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**AUDITORS' REPORT** YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

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#### Independent Auditors' Report

Board of Education Onaway Area Community Schools Cheboygan and Presque Isle Counties, Michigan

#### Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

#### **Opinions**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Onaway Area Community Schools, Cheboygan and Presque Isle Counties, Michigan, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the School District's basic financial statements as listed in the index.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Onaway Area Community Schools, Cheboygan and Presque Isle Counties, Michigan, as of June 30, 2024, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### **Basis for Opinions**

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of Onaway Area Community Schools 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 these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Onaway Area Community Schools' 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.

#### Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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

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

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Onaway Area Community Schools' 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.

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• Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Onaway Area Community Schools' 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, and required pension and other postemployment benefit (OPEB) schedules 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 Onaway Area Community Schools' basic financial statements. The accompanying combining nonmajor fund financial statements and individual fund schedules are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the combining nonmajor fund financial statements and individual fund schedules are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

#### Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report, dated August 13, 2024, included in the Single Audit Report issued under a separate cover, on our consideration of Onaway Area Community Schools' 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 Onaway Area Community Schools' 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 Onaway Area Community Schools' internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

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As management of Onaway Area Community Schools, (the District), we offer readers of the District's financial statements this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the District for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024.

The management's discussion and analysis is provided at the beginning of the audit to provide, in layman's terms, the past and current position of the school district's financial condition. This summary should not be taken as a replacement for the audit which consists of the financial statements and other supplemental information that presents all the District's revenues and expenditures by program.

# FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Our financial statements provide these insights into the results of this year's operations.

The liabilities of the District exceeded its assets at the close of the most recent fiscal year by \$3,621,288 (net position). Of this amount, \$(8,843,185) (unrestricted net position) is the result of the District's ongoing obligations to taxpayers, employees, students, and creditors. Restricted net position is reported separately to show legal constraints from debt covenants and enabling legislation that limit the School District's ability to use that net position for day-to-day operations.

The District's total Net Position increased by \$1,443,741 in the current year, compared to the prior year increase of only \$584,491. The primary reason for the increase was federal funding related to the COVID-19 pandemic, which decreased \$651,457 in the General Fund, this was offset by an overall decrease in expenditures shown in Table 2 below.

As of the close of the current fiscal year, the District's governmental funds (General Fund, Food Service Fund, Debt Service Fund, and 2016 Construction Fund) reported combined ending fund balances of \$2,273,086, an increase of \$88,937 from the prior year. This aggregated fund balance is equal to 24.6% of the total operating expenditures of these funds. Of this amount, \$1,551,045 (unassigned fund balance) is available for spending at the District's discretion.

The General Fund fund balance increased by \$93,105. The District has a decrease in federal funding as result of the COVID-19 pandemic, as mentioned above, this decrease in revenue was offset by overall decreases in expenditures in the current year.

The aggregate remaining Other Governmental Funds experienced a \$4,168 decrease in fund balance. The Food Service Fund fund balance decreased \$5,778 (largely driven by increased food costs), while the Debt Service Fund increased \$29,436 (tax revenue exceeded debt service principal & interest payments) and the 2016 Construction Fund decreased \$27,826 (equipment & furnishing expenses exceeded interest revenue for the fiscal year).

#### USING THIS ANNUAL REPORT

This discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to the Onaway Area Community Schools basic financial statements. The District's basic financial statements are comprised of three components: 1) government-wide financial statements, 2) fund financial statements, and 3) notes to the financial statements. This report also contains other supplementary information in addition to the basic financial statements themselves.

#### Government - Wide Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of the District's finances in a manner similar to a private sector business.

The *statement of net position* presents information on all of the District's assets and liabilities, with the difference between the two reported as *net position*. Over time, increases or decreases in net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the District is improving or deteriorating.

The statement of activities presents information showing how the government's net position changed during the most recent fiscal year. All changes in net position are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will only result in cash flows in future fiscal periods (e.g., uncollected taxes and earned but unused sick leave).

Both the government-wide financial statements distinguish functions of the Onaway Area Community School District that are principally supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues (*governmental activities*) from other functions that are intended to recover all or a significant portion of their costs through user fees and charges (*business-type activities*). The governmental activities of the District include instruction, support services, and food services.

The government-wide financial statements can be found in the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities.

#### Fund Financial Statements

A *fund* is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The District, like other state and local governments, uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. All of the funds of the District can be divided into two categories: governmental funds and fiduciary funds.

# Governmental Funds

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

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

The District maintains four individual governmental funds. Information is presented separately in the governmental fund balance sheet and in the governmental fund statement of revenue, expenditures and changes in fund balances for the General Fund, which is considered to be a major fund. Data from the other three governmental funds are combined into a single, aggregated presentation. Individual fund data for each of these nonmajor governmental funds is provided in the form of *combining statements* elsewhere in this report.

The District adopts annual appropriated budgets for its governmental funds. A budgetary comparison statement has been provided for the General Fund to demonstrate compliance with its budgets.

The basic governmental fund financial statements can be found in the Balance Sheet – Governmental Funds and the Statement of Revenue, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances – Governmental Funds.

#### Notes to the Financial Statements

The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements. The notes to the financial statements are presented in Notes to Financial Statements.

#### Other Information

In addition to the basic financial statements and accompanying notes, this report also presents certain *required* supplementary information concerning budgetary information for the District's major funds. Required supplementary information can be found in this Management's Discussion and Analysis, Required Pension and OPEB Schedules, and the Statement of Revenue, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances – Budget and Actual – General Fund.

The combining statements referred to earlier in connection with nonmajor governmental funds are presented immediately following the required supplementary information. Combining nonmajor fund financial statements can be found in the Combining Balance Sheet – Other Governmental Funds and the Combining Statement of Revenue, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances – Other Governmental Funds.

The individual fund schedules presenting the General Fund – Details of Revenue Compared to Budget and the General Fund – Details of Expenditures Compared to Budget are immediately following the combined nonmajor fund financial statements referred to in the preceding paragraph.

Our auditors have provided assurance in their independent auditors' report, located immediately preceding this Management's Discussion and Analysis, that the Basic Financial Statements are fairly stated. Varying degrees of assurance are being provided by the auditor regarding the Required Supplementary Information and the Supplemental Information identified above. A user of this report should read the independent auditors' report carefully to ascertain the level of assurance being provided for each of the parts in the Financial Section.

#### GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

Our analysis below focuses on the net position (Table 1) and the change in net position (Table 2) of the School District's governmental activities.

#### **TABLE 1: NET POSITION**

	Governmental Activities				
	June 30, 2024	June 30, 2023			
Current Assets Noncurrent Assets:	\$ 3,286,987	\$ 3,224,352			
Net OPEB Asset	189,779	0			
Capital Assets - Net Total Assets	<u>5,549,694</u> 9,026,460	5,615,191 8,839,543			
Deferred Outflows of Resources	4,004,733	5,165,779			
Current Liabilities Noncurrent Liabilities Total Liabilities	997,119 12,107,189 13,104,308	1,044,903 15,396,703 16,441,606			
Deferred Inflows of Resources	3,548,173	2,628,745			
Net Position (Restated)  Net Investment in Capital Assets Restricted Unrestricted (Deficit)	5,029,364 192,533 (8,843,185)	4,552,196 189,673 (9,806,898)			
Total Net Position	\$ (3,621,288)	<u>\$ (5,065,029)</u>			

The \$(8,843,185) in unrestricted net position of governmental activities represents the accumulated results of all past years' operations. It means that if we had to pay off all of our bills *today*, including all of our noncapital liabilities (net pension liability for example); we would be short by \$8,843,185. This shortfall is a direct result of the implementation of GASB 68 and GASB 75 in prior years. See Note 9 and Note 10 of this report.

TABLE 2: CHANGES IN NET POSITION

	Governmental Activities				
	Year Ended June 30, 2024	Year Ended June 30, 2023			
Revenues: Program Revenues: Charges for Services Operating Grants and Contributions Capital Grants and Contributions	\$ 87,624 3,250,063 63,883	\$ 84,425 3,769,415 0			
General Revenues:  Current Property Taxes  State School Aid – Unrestricted Investment Earnings Gain(Loss) on Disposal on Fixed Assets Miscellaneous	3,763,270 2,046,939 58,997 4,102 41,469	3,566,315 2,032,374 43,795 0 38,405			
Total Revenues	9,316,347	9,534,729			
Functions/Program Expenses: Instruction Support Services Community Services Athletics Food Services Student Activities Interest on Long-Term Debt Total Functions/Program Expenses	4,637,157 2,377,757 30,196 160,659 382,675 257,539 26,623 7,872,606	5,874,675 2,207,760 30,091 163,121 389,663 197,962 39,794 8,903,066			
Change in Net Position	1,443,741	631,663			
Beginning Net Position (Restated)	(5,065,029)	(5,696,692)			
Ending Net Position (Restated)	\$ (3,621,288)	\$ (5,065,029)			

# MAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BUDGETING AND OPERATING HIGHLIGHTS

The District's budgets are prepared according to Michigan law. The budgeted funds are the General Fund and the Food Service Fund.

During the year ended June 30, 2024, the District amended the budgets of these governmental funds as necessary to account for changes in anticipated revenues and expenditures.

## General Fund

The General Fund's actual revenue was \$8,294,552. The amount is above the original budget estimate of \$7,812,405 and below the final amended budget of \$8,354,197. The variance between the actual revenues, the original budget, and the final budget was primarily due to the District receiving less federal ESSER funding than was expected.

The actual expenditure of the General Fund were \$8,224,307, which is above both the original budget estimate of \$7,604,906 and the final budget estimate of \$8,121,383. Student activity expenditures, such as fairs, class trips, and sport programs, had the largest contribution to this variance at \$257,539.

The General Fund had total revenues of \$8,294,552, total expenditures of \$8,224,307, and other financing sources of \$22,860 with an ending fund balance of \$1,908,341.

#### CAPITAL ASSET AND LONG-TERM LIABILITY ADMINISTRATION

#### Capital Assets

At the end of fiscal year 2024, the District had capital assets with original acquisition costs totaling \$11,387,932, consisting of land and buildings, furniture and equipment, and vehicles and buses. Of this amount, \$5,838,238 in depreciation has been taken over the years. The District's capital assets currently have a net book value of \$5,549,694.

During the year ended June 30, 2024, the District's total capital asset additions consisted of:

Rubber Playground Mulch	\$ 6,045
Security Window Coverings	41,881
John Deere Lawn Mower X350	4,119
Overhead Paging/PA System	116,765
Copier eStudio 4528A	5,644
5 Lunchroom Tables	14,609
16 Motorola Radios	50,449
Playground Equipment	16,999
Prior Year Covered Trailer	4,000
2020 Chevy Silverado	<u>52,314</u>
	\$312.825

During the year ended June 30, 2024 the District's total capital asset disposals consisted of:

2008 International Bus	\$ 45,543
2011 International Bus	55,625
Security Window Coverings -	20,312
Prior Year Construction in Progress	
2005 Chevy Pickup	<u> 14,500</u>
	\$135.980

Additional information on the District's capital assets can be found in Notes to Financial Statements, Note 4 of this report.

#### Long-Term Debt

At June 30, 2024, long-term debt amounted to \$872,342. Such debt includes Bonds Payable, Installment Purchases Payable, Compensated Absences, and Early Retirement Incentives.

Additional information on the District's long-term debt can be found in Notes to Financial Statements, Note 6 of this report.

#### Net Pension Liability

At June 30, 2024, the District's Net Pension Liability amounted to \$11,234,847. This constitutes their unfunded pension benefit obligation as of the measurement date of the Michigan Public School Employees Retirement System Plan.

Additional information on the District's Net Pension Liability can be found in Note 9 of this report.

# Net OPEB Asset

At June 30, 2024, the District's Net OPEB Asset amounted to \$189,779. This constitutes their overfunded OPEB obligation as of the measurement date of the Michigan Public School Employees Retirement System Plan.

Additional information on the District's Net OPEB Liability can be found in Note 10 of this report.

#### ECONOMIC FACTORS AND NEXT YEAR'S BUDGETS

The 2023-2024 year was a year of operating a school during pandemic funding coming to an end. This led to budget changes through the year as new information became available from funding sources. The original budget for the new year was made while trying to forecast state aid amounts, prior to the June 30 deadline, which was prior to the state aid amounts released. Recent fluctuations in local property tax amounts were another factor that could affect the budget that was set for the new year. Lastly, there is a continued trend of significant changes in district enrollment numbers.

## **REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION**

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the District's finances for all those with an interest in government finances. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional information should be addressed to:

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# STATEMENT OF NET POSITION <u>June 30, 2024</u>

		overnmental Activities
Assets		
Cash and Cash Equivalents Receivables:	\$	2,383,121
Due From Other Governmental Units Inventory:		779,820
Supplies		15,354
Prepaid Items		108,692
Noncurrent Assets:		
Net OPEB Asset		189,779
Capital Assets Not Being Depreciated Capital Assets, Net of Accumulated Depreciation		20,300 5,529,394
Total Assets		9,026,460
Deferred Outflows of Resources		
Deferred Amount on Pension Expense Related to Net Pension Liability		3,278,009
Deferred Amount on OPEB Expense Related to Net OPEB Asset		726,724
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	_	4,004,733
Liabilities		
Accounts Payable		21,050
Interest Payable		2,525
Payroll Deductions and Withholdings		91,283
Accrued Expenses		363,246
Salaries Payable		386,501
Unearned Revenue Long-Term Liabilities:		132,514
Due Within One Year		296,548
Due in More Than One Year		575,794
Net Pension Liability		11,234,847
Total Liabilities		13,104,308
Deferred Inflows of Resources		4.004.070
Deferred Amount on Net Pension Liability		1,964,679
Deferred Amount on Net OPEB Asset  Total Deferred Inflows of Resources		1,583,494 3,548,173
Total Deletted Illilows of Resources	_	<u> </u>
Net Position		
Net Investment in Capital Assets		5,029,364
Restricted For: Debt Retirement		90 20E
Capital Projects		89,295 101,988
Unrestricted (Deficit)		(8,841,935)
		(0,0 . 1,000)
Total Net Position	\$	(3,621,288)

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

# STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

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Functions/Programs_		Expenses		ervices		ontributions	 arits ariu ntributions		Type Activities
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Instruction	\$	4,637,157	\$	9,472	\$	1,193,429	\$ 0	\$	(3,434,256)
Support Services		2,377,757		0		1,350,072	63,883		(963,802)
Community Services		30,196		44,650		20,365	0		34,819
Athletics		160,659		23,080		790	0		(136,789)
Food Services		382,675		10,422		407,086	0		34,833
Student Activities		257,539		0		278,321	0		20,782
Interest on Long-Term Debt	_	26,623		0	_	0	0	_	(26,623)
Total	\$_	7,872,606	\$	87,624	\$_	3,250,063	\$ 63,883	_	(4,471,036)
General Revenues:									
Property Taxes, Levied for General P	urna	nses							3,169,433
Property Taxes, Levied for Debt Purp									593,837
State School Aid - Unrestricted	000								2,046,939
Investment Earnings									58,997
Gain on Disposal of Capital Assets									4,102
Miscellaneous									41,469
Total General Revenues								-	5,914,777
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Change in Net Position									1,443,741
Net Position - Beginning (Restated)								_	(5,065,029)
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Net Position - Ending								Φ=	(3,621,288)

# BALANCE SHEET GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS June 30, 2024

		General Fund	<u>-</u>	Other Sovernmental Funds	_	Total Sovernmental Funds
Assets Cash and Cash Equivalents Receivables:	\$	2,035,695	\$	347,426	\$	2,383,121
Due From Other Governmental Units Due from Other Funds Inventory:		779,820 4,582		0 20,714		779,820 25,296
Supplies Prepaid Items	_	0 108,692	_	15,354 <u>0</u>	_	15,354 108,692
Total Assets	\$_	2,928,789	\$_	383,494	\$_	3,312,283
Liabilities  Accounts Payable Due to Other Funds Payroll Deductions and Withholdings Accrued Expenditures Salaries Payable Unearned Revenue Current Portion of Early Retirement Incentives Total Liabilities	\$ 	20,972 20,714 88,314 360,162 378,465 132,514 19,307 1,020,448	\$	78 4,582 2,969 3,084 8,036 0 0 18,749	\$ 	21,050 25,296 91,283 363,246 386,501 132,514 19,307 1,039,197
Fund Equity Fund Balances: Nonspendable: Inventory Prepaid Items Restricted For: Debt Retirement Capital Projects Committed To:		0 108,692 0 0		15,354 0 89,295 101,988		15,354 108,692 89,295 101,988
Student Activities Assigned To: Food Service Unassigned	_	288,604 0 1,511,045	_	0 158,108 0		288,604 158,108 1,511,045
Total Fund Equity  Total Liabilities and Fund Equity	\$_	1,908,341 2,928,789	\$ <u></u>	364,745 383,494	\$ <u></u>	2,273,086 3,312,283

# RECONCILIATION OF TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL FUND BALANCES TO NET POSITION OF GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES $\underline{\text{June 30, 2024}}$

Total Governmental Fund Balances	\$	2,273,086
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position are different because:		
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported as assets in governmental funds. Capital assets at the year end consist of:  Capital Asset Cost	\$ 11,387,932	
Capital Asset Accumulated Depreciation	(5,838,238)	5,549,694
Accrued Interest on Long-term Liabilities		(2,525)
Deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to pensions and OPEB are applicable to future periods and, therefore, are not reported in the funds:  Deferred Outflows of Resources from Pension Expenses Subsequent to the Measurement Date of Net Pension Liability  Deferred Inflows of Resources Resulting from Net Pension Liability  Deferred Outflows of Resources from OPEB Expenses Subsequent to the Measurement Date of Net OPEB Asset  Deferred Inflows of Resources Resulting from Net OPEB Asset	3,278,009 (1,964,679) 726,724 (1,583,494)	456,560
Long-term liabilities, including bonds payable and OPEB assets when overpaid, are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported as liabilities inthe governmental funds. Long-term liabilities at year end consist of:  Bonds Payable Compensated Absences Payable Early Retirement Incentive Payable Installment Purchases Payable Net Pension Liability Net OPEB Asset	(505,000) (293,586) (39,119) (15,330) (11,234,847) 189,779	(11,898,103)
Total Net Position - Governmental Activities	\$	(3,621,288)

# STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

	_ <u>G</u> e	General Fund		Other overnmental Funds	Go	Total overnmental Funds
Revenue Local Sources State Sources Federal Sources Interdistrict Sources Total Revenue	\$	3,636,422 3,737,981 619,474 300,675 8,294,552	\$	610,607 37,327 369,759 0 1,017,693	\$	4,247,029 3,775,308 989,233 300,675 9,312,245
Expenditures Current:		E 11E 0E0		0		E 11E 0E0
Instruction Support Services		5,115,050 2,422,492		0		5,115,050 2,422,492
Community Services		35,111		0		35,111
Food Services		0		384,609		384,609
Athletics		169,384		0		169,384
Student Activities		257,539		0		257,539
Capital Outlay		176,703		53,949		230,652
Debt Service:						
Principal Retirement		7,665		535,000		542,665
Interest and Fees on Long-Term Debt		40,363		29,545		69,908
Total Expenditures		8,224,307		1,003,103		9,227,410
Excess of Revenue Over (Under) Expenditures	_	70,245		14,590		84,835
Other Financing Sources (Uses)						
Sale of Capital Assets		4,102		0		4,102
Operating Transfers In		18,758		0		18,758
Operating Transfers Out		0		(18,758)		(18,758)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)		22,860		(18,758)	_	4,102
Net Change in Fund Balances		93,105		(4,168)		88,937
Fund Balances - Beginning of Year (Restated)	_	1,815,236		368,913		2,184,149
Fund Balances - End of Year	\$	1,908,341	\$	364,745	\$	2,273,086

# RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

	\$	88,937
\$ (358.010)		
292,513		
		(65,497)
2,077,162		
940,754		
(865.997)		
(919,909)		
, ,		
481		937,442
		331,442
535,000		
<u>7,665</u>		5.40.005
		542,665
2,175		
(51,876)		
(10,105)		(50.000)
		(59,806)
	\$	1,443,741
	2,077,162 940,754 (865,997) (919,909) (295,049) 481 535,000 7,665	\$ (358,010) 292,513 2,077,162 940,754 (865,997) (919,909) (295,049) 481 535,000 7,665 2,175 (51,876)

# NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

#### NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accounting policies of the Onaway Area Community Schools (School District) conform to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) applicable to governments. The School District is considered to be a local government unit. The following is a summary of the significant accounting policies:

#### A. Reporting Entity

The School District operates under an elected School Board (seven members) and provides services to students in grades K-12. The board is responsible for adopting and amending budgets and for administering the school programs in accordance with governing laws.

The accompanying basic financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted (GAAP) in the United States of America as applied to governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The School District's reporting entity applies all relevant GASB pronouncements for determining the various governmental organizations to be included in the reporting entity. Onaway Area Community Schools' Board of Education (Board) is the primary government which has oversight responsibility and control over all activities related to public school education in the area served by the Onaway Area Community Schools. The Board receives funding from local, state, and federal government sources and must comply with the requirements of these funding source entities. As such, the Board is not included in any other governmental "reporting entity" as defined in GASB pronouncements since the Board members are a publicly elected governing body that has separate legal standing and is fiscally independent of other governmental entities.

### B. Fund Accounting

The School District uses funds to maintain its financial records during the fiscal year. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid management by segregating transactions related to certain School District functions or activities. A fund is defined as a fiscal and accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. The various funds of the School District are grouped into the categories governmental and fiduciary.

#### Governmental Funds

Governmental funds focus on the sources, uses and balances of current financial resources. Expendable assets are assigned to the various governmental funds according to the purposes for which they may or must be used. Current liabilities are assigned to the fund from which they will be paid. The difference between governmental fund assets and liabilities is reported as fund balance. The following is the School District's major governmental fund:

General Fund - The General Fund is the general operating fund of the School District. It is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

The other governmental funds of the School District account for grants and other resources whose use is restricted for a particular purpose, and the accumulation of resources for, and the payment of debt.

# NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

#### NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

#### C. Basis of Presentation

#### Government-wide Financial Statements:

The statement of net position and the statement of activities display information about the School District as a whole. These statements include the financial activities of the primary government. The statements distinguish between those activities of the School District that are governmental and those that are considered business-type activities. The School District does not currently have any business-type activities.

The government-wide statements are prepared using the economic resources measurement focus. This differs from the manner in which governmental fund financial statements are prepared. Governmental fund financial statements therefore include reconciliations with brief explanations to better identify the relationship between the government-wide statements and the statements for governmental funds.

The government-wide statement of activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for each function or program of the School District's governmental activities. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with a service, program or department and are therefore clearly identifiable to a particular function. Program revenues include charges paid by the recipient of the goods or services offered by the program, and grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program. Revenues that are not classified as program revenues are presented as general revenues of the School District, with certain limited exceptions. The comparison of direct expenses with program revenues identifies the extent to which each governmental function is self-financing or draws from the general revenues of the School District.

Net position is reported as restricted when constraints placed on net position use 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. The net position restricted for other purposes result from special revenue and capital project funds and the restrictions on their net position use. Restricted assets are used first to fund appropriations before unrestricted assets are used.

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

#### Fund Financial Statements:

Fund financial statements report detailed information about the School District. The focus of governmental fund financial statements is on major funds rather than reporting funds by type. Each major fund is presented in a separate column. Nonmajor funds are aggregated and presented in a single column.

The accounting and reporting treatment applied to a fund is determined by its measurement focus. All governmental fund types are accounted for using the modified accrual basis of accounting and the current financial resources measurement focus. The financial statements for governmental funds are a balance sheet, which generally includes only current assets and current liabilities, and a statement of revenue, expenditures and changes in fund balances, which reports on the sources (i.e., revenues and other financing sources) and uses (i.e., expenditures and other financing uses) of current financial resources.

#### D. Basis of Accounting

Basis of accounting determines when transactions are recorded in the financial records and reported on the financial statements. Government-wide financial statements are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting. Governmental funds use the modified accrual basis of accounting.

# NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

#### NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

#### D. Basis of Accounting (Continued)

Revenues - Exchange and Non-exchange Transactions:

Revenues resulting from exchange transactions, in which each party receives essentially equal value, is recorded on the accrual basis when the exchange takes place. On a modified accrual basis, revenues are recorded in the fiscal year in which the resources are measurable and available. Available means that the resources will be collected within the current fiscal year or are expected to be collected soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current fiscal year. For the School District, available means expected to be received within 60 days of the fiscal year-end.

Nonexchange transactions, in which the School District receives value without directly giving equal value in return, include property taxes, grants, entitlements and donations. On an accrual basis, revenue from property taxes is recognized in the fiscal year for which the taxes are levied. Revenue from grants, entitlements and donations is recognized in the fiscal year in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied. Eligibility requirements include timing requirements, which specify the year when the resources are required to be used or the fiscal year when use is first permitted; matching requirements, in which the School District must provide local resources to be used for a specified purpose; and expenditure requirements, in which the resources are provided to the School District on a reimbursement basis. On a modified accrual basis, revenues from nonexchange transactions must also be available before they can be recognized.

Under the modified accrual basis, the following revenue sources are considered to be both measurable and available at fiscal year-end: property taxes available in advance, interest, tuition, grants, student fees and rentals.

#### 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 a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until that time.

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 a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time.

#### Expenses/Expenditures:

On the accrual basis of accounting, expenses are recognized at the time they are incurred. The fair value of donated commodities used during the year is reported in the operating statement as an expense with a like amount reported as donated commodities revenue.

The measurement focus of governmental fund accounting is on decreases in net financial resources (expenditures) rather than expenses. Expenditures are generally recognized in the accounting period in which the related fund liability is incurred, if measurable. Allocations of cost, such as depreciation, are not recognized in governmental funds.

# NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

#### NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

#### E. Cash and Cash Equivalents

During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, investments included the Michigan Liquid Asset Fund (MILAF). MILAF is an investment pool managed by Cadre Consulting, which allows school districts within the State of Michigan to pool their funds for investment purposes. Investments in MILAF are valued at cost which equals market value.

For presentation on the financial statements, investments in the cash management pools and investments with an original maturity of three months or less at the time they are purchased by the School District are considered to be cash equivalents. Investments with an initial maturity of more than three months are reported as investments.

#### F. Receivables

Receivables generally consist of grants, state aid, and other. All receivables are net of estimated uncollectible accounts. Receivables are recognized to the extent the amounts are determined material and substantiated, not only by supporting documentation but also by a reasonable systematic method of determining their existence, completeness, valuation, and collectability.

The allowance for doubtful accounts at June 30, 2024 was \$0.

#### G. Due From Other Governmental Units

This represents amounts receivable from the State of Michigan and other governmental units for federal, state and local reimbursable programs.

#### H. Prepaid Items

Certain payments to vendors reflect costs applicable to future fiscal years and are recorded as prepaid items in both the government-wide and fund financial statements.

# I. Inventory - Supplies

Inventory consists of expendable supplies held for consumption. Inventory is stated at cost and recorded as an expenditure/expense in the governmental and government wide financial statements when used.

#### J. Capital and Right to Use Assets

General capital assets are those assets not specifically related to activities reported in proprietary funds. These assets generally result from expenditures in the governmental funds. These assets are reported in the governmental activities column of the government-wide statement of net position but are not reported in the fund financial statements.

All capital assets are capitalized at cost (or estimated historical cost) using a \$5,000 capitalization threshold and updated for additions and retirements during the year. Donated fixed assets are recorded at their fair market values as of the date received. The School District does not possess any infrastructure. Improvements are capitalized; the cost of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend an asset's life are not.

Right to use assets are initially measured at an amount equal to the initial measurement of the related lease/subscription-based information technology arrangement (SBITA) liability plus any lease/SBITA payments made prior to the lease/SBITA term, less incentives, and plus ancillary charges necessary to place the lease/SBITA into service.

# NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

#### NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

#### J. Capital and Right to Use Assets (Continued)

All reported capital assets are depreciated. Improvements are depreciated over the remaining useful lives of the related capital assets.

<u>Descriptions</u>	Governmental Activities <u>Estimated Lives</u>
Buildings and Improvements	20 - 50 years
Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment	5 - 10 years
Vehicles and Buses	5 - 10 years
Software	3 - 5 years

Intangible right-to-use assets are amortized over the shorter of the lease/SBITA term, or the useful life of the underlying asset.

#### K. Interfund Balances

On fund financial statements, receivables and payables resulting from short-term interfund loans are classified as "due from/to other funds". These amounts are eliminated in the governmental columns of the statement of net position.

# L. Accrued Liabilities and Long-Term Obligations

All payables, accrued liabilities and long-term obligations are reported in the government-wide financial statements. In general, payables and accrued liabilities that will be paid from governmental funds are reported as a liability in the fund financial statements at the time they are incurred, to the extent that they will be paid from current, expendable, financial resources. In general, payments made within 60 days after year end are considered to have been made with current available financial resources. However, bonds and other long-term obligations, compensated absences, claims and judgments, contractually required pension contributions and special termination benefits that will be paid from governmental funds are recognized as a liability in the fund financial statements when they become due for payment.

#### M. Compensated Absences

The School District reports compensated absences in accordance with the provisions of GASB Statement No. 16, "Accounting for Compensated Absences." Sick leave benefits are accrued as a liability using the vesting method. An accrual for earned sick leave is made based on accumulated sick leave and wage rates at yearend, taking into consideration limits specified in the School District's termination policy.

The entire compensated absences liability is reported on the government-wide financial statements. For the governmental fund financial statements, the current portion of unpaid compensated absences is the amount expected to be paid using expendable available resources. These amounts are recorded in the account "compensated absences payable" in the fund from which the employees who have accumulated unpaid leave are paid. The noncurrent portion of the liability is not reported in the governmental fund financial statements.

No liability amounts were recorded in governmental fund statements, in accordance with GASB 33, due to the fact that there was a legally enforceable document that set a date for payment of vested benefits subsequent to June 30, 2024.

# NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

## NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

#### N. Net Pension Liability

For purposes of measuring the net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the Michigan Public School Employees Retirement System (MPSERS) and additions to/deductions from MPSERS fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by MPSERS. For this purpose, benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable.

#### O. Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions

For purposes of measuring the net OPEB liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB, and OPEB expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the Michigan Public School Employees Retirement System (MPSERS) and additions to/deductions from MPSERS fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by MPSERS. 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.

#### P. Net Position

Net position represents the difference between assets and deferred outflows of resources less liabilities and deferred inflows of resources. The School District reports three categories of net position as follows:

Net investment in capital assets - consists of net capital assets reduced by outstanding balances of any related debt obligations and deferred inflows of resources attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets and increased by balances of deferred outflows of resources related to those assets.

Restricted net position - net position is considered restricted if their use is constrained to a particular purpose. Restrictions are imposed by external organizations such as federal or state laws or buyers of the School District's bonds. Restricted net position is reduced by liabilities and deferred inflows of resources related to the restricted assets.

Unrestricted net position - consists of all other net position that does not meet the definition of the above two components and is available for general use by the School District.

When an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net position are available, management applies restricted net position first, unless a determination is made to use unrestricted net position. The School District's policy concerning which to apply first varies with the intended use and legal requirements. Management typically makes this decision on a transactional basis at the incurrence of the expense.

## Q. Fund Balances

In the fund financial statements, governmental funds report aggregate amounts for five classifications of fund balances based on the constraints imposed on the use of these resources. The nonspendable fund balance classification includes amounts that cannot be spent because they are either (a) not in spendable form—prepaid items or inventories; or (b) legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.

The spendable portion of the fund balance comprises the remaining four classifications: restricted, committed, assigned, and unassigned.

# NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

#### NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

## Q. Fund Balance (Continued)

Restricted fund balance. This classification reflects the constraints imposed on resources either (a) externally by creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or (b) imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

Committed fund balance. These amounts can only be used for specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by formal school board action—the District's highest level of decision making authority. Those committed amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the school board removes the specified use by taking the same type of action imposing the commitment. This classification also includes contractual obligations to the extent that existing resources in the fund have been specifically committed for use in satisfying those contractual requirements.

Assigned fund balance. This classification reflects the amounts constrained by the District's "intent" to be used for specific purposes, but are neither restricted nor committed. The school board or personnel authorized by the school board have the authority to assign amounts to be used for specific purposes. Assigned fund balances include all remaining amounts (except negative balances) that are reported in governmental funds, other than the General Fund, that are not classified as nonspendable and are neither restricted nor committed.

Unassigned fund balance. This fund balance is the residual classification for the General Fund. It is also used to report negative fund balances in other governmental funds.

When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is the District's policy to use externally restricted resources first, then unrestricted resources—committed, assigned, and unassigned—in order as needed.

#### R. Property Taxes

The School District levies its property taxes on July 1, and various municipalities collect its property taxes and remit them to the School District through February. The delinquent real property taxes of the School District are purchased by the County, and delinquent personal property taxes continue to be collected by the municipalities and recorded as revenue as they are collected. The County sells tax notes, the proceeds of which have been used to pay the School District for these delinquent real property taxes. These delinquent real property taxes have been recorded as revenue in the current year.

# S. Foundation Revenue

The State of Michigan has adopted a foundation grant approach which provides for a specific annual amount of revenue per student based on a state-wide formula. The foundation allowance is funded from state and local sources. Revenues from state sources are primarily governed by the School Aid Act and the School Code of Michigan. The Michigan Department of Education administers the allocation of state funds to school districts based on information supplied by the School District.

The state portion of the foundation allowance is provided primarily by a state education property tax millage of 6 mills and an allocated portion of state sales and other taxes. The local portion of the foundation allowance is funded primarily by non-prequalified and commercial property taxes which may be levied at a rate of up to 18 mills. The state revenue is recognized during the foundation period (currently the fiscal year) and is funded through 11 payments from October, 2023 - August, 2024. The local revenue is recognized as outlined in the preceding section of this note.

# NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

#### NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

#### T. State Categorical Revenue

The School District also receives revenue from the state to administer certain categorical education programs. State rules require that revenue earmarked for these programs be expended for its specific purpose. Categorical funds received which are not expended by the close of the fiscal year are recorded as unearned revenue.

#### U. Interfund Activity

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

## V. Extraordinary and Special Items

Extraordinary items are transactions or events that are both unusual in nature and infrequent in occurrence. Special items are transactions or events that are within the control of the Board of Education and that are either unusual in nature or infrequent in occurrence. Neither type of transaction occurred during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024.

#### W. Economic Dependency

The School District received approximately 41% of their revenue from the Michigan Department of Education. Due to the significance of this revenue source to the School District, the School District is considered to be economically dependent.

#### X. Use of Estimates

The process of preparing financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires the use of estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes. Such estimates primarily relate to unsettled transactions and events as of the date of the financial statements. Accordingly, upon settlement, actual results may differ from estimated amounts.

#### Y. Budgetary Policies and Data

The State of Michigan adopted a Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act (Act) applicable to all local governmental entities in the state. The law requires appropriation acts to be adopted for General and Special Revenue Funds and an informational study for Capital Project Funds of school districts prior to the expenditure of monies in a fiscal year in accordance with GAAP.

Onaway Area Community Schools follows these procedures in establishing the budgetary data reflected in the financial statements.

- 1. The School District's Superintendent submits to the Board a proposed budget prior to July 1 of each year. The budget includes proposed expenditures and the means of financing them.
- 2. A public hearing is conducted to obtain taxpayer comments.
- 3. Budgeted amounts are as originally adopted, or as amended by the Board throughout the year. Individual amendments were not material in relation to the original appropriations.

# NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

#### NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

- Y. Budgetary Policies and Data (Continued)
  - 4. Appropriations lapse at year-end and therefore cancel all encumbrances. These appropriations are reestablished at the beginning of the following year.
- Z. Reclassifications

Certain prior year amounts have been reclassified to conform with the current year presentation.

#### NOTE 2 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

At year-end, the School District's deposits and investments were reported in the basic financial statements in the following categories:

Governmental
Activities

Cash and Cash Equivalents

\$\frac{2,383,121}{2}\$

The breakdown between deposits and investments is as follows:

Bank Deposits (Checking and Savings Accounts and Certificates of Deposit )
Investments in Pooled Funds 1,259,971
Petty Cash and Cash on Hand 200

Total \$2,383,121

As of June 30, 2024, the School District had the following investments:

	Fair	Specific Identification
Investment Type	Value	<u> Maturities</u>
Investment pools	\$ <u>1,259,971</u>	Daily

#### Interest Rate Risk

In accordance with its investment policy, the School District will minimize interest rate risk, which is the risk that the market value of securities in the portfolio will fall due to changes in market interest rates, by; structuring the investment portfolio so that securities mature to meet cash requirements for ongoing operations, thereby avoiding the need to sell securities in the open market; and, investing operating funds primarily in shorter-term securities, liquid asset funds, money market mutual funds, or similar investment pools, and limiting the average maturity in accordance with the School District's cash requirements.

#### Credit Risk

State law authorizes investments in investment pools as authorized by the Surplus Funds Investment Pool Act, Act No. 367 of the Public Acts of 1982, being sections 129.111 to 129.118 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, composed entirely of instruments that are legal for direct investment by a school district. As of June 30, 2024, the School District's investment in the Cadre Consulting Service, Inc. managed Michigan Liquid Asset Fund investment pool was rated AAAm by Standard & Poor's.

# NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

#### NOTE 2 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

#### Concentration of Credit Risk

The School District will minimize concentration of credit risk, which is the risk of loss attributed to the magnitude of the School District's investment in a single issuer, by diversifying the investment portfolio so that the impact of potential losses from any one type of security or issuer will be minimized.

#### Custodial Credit Risk - Deposits

In the case of deposits, this is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the School District's deposits may not be returned to it. As of June 30, 2024, \$922,702 of the School District's bank balance of \$1,278,598 was exposed to custodial credit risk because it was uninsured and uncollateralized.

#### Custodial Credit Risk - Investments

For an investment, this is the risk that, in the event of the failure of the counterparty, the School District will not be able to recover the value of its investments or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party.

The School District will minimize custodial credit risk, which is the risk of loss due to the failure of the security issuer or backer, by; limiting investments to the types of securities approved in the District's Investment policy which is in accordance with State law; and pre-qualifying the financial institutions, broker/dealers, intermediaries and advisors with which the School District will do business.

#### Foreign Currency Risk

The School District is not authorized to invest in investments which have this type of risk.

#### NOTE 3 - INTERFUND RECEIVABLES AND PAYABLES

The amounts of interfund receivables and payables as of June 30, 2024 were as follows:

		Due from					
		Non-Major					
			Go	vernmental			
Due to	Gene	eral Fund		Funds		Total	
General Fund Non-Major Governmental Funds	\$	0 20,714	\$	4,582 <u>0</u>	\$	4,582 20,714	
	\$	20,714	\$	4,582	\$	25,296	

These balances result from the time lag between the dates that interfund goods and services are provided, transactions are recorded in the accounting system, and payments between funds are made.

# NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

# NOTE 4 - CAPITAL ASSETS

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

Governmental Activities	Balance July 1, 2023	Additions	Deletions	Balance June 30, 2024
Capital Assets Not Being Depreciated: Land Construction in Progress Subtotal	\$ 20,300 20,312 40,612	\$ 0 0 0	\$ 0 (20,312) (20,312)	\$ 20,300 0 20,300
Capital Assets Being Depreciated: Buildings and Improvements Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment Vehicles and Buses Subtotal	9,861,884 463,073 845,518 11,170,475	47,926 208,585 56,314 312,825	0 0 (115,668) (115,668)	9,909,810 671,658 786,164 11,367,632
Less Accumulated Depreciation for: Buildings and Improvements Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment Vehicles and Buses Subtotal	(4,578,720) (342,131) (675,045) (5,595,896)	(256,139) (23,692) (78,179) (358,010)	0 0 115,668 115,668	(4,834,859) (365,823) (637,556) (5,838,238)
Capital Assets Being Depreciated	5,574,579	(45,185)	0	5,529,394
Governmental Activities Total Capital Assets - Net of Depreciation	\$ <u>5,615,191</u>	\$ <u>(45,185)</u>	\$(20,312)	\$5,549,694

Depreciation expense was charged to activities of the School District as follows:

# Governmental Activities

Instruction	\$	215,092
Support Services	·	115,048
Community Services		1,467
Athletics		7,807
Food Services		18,596
	\$	358,010

# NOTE 5 - SHORT-TERM DEBT

The School District has various options for short-term financing including tax anticipation notes, state aid anticipation notes and lines of credit.

The following is a summary of the short-term financing:

	July 1, 2023		Increases			<u>Decreases</u>	June 30, 2024	
State Aid Anticipation Note Payable	\$	0	\$_	1,100,000	\$_	(1,100,000)	\$	0

The State Aid Anticipation Note was acquired to help cover School District operations for fiscal year 2024.

# NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

#### NOTE 6 - LONG-TERM LIABILITIES

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

A. Bonds Payable

2018 Building and Site Bonds \$\_\_\_\_\_505,000

B. Installment Purchases Payable

2011 Boiler Installment Purchase Agreement \$\_\_\_\_\_\_15,330

The annual principal and interest requirements for long-term debt outstanding for the years after June 30, 2024 are as follows:

Direct Borrowing:

Bonds Payable	Government Activities							
		Principal		Interest		Total		
2025 2026	\$	250,000 255,000	\$	15,150 7,650	\$ 	265,150 262,650		
Totals	\$	505,000	\$	22,800	\$	527,800		
	Government Activities							
Installment Purchases Payable			Govern	ment Activiti	es			
Installment Purchases Payable		Principal	Govern	nment Activiti Interest	<u>es</u>	Total		
Installment Purchases Payable  2025 2026	<u> </u>	7,665 7,665	Govern \$ 		es  \$	Total 8,064 7,864		

#### C. <u>Detailed Long-Term Debt Disclosures</u>

Direct Borrowing

# 2018 Building and Site Bonds

\$1,735,000 General Obligation Unlimited Tax Bonds, Series II, dated May 22, 2018 for the purpose of funding building and site improvements. The bonds bear interest at 3.00%, with interest payments due semiannually, while principal installments are due annually through fiscal year 2026. In the event of a failure of the District to comply with any provision of the agreement, any bondholder may take such actions as may be necessary and appropriate, including seeking mandamus or specific performance by court order, to cause the District to comply with its obligations under the bond agreement. The sole remedy under the agreement in the event of any failure of the District to comply with the agreement shall be an action to compel performance.

# NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

#### NOTE 6 - LONG-TERM LIABILITIES (CONTINUED)

#### C. Detailed Long-Term Debt Disclosures (Continued)

#### 2016 Building and Site Bonds

\$1,850,000 General Obligation Unlimited Tax Bonds, Series I, dated August 4, 2016 for the purpose of funding building and site improvements. The bonds bear interest at 2.00%, with interest payments due semiannually, while principal installments are due annually through fiscal year 2024. In the event of a failure of the District to comply with any provision of the agreement, any bondholder may take such actions as may be necessary and appropriate, including seeking mandamus or specific performance by court order, to cause the District to comply with its obligations under the bond agreement. The sole remedy under the agreement in the event of any failure of the District to comply with the agreement shall be an action to compel performance. This bond was paid in full during the current year.

#### 2011 Boiler Installment Purchase Agreement

On August 3, 2011, the District entered into an installment purchase agreement with JP Heating of Northern Michigan in the amount of \$114,976 for the purchase of a natural gas boiler, which was subsequently assigned to Huron National Bank immediately following the purchase. The boiler has been recorded as a capital asset at its purchase price. This note is repayable in fifteen annual installments of \$7,665 including interest at a rate of 2.60% on the unpaid balance, and may not be prepaid in whole or in part prior to maturity. The District shall include in its budget and pay each year, until the agreement is paid in full, such sums necessary each year to make the requirement payments when due. Upon the occurrence of an event of default, all or part of the unpaid balance of the amount financed, together with accrued interest shall, at the option of the bank, become immediately due and payable without notice or demand.

#### D. Compensated Absences Payable

The School District has an employee benefit plan that allows employees to accumulate a limited amount of sick pay days. The amount of accumulated sick pay liability, recorded in the government-wide statements, for the School District was \$293,586 at June 30, 2024, of which \$0 was the estimated current portion.

#### E. Early Retirement Incentive Payable

The School District has three retirement incentive programs, Option A was offered to all teachers actively employed by the School District and not on leave, who have thirty (30) or more years of retirement credit, or are in the process of purchasing or willing to purchase service credit to get them to (30) years of credit by June 30, 2024. Option B was offered to all teachers who are actively employed with the School District and not on leave, who are fifty-five (55) years of age and meet the requirements of the State of Michigan Public School Retirement Law and are able to receive State of Michigan retirement benefits at a reduced amount. The third plan is a voluntary severance plan that was offered to all teachers actively employeed by the School District and not on layoff, who had completed (as of the conclusion of the final teacher obligation day of the 2009-2010 school year) twenty five (25) years in education. The amount of retirement incentive liability for the School District at June 30, 2024 was \$58,426. \$38,883 is the estimated current portion.

# NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

#### NOTE 6 - LONG-TERM LIABILITIES (CONTINUED)

# F. Changes in Long-Term Liabilities

The following is a summary of long-term debt transactions of the School District for the year ended June 30, 2024:

Governmental Activities	Balance July 1, 2023	_	Increase	_	Decrease	<u>Ju</u>	Balance ine 30, 2024		Amount Due in One Year
Direct Borrowing: Bonds Payable Installment Purchases	\$ 1,040,000	\$	0	\$	(535,000)	\$	505,000	\$	250,000
Payable	22,995		0		(7,665)		15,330		7,665
Compensated Absences	241,710		51,876	*	) O		293,586		0
Early Retirement Incentives	29,014	_	29,412	-	0	_	58,426	_	38,883
Total Long-Term Liabilities	\$ <u>1,333,719</u>	\$_	81,288	\$	(542,665)	\$_	872,342	\$_	296,548

<sup>\*</sup>Represents net of additions and retirements for the year.

The interest expense on long-term obligations for the year was \$26,623.

Compensated absences for the governmental funds are generally liquidated by the General and Food Service funds.

#### NOTE 7 - UNEARNED REVENUE

Governmental funds defer revenue recognition 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 are as follows:

	U	nearned
General Fund:		
School Safety (97)	\$	731
Critical Incident Mapping (97d)		8,000
Student Loan Repayment (27k)		2,620
Literacy Improvement (35j)		6,718
MI Kids Back on Track (23g)		78,731
At Risk (31a)		35,714
Total	\$	132,514

## NOTE 8 - EXCESS OF EXPENDITURES OVER APPROPRIATION IN BUDGETARY FUNDS

P.A. 621 of 1978, Section 18(1), as amended, provides that a local unit shall not incur expenditures in excess of the amount appropriated.

In the body of the financial statements, the School District's actual expenditures and budgeted expenditures for the budgetary funds have been shown on a functional basis. The approved budgets of the School District for these budgetary funds were adopted at the functional level.

# NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

#### NOTE 8 - EXCESS OF EXPENDITURES OVER APPROPRIATION IN BUDGETARY FUNDS (CONTINUED)

During the year ended June 30, 2024, the School District incurred expenditures in certain budgetary funds which were in excess of the amounts appropriated as follows:

Fund/Function	Ap	Total Appropriations		Amount of xpenditures	Budget <u>Variance</u>		
General Fund/Support Services	\$	2,342,602	\$	2,422,492	\$	79,890	
General Fund/Athletics	\$	167,559	\$	169,384	\$	1,825	
General Fund/Student Activities	\$	0	\$	257,539	\$	257,539	
General Fund/Capital Outlay	\$	122,580	\$	176,703	\$	54,123	

#### NOTE 9 - DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN

#### Plan Description

The Michigan Public School Employees' Retirement System (System or MPSERS) is a cost-sharing, multiple employer, state-wide, defined benefit public employee retirement plan and a fiduciary component unit of the State of Michigan (State) originally created under Public Act 136 of 1945, recodified and currently operating under the provisions of Public Act 300 of 1980, as amended. Section 25 of this act establishes the board's authority to promulgate or amend the provisions of the System. The board consists of twelve members - eleven appointed by the Governor and the State Superintendent of Instruction, who serves as an ex-officio member.

The System's pension plan was established by the State to provide retirement, survivor and disability benefits to public school employees. In addition, the System's health plan provides all retirees with the option of receiving health, prescription drug, dental and vision coverage under the Michigan Public School Employees' Retirement Act (1980 PA 300 as amended).

The System is administered by the Office of Retirement Services (ORS) within the Michigan Department of Technology, Management & Budget. The Department Director appoints the Office Director, with whom the general oversight of the System resides. The State Treasurer serves as the investment officer and custodian for the System.

The System's financial statements are available on the ORS website at Michigan.gov/ORSSchools.

#### Benefits Provided

Benefit provisions of the defined benefit pension plan are established by State statute, which may be amended. Public Act 300 of 1980, as amended, establishes eligibility and benefit provisions for the defined benefit (DB) pension plan. Depending on the plan option selected, member retirement benefits are determined by final average compensation, years of service, and a pension factor ranging from 1.25 percent to 1.50 percent. DB members are eligible to receive a monthly benefit when they meet certain age and service requirements. The System also provides disability and survivor benefits to DB plan members.

A DB plan member who leaves Michigan public school employment may request a refund of his or her member contributions to the retirement system account if applicable. A refund cancels a former member's rights to future benefits. However, returning members who previously received a refund of their contributions may reinstate their service through repayment of the refund upon satisfaction of certain requirements.

#### Contributions

Employers are required by Public Act 300 of 1980, as amended, to contribute amounts necessary to finance the coverage of active and retired members. Contribution provisions are specified by State statute and may be amended only by action of the State Legislature.

# NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

#### NOTE 9 - DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN (CONTINUED)

Employer contributions to the System are determined on an actuarial basis using the entry age normal actuarial cost method. Under this method, the actuarial present value of the projected benefits of each individual included in the actuarial valuation is allocated on a level basis over the service of the individual between entry age and assumed exit age. The portion of this cost allocated to the current valuation year is called the normal cost. The remainder is called the actuarial accrued liability. Normal cost is funded on a current basis. The unfunded (overfunded) actuarial accrued liability as of the September 30, 2022 valuation will be amortized over a 16-year period beginning October 1, 2022 and ending September 30, 2038.

The schedule below summarizes pension contribution rates in effect for fiscal year ended September 30, 2023.

Pension Contribution Rates					
Benefit Structure	Member	Employer			
Basic	0.0 - 4.0%	20.16%			
Member Investment Plan	3.0 - 7.0	20.16			
Pension Plus	3.0 - 6.4	17.24			
Pension Plus 2	6.2	19.95			
Defined Contribution	0.0	13.75			

Required contributions to the pension plan from the School District were \$1,251,052 for the year ended September 30, 2023.

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

At June 30, 2024, the School District reported a liability of \$11,234,847 for its proportionate share of the MPSERS net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of September 30, 2023, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation rolled forward from September 2022. The School District's proportion of the net pension liability was determined by dividing each employer's statutorily required pension contributions to the system during the measurement period by the percent of pension contributions required from all applicable employers during the measurement period. At September 30, 2023, the School District's proportionate share percent was 0.03471%, which was an decrease of 0.00068% from its proportion measured as of September 30, 2022.

For the year ended June 30, 2024, the School District recognized pension expense of \$1,394,958. At June 30, 2024, the School District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

# NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

#### NOTE 9 - DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN (CONTINUED)

	Defe	Deferred Outflows of Resources		ferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between actual and expected experience	\$	354,650	\$	17,210
Change of assumptions		1,522,373		877,766
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments		0		229,901
Changes in proportion and differences between School District contributions and proportionate share of contributions		166,163		182,281
School District contributions subsequent to the measurement date		1,234,823		0
Total	\$	3,278,009	\$	1,307,158

In addition to the deferred inflows of resources noted above, the District also has \$657,521 in deferred inflows related to the 147(C) UAAL Stabilization allocation from the State of Michigan at year end.

\$1,234,823 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from employer contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ended June 30, 2025. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Deferred (Inflows) and Deferred Outflows of Resources by Year (To Be Recognized in Future Pension Expenses)

		Amount		
2024	4	\$	268,249	
2025	5		187,627	
2026	6		464,170	
2027	7		(184,018)	
		\$	736,028	

# **Actuarial Assumptions**

Projections of benefits for financial reporting purposes are based on the substantive plan (the plan as understood by the employer and plan members) and include the types of benefits provided at the time of each valuation and the historical pattern of sharing of benefit costs between the employer and plan members to that point. The actuarial methods and assumptions used include techniques that are designed to reduce the effects of short term volatility in actuarial accrued liabilities and the actuarial value of assets, consistent with the long-term perspective of the calculations.

# NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

#### NOTE 9 - DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN (CONTINUED)

Additional information as of the latest actuarial valuation follows:

Summary of Actuarial Assumptions:

λ Valuation Date: September 30, 2022

λ Actuarial Cost Method: Entry Age, Normal

 $\lambda$  Wage Inflation Rate: 2.75%

λ Investment Rate of Return:

- MIP and Basic Plans: 6.00% net of investment expenses

- Pension Plus Plan: 6.00% net of investment expenses

- Pension Plus 2 Plan: 6.00% net of investment expenses

λ Projected Salary Increases: 2.75 - 11.55%, including wage inflation at 2.75%

λ Cost-of-Living Pension Adjustments: 3% Annual Non-Compounded for MIP Members

#### Mortality:

Retirees: PubT-2010 Male and Female Retiree Mortality Tables, scaled by 116% for males and 116% for females and adjusted for mortality improvements using projection scale MP-2021 from 2010.

Active: PubT-2010 Male and Female Employee Mortality Tables, scaled 100% and adjusted for mortality improvements using projection scale MP-2021 from 2010.

#### Notes:

- Assumption changes as a result of an experience study for the periods 2017 through 2022 have been
  adopted by the System for use in the annual pension valuations beginning with the September 30,
  2023 valuation. The total pension liability as of September 30, 2023 is based on the results of an
  actuarial valuation date of September 30, 2022, and rolled forward using generally accepted actuarial
  procedures, including the experience study.
- Recognition period for liabilities is the average of the expected remaining service lives of all employees in years: 4.4406
- $\lambda$  Recognition period for assets in years is 5.0000
- Full actuarial assumptions are available in the 2023 MPSERS Comprehensive Annual Financial Report found on the ORS website at Michigan.gov/ORSSchools.

# NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

#### NOTE 9 - DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN (CONTINUED)

#### Long-Term Expected Rate of Return On Plan Assets

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. Best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class included in the pension plan's target asset allocation as of Sepember 30,2023, are summarized in the following table:

Investment Category	Target Allocation	Long-term Expected Real Rate of Return*
Domestic Equity Pools	25.0%	5.8%
Private Equity Pools	16.0	9.6
International Equity	15.0	6.8
Fixed Income Pools	13.0	1.3
Real Estate and Infrastructure Pools	10.0	6.4
Absolute Return Pools	9.0	4.8
Real Return/Opportunistic Pools	10.0	7.3
Short-Term Investment Pools	2.0	0.3
		_
	100.0%	

<sup>\*</sup>Long-term rates of return are net of administrative expenses and 2.7% inflation.

# Rate of Return

For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023, the annual money-weighted rate of return on pension plan investment, net of pension plan investment expense, was 8.29%. The money-weighted rate of return expresses investment performance, net of investment expense, adjusted for the changing amounts actually invested.

## **Discount Rate**

A discount rate of 6.00% was used to measure the total pension liability (6.00% for the Pension Plus plan, 6.00% for the Pension Plus 2 plan, hybrid plans provided through non-university employers only). This discount rate was based on the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments of 6.00% (6.00% for the Pension Plus plan, 6.00% for the Pension Plus 2 plan). The projection of cash flows used to determine this discount rate assumed that plan member contributions will be made at the current contribution rate and that employer contributions will be made at rates equal to the difference between actuarially determined contribution rates and the member rate. Based on these assumptions, the pension 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 pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

## Sensitivity of the School District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate

The following presents the School District's proportionate share of the net pension liability, calculated using a discount rate of 6.00% (6.00% for the Pension Plus Plan, 6.00% for the Pension Plus 2 plan), as well as what the School District's proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1 percentage point lower or 1 percentage point higher:

# NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

#### NOTE 9 - DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN (CONTINUED)

		(	Current Single Discount		
1% Decrease*		Rate Assumption*		1% Increase*	
	5.00%		6.00%		7.00%
\$	15.178.246	\$	11.234.847	\$	7.951.826

# Michigan Public School Employees' Retirement System (MPSERS) Fiduciary Net Position

Detailed information about the pension plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued MPSERS ACER, available on the ORS website at Michigan.gov/ORSSchools.

# Payables to the Michigan Public School Employees' Retirement System (MPSERS)

At June 30, 2024, there were reported payables to MPSERS of \$302,088, which accounts for the total outstanding contributions for all retirement plans, including the 147(C) UAAL Stabilization dollars.

## NOTE 10 - POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSIONS (OPEB)

#### Plan Description

The Michigan Public School Employees' Retirement System (System or MPSERS) is a cost-sharing, multiple employer, state-wide, defined benefit public employee retirement plan and a fiduciary component unit of the State of Michigan (State) originally created under Public Act 136 of 1945, recodified and currently operating under the provisions of Public Act 300 of 1980, as amended. Section 25 of this act establishes the board's authority to promulgate or amend the provisions of the System. The board consists of twelve members - eleven appointed by the Governor and the State Superintendent of Instruction, who serves as an ex-officio member.

The System's health plan provides all eligible retirees with the option of receiving health, prescription drug, dental and vision coverage under the Michigan Public School Employees' Retirement Act (1980 PA 300 as amended).

The System is administered by the Office of Retirement Services (ORS) within the Michigan Department of Technology, Management & Budget. The Department Director appoints the Office Director, with whom the general oversight of the System resides. The State Treasurer serves as the investment officer and custodian for the System.

The System's financial statements are available on the ORS website at Michigan.gov/ORSSchools.

#### Benefits Provided

Benefit provisions of the postemployment healthcare plan are established by State statute, which may be amended. Public Act 300 of 1980, as amended, establishes eligibility and benefit provisions. Retirees have the option of health coverage, which, through 2012, was funded on a cash disbursement basis. Beginning fiscal year 2013, it is funded on a prefunded basis. The System has contracted to provide the comprehensive group medical, prescription drug, dental and vision coverage for retirees and beneficiaries. A subsidized portion of the premium is paid by the System with the balance deducted from the monthly pension of each retiree healthcare recipient. For members who first worked before July 1, 2008, (Basic, MIP-Fixed, and MIP Graded plan members) the subsidy is the maximum allowed by statute. To limit future liabilities of Other Postemployment Benefits, members who first worked on or after July 1, 2008 (MIP-Plus plan members) have a graded premium subsidy based on career length where they accrue credit towards their insurance premiums in retirement, not to exceed the maximum allowable by statute. Public Act 300 of 2012 sets the maximum subsidy at 80% beginning January 1, 2013; 90% for those Medicare eligible and enrolled in the insurances as of that date. Dependents are eligible for healthcare coverage if they meet the dependency requirements set forth in Public Act 300 of 1980, as amended.

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

#### NOTE 10 - POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSIONS (OPEB) (CONTINUED)

Public Act 300 of 2012 granted all active members of the Michigan Public School Employees Retirement System, who earned service credit in the 12 months ending September 3, 2012 or were on an approved professional services or military leave of absence on September 3, 2012, a voluntary election regarding their retirement healthcare. Any changes to a member's healthcare benefit are effective as of the member's transition date, which is defined as the first day of the pay period that begins on or after February 1, 2013.

Under Public Act 300 of 2012, members were given the choice between continuing the 3% contribution to retiree healthcare and keeping the premium subsidy benefit described above, or choosing not to pay the 3% contribution and instead opting out of the subsidy benefit and becoming a participant in the Personal Healthcare Fund (PHF), a portable, tax-deferred fund that can be used to pay healthcare expenses in retirement. Participants in the PHF are automatically enrolled in a 2% employee contribution into their 457 account as of their transition date, earning them a 2% employer match into a 401(k) account. Members who selected this option stop paying the 3% contribution to retiree healthcare as of the day before their transition date, and their prior contributions were deposited into their 401(k) account.

#### Contributions

Employers are required by Public Act 300 of 1980, as amended, to contribute amounts necessary to finance the coverage of active and retired members. Contribution provisions are specified by State statute and may be amended only by action of the State Legislature.

Employer OPEB contributions to the System are determined on an actuarial basis using the entry age normal actuarial cost method. Under this method, the actuarial present value of the projected benefits of each individual included in the actuarial valuation is allocated on a level basis over the service of the individual between entry age and assumed exit age. The portion of this cost allocated to the current valuation year is called the normal cost. The remainder is called the actuarial accrued liability. Normal cost is funded on a current basis. The unfunded (overfunded) actuarial accrued liability as of the September 30, 2022 valuation will be amortized over a 16-year period beginning October 1, 2022 and ending September 30, 2038.

The schedule below summarizes OPEB contribution rates in effect for fiscal year ended September 30, 2023.

OPEB Contribution Rates										
Benefit Structure	Member	Employer								
Premium Subsidy	3.00%	8.07%								
Personal Healthcare Fund (PHF)	0.00	7.21								

Required contributions to the OPEB plan from the School District were \$261,336 for the year ended September 30, 2023.

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

#### NOTE 10 - POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSIONS (OPEB) (CONTINUED)

### OPEB Liabilities, OPEB Expense, Deferred Outflows of Resources, and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB

At June 30, 2024, the School District reported an asset of \$189,779 for its proportionate share of the MPSERS net OPEB liability. The net OPEB liability was measured as of September 30, 2023, and the total OPEB liability used to calculate the net OPEB liability was determined by an actuarial valuation rolled forward from September 2022. The School District's proportion of the net OPEB liability was determined by dividing each employer's statutorily required OPEB contributions to the system during the measurement period by the percent of OPEB contributions required from all applicable employers during the measurement period. At September 30, 2023, the School District's proportion was 0.03354%, which was a decrease of 0.00191% from its proportion measured as of October 1, 2022.

For the year ended June 30, 2024, the School District recognized negative OPEB expense of \$351,496. At June 30, 2024, the School District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between actual and expected experience	\$ 0	\$ 1,434,070
Changes of assumptions	422,482	50,875
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on OPEB plan investments	579	0
Changes in proportion and differences between School District contributions and proportionate share of contributions	72,419	98,549
School District contributions subsequent to the measurement date	231,244	0
Total	\$ <u>726,724</u>	\$ <u>1,583,494</u>

\$231,244 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB resulting from employer contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net OPEB liability in the year ended June 30, 2025. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB will be recognized in OEPB expense as follows:

Deferred (Inflows) and Deferred Outflows of Resources by Year (To Be Recognized in Future OPEB Expenses)

		Amount
2024	\$	(357,579)
2025	·	(314,985)
2026		(128,330)
2027		(126,989)
2028		(105,486)
Thereafter		(54,645)
	\$ <u></u>	(1,088,014)

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

#### NOTE 10 - POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSIONS (OPEB) (CONTINUED)

#### **Actuarial Assumptions**

Projections of benefits for financial reporting purposes are based on the substantive plan (the plan as understood by the employer and plan members) and include the types of benefits provided at the time of each valuation and the historical pattern of sharing of benefit costs between the employer and plan members to that point. The actuarial methods and assumptions used include techniques that are designed to reduce the effects of short term volatility in actuarial accrued liabilities and the actuarial value of assets, consistent with the long-term perspective of the calculations.

Additional information as of the latest actuarial valuation follows:

#### Summary of Actuarial Assumptions:

λ Valuation Date: September 30, 2022

λ Actuarial Cost Method: Entry Age, Normal

 $\lambda$  Wage Inflation Rate: 2.75%

λ Investment Rate of Return: 6.00% net of investment expenses

λ Projected Salary Increases: 2.75 - 11.55%, including wage inflation at 2.75%

λ Healthcare Cost Trend Rate: Pre-65: 7.50% Year 1 graded to 3.50% Year 15

Post-65: 6.25% Year 1 graded to 3.50% Year 15;

#### Mortality:

Retirees: PubT-2010 Male and Female Retiree Mortality Tables, scaled by 116% for males and 116% for females and adjusted for mortality improvements using projection scale MP-2021 from 2010.

Active: PubT-2010 Male and Female Employee Mortality Tables, scaled 100% and adjusted for mortality improvements using projection scale MP-2021 from 2010.

#### Other Assumptions:

- Opt-Out Assumption: 21% of eligible participants hired before July 1, 2008 and 30% of those hired after June 30, 2008 are assumed to opt out of the retiree health plan.
- Survivor Coverage: 80% of male retirees and 67% of female retirees electing two-person coverage are assumed to have coverages continuing after the retiree's death.
- Coverage Election at Retirement: 75% of male and 60% of female future retirees who elect coverage are assumed to elect coverage for 1 or more dependents.

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

#### NOTE 10 - POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSIONS (OPEB) (CONTINUED)

#### Notes:

- Assumption changes as a result of an experience study for the periods 2017 through 2022 have been
  adopted by the System for use in the annual OPEB valuations beginning with the September 30, 2023
  valuation. The total OPEB liability as of September 30, 2023 is based on the results of an actuarial
  valuation date of September 30, 2022, and rolled forward using generally accepted actuarial
  procedures, including the experience study.
- Recognition period for liabilities is the average of the expected remaining service lives of all employees in years: 6.5099
- $\lambda$  Recognition period for assets in years is 5.0000
- Full actuarial assumptions are available in the 2023 MPSERS Comprehensive Annual Financial Report found on the ORS website at Michigan.gov/ORSSchools.

#### Long-Term Expected Rate of Return On Plan Assets

The long-term expected rate of return on OPEB 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 OPEB plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. Best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class included in the OPEB plan's target asset allocation as of September 30, 2023, are summarized in the following table:

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Long-term Expected Real Rate of Return*
Domestic Equity Pools	25.0%	5.8%
Private Equity Pools	16.0	9.6
International Equity	15.0	6.8
Fixed Income Pools	13.0	1.3
Real Estate and Infrastructure Pools	10.0	6.4
Absolute Return Pools	9.0	4.8
Real Return/Opportunistic Pools	10.0	7.3
Short-Term Investment Pools	2.0	0.3
	100.0%	_

<sup>\*</sup>Long-term rates of return are net of administrative expenses and 2.7% inflation.

#### Rate of Return

For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023, the annual money-weighted rate of return on OPEB plan investment, net of OPEB plan investment expense, was 7.94%. The money-weighted rate of return expresses investment performance, net of investment expense, adjusted for the changing amounts actually invested.

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

#### NOTE 10 - POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSIONS (OPEB) (CONTINUED)

#### Discount Rate

A discount rate of 6.00% was used to measure the total OPEB liability. This discount rate was based on the long-term expected rate of return on OPEB plan investments of 6.00%. The projection of cash flows used to determine this discount rate assumed that plan member contributions will be made at the current contribution rate and that employer contributions will be made at rates equal to the difference between actuarially determined contribution rates and the member rate. Based on these assumptions, the OPEB 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 OPEB plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total OPEB liability.

### Sensitivity of the School District's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability (Asset) to Changes in the Discount Rate

The following presents the School District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability (asset), calculated using a discount rate of 6.00%, as well as what the School District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability (asset) would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1 percentage point lower or 1 percentage point higher:

1% Decrease	Current Discount Rate	1% Increase					
 5.00%	 6.00%	 7.00%					
\$ 196,744	\$ (189,779)	\$ (521,958)					

Sensitivity of the School District's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability (Asset) to Healthcare Cost Trend Rate

The following presents the School District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability (asset), calculated using assumed trend rates, as well as what the School District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability (asset) would be if it were calculated using a trend rate that is 1-percentage-point lower or 1-percentage-point higher:

Current Healthcare Cost											
	1% Decrease		Trend Rate		1% Increase						
'			_		<u>.</u>						
\$	(522.787)	\$	(189.779)	\$	170.644						

#### OPEB Plan Fiduciary Net Position

Detailed information about the OPEB plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued 2023 MPSERS ACFR, available on the ORS website at Michigan.gov/ORSSchools.

#### NOTE 11 - DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLANS

The School District offers all its employees a deferred compensation plan created in accordance with the Internal Revenue Code (IRC), Section 457. The assets of the plans are held in trust, in a custodial account as described in IRC Section 457 (g) for the exclusive benefit of the participants and their beneficiaries. The custodian thereof, for the exclusive benefit of the participants, holds the custodial account for the beneficiaries of this Section 457 plan, and the assets may not be diverted to any other use. The administrators are agents of the School District for the purposes of providing direction to the custodian of the custodial account from time to time for the investment of the funds held in the account, transfer of assets to or from the account, and all other matters. In accordance with the provisions of GASB Statement No. 32, plan balances and activities are not reflected in the School District's financial statements.

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

#### NOTE 11 - DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN (CONTINUED)

The School District offers its employees participation in the Tax-Deferred Payments (TDP) program through MPSERS. The program, available to all full-time employees who are members of the retirement system, permits them to defer a portion of their salary until future years for the purchase of additional years of service credit. Employees are eligible to voluntarily participate from the date of employment, however once an employee begins payments in the program, they must continue until completion of the purchase of the service credit or termination of employment from Onaway Area Community Schools. Payments into the program are vested once 10 years of service credit have been earned through the MPSERS. Employee contributions to the TDP program totaled \$1,300 for the year ended June 30, 2024.

The School District also offers its employees a deferred compensation plan created in accordance with Internal Revenue Service Code Section 403(b). The plan, available to all full-time employees, permits them to defer a portion of their salary until future years. Employees are eligible to voluntarily participate from the date of employment and are vested immediately upon participation. Employee contributions to the Section 403(b) plan totaled \$20,923 for the year ended June 30, 2024. The assets of the plan are administered and held by 403(b) ASP, a third party administrator.

#### NOTE 12 - DEFINED CONTRIBUTION PLAN

#### Plan Description

The School District's defined contribution pension plan (DC) provides retirement benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. The plan covers employees hired on or after July 1, 2010. The plan is affiliated with the Michigan Public School Employee's Retirement System (MPSERS) Pension Plus Plan of Michigan. Also effective February 2013, former Basic/MIP members could elect to participate in the defined benefit contribution pension plan. Public Act 300 of 1980 of the State of Michigan, as amended, assigns the authority to establish and amend benefit provisions to the MPSERS Board. The plan services are provided by The Office of Retirement Services, exclusively through ING as the plan administrator. MPSERS issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for MPSERS. The report may be obtained by writing to MPSERS, 7150 Harris Drive, P.O. Box 30673, Lansing, Michigan 48909-8103.

#### Funding Policy

Prior to February 2013, the School District employees who were part of the PPP were required to contribute 2% of their earnings for the plan year, unless they elected out of the plan, subject to the limitations of sections 457 of the Internal Revenue Code. Employees could elect to contribute more than 2% in full percent increments. For employees that elected to participate, the employer would match 50% of the contribution up to 1%. Employer contributions were considered a section 401(a) contribution.

Beginning February 2013 and after, the rates vary depending on which plan the active member is a participant of. The School District employees that are part of the PPP with Premium Subsidy or a Personal Healthcare Fund (PHF) are not required to contribute. If they do contribute they can contribute in full percent increments and the employer will match 50% of the contribution up to 1%. For the PPP with PHF the employee and employer contribution is 2% for the PHF.

The following are the DC pension and PHF contribution requirements for each applicable plan option:

- For any new employees hired after September 3, 2012 that elect DC with PHF, the employer pension contribution is 3% and the employee contribution is 6%. For the PHF, both the employee and employer contribution is 2%.
- For Basic, Basic 4%, MIP-Fixed, MIP-Graded and MIP 7% plan members that elect the PHF, the employee and employer contributions are 2% for the PHF only.

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

#### NOTE 12 - DEFINED CONTRIBUTION PLAN (CONTINUED)

- For former Basic/MIP members that elected DC with Premium Subsidy the employer contribution is 4% for the pension only. Employees are not required to contribute, but may, in 1% increments.
- For former Basic/MIP members that elected DC with a PHF, the employer contribution is 4% for the pension. Employees are not required to contribute for pension, but may, in 1% increments. Employee and employer contributions are 2% for the PHF.

#### **Vesting**

Employees become 100% vested after four years of service.

#### Plan Contributions

During the year ended June 30, 2024, the School District contributed \$45,912 on behalf of eligible employees. Employee contributions amounted to \$89,531 for eligible employees.

#### NOTE 13 - BONDED CONSTRUCTION FUND

The 2016 Construction Fund includes capital project activities funded with bonds. For these capital projects, the School District has complied with the applicable provisions of §1351a of the Revised School Code. This fund is not yet considered substantially complete and a subsequent year audit is expected.

#### NOTE 14 - RISK MANAGEMENT

The School District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees and natural disasters. The School District continues to carry commercial insurance for risks of loss, including employee health and accident insurance. Settled claims for the commercial insurance have not exceeded the amount of insurance coverage in any of the past three years.

#### NOTE 15 - GOVERNMENTAL REGULATION

Substantially all of the School District's facilities are subject to federal, state and local provisions regulating the discharge of materials into the environment. Compliance with these provisions has not had, nor does the School District expect such compliance to have, any material effect upon the capital expenditures, net revenue in excess of expenditures or financial condition of the School District. Management believes that its current practices and procedures for the control and disposition of such wastes comply with applicable federal and state requirements.

#### NOTE 16 - CONTINGENCIES

The School District participates in a number of federally assisted grant programs which are subject to program compliance audits. The audits of these programs for and including the year ended June 30, 2024, have been conducted and have been reported in this audit report. However, the compliance audit reports have not yet been accepted by the grantors. The amount, if any, of expenditures which may be disallowed by the granting agencies cannot be determined at this time; although the School District expects such amounts, if any, to be immaterial.

The School District is currently a defendant in one lawsuit. The Petitioner is seeking five years of salary, less their current compensation, plus damages, which in total will exceed \$250,000. While the outcome of this lawsuit is not presently determinable, the District will defend this arbitration to the fullest extent practicable.

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

#### NOTE 17 - SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

On August 13, 2024, the Board of Education approved the State Aid Borrowing Note Resolution, as prepared by Thrun Law Firm, for \$1,000,000. The motion included language that the District would accept the bid that proivdes the lowest dollar cost to the District.

#### NOTE 18 - PRIOR PERIOD ADJUSTMENT

The June 30, 2023 financial statements have been restated for the following adjustment:

Adjustment - The prior year health insurance expenses were overstated due to including the first payment for the current fiscal year in those expenses. Therefore, a prior period adjustment was recorded to increase the beginning net position accordingly.

	G 	overnmental Activities	General Fund
Net Position - Beginning	\$	(5,112,201) \$	1,768,064
Adjustment		47,172	47,172
Net Position - Beginning (Restated)	\$	(5,065,029) \$	1,815,236



## SCHEDULE OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET PENSION LIABILITY MICHIGAN PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT PLAN Last 10 Fiscal Years (Amounts were determined as of 9/30 of the fiscal year)

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
School District's proportion of net pension liability (%)	0.03471 %	0.03539 %	0.03454 %	0.03425 %	0.03435 %	0.03528 %	0.03526 %	0.03596 %	0.03668 %	0.03606 %
School District's proportionate share of net pension liability	\$ 11,234,847	\$13,312,009	\$ 8,177,502	\$1,764,598	\$11,374,697	\$ 10,604,762	\$ 9,138,311	\$ 8,972,025	\$ 8,959,764	\$ 7,943,114
School District's covered payroll	\$ 3,326,068	\$ 3,412,985	\$ 3,090,115	\$ 3,010,295	\$ 2,909,968	\$ 2,993,684	\$ 2,941,848	\$ 3,009,785	\$ 3,126,371	\$ 3,065,070
School District's proportionate share of net pension liability as a percentage of its covered payroll	337.78 %	390.04 %	264.63 %	390.81 %	390.89 %	354.24 %	310.63 %	298.10 %	286.59 %	259.15 %
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of pension liability	65.91 %	60.77 %	72.60 %	59.72 %	60.31 %	62.36 %	64.21 %	63.27 %	63.17 %	66.20 %

Notes to the Schedule of the School District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability:

Changes of benefit terms: There were no changes of benefit terms in 2023.

## SCHEDULE OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT'S PENSION CONTRIBUTIONS MICHIGAN PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT PLAN Last 10 Fiscal Years (Amounts determined as of 6/30 of each year)

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Statutorily required contributions	\$ 1,407,389	\$1,271,798	\$1,190,114	\$ 1,037,581	\$ 943,056	\$ 960,587	\$ 827,120	\$ 724,317	\$ 707,657	\$ 778,664
Contributions in relation to statutorily required contributions*	1,407,389	<u>1,271,798</u>	<u>1,190,114</u>	<u>1,037,581</u>	943,056	960,587	<u>827,120</u>	<u>724,317</u>	707,657	778,664
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
School District's covered payroll	\$ 3,522,873	\$3,329,441	\$3,248,742	\$ 3,049,507	\$3,012,770	\$ 3,036,615	\$3,985,588	\$2,908,368	\$3,126,371	\$3,065,070
Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll	39.95 %	38.20 %	36.63 %	34.02 %	31.30 %	31.63 %	20.75 %	24.90 %	22.64 %	25.40 %

<sup>\*</sup>Contributions in relation to statutorily required pension contributions are the contributions a reporting unit actually made to the System, as distinct from the statutorily required contributions.

Notes to the Schedule of the School District's Pension Contributions:

Changes of benefit terms: There were no changes of benefit terms in 2023.

### SCHEDULE OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET OPEB LIABILITY (ASSET) MICHIGAN PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT PLAN

(Amounts were determined as of 9/30 of the fiscal year)

	 2024	_	2023	 2022	2021	 2020	 2019	 2018
School District's proportion of net OPEB liability (asset) (%)	0.03354 %		0.03546 %	0.03457 %	0.03421 %	0.03347 %	0.03530 %	0.03540 %
School District's proportionate share of net OPEB liability (asset)	\$ (189,779)	\$	750,975	\$ 527,661 \$	1,832,956	\$ 2,402,464	\$ 2,806,151	\$ 3,134,913
School District's covered payroll (OPEB)	\$ 3,326,068	\$	3,412,985	\$ 3,090,115 \$	3,010,295	\$ 2,909,968	\$ 2,993,684	\$ 2,491,848
School District's proportionate share of net OPEB liability (asset) as a percentage of its covered payroll	(5.71)%		22.00 %	17.08 %	60.89 %	82.56 %	93.74 %	125.81 %
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of total OPEB liability	105.04 %		83.09 %	87.33 %	59.44 %	48.46 %	42.95 %	36.39 %

Notes to the Schedule of the School District's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability:

Changes of benefit terms: There were no changes of benefit terms in 2023.

## SCHEDULE OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT'S OPEB CONTRIBUTIONS MICHIGAN PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT PLAN (Amounts determined as of 6/30 of each year)

		2024	2023		3 2022		2021		2020		2019		2018	
Statutorily required OPEB contributions	\$	300,367	\$	267,273	\$	261,906	\$	254,104	\$	243,397	\$	229,145	\$	275,611
OPEB contributions in relation to statutorily required contributions*	_	300,367	_	267,273	_	261,906	_	254,104	_	243,397	_	229,145		275,611
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$_	0	\$_	0	\$_	0	\$	0	\$_	0	\$_	0	\$_	0
School District's covered payroll (OPEB)	\$	3,522,873	\$	3,329,441	\$	3,248,742	\$	3,049,507	\$	3,012,770	\$	3,036,615	\$	2,985,588
OPEB contributions as a percentage of covered payroll		8.53 %		8.03 %		8.06 %		8.33 %		8.08 %		7.55 %		9.23 %

<sup>\*</sup>Contributions in relation to statutorily required OPEB contributions are the contributions a reporting unit actually made to the OPEB Plan, as distinct from the statutorily required contributions.

Notes to the Schedule of the School District's OPEB Contributions:

Changes of benefit terms: There were no changes of benefit terms in 2023.

# STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES BUDGET AND ACTUAL GENERAL FUND For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

		Original Budget		Final Amended Budget	_	Actual	F	ariance - avorable nfavorable)
Revenue Local Sources State Sources Federal Sources Interdistrict Sources Total Revenue	\$	3,306,589 3,583,023 671,628 251,165 7,812,405	\$	3,337,150 3,803,203 926,938 286,906 8,354,197	\$	3,636,422 3,737,981 619,474 300,675 8,294,552	\$	299,272 (65,222) (307,464) 13,769 (59,645)
Expenditures Current:								
Instruction Support Services Community Services Athletics Student Activities Capital Outlay Debt Service: Principal Retirement Interest and Fees on Long-Term Debt Total Expenditures  Excess of Revenue Over (Under) Expenditures	_ _ _	4,975,503 2,252,026 34,300 169,342 0 141,800 11,665 20,270 7,604,906		5,387,997 2,342,602 52,617 167,559 0 122,580 7,665 40,363 8,121,383	_ _ _	5,115,050 2,422,492 35,111 169,384 257,539 176,703 7,665 40,363 8,224,307		272,947 (79,890) 17,506 (1,825) (257,539) (54,123) 0 0 (102,924)
Other Financing Sources (Uses) Sale of Capital Assets Operating Transfers In Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	_	0 0 0	_	0 0 0	_	4,102 18,758 22,860	_	4,102 18,758 22,860
Net Change in Fund Balances		207,499		232,814		93,105		(139,709)
Fund Balances - Beginning of Year (Restated)	_	1,815,236	_	1,815,236	_	1,815,236	_	0
Fund Balances - End of Year	\$_	2,022,735	\$_	2,048,050	\$_	1,908,341	\$	(139,709)



#### COMBINING BALANCE SHEET OTHER GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS June 30, 2024

		Special Revenue Fund Food Service		Debt Retirement Fund Debt Service		Capital Projects Fund 2016 Construction		Total Other Governmental
		Fund	_	Fund	_	Fund	_	Funds
Assets Cash and Cash Equivalents Due from Other Funds Inventory: Supplies	\$	165,591 6,684 15,354	\$	76,515 14,030 <u>0</u>	\$	105,320 0	\$	347,426 20,714 15,354
Total Assets	\$	187,629	\$	90,545	\$_	105,320	\$_	383,494
Liabilities Accounts Payable Due to Other Funds Payroll Deductions and Withholdings Accrued Expenditures Salaries Payable Total Liabilities	\$	78 0 2,969 3,084 8,036 14,167	\$	0 1,250 0 0 0 1,250	\$	0 3,332 0 0 0 0 3,332	\$	78 4,582 2,969 3,084 8,036 18,749
Fund Equity Fund Balances: Nonspendable: Inventory Restricted For: Debt Retirement Capital Projects Assigned To: Food Service Total Fund Equity	=	15,354 0 0 158,108 173,462		0 89,295 0 0 89,295		0 101,988 0 101,988	-	15,354 89,295 101,988 158,108 364,745
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity	\$	187,629	\$	90,545	\$_	105,320	\$_	383,494

# COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OTHER GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

				Debt				
		Special		Retirement	Ca	apital Projects		
	Re	Revenue Fund		Fund		Fund		
				_		2016		Total Other
	F	ood Service		Debt Service	(	Construction	(	Governmental
		Fund		Fund		Fund		Funds
				_				_
Revenue								
Local Sources	\$	10,580	\$	593,981	\$	6,046	\$	610,607
State Sources		37,327		0		0		37,327
Federal Sources		369,759	_	0		0	_	369,759
Total Revenue		417,666	_	593,981		6,046		1,017,693
<u>Expenditures</u>								
Current:								
Food Services		384,609		0		0		384,609
Capital Outlay		20,077		0		33,872		53,949
Debt Service:								
Principal Retirement		0		535,000		0		535,000
Interest and Fees on Long-Term Debt	_	0	_	<u> 29,545</u>	_	<u> </u>	_	<u> 29,545</u>
Total Expenditures	_	404,686	_	<u>564,545</u>	_	33,872	_	1,003,103
Excess of Revenue Over (Under) Expenditures		12,980		29,436		(27,826)		14,590
Other Financing Courses (Lless)								
Other Financing Sources (Uses)		(40.750)		0		0		(40.750)
Operating Transfers Out	_	(18,758)	-	0	-	0	_	(18,758)
Net Change in Fund Balances		(5,778)		29,436		(27,826)		(4,168)
-								
Fund Balances - Beginning of Year	_	179,240	-	<u>59,859</u>	_	129,814	_	<u>368,913</u>
Fund Balances - End of Year	\$_	173,462	\$_	89,295	\$_	101,988	\$_	364,745
	_		_		_		_	



	2024 Amende <u>Budget</u>	-	2024 Actual		2023 Actual
Local Sources Current Property Taxes Tuition Transportation Fees Gate Receipts Interest on Investments Day Care Student Activities Miscellaneous Local Sources	9 23 47 14	,750 ,372 ,080 ,980 ,236 0 ,684	3,169,433 44,750 9,372 23,080 52,649 14,236 278,321 44,581 3,636,422	\$	3,010,616 46,502 6,920 22,728 38,630 25,771 219,169 42,155 3,412,491
State Sources State Aid Foundation Allowance Isolated Districts Special Education At Risk First Robotics Early Literacy Targeted Instruction Mental Health School Safety MPSERS UAAL Rate Stabilization Other MPSERS State Aid Miscellaneous State Sources	138 369 6 9 119 51 666 264	,843 ,847 ,062 ,129 ,265 ,777 ,923 ,611 ,758	1,966,224 30,837 138,847 336,015 6,129 9,265 119,778 62,431 657,521 209,802 201,132 3,737,981	_	2,002,370 30,004 135,825 308,709 8,364 14,797 0 500 604,549 466,046 76,862 3,648,026
Federal Sources Title I Part A Title II Part A Emergency Connectivity Funds Title IV Part A Child Care Stabilization Grant COVID-19 Funding Other Federal Revenues	(1 63 14 635 41	,135 ,054) ,883 ,260 0 ,964 ,750 _	171,361 (1,819) 63,883 14,447 0 347,585 24,017 619,474	_	165,925 33,153 0 14,657 27,650 999,042 54,727 1,295,154
Interdistrict Sources Special Education and Other Programs Great Start Readiness Program Services Provided to Other Public Schools		,511 0 ,395 ,906	150,146 149,387 1,142 300,675	_	148,575 106,449 20,102 275,126
Other Financing Sources Sale of Capital Assets Operating Transfers In		0 0	4,102 18,758	_	0 21,280
Total Revenue and Other Financing Sources	\$ <u>8,354</u>	<u>,197</u> \$_	8,317,412	\$	8,652,077

	2024	0000	
	Amended Budget	2024 Actual	2023 Actual
	<u> </u>	Actual	Actual
Instruction			
Basic Programs:			
Elementary			
Salaries	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	. ,	\$ 892,111
Employee Benefits	966,035	892,616	959,282
Purchased Services	21,883	21,883	19,624
Supplies, Materials and Other	47,931	41,727	101,207
Repairs and Maintenance	7,535	7,535	7,564
Other Expenses	1,357	1,357	1,036
	<u>1,875,193</u>	1,789,782	1,980,824
Junior High School			
Salaries	473,785	486,275	418,394
Employee Benefits	489,816	434,562	503,880
Purchased Services	6,326	6,326	6,639
Supplies, Materials and Other	7,309	7,309	6,446
Other Expenses	<u>251</u>	<u>251</u>	<u>252</u>
	977,487	934,723	935,611
High School			
Salaries	474,726	461,317	583,870
Employee Benefits	542,094	492,396	662,442
Purchased Services	135,974	135,974	73,639
Supplies, Materials and Other	(35,604)	(31,547)	108,787
Other Expenses	633	633	645
1	1,117,823	1,058,773	1,429,383
Preschool			
Salaries	88,456	88,456	80,013
Employee Benefits	107,998	102,692	104,530
Purchased Services	24,258	24,258	22,372
Supplies, Materials and Other	<u>8,231</u>	8,231	5,763
	228,943	223,637	212,678
Summer School Salaries	15,172	15,172	5,197
Employee Benefits	5,438	5,438	3,828
Purchased Services	2,582	2,582	18
Supplies, Materials and Other	641	641	29
Cappiloo, Matorialo and Otto	23,833	23,833	9,072
T. (10. 1. 0.			
Total Basic Programs	4,223,279	4,030,748	4,567,568

	2024 Amended <u>Budget</u>	2024 Actual	2023 Actual
Instruction (Continued) Added Needs: Special Education			
Salaries	\$ 238,834	\$ 216,472	\$ 244,002
Employee Benefits	138,702	138,702	188,899
Purchased Services	3,977	3,977	9,492
Supplies, Materials and Other	<u>118,931</u>	<u>29,010</u>	39,845
	500,444	388,161	482,238
Compensatory Education			
Salaries	372,982	401,295	228,784
Employee Benefits	298,424	295,774	232,620
Purchased Services	5,555	11,759	22,879
Supplies, Materials and Other	(12,687)	(12,687)	30,871
	664,274	696,141	515,154
Total Added Needs	1,164,718	1,084,302	997,392
Total Instruction	5,387,997	5,115,050	5,564,960
Support Services Pupil Services: Pupil Support Services Salaries Employee Benefits Purchased Services Supplies, Materials and Other	481 187 520 <u>33,812</u>	481 187 520 <u>0</u>	25,520 9,156 300 0
Total Pupil Services	35,000	1,188	34,976
Instructional Staff: Instructional Improvement Supplies, Materials and Other	<u>34,719</u>	34,719	0
Library Candoos			
Library Services Salaries	61,852	54,699	45,204
Employee Benefits	43,749	43,824	38,056
Purchased Services	4,001	4,001	2,597
Supplies, Materials and Other	3,338	3,338	2,971
Cappiloo, Matorialo aria Otrior	112,940	105,862	88,828
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Computer Assisted Instruction			
Supplies, Materials and Other	117,490	117,490	0
	0	0	0
Total Instructional Staff	265,149	258,071	88,828

	2024 Amended Budget	2024 Actual	2023 Actual
Support Services (Continued) General Administration: Board of Education			
Salaries	\$ 2,360	\$ 21,667	\$ 8,133
Employee Benefits	181	181	625
Purchased Services	115,620	110,607	50,286
Supplies, Materials and Other	1,839	1,839	5,260
	120,000	134,294	64,304
Executive Administration			
Salaries	176,613	179,872	171,066
Employee Benefits	108,539	109,119	96,301
Purchased Services	9,091	9,091	20,455
Supplies, Materials and Other	32,374	<u>31,705</u>	<u>28,710</u>
	326,617	329,787	316,532
Total General Administration	446,617	464,081	380,836
School Administration: Office of the Principal	252.464	267.024	262.462
Salaries	252,164	267,921 174,605	262,462
Employee Benefits Purchased Services	174,695 2,018	174,695	163,118 1,339
Supplies, Materials and Other	2,018	2,018 226	1,339 345
Other Expenses	905	905	574
Other Expenses	430,008	445,765	427,838
Other Administration			
Supplies, Materials and Other	2,912	2,987	3,679
Total School Administration	432,920	448,752	431,517
Business: Business Services			
Purchased Services	0	14,885	12,228
Fiscal Services			
Salaries	64,976	67,000	58,000
Employee Benefits	48,281	49,081	44,447
Purchased Services	5,433	5,433	13,007
Supplies, Materials and Other	2,357	2,357	3,151
Other Expenditures	<u>776</u>	776	<u>747</u>
	121,823	124,647	119,352
Total Business	121,823	139,532	131,580

	2024 Amended <u>Budget</u>		2024 Actual		2023 Actual
Support Services (Continued) Operations and Maintenance: Salaries Employee Benefits Purchased Services Supplies, Materials and Other	120 133 158	4,088 \$ 0,960 3,562 5,090 _	184,088 119,149 126,632 215,122 644,991	\$	185,841 128,304 162,223 153,090 629,458
Transportation: Salaries Employee Benefits Purchased Services Supplies, Materials and Other Other Expenses	83 20 92	5,714 3,989 0,657 2,778 415 4,553	115,935 83,989 20,185 92,778 415 313,302		119,560 85,843 18,406 78,828 798 303,435
Technology: Salaries Employee Benefits Purchased Services Supplies, Materials and Other	33- 5- 11 152	9,046 4,575 1,559 7,660 2,840	49,046 34,575 51,559 17,395 152,575	_	49,046 32,488 49,528 31,443 162,505
Total Support Services	2,342	<u>2,602                                   </u>	2,422,492	_	2,163,135
Community Services Custody and Care of Children: Salaries Other Community Services: Supplies, Materials and Other	52	<u>2,556</u> _	<u>35,050</u> 61	_	33,000 60
Total Community Services	52	2,617	35,111		33,060
Athletics Salaries Employee Benefits Equipment and Supplies Purchased Services Other Expenditures	86 33 14 26	5,184 5,150 4,940 5,279 5,006	86,184 35,150 14,940 26,279 6,831		83,679 34,210 10,882 29,230 7,480
Total Athletics	167	7 <u>,559</u>	169,384	_	165,481
Student Activities Student Activities		0 _	257,539	_	197,962

	2024 Amended Budget	2024 Actual	2023 Actual	
Capital Outlay Support Services	\$122,580	\$176,703	\$ <u>157,687</u>	
Debt Service Principal Retirement Interest and Fees on Long-Term Debt	7,665 40,363	,	11,665 20,270	
Total Debt Service	48,028	48,028	31,935	
Total Expenditures	\$ <u>8,121,383</u>	\$ 8,224,307	\$ <u>8,314,220</u>	



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#### ONAWAY AREA COMMUNITY SCHOOLS CHEBOYGAN AND PRESQUE ISLE COUNTIES, MICHIGAN

SINGLE AUDIT REPORTS YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' 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

Board of Education Onaway Area Community Schools Cheboygan and Presque Isle Counties, Michigan

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, the major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Onaway Area Community Schools, Cheboygan and Presque Isle Counties, Michigan, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024 and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Onaway Area Community Schools' basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated August 13, 2024.

#### Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered Onaway Area Community Schools' 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 Onaway Area Community Schools' internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Onaway Area Community Schools' 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 have not been identified. We identified one deficiency in internal control, described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as item 2024-001 that we consider to be a material weakness.

#### Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Onaway Area Community Schools' 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 one instance of noncompliance or other matter that is required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards* and which is described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as item 2024-002.

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#### Onaway Area Community Schools' Response to Findings

Government Auditing Standards requires the auditor to perform limited procedures on Onaway Area Community Schools' response to the findings identified in our audit and described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. Onaway Area Community Schools' response 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 entity'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 entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

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### INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR PROGRAM AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE REQUIRED BY THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE

Board of Education Onaway Area Community Schools Cheboygan and Presque Isle Counties, Michigan

#### Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

#### Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We have audited Onaway Area Community Schools' compliance with the types of compliance requirements identified as subject to audit in the *OMB Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of Onaway Area Community Schools' major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2024. Onaway Area Community Schools' major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditors' results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

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

#### Basis for Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

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

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

#### Responsibilities of Management for Compliance

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

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Auditors' 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 Onaway Area Community Schools' 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, and the Uniform Guidance will always detect material noncompliance when it exists. The risk of not detecting material noncompliance resulting from fraud is higher than for that resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above is considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, it would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user of the report on compliance about Onaway Area Community Schools' compliance with the requirements of each major federal program as a whole.

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

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

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

#### Report on Internal Control Over Compliance

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

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

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

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

#### Report on Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards Required by the Uniform Guidance

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, the major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Onaway Area Community Schools as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise Onaway Area Community Schools' basic financial statements. We issued our report thereon dated August 13, 2024, 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 is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by the Uniform Guidance and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the 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 is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

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#### SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

#### Summary of Auditors' Results

- 1. The auditors' report expresses unmodified opinions on the financial statements of Onaway Area Community Schools.
- One material weakness in internal control relating to the audit of the financial statements is reported in the Independent Auditors' 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.
- One instance of noncompliance material to the financial statements of Onaway Area Community Schools, which is required to be reported in accordance with Government Auditing Standards, was disclosed during the audit.
- 4. No material weaknesses relating to the audit of internal control over major federal award programs are reported in the Independent Auditors' Report on Compliance For Each Major Program and on Internal Control Over Compliance Required by the Uniform Guidance.
- 5. The auditors' report on compliance for the major federal award programs for Onaway Area Community Schools expresses an unmodified opinion on all major federal programs.
- 6. No audit findings relative to the major federal award programs for Onaway Area Community Schools are reported in this schedule.
- 7. The programs tested as a major program were: COVID-19 EFS Section 1 Elementary and Secondary Education ALN 84.425 and Child Nutrition Cluster ALN 10.553, 10.555, & 10.559.
- 8. The threshold used for distinguishing between Type A and B programs was \$750,000.
- 9. Onaway Area Community Schools does not qualify as a low-risk auditee.

#### Findings - Financial Statement Audit

#### 2024-001 Financial Statement Preparation Controls

Condition and Criteria: Accounting principles require personnel of the District have the knowledge to review and determine the financial report and the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards is a complete presentation in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles. The Districts personnel prepare various financial information throughout the year to assess operations and the financial condition of the District. However, prior to the closing of the year end, various entries material to the financial statements were proposed by the external auditors. Also, the District relies on the external auditors to assist in preparing the annual financial report and Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles.

**Effect:** As a result, the District is considered to have a material weakness, since reporting errors or omissions could occur in the preparation of the annual financial report that would be departures from Generally Accepted Accounting Principles and the District would not be in a position to detect the errors or omissions.

#### SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

#### Findings - Financial Statement Audit (Continued)

2024-001 Financial Statement Preparation Controls (Continued)

**Cause:** The District relies on their Independent Audit Firm to assist in reporting the annual financial report in accordance with GAAP as well as propose material journal entries to the financial statements.

**Context:** Onaway Area Community Schools has individuals on staff to review the financial report to ensure it is accurate, and the financial information reflects the recording of the proposed entries. However, the individuals do not review and determine that the financial report is a complete presentation in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles.

**Auditors' Recommendation:** We recommend that management and those charged with governance continue to re-evaluate the cost vs. benefit considerations involved with remedying this situation.

Views of Responsible Officials: The District has evaluated the cost vs. benefit of establishing internal controls over the preparation of financial statements in accordance with GAAP, and determined that it is in the best interests of the District to outsource this task to its external auditors, and to carefully review the draft financial statements and notes and the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards prior to approving them and accepting responsibility for their content and presentation.

Corrective Action Plan: The District understands the risk of having the auditors prepare the financial statements and has determined to accept this risk as they feel the benefit outweighs the risk itself. However, the District mitigates this risk by striving to not have any adjusting journal entries proposed by the auditor at year end. In addition, the 2024 PPC Governmental Disclosure Checklist is received and reviewed by the Business Manager and the Business Manager also uses the 2020 Governmental Accounting, Auditing and Financial Reporting – Using the GASB 34 Model (commonly known as the "Blue Book"), to assist with the disclosures required for the financial statements.

#### 2024-002 <u>Budget Controls</u>

Condition and Criteria: The Uniform Budgeting & Accounting Act establishes budgeting requirements for local units of government. The Act prohibits a governmental entity from expending more dollars than included in the board approved budget. During our audit, we noted that the District had material violations between the appropriated expenditures and actual expenditures, with the largest violation being a result of not budgeting for the student activity accounts within the General Fund.

**Effect:** As a result, the District is not in compliance with the Uniform Budgeting & Accounting Act.

Cause: The District did not budget for the student activitiy account activities in their budgeting for the General Fund.

**Context:** The District had material violations between the appropriated expenditures and actual expenditures, with the largest violation being a result of not budgeting for the student activity accounts within the General Fund.

#### SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

#### Findings - Financial Statement Audit (Continued)

2024-002 Budget Controls (Continued)

**Auditor's Recommendation:** We recommend that management ensure that the student activity accounts are included in their next General Fund Budget Amendment, and that the Board compare their actual balances to the budgeted amounts regularly so that necessary adjustments can be considered. If investigation of budget variances suggests the budget is inaccurate or if conditions vary from expectations, the budget should be revised to reflect current conditions or more reasonable estimates.

Views of Responsible Officials: The District understands what happened and will include the student activity expenditures and revenues into the General Fund budget moving forward.

**Corrective Action Plan:** The District will include the student activity expenditures and revenues into the General Fund budget moving forward.

#### Findings and Questioned Costs - Major Federal Award Programs Audit

There were no findings or questioned costs related to the major federal award program audit for the year ended June 30, 2024.

#### ONAWAY AREA COMMUNITY SCHOOLS Cheboygan and Presque Isle Counties, Michigan SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

Federal Grantor Pass Through Grantor <u>Program Title / Grantor's Number</u>	Federal <u>ALN</u>	Approved Grant Award <u>Amount</u>	(Memo Only) Prior Year Expenditures	Accrued (Deferred) Revenue July 1, 2023	Current Year <u>Expenditures</u>	Current Year Receipts (Cash Basis)	Accrued (Deferred) Revenue June 30, 2024
U.S. Department of Agriculture  Passed through Michigan Department of Education Child Nutrition Cluster:  Non-Cash Assistance (Commodities): Food Distribution for National Lunch Program: 55030 Entitlement Commodities 55030 Bonus Commodities	10.555	\$ 22,819 870 23,689	\$ 0 0 0	\$ 0 0 0	\$ 22,819 870 23,689	\$ 22,819 870 23,689	\$ 0 0 0
Cash Assistance: National School Breakfast Program 231970 2022-2023 241970 2023-2024	10.553	104,794 98,443 203,237	93,180 0 93,180	0 0 0	11,614 98,443 110,057	11,614 98,443 110,057	0 0 0
National School Lunch Program - After School Snack 231980 2022-2023 241980 2023-2024	10.555	9,813 8,928 18,741	8,974 0 8,974	0 0 0	839 8,928 9,767	839 8,928 9,767	0 0 0
National School Lunch Program 231960 2022-2023 241960 2023-2024	10.555	198,109 182,573 380,682	176,283 0 176,283	0 0 0	21,826 182,573 204,399	21,826 182,573 204,399	0 0 0
Supply Chain Management 240910 2023-2024	10.555	17,733	0	0_	17,733	17,733	0
Summer Food Service Program For Children: Extended SFSP Operating: 230900 2022-2023	10.559	4,114	0	0	4,114	4,114_	0
Cash Assistance Subtotal		624,507	278,437	0	346,070	346,070	0
Total Child Nutrition Cluster		648,196	278,437	0	369,759	369,759	0
Total U.S. Department of Agriculture		648,196	278,437	0	369,759	369,759	0

# ONAWAY AREA COMMUNITY SCHOOLS Cheboygan and Presque Isle Counties. Michigan SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

Federal Grantor Pass Through Grantor  Program Title / Grantor's Number	Federal <u>ALN</u>	Approved Grant Award <u>Amount</u>	(Memo Only) Prior Year Expenditures	Accrued (Deferred) Revenue July 1, 2023	Current Year Expenditures	Current Year Receipts (Cash Basis)	Accrued (Deferred) Revenue June 30, 2024
Federal Communication Commission (FCC) Emergency Connectivity Fund Program - 2024 (131685)	32.009	\$ 63,883	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 63,883	\$ 63,883	\$ 0
U.S. Department of Education Passed through Michigan Department of Education Title I - Grants to Local Educational Agencies: Part A Imp Basic Pro 231530 2223 Part A Imp Basic Pro 241530 2324	84.010	215,722 240,233 455,955	157,915 0 157,915	23,157 0 23,157	28,243 187,749 215,992	51,400 145,311 196,711	0 42,438 42,438
Small, Rural, School Achievement Grant S358A231540 2023	84.358A	24,017	0	0	24,017	24,017	0
Passed through Michigan Department of Education Title IIA: Improving Teacher Quality 230520 2223 Improving Teacher Quality 240520 2324	84.367A	35,577 32,956 68,533	29,193 0 29,193	(2,293) 0 (2,293)	0 28,034 28,034	(2,293) 27,634 25,341	0 400 400
Passed through Michigan Department of Education Title IV Part A: Student Support & Academic Enrichment 230750 2223 Student Support & Academic Enrichment 240750 2324	84.424	17,085 16,385 33,470	3,643 0 3,643	(5,082) 0 (5,082)	13,442 12,019 25,461	8,360 14,743 23,103	0 (2,724) (2,724)
Passed through Michigan Department of Education COVID-19 - ESSER Funding 213712 2021 ESSER II 213713 2122 ESSER III	84.425D 84.425U	667,724 1,500,680 2,168,404	631,971 1,054,519 1,686,490	18,996 125,759 144,755	0 379,098 379,098	18,996 453,795 472,791	0 51,062 51,062
Total U.S. Department of Education		2,750,379	1,877,241	160,537	672,602	741,963	91,176
Total Federal Financial Awards		\$ 3,462,458	\$ 2,155,678	\$ 160,537	\$ 1,106,244	\$ 1,175,605	\$ 91,176

#### ONAWAY AREA COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

#### Cheboygan and Presque Isle Counties, Michigan

### NOTES TO SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

#### Note 1 - Basis of Presentation

A. The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards (the Schedule) includes the federal award activity of Onaway Area Community Schools under programs of the federal government for the year ended June 30, 2024. The information in this Schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (Uniform Guidance). Because the Schedule presents only a selected portion of the operations of Onaway Area Community Schools, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position, changes in net assets, or cash flows of Onaway Area Community Schools.

#### Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

- A. Expenditures reported on the Schedule of Federal Expenditures are reported on the modified accrual basis of accounting. Such expenditures are recognized following the cost principles contained in the Uniform Guidance. Where in certain types of expenditures are not allowable or are limited as a reimbursement. Cash received is recorded on a cash basis. Revenues are recognized when qualifying expenditures have been incurred and all grant requirements have been met.
- B. Expenditures on this schedule reconcile with amounts reported in the financial statements and the financial reports submitted to the Michigan Department of Education.
- C. Management has utilized the MDE NexSys Grant Auditors Report (GAR) in preparing the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards.
- D. The amounts reported on the Recipient Entitlement Balance Report, or PAL Report, agree with this schedule for USDA donated food commodities and are reported in the Cash Receipts column.
- E. Expenditures include spoilage or pilferage.
- F. Onaway Area Community Schools did not elect to use a flat de minimis rate of 10% of modified total direct costs for their indirect cost rate.

#### Note 3 - Reconciliation to the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) NexSys Grant Section Auditors Report (GAR):

Total Current Year Receipts per the MDE NexSys Grant Section Auditors Report \$981,404

Addition of receipts not passed through the Michigan Department of Education and not included in the NexSys System:

Emergency Connectivity Fund Program

131685 - 2024 63,883
Food Distribution for National Lunch Program:
55030 Entitlement Commodities 22,819
55030 Bonus Commodities 870
Small, Rural, School Achievement Grant
S358A231540 2023 24,017

Addition of prior year grants recaptured by the Michigan Department of Education in the current year, through the NexSys System, not included in the current year Schedule of Expenditures of Financial Awards:

Michigan Department of Education

 Title I - Part A Imp Basic Pro 221530 2122
 44,631

 Title II - Improving Teacher Quality 220520 2122
 26,968

 Title IV - Student Support & Academic Enrichment 220750 2122
 11,013

Total Current Year Receipts on the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards \$ 1,175,605

## ONAWAY AREA COMMUNITY SCHOOLS <u>Cheboygan and Presque Isle Counties, Michigan</u> NOTES TO SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS

#### For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

#### Note 4 - Reconciliation to financial statements:

General Fund	\$	619,474
Special Revenue Funds: Food Service Fund	_	369,759
Federal Revenue Presented in the Financial Statements		989,233
Less a prior period adjustment in accounts receivable for the year ended June 30, 2023, for previously recognized federal revenue that were then reduced, and recognized as revenue in fiscal year ended June 30, 2024:	the	
213712 2021 ESSER II		31,513
230523 2223 Title II Improving Teacher Quality		2,885
Plus prior year grants recaptured by the Michigan Department of Education in the current year through the NexSys System, not included in the current year Schedule of Expenditures of Financial Awards:	r,	
Title I - Part A Imp Basic Pro 221530 2122		44,631
Title II - Improving Teacher Quality 220520 2122		26,968
Title IV - Student Support & Academic Enrichment 220750 2122	_	11,014
Federal Revenue on the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards	\$	1,106,244

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#### **Summary Schedule of Prior Year Audit Findings:**

Findings - Financial Statements Audit

#### 2023-001 Financial Statement Preparation Control

**Finding:** In conjunction with our audit, the District contracted for the preparation of the financial statements and related disclosures based on the information the District provides. We would like to stress that this service is allowable under AICPA ethics guidelines and may be the most efficient and effective method for preparation of the District's financial statements. However, if at any point in the audit the auditors are part of the District's control system for producing reliable financial statements, auditing standards indicate that the District has a control deficiency. If Management is not able to prepare financial statements, including disclosures, and the auditors are contracted to prepare these statements, this is considered a control deficiency. The effect of this material weakness is that reporting errors or omissions could occur in the preparation of the annual financial report that would be departures from Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) and the District would not be in a position to detect the errors or omissions.

Year of Initial Occurrence: June 30, 2020

Status: Situation still exists and is included as a current year finding at 2024-001.

#### Findings and Questioned Costs - Major Federal Award Programs Audit

#### 2023-002 Allowable Costs / Cost Principles - Grant Coding

**Finding:** The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) Audit Manual requires that the accounting information submitted to the MDE, which would include the Financial Information Database (FID) and Final Expenditure Report (FER), be accurate and true representations of the expenditures for each project, by funding source code. During the audit, we found multiple areas where incorrect funding source codes were used for various expenditures. While we noted no material overages in amounts charged to grants after completion of the FER, we did note discrepancies between the ending trial balances and the FERs. In addition, we found that those charges included in the District's trial balance were not always compared back to the approved grant applications.

Year of Initial Occurrence: June 30, 2023

Status: This situation was corrected.

#### Findings and Questioned Costs - Major Federal Award Programs Audit (Continued)

#### 2023-003 Cash Management

Finding: The Michigan Department of Education's Auditing Manual requires that all monies are not requested until after the expenses have been incurred as well as after actual disbursement of those funds. At year end, the District drew down more funds than were actually disbursed, including accruals and encumbrances in the final draw.

Year of Initial Occurrence: June 30, 2023

Status: This situation was corrected.

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#### Corrective Action Plan 2023-2024 Fiscal Year

#### 2024-001 - Financial Statement Preparation Controls

Condition: In conjunction with our audit, the District contracted for the preparation of the financial statements and related disclosures based on the information the District provides. We would like to stress that this service is allowable under AICPA ethics guidelines and may be the most efficient and effective method for preparation of the District's financial statements. However, if at any point in the audit the auditors are part of the District's control system for producing reliable financial statements, auditing standards indicate that the District has a control deficiency. If Management is not able to prepare financial statements, including disclosures, and the auditors are contracted to prepare these statements, this is considered a control deficiency. The effect of this material weakness is that reporting errors or omissions could occur in the preparation of the annual financial report that would be departures from Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) and the District would not be in a position to detect the errors or omissions.

**Corrective Action:** The District has evaluated this situation and determined that the efficiency of contracting for this service outweighs the risks associated with outsourcing this reporting. However, the District will strive towards less adjusting journal entries being necessary at year end.

Contact Person Responsible for Corrective Action: Business Manager, Danielle Chapman

Anticipated Completion Date: None 2024-002 – Budget Controls

**Condition**: The Uniform Budgeting & Accounting Act establishes budgeting requirements for local units of government. The Act prohibits a governmental entity from expending more dollars than included in the board approved budget. During our audit, we noted that the District had material violations between the appropriated expenditures and actual expenditures, with the largest violation being a result of not budgeting for the student activity accounts within the General Fund.

**Corrective Action:** The District understands what happened and will include the student activity expenditures and revenues into the General Fund budget moving forward.

Contact Person Responsible for Corrective Action: Business Manager, Danielle Chapman

Anticipated Completion Date: With the next General Fund Budget Amendment



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August 13, 2024

Management and the Board Onaway Area Community Schools 4549 M-33 Onaway, MI 49765

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Onaway Area Community Schools for the year ended June 30, 2024. Professional standards require that we provide you with information about our responsibilities under generally accepted auditing standards, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance, as well as certain information related to the planned scope and timing of our audit. We have communicated such information in our letter to you dated June 11, 2024 Professional standards also require that we communicate to you the following information related to our audit. The appendices to this letter set forth those communications as follows:

- I Communication with Those Charged with Governance
- II Management Comments

We discussed these matters with various personnel of the District during the audit and met with management on July 26, 2024. We would also be pleased to meet with you to discuss these matters at your convenience.

This information is intended solely for the information and use of management, the Board of Education, others within the District and the Michigan Department of Education and are not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than those specified parties.

Very truly yours,

Stephenson : Company, P.C.

### APPENDIX I COMMUNICATION WITH THOSE CHARGED WITH GOVERNANCE

#### Significant Audit Matters

#### **Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices**

- Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. The significant
  accounting policies used by the District are described in Note 1 to the financial statements. No new
  accounting policies were adopted and The application of existing policies was not changed during 2024.
  We noted no transactions entered into by the District during the year for which there is a lack of authoritative
  guidance or consensus. All significant transactions have been recognized in the financial statements in the
  proper period.
- Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based on management's knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ significantly from those expected. The most sensitive estimates affecting the District's financial statements were:

Management's estimate of the Net Pension Liability and the Net OPEB Asset are based on the actuarial valuations audited by the Auditor General. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop the Net Pension Liability and the Net OPEB Asset in determining that they are reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

• The financial statement disclosures are neutral, consistent, and clear.

#### Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management in performing and completing our audit.

#### Corrected and Uncorrected Misstatements

Professional standards require us to accumulate all known and likely misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that are clearly trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. The adjustments identified during the audit have been communicated to management. A summary of audit differences, both adjusted and unadjusted was provided to and accepted by management on August 13, 2024. Management has determined the effects of the unadjusted audit differences are immaterial, both individually and in the aggregate, to the financial statements as a whole, and material misstatements provided to management on July 26, 2024 were corrected by management.

#### Disagreements with Management

For purposes of this letter, a disagreement with management is a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, that could be significant to the financial statements or the auditor's report. We are pleased to report that no such disagreements arose during the course of our audit.

#### **Management Representations**

We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the management representation letter dated August 13, 2024.

#### Management Consultations with Other Independent Accountants

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters, similar to obtaining a "second opinion" on certain situations. If a consultation involves application of an accounting principle to Onaway Area Community Schools' financial statements, or a determination of the type of auditor's opinion that may be expressed on those statements, our professional standards require the consulting accountant to check with us to determine that the consultant has all the relevant facts. To our knowledge, there were no such consultations with other accountants.

#### Other Audit Findings or Issues

We generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, with management each year prior to retention as Onaway Area Community Schools' auditors. However, these discussions occurred in the normal course of our professional relationship and our responses were not a condition to our retention.

### APPENDIX I COMMUNICATION WITH THOSE CHARGED WITH GOVERNANCE

#### Other Matters

We applied certain limited procedures to Management's Discussion and Analysis, Budgetary Comparison Information, and the Required Pension and OPEB Schedules, which are required supplementary information (RSI) that supplements the basic financial statements. Our procedures consisted of inquiries of management regarding 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 did not audit the RSI and do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the RSI.

We were engaged to report on the combining nonmajor fund financial statements and individual fund schedules, which accompany the financial statements but are not RSI. With respect to this supplementary information, we made certain inquiries of management and evaluated the form, content, and methods of preparing the information to determine that the information complies with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the method of preparing it has not changed from the prior period, and the information is appropriate and complete in relation to our audit of the financial statements. We compared and reconciled the supplementary information to the underlying accounting records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves.

### APPENDIX II MANAGEMENT COMMENTS

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of the governmental activities, the major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Onaway Area Community Schools as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, we considered Onaway Area Community Schools' 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 Onaway Area Community Schools' internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Onaway Area Community Schools' internal control.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph 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. However, as discussed below, we identified a deficiency in internal control that we consider to be a material weakness.

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. We consider the following deficiency in internal control to be a material weakness:

#### FINANCIAL STATEMENT PREPARATION CONTROLS

In conjunction with our audit, we have been contracted to prepare the financial statements and related disclosures based on the information provided to us by Management. We would like to stress that this service is allowable under AICPA ethics guidelines and may be the most efficient and effective method for preparation of the Onaway Area Community Schools' financial statements. However, if at any point in the audit we as auditors are part of the Onaway Area Community Schools' control system for producing reliable financial statements, auditing standards indicate that the Onaway Area Community Schools has a control deficiency. If Management is not able to prepare financial statements, including disclosures, and the auditors are contracted to prepare these statements, this is considered a control deficiency. The effect of this material weakness is that reporting errors or omissions could occur in the preparation of the annual financial report that would be departures from Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) and the School District would not be in a position to detect the errors or omissions. We recommend that Management and those charged with governance evaluate and document their decision on the costs and benefits of whether to contract for this service with our firm.

During our audit, we also became aware of the following deficiencies in internal control other than significant deficiencies or material weaknesses, or other matters, that is an opportunity for strengthening internal controls and operating efficiency.

#### **GRANT CODING**

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) Audit Manual requires that the accounting information submitted to the MDE, which would include the Financial Information Database (FID) and Final Expenditure Report (FER), be accurate and true representations of the expenditures for each project, by funding source code. In the prior year, we noted variances across multiple federal grants, and recommended that management ensure the accuracy of their grant draws with their grant coded expenditures prior to submitting any of their year-end reports. We would like to first commend management on their significant progress made in this area in the current year and note that we found no such errors in our testing of the current year final expenditure reports filed. We did, however, find similar inconsistencies in the current year related to the State Categorical grant dollars, and recommend that management implement those same recommendations for the State Categorical grant dollars moving forward.

#### **BUDGET OVERAGES**

The Uniform Budgeting & Accounting Act establishes budgeting requirements for local units of government. The Act prohibits a governmental entity from expending more dollars than included in the board approved budget.

### APPENDIX II MANAGEMENT COMMENTS

During our audit, we noted that the District had material violations between the appropriated expenditures and actual expenditures, with the largest violation being a result of not budgeting for the student activity accounts within the General Fund. We recommend that management ensure these accounts are included in their next General Fund Budget Amendment, and that the Board compare their actual balances to the budgeted amounts regularly so that necessary adjustments can be considered. If investigation of budget variances suggests the budget is inaccurate or if conditions vary from expectations, the budget should be revised to reflect current conditions or more reasonable estimates.

#### PROCUREMENT POLICY

During the audit, we noted a purchase being made without formal approval by the Board and without following the Board policy's bidding requirements. We would like to note that while we did see conversations of the purchase occurring within the board meeting minutes, no formal approval could be located. We recommend that the Board ensure that the approved minutes include all formal approvals to ensure that the intent of the board is consistently followed, as well as ensure that all required bidding takes place for any purchases exceeding the State bidding threshold.

We will review the status of these comments during our next audit engagement. We have already discussed many of these comments and suggestions with various district personnel, and we will be pleased to discuss them in further detail at your convenience, to perform any additional study of these matters, or to assist you in implementing the recommendations.

#### STATUS OF PRIOR YEAR COMMENTS:

We have reviewed the status of comments and recommendations made in the prior year. The status of prior year comments is as follows:

<u>Comment</u>	Implemented/ Situation Corrected	Progress <u>Made</u>	Situation Still <u>Exists</u>
Financial Statement Preperation Controls			Х
Grant Coding		Χ	
Grant Cash Management	X		