Services	23-100-034-5120-070	7/1/22-6/30/23	7,280	-	-	7,056	-	-	-	-	7,056	-	-	-	-	-	
Total Nonpublic Aid				-	-	22,149	51,420	10,678	-	-	22,149	-	-	40,742	-	10,678	
SDA Emergent and Capital Maintenance Needs Grant		7/1/23-6/30/24	132,896				132,896	132,896						-		132,896	
SDA Emergent and Capital Maintenance Needs Grant		7/1/22-6/30/23	274,853	-	\$ 274,853	-	-	251,395	-	-	-	-	23,458	-	-	251,395	
Total SDA Emergent and Capital Maintenance Needs Grant				-	274,853	-	132,896	384,291	-	-	-	-	23,458	-	-	384,291	
Total Special Revenue Fund				-	274,853	22,149	184,316	394,969	-	-	22,149	-	23,458	40,742	-	394,969	
Debt Service Fund																	
Debt Service Aid	24-495-034-5120-017	7/1/23-6/30/24	135,331	-	-	-	135,331	135,331	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	135,331	
Total State Financial Subject to Single Audit Determination				\$ (3,429,722)	\$ 274,853	\$ 22,149	\$ 37,466,542	\$ 37,707,978	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 22,149	\$ (3,460,505)	\$ 23,458	\$ 40,742	\$ (255,463)	\$ 37,707,978	
Less Amounts Not Subject to Single Audit:																	
On-Behalf TPAF Pension Benefits	24-495-034-5094-002	7/1/23-6/30/24	18,550,062				(18,550,062)	(18,550,062)								(18,550,062)	
On-Behalf TPAF - Pension - NCGI Premium	24-495-034-5094-004	7/1/23-6/30/24	211,553				(211,553)	(211,553)								(211,553)	
On-Behalf TPAF - Post Retirement Medical Contributions	24-495-034-5094-001	7/1/23-6/30/24	5,106,225				(5,106,225)	(5,106,225)								(5,106,225)	
On-Behalf TPAF - Long-Term Disability Insurance	24-495-034-5094-004	7/1/23-6/30/24	5,393	-	-	-	(5,393)	(5,393)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(5,393)	
Total State Financial Assistance Utilized for Calculation to Determine Major Programs				\$ (3,429,722)	\$ 274,853	\$ 22,149	\$ 13,593,309	\$ 13,834,745	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 22,149	\$ (3,460,505)	\$ 23,458	\$ 40,742	\$ (255,463)	\$ 13,834,745	

See Accompanying Notes to the Schedules of Expenditures of Federal Awards and State Financial Assistance

**RIDGEWOOD BOARD OF EDUCATION
NOTES TO THE SCHEDULES OF EXPENDITURES OF
FEDERAL AWARDS AND STATE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

NOTE 1 REPORTING ENTITY

The Ridgewood School District (the “Board” or the “District”) received and participated in numerous Federal Award and State Financial Assistance programs in the form of cost reimbursement grants and revenue sharing entitlements. The Board is the reporting entity for these programs. The Board is defined in Note 1 (A) to the Board’s Financial Statements.

NOTE 2 BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The accompanying schedules of expenditures of federal awards and state financial assistance (the “Schedules”) present the activity of all federal and state programs of the Board. All federal awards received directly from federal agencies or passed through other government agencies are included on the schedule of expenditures of federal awards. All state awards received directly from state agencies or passed through other government agencies are included in the schedule of expenditures of state financial assistance. The information in these Schedules are presented in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance) and New Jersey OMB Circular Letter 15-08 *Single Audit Policy for Recipients of Federal Grants, State Grants and State Aid*.

NOTE 3 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The Schedules are prepared and presented using 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 basis of accounting are described in the Notes to the Budgetary Comparison Schedules (RSI) and Note 1(D) to the Board’s financial statements, respectively. Therefore, some amounts presented in these schedules may differ from the amounts presented in, or used in the preparation of, the financial statements. The Board’s summary of significant accounting policies are described in Note 1 to the Board’s financial statements.

NOTE 3 RELATIONSHIP TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The 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 a modified accrual basis with the exception of the revenue recognition of the delayed state aid payments in the current budget year, which is mandated pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:22-44.2. For GAAP purposes, those payments are not recognized until the subsequent year due to the state deferral and recording of certain 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, which may include the delayed state aid payments, whereas the GAAP basis does not. The special revenue fund also recognizes the delayed state aid payments in the current budget year, consistent with N.J.S.A. 18A:22-44.2.

The net adjustment to reconcile from the budgetary basis to the GAAP basis is an increase of \$166,618 for the general fund and a decrease of \$248,026 for the special revenue fund. See the Notes to 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 financial statements on a GAAP basis as presented as follows:

	<u>Federal</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Total</u>
General Fund	\$ 17,088	\$ 37,344,296	\$ 37,361,384
Special Revenue Fund	2,119,064	305,897	2,424,961
Debt Service Fund	<u>-</u>	<u>135,331</u>	<u>135,331</u>
Total Awards Financial Assistance	<u>\$ 2,136,152</u>	<u>\$ 37,785,524</u>	<u>\$ 39,921,676</u>

**RIDGEWOOD BOARD OF EDUCATION
NOTES TO THE SCHEDULES OF EXPENDITURES OF
FEDERAL AWARDS AND STATE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

NOTE 4 RELATIONSHIP TO FEDERAL AND STATE FINANCIAL REPORTS

Amounts reported in the accompanying schedules may not necessarily agree with the amounts reported in the related federal and state financial reports due to timing differences between the District's fiscal year and grant program years.

NOTE 5 OTHER INFORMATION

TPAF Social Security contributions in the amount of \$3,896,984 represents the amount reimbursed by the State for the employer's share of social security contributions for TPAF members for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024. The amount reported as TPAF Pension System Contributions in the amount of \$18,761,615, TPAF Post-Retirement Medical Benefits Contributions in the amount of \$5,106,225 and TPAF Long-Term Disability Insurance in the amount of \$5,393 represents the amount paid by the State on behalf of the District for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024.

NOTE 6 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 as 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 District's financial statements and the amount subject to State single audit and major program determination.

NOTE 7 DE MINIMIS INDIRECT COST RATE

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

**RIDGEWOOD BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

Part I – Summary of Auditor's Results

Financial Statement Section

Type of auditors' report issued on financial statements Unmodified

Internal control over financial reporting:

- 1) Were material weakness(es) identified? yes X no
- 2) Significant deficiencies identified that are not considered to be material weakness(es)? X yes none reported

Noncompliance material to the basic financial statements noted? X yes no

Federal Awards Section

Internal Control over major programs:

- (1) Material weakness(es) identified? yes X no
- 2) Significant deficiencies identified that are not considered to be material weakness(es)? yes X none reported

Type of auditor's report issued on compliance for major programs Unmodified

Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with U.S. Uniform Guidance? yes X no

Identification of major federal programs:

<u>CFDA Number(s)</u>	<u>FAIN Number</u>	<u>Name of Federal Program or Cluster</u>
<u>84.027A</u>	<u>H027A240100</u>	<u>IDEA Part B</u>
<u>84.173A</u>	<u>H173A240114</u>	<u>IDEA Preschool</u>
<u>87.027X</u>	<u>H027XA230100</u>	<u>IDEA Basic - ARP</u>

Dollar threshold used to distinguish between Type A and Type B programs: \$750,000

Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee? X yes no

**RIDGEWOOD BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

Part I – Summary of Auditor's Results

State Awards Section

Internal control over major programs:

- 1) Material weakness(es) identified? yes X no
- 2) Significant deficiencies identified that are not
considered to be material weakness(es)? X yes none reported

Type of auditor's report issued on compliance
for major programs?

Unmodified

Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be
reported in accordance with N.J. Circular Letter 15-08?

 X yes no

Identification of major State programs:

<u>GMIS Number(s)</u>	<u>Name of State Program</u>
<u>24-495-034-5120-089</u>	<u>Special Education Aid</u>
<u>24-495-034-5120-084</u>	<u>Security Aid</u>
<u>N/A</u>	<u>SDA Emergent and Capital Maintenance Grant</u>

Dollar threshold used to distinguish between Type A
and Type B programs:

\$750,000

Auditee qualified as low risk auditee

 X yes no

**RIDGEWOOD BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

Part 2 – Schedule of Financial Statement Findings

This section identifies the reportable conditions, material weaknesses, and instances of noncompliance related to the basic financial statements that are required to be reported in accordance with paragraphs 5.18 through 5.20 of *Government Auditing Standards*.

Finding 2024-001

The year-end Board Secretary general ledger cash account balances were not in agreement with the year end Treasurer's report and respective bank reconciliations.

Criteria or specific requirement:

N.J.S.A. 18A:17-36 "Accounting Monthly and Annual Reports"

Condition

See Finding 2024-001.

Context

The Treasurer's report year end bank reconciliations did not include additional disbursements in the Board Secretary's records as outstanding checks. Additional checks were issued and included in the Board Secretary records from the General Fund, Special Revenue Fund and Food Service Fund in the amounts of \$3,117,447, \$276,009 and \$82,706, respectively.

Effect

The year end Board Secretary records and Treasurer's reports were not in agreement in accordance with State requirements. Audit adjustments were made to reconcile the Board Secretary and Treasurer's records.

Cause

See Context.

Recommendation

The financial reports and records of the Board Secretary and Treasurer of School Monies be reconciled and in agreement prior to submission to the Board for their approval.

View of Responsible Officials and Planned Corrective Action

Management has reviewed this finding and indicated it will review and revise its procedures to ensure corrective action is taken.

**RIDGEWOOD BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

Part 2 – Schedule of Financial Statement Findings

This section identifies the reportable conditions, material weaknesses, and instances of noncompliance related to the basic financial statements that are required to be reported in accordance with paragraphs 5.18 through 5.20 of *Government Auditing Standards*.

Finding 2024-002

Our audit of year end open purchase orders in the General and Food Service Enterprise Funds revealed certain encumbrances were deemed overstated or invalid at June 30, 2024.

Criteria or Specific Requirement

Internal controls over year end closing procedures of open orders.

Condition

Certain encumbrances were determined to have been overstated and deemed invalid at year end.

Context

- Reserve for encumbrances recorded in the General and Food Service Enterprise Fund totaling \$1,680,610 and \$511,530, respectively, were determined to be overstated.

Effect

Financial statements may not properly reflect fund balance at year end.

Cause

Unknown.

Recommendation

Procedures be reviewed and revised to ensure open purchase orders are reviewed at year end and overstated or invalid orders be adjusted accordingly.

Views of Responsible Officials and Planned Corrective Action Plan

Management has reviewed this finding and has indicated it will review and revise its procedures to ensure corrective action is taken.

**RIDGEWOOD BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS (CONT'D)
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

Part 3 – Schedule of Federal and State Award Findings and Questioned Costs (Cont'd)

This section identifies the significant deficiencies, material weaknesses, and instances of noncompliance, including questioned costs, 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.

CURRENT YEAR FEDERAL AWARDS

There are none.

**RIDGEWOOD BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS (CONT'D)
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

Part 3 – Schedule of Federal and State Award Findings and Questioned Costs (Cont'd)

This section identifies the significant deficiencies, material weaknesses, and instances of noncompliance, including questioned costs, 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.

CURRENT YEAR STATE AWARDS

Finding 2024-003

The year-end Board Secretary general ledger cash account balances were not in agreement with the year end Treasurer's report and respective bank reconciliations.

State Program Information

Special Education Aid	495-034-5120-089
Security Aid	495-034-5120-084

Criteria or specific requirement

State Grant Compliance Supplement – State Aid - Public
N.J.S.A. 18A:17-36 “Accounting Monthly and Annual Reports”

Condition

See Finding 2024-003.

Questioned Costs

None.

Context

The Treasurer's report year end bank reconciliations did not include additional disbursements in the Board Secretary's records as outstanding checks. Additional checks were issued and included in the Board Secretary records from the General Fund, Special Revenue Fund and Food Service Fund in the amounts of \$3,117,447, \$276,009 and \$82,706, respectively.

Effect

The year end Board Secretary records and Treasurer's reports were not in agreement in accordance with State requirements. Audit adjustments were made to reconcile the Board Secretary and Treasurer's records.

Cause

See Context.

Recommendation

The financial reports and records of the Board Secretary and Treasurer of School Monies be reconciled and in agreement prior to submission to the Board for their approval.

View of Responsible Officials and Planned Corrective Action

Management has reviewed this finding and indicated it will review and revise its procedures to ensure corrective action is taken.

**RIDGEWOOD BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS (CONT'D)
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

Part 3 – Schedule of Federal and State Award Findings and Questioned Costs (Cont'd)

This section identifies the significant deficiencies, material weaknesses, and instances of noncompliance, including questioned costs, 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.

CURRENT YEAR STATE AWARDS

Finding 2024-004

Our audit of purchases related to compliance with the Public School Contracts Law revealed the following:

- a) Supporting detail for purchases made in accordance with state and cooperative purchasing contracts was not obtained and verified to amounts billed per vendor invoices.
- b) Bid documentation which includes proof of advertisement, lowest bid confirmation and 10% ownership documentation was not made available for audit.
- c) National cooperative purchasing requirements were not adhered to.
- d) Contracts/purchases in excess of the bid threshold were not approved by resolution in the minutes.
- e) Business Registration Certificates were not available for several vendors.

State program information:

Special Education Aid	495-034-5120-089
Security Aid	495-034-5120-084
SDA Emergent and Capital Maintenance Grant	N/A

Criteria or specific requirement:

State Grant Compliance Supplement – State Aid – Public
NJSA 18A:18A – Public School Contracts Law

Condition:

- a) State contract and cooperative purchasing supporting pricing detail was no available to support amounts included on vendor invoices for network switches, chromebooks, painting services and plumbing services.
- b) Supporting bid documentation was not available for audit for landscaping services and the RHS science wing roof replacement.
- c) National cooperative purchasing requirements were not adhered to for purchases from Amazon.
- d) Contracts/purchases for network switches, painting services and plumbing services were not approved in the minutes.
- e) Business Registration Certificates were not available for five (5) of ten (10) vendors tested.

Questioned Costs:

Unknown.

**RIDGEWOOD BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS (CONT'D)
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

Part 3 – Schedule of Federal and State Award Findings and Questioned Costs (Cont'd)

This section identifies the significant deficiencies, material weaknesses, and instances of noncompliance, including questioned costs, 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, as amended.

CURRENT YEAR STATE AWARDS (Continued)

Finding 2024-004 (Continued)

Context:

See Condition.

Effect:

Noncompliance with requirements of the Public School Contracts Law and State Aid-Public Compliance Supplement.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that with respect to school purchasing:

- a) Amounts paid through state contract and cooperative purchasing agreements be verified to state contract and cooperative purchasing documentation.
- b) Bid documentation for vendors publicly bid be retained and made available for audit.
- c) National cooperative purchasing requirements be adhered to.
- d) Contracts/purchases in excess of the bid threshold be approved in the board minutes.
- e) Business Registration Certificates be obtained and available for audit.

Views of Responsible Officials and Planned Corrective Action:

Management has reviewed this finding and has indicated it will review and revise its procedures to ensure corrective action is taken.

**RIDGEWOOD BOARD OF EDUCATION
SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

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 Uniform Guidance and New Jersey OMB's Circular 15-08.

STATUS OF PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS

Finding 2023-001

Condition

Debt Service Fund taxes levied included principal and interest for the ESIP bonds which are budgeted and paid in the General Fund for the fiscal year 2022 and 2023.

Status

Corrective action has been taken.

Finding 2023-002

Condition

- f) Contracts/purchases of athletic supplies, fencing and food service supplies and equipment were not approved in the minutes.
- g) One (1) vendor paid in excess of the bid threshold for electrical services was not bid or awarded a contract by the state or approved cooperative purchasing agreement.
- h) State contract and cooperative purchasing supporting pricing detail was not available to support amounts included on vendor invoices for furniture, athletic supplies, fencing, food service supplies and equipment and radios.
- i) Proof of advertisements was not available for three (3) professional service contracts awarded and the bid advertisement for the RHS food lab renovation.
- j) Four (4) Political Disclosure Forms were not available for vendors paid in excess of \$17,500.

Status

See Finding 2024-004.