

ST. MARY PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

Centerville, Louisiana

Financial Report

Year Ended June 30, 2023

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Dr. Buffy S. Fegenbush, Superintendent,
and Members of the St. Mary Parish School Board
Centerville, Louisiana

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the St. Mary Parish School Board, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the School Board's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the St. Mary Parish School Board as of June 30, 2023, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the St. Mary Parish School Board and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the St. Mary Parish School Board's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the 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 St. Mary Parish School Board's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the St. Mary Parish School Board's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

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

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis (pages 4 through 11), budgetary comparison information (pages 72 through 73), the schedule of changes in the total OPEB liability and related ratios (page 77), the schedule of proportionate share of net pension liability (page 75), and the schedule of contributions (page 76) be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the

information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the St. Mary Parish School Board's basic financial statements. The accompanying combining and individual non-major fund financial statements, the combining and individual fiduciary fund financial statements, and schedule of expenditures of federal awards, as required by Title 2 U. S. *Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, Uniform Administration Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards*, 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 and individual non-major fund financial statements, the combining and individual fiduciary fund financial statements, and the schedule of expenditures of federal awards 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 December 23, 2023, on our consideration of the St. Mary Parish School Board's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the St. Mary Parish School Board's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the St. Mary Parish School Board's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Darnall, Sikes & Frederick

(A Corporation of Certified Public Accountants)

Lafayette, Louisiana
December 23, 2023

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

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**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
June 30, 2023**

The Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) of the St. Mary Parish School Board's (School Board) financial performance provides an overall review and an objective, easily readable analysis of the School Board's financial activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023. The intent of the MD&A is to look at the School Board's overall financial performance and to assist readers in assessing the financial position as a result of the year's operations. Therefore, readers should read the MD&A in conjunction with the School Board's Financial Statements and the Notes to the Financial Statements.

The MD&A is an element of the Required Supplementary Information specified in the Governmental Accounting Standards Board's (GASB) Statement No. 34 – *Basic Financial Statements – and Management's Discussion and Analysis – for State and Local Governments* issued in June 1999. Certain comparative information between the current year (2022-2023) and the prior year (2021-2022) is required to be presented in the MD&A.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

The following represents key totals from the Statement of Net Position:

	2023	2022
ASSETS		
Current assets	\$ 76,907,330	\$ 60,269,086
Capital assets	154,916,450	154,936,612
Less accumulated depreciation and amortization	<u>(84,595,817)</u>	<u>(82,250,990)</u>
Capital assets, net of depreciation and amortization	<u>70,320,633</u>	<u>72,685,622</u>
Total assets	147,227,963	132,954,708
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	<u>38,728,543</u>	<u>43,753,495</u>
Total assets and deferred outflows of resources	<u>\$ 185,956,506</u>	<u>\$ 176,708,203</u>
LIABILITIES		
Current liabilities	12,874,453	11,092,657
Long-term liabilities	<u>225,297,512</u>	<u>211,433,518</u>
Total liabilities	238,171,965	222,526,175
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	49,822,438	96,234,068
NET POSITION		
Net investment in capital assets	43,878,993	40,723,990
Restricted	16,212,808	15,035,612
Unrestricted	<u>(162,129,698)</u>	<u>(197,811,642)</u>
Total net position	<u>(102,037,897)</u>	<u>(142,052,040)</u>
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources and net position	<u>\$ 185,956,506</u>	<u>\$ 176,708,203</u>

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Net position increased by \$40,014,143 for the year ended June 30, 2023 as compared to an increase of \$41,810,898 for the year ended June 30, 2022. These net increases were composed of the following elements:

	2023	2022
Net investment in capital assets	\$ 3,155,003	\$ 340,415
Restricted for:		
Debt Service	512,748	202,647
Capital Projects	70	70
Maintenance	(772,546)	(805,049)
Other Purposes	1,436,924	2,213,728
Unrestricted	35,681,944	39,859,087
Net Increase	\$ 40,014,143	\$ 41,810,898

Total assets and deferred outflows increased \$11,393,452 for the year ended June 30, 2023 as compared to a decrease of \$15,423,791 for the year ended June 30, 2022 attributed to the following elements:

	2023	2022
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 14,489,876	\$ 5,102,265
Investments at fair value	60,238	26,015
Other receivables	(15,533)	533,247
Due from other governmental units	1,849,270	(337,095)
Due from schools	-	(4,000)
Prepaid items	1,321,648	(835,399)
Inventory, at cost	(1,067,255)	1,114,219
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	(219,840)	647,898
Deferred outflows related to pensions	6,723,536	(9,922,423)
Deferred outflows related to OPEB	(11,748,488)	(11,748,488)
Net increase (decrease)	\$ 11,393,452	\$ (15,423,761)

Total liabilities and deferred inflows decreased \$30,765,840 and decreased \$57,174,323 for the years ended June 30, 2023 and 2022, respectively, attributed to the following elements:

	2023	2022
Accounts payable and other current liabilities	\$ 767,864	\$ (412,209)
Due to other governmental units	927,388	52,547
Accrued liabilities	86,544	(1,930,020)
Long term liabilities	13,863,994	(78,953,465)
Deferred inflows	(46,411,630)	24,068,824
Net decrease	\$ (30,765,840)	\$ (57,174,323)

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The decrease in total liabilities for 2023 is due to the decrease in long-term liabilities related to other post-employment benefit and pension obligations.

Ad valorem taxes parish wide and districts are based on property values of businesses and homesteads in the parish. These revenues remained consistent with the prior year. The total millage levied by the School Board was 100.33, which decreased from 102.33 mills in the prior year. However, only 20.65 mills were levied parish wide, with the remainder levied in special taxing districts.

Sales and use taxes are collected for and remitted to the St. Mary Parish School Board by the St. Mary Parish Sales and Use Tax Department. These revenues increased by approximately \$1.7 million since the prior year.

The largest single revenue source continues to be the Minimum Foundation Program (MFP) distribution from the state, amounting to \$50,347,262, which is a decrease of \$2.2 million from the prior year. This MFP formula establishes a standard of local support for each school system based on the State average local support relative to the system's capacity to raise local funds.

Non-payroll related expenditures remained consistent the prior year. Payroll related expenditures reflect the annual salary step increase afforded all employees as is customary.

Grant revenue remained relatively stable. The Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSERF) is the largest federally funded program with \$7.9 million in revenue. Another large federal program is the Child Nutrition Program (CNP) with \$6.2 million.

USING THE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT (AFR)

The School Board's AFR consists of a series of financial statements and the associated notes to those statements. These statements are organized so the reader can understand the operations of the School Board as a financial whole, i.e., an entire operation entity, its funds, and its fiduciary responsibilities. The "Basic Financial Statements" Section, consisting of the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities (pages 13-15) provide consolidated financial information, and render a government-wide perspective of the School Board's financial condition. The Fund Financial Statements (pages 17-21) provide the next level of detail and look at the School Board's most significant funds and a total of all other non-major funds.

Reporting the School District as a Whole

Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities

The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities present an aggregate view of the School Board's finances and a longer-term view of those finances. These statements seek to answer the question, "How did the School Board do financially during the 2022-2023 fiscal year?" These statements include all assets and liabilities using the accrual basis of accounting used by most private-sector enterprises. The accrual basis takes into account all of the Board's current year revenues and expenses regardless of when paid or received.

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These two statements report the School Board's net position and changes in those assets. By showing the change in net position for the year, the reader may ascertain whether the School Board's financial condition has improved or deteriorated. The causes of the change may be the result of many factors, both financial and non-financial in nature. Indirect factors which may have an impact on the School Board's financial condition include the School Board's property and sales tax base, student enrollment, facility conditions, required educational programs for which little or no funding is provided, or other external factors.

Reporting the School District's Most Significant Funds

Fund Financial Statements

The analysis of the School Board's governmental funds begins on page 17. Fund Financial Statements provide more in-depth reporting of the School Board's financial position and the results of operations. Fund basis financial information is presented in the "Fund Financial Statements" Section. The School Board uses many funds to account for the numerous funding sources provided annually. However, the Fund Financial Statements look at the School Board's most significant funds with all non-major funds presented in total in one column. These statements report governmental activities on a more current basis rather than a long-term basis, indicating sources and uses of funding and resources available for spending in future periods.

Fund Financial Statements provide more in-depth data on the School Board's most significant funds, such as its General Fund. This fund is considered a "major fund" under GASB Statement No. 34.

Governmental Funds – Most of the School District's activities are reported in governmental funds, which focus on how money flows in and out of those funds, the balances that are left at year end and the amount available for spending in future periods. These funds are reported using the modified accrual basis of accounting, which measures cash and all other financial assets that can readily be converted to cash.

The relationship between governmental activities reported in the Basic Financial Statements and the governmental funds reported in the Fund Financial Statements are reconciled in the financial statements.

Statement of Fiduciary Net Position – This statement presents financial information relative to assets held by the School Board on behalf of students and others in a position of trust.

Governmental Activities

As reported in the *Statement of Activities* on page 15, the cost of the School Board's governmental activities for the year ended June 30, 2023 was \$74.0 million as compared to \$78.0 million for the prior year. The Statement of Activities shows the cost of program services and the charges and grants offsetting some of those services. Grants and contributions of \$24.9 million subsidized certain programs, and charges for services, such as fees for school lunches, e-rate receipts, tuition from other LEA's, extended day tuition, summer school tuition and student activity funds were the major contributors of charges for services totaling \$5.5 million. The remaining amount was financed by the taxpayers in the parish through ad valorem and sales and use taxes, as well as other local revenues totaling \$52.5 million.

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The Minimum Foundation Program (MFP) from the State of Louisiana funded \$50.0 million and other general revenues contributed the remainder. In Table I below, the cost of the School Board's largest categories of expenses are presented as well as each program's net cost (total cost less revenues generated by the activities). This "net cost" presentation allows the readers to determine the remaining cost of the various categories, and also allows them the opportunity to assess the cost of each function in comparison to the benefits provided by the function.

**Table I
Total and Net Cost of Governmental Activities
Years Ended June 30, 2023 and 2022**

	2023		2022	
	Total Cost of Services	Net Cost of Services	Total Cost of Services	Net Cost of Services
Instruction:				
Regular programs	\$ 30,020,057	\$ 24,739,003	\$ 24,860,591	\$ 19,387,915
Special education programs	7,855,774	6,820,393	6,142,883	5,036,549
Vocational education programs	1,888,604	1,690,264	1,677,412	1,400,577
Other instructional programs	1,923,569	1,288,314	1,467,654	909,038
Special programs	4,469,983	(676,862)	3,936,935	(1,244,653)
Adult and continuing education	34,494	34,494	35,845	35,845
Support services:				
Pupil support services	5,039,118	2,453,054	4,053,885	2,056,542
Instructional staff services	4,661,664	1,416,524	4,525,336	1,825,616
General administration	5,471,565	5,315,894	5,315,939	5,257,987
School administration	3,932,992	3,932,992	3,283,911	3,180,051
Business services	559,841	526,150	441,377	393,963
Operation and maintenance of plant	16,155,890	11,458,920	11,371,045	11,201,169
Student transportation services	3,475,438	3,447,699	2,960,253	2,211,252
Central services	1,610,242	1,179,998	1,425,769	1,164,244
Non-instructional services:				
Food services	5,753,575	(1,198,603)	4,995,792	(2,601,247)
Community service programs	24,765	24,765	24,765	24,765
Other	347,581	347,581	330,082	330,082
Interest and bank charges	<u>773,593</u>	<u>773,593</u>	<u>1,131,554</u>	<u>1,131,554</u>
Total Governmental Activities	<u>\$ 93,998,745</u>	<u>\$ 63,574,173</u>	<u>\$ 77,981,028</u>	<u>\$ 51,701,249</u>

THE SCHOOL BOARD'S FUNDS

The School Board uses funds to control and permit measurement in the short term of the revenues and expenditures of a particular activity or purpose (e.g., dedicated taxes and grant programs). The Fund Financial Statements allow the School Board to demonstrate its stewardship over and accountability for resources provided by taxpayers and other entities. These statements also allow the reader to obtain more insight into the financial management of the School Board and assess further the School Board's overall financial stability.

As the School Board completed the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023, its combined fund balance was \$63.9 million, as compared to a combined fund balance of \$49.2 million as of June 30, 2022. The fund financial statements begin on page 18 of the audit report.

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General Fund Budgetary Highlights

The School Board's budget is prepared according to Louisiana law. During the course of the year, the School Board revises its budget to take into consideration significant changes in revenues or expenditures. Louisiana Revised Statute 39:1311 requires a budget amendment if either expected revenues are less or anticipated expenditures are in excess of budgetary goals by five percent (5%) or more. The original budget for the School Board was adopted on September 8, 2022. It was not necessary to amend this budget.

A statement showing the School Board's original budget compared with actual operating results for the General Fund is provided beginning on page 72. The School Board's year-end actual results were above the amounts that had been budgeted, as conservative budgetary practices are customary. Revenues are forecast conservatively and expenditures are budgeted in anticipation of all possible costs and projects.

CAPITAL ASSETS AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

Capital Assets

At June 30, 2023, the School Board had approximately \$70.3 million invested in a broad range of capital assets, including land, buildings, furniture, vehicles, computers, and other equipment. This amount is net of accumulated depreciation and amortization to date. Increases during the year represent additions to those categories, while decreases represent retirements and sale of assets during the year and depreciation of depreciable assets for the year. Table II below shows the net book value of capital assets at the end of the 2023 and 2022 fiscal years.

**Table II
Capital Assets at
June 30, 2023 and 2022**

	2023	2022
Land	\$ 4,067,185	\$ 4,081,460
Building and improvements	51,300,067	52,636,969
Furniture and equipment	11,447,908	11,576,700
Construction in progress	2,140,936	321,014
Right to use lease - equipment	1,364,537	1,924,330
Totals	\$ 70,320,633	\$ 70,540,473

During the year ended June 30, 2023, additions of \$2,978,603 of fixed assets were capitalized while assets totaling \$2,048,640 were disposed. Depreciation and amortization for the year ended June 30, 2023 was \$2,460,998 for buildings and improvements, \$963,977 for furniture and equipment, and \$954,217 for right to use lease - equipment. For the year ended June 30, 2022, additions of \$3,011,320 of fixed assets were capitalized while assets totaling \$58,238 were disposed. Depreciation for the year ended June 30, 2022 was \$2,453,798 for buildings and improvements, \$954,255 for furniture and equipment, and \$853,926 for right-to-use lease equipment. Construction in progress increased by \$1,819,922 due to the commencement of the HVAC project at West St. Mary High School and roof replacement projects throughout the parish.

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Debt Administration

	2023	2022
Bonded debt	\$ 25,131,872	\$ 27,942,497
Other Post Employment Benefits	108,119,744	125,185,906
Net Pension Liability	85,491,347	52,455,501
Lease liability	1,415,640	1,989,483
Compensated absences	4,914,638	3,612,928
Totals	\$ 225,073,241	\$ 211,186,315

The bonded debt is scheduled for repayment by 2034 and was issued for the construction of a new school as well as the renovation of an existing school. See Note 13 for further explanation on the Other Post-Employment Benefits liability and Note 12 for further explanation of the Net Pension Liability.

2023/2024 BUDGET

The General Fund, which is the St. Mary Parish School Board's largest fund, will have a projected excess of revenues over expenditures in the amount of \$123,756 for the 2023-2024 budget year. This budget reflects an increase in state and local funding sources, with a decrease in federal sources. As far as expenditures are concerned, this budget reflects a decrease in the expenditures primarily due to funding spent on pupil support and facility acquisitions and construction.

CONTACTING THE SCHOOL BOARD'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

While this AFR is designed to provide full and complete disclosure of the financial condition and operations of the School Board, citizens groups, taxpayers, parents, students, other parish officials, investors or creditors may need further details. To obtain such details, please contact Alton Ray Perry, CPA, Chief Financial Officer, St. Mary Parish School Board, P.O. Box 170, Centerville, LA 70522, or by calling (337) 836-9661 during regular office hours, Monday through Friday, 8:00 am to 4:00 pm, Central Time or e-mail aperry@stmary.k12.la.us.

GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

ST. MARY PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
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Statement of Net Position
June 30, 2023

ASSETS

Cash and interest bearing deposits	\$ 52,421,505
Investments, at fair value	9,591,261
Other receivables	2,405,895
Due from other governmental units	9,202,820
Prepaid items	2,668,745
Inventory, at cost	<u>617,104</u>
	76,907,330
Capital assets:	
Land	4,067,185
Buildings and improvements	121,260,749
Furniture and equipment	24,274,900
Construction in progress	2,140,936
Right to use lease - equipment	3,172,680
Less: accumulated depreciation and amortization	<u>(84,595,817)</u>
Total capital assets, net of depreciation and amortization	<u>70,320,633</u>
Total assets	147,227,963
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	
Deferred outflows related to pensions	24,733,135
Deferred outflows related to OPEB	<u>13,995,408</u>
Total deferred outflows of resources	<u>38,728,543</u>
Total assets and deferred outflows of resources	<u>\$ 185,956,506</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

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Statement of Net Position
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LIABILITIES

Accounts payable and other current liabilities	\$	2,078,212
Due to other governmental units		983,847
Accrued liabilities		9,019,908
Other liabilities		792,486
Long-term liabilities:		
Portion due or payable within one year:		
Bonds		2,086,000
Accrued interest		224,271
Finance lease liability		930,598
Compensated absences		2,684,479
Portion due or payable after one year:		
Bonds		23,045,872
Finance lease liability		485,042
Compensated absences		2,230,159
Other post employment benefit obligations		108,119,744
Net pension liability		85,491,347
Total liabilities		238,171,965

DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES

Deferred inflows related to pensions		5,937,927
Deferred inflows related to OPEB		43,751,466
Other deferrals		133,045
Total deferred inflows of resources		49,822,438

NET POSITION

Net investment in capital assets		43,878,993
Restricted for:		
Debt service		2,699,891
Capital projects		206,723
Maintenance		4,231,115
Other purposes		9,075,079
Unrestricted		(162,129,698)
Total net position		(102,037,897)
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources and net position	\$	185,956,506

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

ST. MARY PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
Centerville, Louisiana

Statement of Activities
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

Functions/Programs	Expenses	Program Revenues		Governmental Activities	Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position
		Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions		
Governmental Activities:					
Instruction:					
Regular programs	\$ 30,020,057	\$ 3,585,075	\$ 1,695,979	\$ -	\$ (24,739,003)
Special education programs	7,855,774	-	1,035,381	-	(6,820,393)
Vocational education programs	1,888,604	-	198,340	-	(1,690,264)
Other instructional programs	1,923,569	115,866	519,389	-	(1,288,314)
Special programs	4,469,983	-	5,146,845	-	676,862
Adult and continuing education	34,494	-	-	-	(34,494)
Support services:					
Pupil support services	5,039,118	1,329,394	1,256,670	-	(2,453,054)
Instructional staff services	4,661,664	-	3,245,140	-	(1,416,524)
General administration	5,471,565	81,211	74,460	-	(5,315,894)
School administration	3,932,992	-	-	-	(3,932,992)
Business services	559,841	-	33,691	-	(526,150)
Operation and maintenance of plant	16,155,890	1,942	4,695,028	-	(11,458,920)
Student transportation services	3,475,438	-	27,739	-	(3,447,699)
Central services	1,610,242	352,916	77,328	-	(1,179,998)
Non-instructional services:					
Food services	5,753,575	64,698	6,887,480	-	1,198,603
Community service programs	24,765	-	-	-	(24,765)
Other	347,581	-	-	-	(347,581)
Interest and bank charges	<u>773,593</u>	-	-	-	<u>(773,593)</u>
Total Governmental Activities	93,998,745	5,531,102	24,893,470	-	(63,574,173)
General Revenues:					
Local Sources:					
Taxes -					
Property taxes, levied for general purposes					23,731,928
Sales taxes					24,639,278
Rentals, leases, and royalties					315,362
Interest and investment earnings					1,378,059
Other local					2,456,372
State Sources:					
Grants and contributions not restricted to specific programs					1,848
Minimum Foundation Program					50,347,262
State revenue sharing					358,839
Pension revenue					<u>359,368</u>
Loss on refunding bonds					
Total general revenues and special items					<u>103,588,316</u>
Change in net position					40,014,143
Net Position-- beginning, as restated					<u>(142,052,040)</u>
Net Position--ending					<u>\$ (102,037,897)</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

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ST. MARY PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
Centerville, Louisiana

Balance Sheet - Governmental Funds
June 30, 2023

ASSETS	General Fund	Elementary & Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSERF)	Other Governmental	Total
Cash and interest-bearing deposits	\$ 30,556,342	\$ -	\$ 21,865,163	\$ 52,421,505
Investments, at fair value	9,591,261	-	-	9,591,261
Receivables:				
Accounts	2,129,783	-	64,541	2,194,324
Other	-	-	58,000	58,000
Accrued interest	153,571	-	-	153,571
Due from other governmental units	1,802,854	3,874,613	3,525,353	9,202,820
Due from other funds	3,587,308	174,305	16,859,865	20,621,478
Prepaid items	2,668,745	-	-	2,668,745
Inventory, at cost	<u>137,127</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>479,977</u>	<u>617,104</u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 50,626,991</u>	<u>\$ 4,048,918</u>	<u>\$ 42,852,899</u>	<u>\$ 97,528,808</u>
LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES, AND FUND BALANCES				
Liabilities:				
Accounts payable	\$ 499,480	\$ 883,508	\$ 695,224	\$ 2,078,212
Accrued liabilities	8,482,826	87,642	449,440	9,019,908
Due to other governmental units	-	983,847	-	983,847
Due to other funds	-	2,093,921	18,527,557	20,621,478
Other liabilities	<u>792,486</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>792,486</u>
Total liabilities	9,774,792	4,048,918	19,672,221	33,495,931
Deferred inflows of resources:	133,045	-	-	133,045
Fund balances:				
Non Spendable	2,987,605	-	-	2,987,605
Restricted	153,285	-	6,940,770	7,094,055
Committed	34,654,300	-	9,272,859	43,927,159
Assigned	2,859,536	-	6,967,049	9,826,585
Unassigned	<u>64,428</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>64,428</u>
Total fund balances	<u>40,719,154</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>23,180,678</u>	<u>63,899,832</u>
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, and fund balances	<u>\$ 50,626,991</u>	<u>\$ 4,048,918</u>	<u>\$ 42,852,899</u>	<u>\$ 97,528,808</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

ST. MARY PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
Centerville, Louisiana

Reconciliation of the Governmental Funds Balance Sheet
To the Statement of Net Position
June 30, 2023

Total fund balances - Governmental Funds		\$ 63,899,832
Cost of capital assets at June 30, 2023	154,916,450	
Less: Accumulated depreciation as of June 30, 2023:		
Right to use lease - equipment	(1,808,143)	
Buildings and improvements	(69,960,682)	
Furniture and equipment	<u>(12,826,992)</u>	
		70,320,633
Elimination of interfund assets and liabilities:		
Due from other funds	20,621,478	
Due to other funds	<u>(20,621,478)</u>	
		-
Long-term liabilities at June 30, 2023:		
Bonded debt payable	(25,131,872)	
Lease liability	(1,415,640)	
Compensated absences payable	(4,914,638)	
OPEB obligations	(108,119,744)	
Net pension liability	<u>(85,491,347)</u>	
		(225,073,241)
Deferred outflows and inflows of resources at June 30, 2023:		
Deferred outflows of resources related to pensions	24,733,135	
Deferred inflows of resources related to pensions	(5,937,927)	
Deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB	13,995,408	
Deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB	<u>(43,751,466)</u>	
		(10,960,850)
Accrued interest payable		<u>(224,271)</u>
Total net position - Governmental Activities		<u>\$ (102,037,897)</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

ST. MARY PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
Centerville, Louisiana

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances -
Governmental Funds
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

	General Fund	Elementary & Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSERF)	Other Governmental	Total
Revenues:				
Local sources:				
Ad valorem tax	\$ 12,388,688	\$ -	\$ 11,343,240	\$ 23,731,928
Sales tax	24,639,278	-	-	24,639,278
Tuition	144,432	-	-	144,432
Interest earnings	1,348,534	-	29,525	1,378,059
Leases and royalties	315,362	-	-	315,362
Food service	-	-	64,698	64,698
Other	4,063,836	-	3,888,340	7,952,176
State sources:				
Unrestricted grants-in-aid	50,114,480	-	675,425	50,789,905
Restricted grants-in-aid	781,680	-	-	781,680
Other	-	-	2,554	2,554
Federal sources:				
Restricted	-	7,941,328	15,510,659	23,451,987
Other - commodities	-	-	401,461	401,461
Total revenues	<u>93,796,290</u>	<u>7,941,328</u>	<u>31,915,902</u>	<u>133,653,520</u>
Expenditures:				
Current -				
Instruction:				
Regular programs	32,939,441	799,688	3,713,339	37,452,468
Special education programs	10,153,180	60,261	908,678	11,122,119
Vocational education programs	2,340,204	29,516	115,079	2,484,799
Other instructional programs	1,451,131	-	658,324	2,109,455
Special programs	1,534,359	12,749	4,089,232	5,636,340
Adult and continuing education programs	34,494	-	-	34,494
Support services:				
Pupil support services	5,199,991	-	1,188,129	6,388,120
Instructional staff services	4,335,907	1,128,441	1,391,265	6,855,613
General administration	2,285,068	-	461,588	2,746,656
School administration	6,263,493	-	-	6,263,493
Business services	864,184	-	81,406	945,590
Operation and maintenance of plant service	7,842,192	2,668,776	7,429,521	17,940,489
Student transportation services	4,548,127	11,294	26,112	4,585,533
Central services	1,633,405	-	216,691	1,850,096
Non-instructional services:				
Food services	470,527	-	7,053,587	7,524,114
Community service programs	24,765	-	-	24,765

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

ST. MARY PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
Centerville, Louisiana

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances -
Governmental Funds (Continued)
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

	General Fund	Elementary & Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSERF)	Other Governmental	Total
Facilities acquisition, expansion and rehabilitation	-	2,793,781	400,431	3,194,212
Other	329,303	-	18,278	347,581
Debt service -				
Principal retirement	-	-	2,801,000	2,801,000
Interest and fiscal charges	-	-	742,261	742,261
Total expenditures	<u>82,249,771</u>	<u>7,504,506</u>	<u>31,294,921</u>	<u>121,049,198</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	11,546,519	436,822	620,981	12,604,322
Other financing sources (uses):				
Operating transfers in	924,051	-	5,399,000	6,323,051
Operating transfers out	<u>(3,000,000)</u>	<u>(436,822)</u>	<u>(2,886,229)</u>	<u>(6,323,051)</u>
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>(2,075,949)</u>	<u>(436,822)</u>	<u>2,512,771</u>	<u>-</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues and other sources over (under) expenditures and other uses	9,470,570	-	3,133,752	12,604,322
Fund balances, beginning - restated	<u>31,248,584</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>20,046,926</u>	<u>51,295,510</u>
Fund balances, ending	<u>\$ 40,719,154</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 23,180,678</u>	<u>\$ 63,899,832</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

ST. MARY PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
Centerville, Louisiana

Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and
Changes in Fund Balances of Governmental Funds to the
Statement of Activities
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

Total Net Changes in Fund Balance - Governmental Funds		\$ 12,604,322
Capital Assets:		
Capital outlay	3,779,203	
Lease expense in excess of interest expense on right to use lease asset	968,267	
Loss on disposal of assets	(14,275)	
Depreciation and amortization expense for the year ended June 30, 2023	<u>(4,379,192)</u>	
		354,003
Long-Term Debt:		
Principal portion of debt service payments	2,801,000	
Bond premium amortization	9,625	
Excess of interest accrued over interest paid	22,932	
Compensated absences expense	(1,301,710)	
OPEB benefit	20,418,752	
Governmental funds report pension contributions as expenditures; however, in the statement of activities, the cost of pension benefits earned net of employee contributions is reported as pension expense:		
Pension contributions subsequent to the measurement date	12,496,718	
Cost of benefits earned net of employee contributions	(9,780,351)	
Amortization of excess contributions during the measurement period	2,029,484	
Some revenues reported in the statement of activities do not provide current financial resources in governmental funds:		
Non employer pension contributions	<u>359,368</u>	
		<u>27,055,818</u>
Change in Net Position - Governmental Activities		<u>\$ 40,014,143</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

ST. MARY PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
Centerville, Louisiana

Statement of Fiduciary Net Position
Fiduciary Funds
June 30, 2023

	<u>Private Purpose Trust Funds</u>
ASSETS	
Cash and interest bearing deposits	<u>\$ 11,384</u>
LIABILITIES	
Accounts payable	<u>\$ -</u>
Total liabilities	<u>-</u>
NET POSITION	
Unrestricted	<u>\$ 11,384</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

ST. MARY PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
Centerville, Louisiana

Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position
Private Purpose Trust Funds
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

	<u>Private Purpose Trust Funds</u>
<u>Additions</u>	
Local sources -	
Interest earnings	\$ -
<u>Subtractions</u>	
Expenditures	<u>-</u>
Change in net position	-
Net position, beginning	<u>11,384</u>
Net position, ending	<u>\$ 11,384</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

ST. MARY PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
Centerville, Louisiana

Notes to Financial Statements

INTRODUCTION

The St. Mary Parish School Board (School Board) was created by Louisiana Revised Statute (LSA-R.S.) 17:51 to provide public education for the children within St. Mary Parish. The School Board is authorized by LSA-R.S. 17:81 to establish policies and regulations for its own government consistent with the laws of the State of Louisiana and the regulations of the Louisiana Board of Elementary and Secondary Education. The School Board is comprised of eleven members who are elected for terms of four years.

The School Board operates twenty-two schools within the parish with a total enrollment of 7,577 pupils for the 2022-2023 year. In conjunction with the regular education programs, some of these schools offer special education and/or adult education programs. In addition, the School Board provides transportation and school food services for the students.

NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Presentation

The accompanying financial statements of the St. Mary Parish School Board have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is responsible for establishing GAAP for state and local governments through its pronouncements (Statements and Interpretation).

This financial report has been prepared in conformity with GASB Statement No. 34, Basic Financial Statements—and Management’s Discussion and Analysis for State and Local Governments, issued in June 1999.

Reporting Entity

For financial reporting purposes, the School Board includes all funds, activities, et cetera, that are within the oversight responsibility of the School Board. Because the School Board members are independently elected and are solely accountable for fiscal matters, which include (1) budget authority, (2) responsibility for funding deficits and operating deficiencies, and (3) fiscal management for controlling the collection and disbursement of funds, and because of the scope of public service provided by the School Board, the School Board is a separate governmental reporting entity (primary government).

Certain units of local government over which the School Board exercises no oversight responsibility, such as the parish council, other independently elected parish officials, and municipalities within the parish, are excluded from the accompanying financial statements. These units of government are considered separate reporting entities and issue financial statements separate from those of the School Board. The School Board is not a component unit of any other entity and does not have any component units which require inclusion in the financial statements of the School Board.

ST. MARY PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
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Notes to Financial Statements

NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Fund Accounting

The School Board uses funds to maintain its financial records during the year. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid financial management by segregating transactions related to certain government functions or activities. A fund is a separate accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts.

Funds of the School Board are classified into two categories: governmental and fiduciary. Each category, in turn, is divided into separate "fund types". The fund classifications and a description of each existing fund type follows:

Governmental Fund Types

Governmental funds are those through which most governmental functions of the School Board are financed. The acquisition, use and balances of the School Board's expendable financial resources and the related liabilities are accounted for through governmental funds. The measurement focus is based upon determination of changes in financial position, rather than upon net income determination. The following are the School Board's governmental fund types:

General Fund

The General Fund is the general operating fund of the School Board. It accounts for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in other funds.

Special Revenue Funds

Special Revenue Funds account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources that are legally restricted to expenditures for specified purposes. These funds account for the revenues and expenditures related to federal, state and local grant and entitlement programs.

Debt Service Funds

Debt Service Funds are used to account for the accumulation of resources for, and the payment of, general long-term debt principal, interest, and related costs.

Capital Projects Funds

Capital Projects Funds are used to account for financial resources received and used to acquire, construct, or improve capital facilities not reported in other governmental funds.

ST. MARY PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
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Notes to Financial Statements

NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Fiduciary Fund Types

Fiduciary funds account for assets held on behalf of outside parties, including other governments, or on behalf of other funds within the School Board. The following are the School Board's fiduciary fund types:

Private Purpose Trust Funds

Private purpose trust funds are trusts which exist to benefit individuals, private organizations, or other governments. The resources, including both principal and revenues earned on that principal may be expended for purposes designated by the trust agreement (e.g., donations received for specific expendable purposes).

Basis of Accounting/Measurement Focus

Government-Wide Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements (statement of net position and the statement of activities) display information about the reporting government as a whole. These statements include all financial activities of the School Board, except for the fiduciary funds. The fiduciary funds are only reported in the statement of fiduciary net position and the statement of changes in fiduciary net position at the fund financial statement level.

The government-wide financial statements and private purpose trust funds were prepared using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues, expenses, gains, losses, assets, and liabilities resulting from exchange or exchange-like transactions are recognized when the exchange occurs (regardless of when cash is received or disbursed).

Program Revenues

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function or segment is offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function. Program revenues include 1) charges to those who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a function and 2) requirements of a particular function or segment. Taxes and other items not properly included among program revenues are reported instead as general revenues.

ST. MARY PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
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Notes to Financial Statements

NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Allocation of Indirect Expense

The School Board reports all direct expenses by function in the statement of activities. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a function. Indirect expenses of other functions are not allocated to those functions but are reported separately in the statement of activities. Depreciation expense which can be specifically identified by function is included in the direct expenses of each function. Depreciation on buildings is assigned to the "General Administration" function due to the fact that school buildings serve many purposes. Interest on general long-term debt is considered an indirect expense and is reported separately on the statement of activities.

Fund Financial Statements

Governmental funds are accounted for using a current financial resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, only current assets and current liabilities are generally included on the balance sheet. The statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances reports on the sources (i.e., revenues and other financing sources) and uses (i.e., expenditures and other financing uses) of current financial resources. This approach differs from the manner in which the governmental activities of the government-wide financial statements are prepared. Governmental fund financial statements therefore include a reconciliation with brief explanations to better identify the relationship between the government-wide statements for governmental funds.

The modified accrual basis of accounting is used by all governmental fund types. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when susceptible to accrual (i.e., when they become both measurable and available). "Measurable" means the amount of the transaction that can be determined and "available" means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current period. The School Board considers all revenues available if they are collected within 60 days after the fiscal year end. The following practices in recording revenues and expenditures have been used for the governmental funds.

Revenues

Federal and state entitlements (unrestricted grants-in-aid, which include state equalization and state revenue sharing) are recorded when available and measurable. Federal and state grants which are restricted as to the purpose of the expenditures are recorded when the reimbursable expenditures have been made.

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

ST. MARY PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
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Notes to Financial Statements

NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Revenues (continued)

Ad valorem taxes are recorded in the year the taxes are due and payable. Ad valorem taxes are assessed in November by the Parish Assessor based on the assessed value, become due on December 31 of each year, and become delinquent on January 1. An enforceable lien attaches to the property as of January 1. The taxes are generally collected in December, January, and February of the fiscal year. Property tax revenues are accrued at fiscal year end to the extent that they have been collected and are unremitted by the St. Mary Parish Tax Collector's Office. Such amounts are measurable and available to finance current operations.

Interest income on time deposits and revenues from rentals, leases, and royalties are recorded when earned, if collected within 60 days of the fiscal year end.

Sales and use tax revenues are recorded in the month collected by the St. Mary Parish Tax Collector.

Substantially all other revenues are recorded when received.

Expenditures

Expenditures are generally recognized under the modified accrual basis of accounting when the related fund liability is incurred.

Salaries are recorded as expenditures when incurred. Nine-month employee salaries are incurred over a nine-month period but paid over a twelve month period.

Compensated absences are recognized as expenditures when leave is actually taken or when employees (or heirs) are paid for accrued leave upon retirement or death, while the cost of earned leave privileges not requiring current resources is recognized only when due.

Commitments under construction contracts are recognized as expenditures when earned by the contractor.

Principal and interest on general long-term obligations are not recognized until due.

Other Financing Sources (Uses)

Transfers between funds that are not expected to be repaid (or any other types, such as capital lease transactions, debt extinguishment, long-term debt proceeds, et cetera) are accounted for as other financing sources (uses). These other financing sources (uses) are recognized at the time the underlying events occur.

ST. MARY PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
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Notes to Financial Statements

NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Cash and interest-bearing deposits

Cash and interest-bearing deposits include interest-bearing demand deposits, money market accounts and certificates of deposit with original maturities of three months or less.

In addition, local governments in Louisiana are authorized to deposit funds with the Louisiana Asset Management Pool (LAMP), a nonprofit corporation formed by the State Treasurer and organized under the laws of the State of Louisiana, which operates a local government investment pool.

Investments

Under state law, the School Board may invest funds with a fiscal agent bank organized under the laws of the State of Louisiana, the laws of any other state in the union, or the laws of the United States. The School Board may invest in United States bonds, treasury notes or certificates, and time deposits of State banks organized under Louisiana law and national banks having principal offices in Louisiana.

These investments are reported at fair value. Fair value is based on quoted market prices. If quoted market prices are not available, fair value is estimated based on similar securities.

Short-term Interfund Receivables/Payables

During the course of operations, numerous transactions occur between individual funds for goods provided or services rendered. These receivables and payables are classified as "due from other funds" or "due to other funds" on the balance sheet.

Inventories

Inventory of the School Lunch Fund consists of food purchased by the School Board and commodities granted by the United States Department of Agriculture through the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry. The commodities are recorded as revenues when received; however, all inventory items are recorded as expenditures when consumed. All purchased inventory items are valued at the lower of cost (first-in, first-out) or market, and commodities are assigned values based on information provided by the United States Department of Agriculture.

Inventory of the General Fund consists of office supplies, custodial supplies, and textbooks maintained in the central warehouse for use in all departments and schools.

ST. MARY PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
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Notes to Financial Statements

NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Capital Assets

All capital assets are capitalized at historical cost, or estimated historical cost for assets where actual historical cost is not available. Donated assets are recorded as capital assets at their estimated fair market value at the date of donation. The School Board maintains a threshold level of \$5,000 or more for capitalizing capital assets for financial statement presentation.

Capital assets are recorded in the government-wide financial statements but not reported in the fund financial statements. All capital assets are depreciated using the straight-line method over their estimated useful lives. Since surplus assets are sold for an immaterial amount when declared as no longer needed for public school purposes by the School Board, no salvage value is taken into consideration for depreciation purposes. Useful lives are as follows:

Buildings	25-40 years
Furniture and Equipment	5-12 years

Compensated Absences

All 12-month employees earn from 10 to 19 days of vacation leave each year, depending on their length of service with the School Board. Unused vacation leave at the end of each fiscal year can be carried forward to the succeeding fiscal year to a maximum of ten days. In accordance with the provisions of Statement No. 16, of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, Accounting for Compensated Absences, no liability is recorded for non-vesting accumulating rights to receive vacation pay; however, a liability has been recorded for vesting accumulating rights to receive vacation pay.

Sabbatical leave may be granted for medical leave with doctor's certification and for professional and cultural improvement. Any employee with a teaching certificate is entitled, subject to approval by the School Board, to one semester of sabbatical leave after six semesters of continuous service or two semesters of sabbatical leave after twelve or more semesters of continuous service. At no time during the school year shall the number of persons on sabbatical leave exceed 5% of the total number of certificated personnel employed by the school district.

Due to its restrictive nature, sabbatical leave benefits are recorded as expenditures in the period taken and no liability is recorded in advance of the sabbatical.

Vested or accumulated sick leave that is expected to be liquidated with expendable available financial resources is reported as an expenditure and a fund liability of the governmental fund that will pay it. A liability has been recorded for up to 25 days of accumulated sick leave for all eligible employees.

ST. MARY PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
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Notes to Financial Statements

NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Long-Term Obligations

In the government-wide financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in governmental activities. Bond premiums and discounts are amortized over the life of the bonds using the straight line method. Bonds payable are reported net of the applicable bond premium or discount.

In the fund financial statements, governmental fund types recognize bond premiums and discounts, as well as bond issuance costs, during the current period. The face amount of debt is reported as other financing sources. Premiums received on debt issuances are reported as other financing sources while discounts on debt issuances are reported as other financing uses. Debt issuance costs are reported as an expenditure.

Equity Classifications

Government-wide Financial Statements:

Net position represents the difference between assets and liabilities. Net position is reported in three categories, as follows:

- a. Net investment in capital assets – consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, reduced by the outstanding balances of bonds, mortgages, notes, or other borrowings that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets.
- b. Restricted net position – consists of net position items with constraints placed on the use either by (1) external groups such as creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or (2) law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.
- c. Unrestricted net position – consists of the net amount of assets and liabilities that do not meet the definition of the above two components and is available for general use by the School Board.

Fund Financial Statements:

The School Board applies GASB Statement No. 54, “Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions”. This statement provides more clearly defined fund balance categories to make the nature and extent of the constraints placed on a government’s fund balances more transparent. See Note 16 for further explanation.

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NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Interfund Transactions

Transactions that constitute reimbursements to a fund for expenditures initially made from it that are properly applicable to another fund are recorded as expenditures in the reimbursing fund and as reductions of expenditures in the fund that is reimbursed. Nonrecurring or nonroutine permanent transfers of equity are reported as residual equity transfers. All other interfund transactions are reported as transfers. As a general rule, the effect of interfund activity has been eliminated from the government-wide financial statements.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires the School Board's management to make estimates and assumptions in preparing financial statements. Those estimates and assumptions affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities, and the reported revenues and expenditures or expenses, as appropriate. Accordingly, actual results may differ from those estimates.

Net Other Post-Employment Benefit Obligations

The School Board applies GASB Statement No. 75, "*Accounting and Financial Reporting by Employers for Postemployment Benefits Other than Pensions.*" This pronouncement requires the School Board to calculate and recognize a net other post-employment benefit (OPEB) obligation at June 30, 2023. See Note 13 for further details.

Pensions

The School Board applies the provisions of GASB Statement No. 68, "*Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions.*" This pronouncement requires the School Board to calculate and recognize a net pension liability at June 30, 2023. 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 and changes in fiduciary net position of the defined benefit pension plans in which the School Board participates have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by the respective defined benefit pension plans. 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. See Note 12 for further details.

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Notes to Financial Statements

NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources

In addition to assets, the statement of net position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred outflows of resources, represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then. The School Board reported deferred outflows of resources related to pensions and other post employment benefits (OPEB).

In addition to liabilities, the statement of net position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred inflows of resources, represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until then. The School Board reported deferred inflows of resources related to pensions and other post employment benefits (OPEB).

See Note 12 and 13 for additional information related to deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions.

Subsequent Events

The School Board has evaluated subsequent events through December 23, 2023, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

Change in Accounting Principle and Restatement

In May 2020, the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) issued Statement No. 96, *Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements*. This Statement provides guidance on the accounting and financial reporting for subscription-based information technology arrangements (SBITAs) for government end users (governments). This Statement (1) defines a SBITA; (2) establishes that a SBITA results in a right-to-use subscription asset—an intangible asset—and a corresponding subscription liability; (3) provides the capitalization criteria for outlays other than subscription payments, including implementation costs of a SBITA; and (4) requires note disclosures regarding a SBITA. The provisions of GASB Statement No. 96 were implemented by the School Board for 2023. Management has reviewed current subscriptions and determined none met the criteria of GASB 96 for capitalization.

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NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Prior Period Restatement

During fiscal year 2023, it was determined that prior year federal funds were captured as expenditures rather than capital assets.

	Other Governmental
Net position June 30, 2022	\$ 17,901,777
Adjustments:	
Recapture of prior year federal funds	2,145,149
Restated net position June 30, 2022	\$ 20,046,926

NOTE 2 CASH AND INTEREST-BEARING DEPOSITS

Under state law, the School Board may deposit funds within a fiscal agent bank organized under the laws of the State of Louisiana, the laws of any other state in the Union, or the laws of the United States. The School Board may invest in direct obligations of the United States government, bonds, debentures, notes or other evidence of indebtedness issued or guaranteed by federal agencies and/or the United States government, and time certificates of deposit of state banks organized under Louisiana law and national banks having principal offices in Louisiana. At June 30, 2023, the School Board had cash and interest-bearing deposits (book balances) totaling \$52,432,889 as follows:

	Governmental Activities	Fiduciary Activities	Total
Louisiana Asset Management Pool (LAMP)	\$45,092,119	\$ 11,384	\$45,103,503
Demand deposits	6,240,942	-	6,240,942
Money market	1,088,444	-	1,088,444
Total	\$52,421,505	\$ 11,384	\$52,432,889

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of the failure of a depository financial institution, the School Board's deposits may not be recovered or the collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party will not be recovered. These deposits are stated at cost, which approximates fair value. Under state law, deposits (or the resulting bank balances) must be secured by federal deposit insurance or the pledge of securities owned by the fiscal agent bank. The market value of the pledged securities plus the federal deposit insurance must at all times equal the amount on deposit with the fiscal agent bank. These securities are held in the name of the pledging fiscal agent bank in a holding or custodial bank that is mutually acceptable to both parties. The deposit balances were fully secured at June 30, 2023.

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NOTE 3 INVESTMENTS

Under Louisiana R.S. 33:2955, as amended, the School Board may invest in obligations of the U.S. Treasury, U.S. Agencies and instrumentalities, repurchase agreements, certificates of deposit and other investments as provided in the statute. Investments at June 30, 2023 were as follows:

Investment Type	Fair Value	Less Than One Year	One - Five Years
<u>Governmental Activities:</u>			
Certificates of deposit	\$ 9,591,261	\$ -	\$ 9,591,261
Total investments	<u>\$ 9,591,261</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 9,591,261</u>

Concentration of Credit Risk – Concentration of credit risk is the risk of a loss attributed to the magnitude of a government’s investment in a single issuer. The School Board Places no limit on the amount that the entity may invest in any one issuer. More than 5% of the School Board’s investments are in certificates of deposit at a local financial institution. These investments are 100% of the School Board’s total investments.

Interest Rate Risk – Interest rate risk is defined as the risk that changes in interest rates will adversely affect the fair value of an investment. The School Board’s investment policy conforms to state law, which does not have a policy that limits maturities as a means of managing its exposure to fair value losses arising from increasing interest rates.

Custodial Credit Risk – For an investment, custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of the failure of the counterparty, the School Board will not be able to recover the value of its investments or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. The U.S. Securities and certificates of deposit investments are registered in the School Board’s name and are held in the custodial bank’s trust account at its custodial agent. During the year ended June 30, 2023, there were no uninsured and unregistered investments held by the counterparty, or its trust department or agent, which were not in the School Board’s name. Accordingly, the School Board had no custodial credit risk related to its investments at June 30, 2023.

Louisiana R.S. 39:1229 imposes a statutory requirement on the custodial bank to advertise and sell the pledged securities within 10 days of being notified by the School Board that the fiscal agent has failed to pay deposited funds upon demand.

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NOTE 3 INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

The School Board categorizes the fair value measurements of its investments based on the hierarchy established by GASB Statement No. 72. The fair value hierarchy, which has three levels, is based on the valuation inputs used to measure an asset's fair value: Level 1 inputs are quoted prices in active markets for identical assets; Level 2 inputs are significant other observable inputs; Level 3 inputs are significant unobservable inputs. The School Board had recurring investments at June 30, 2023, as follows:

Investment Type	Amount	Fair Value Hierarchy		
		Quoted Prices in Active Markets (Level 1)	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)
Governmental Activities:				
Certificates of deposit	<u>\$ 9,591,261</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 9,591,261</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Total investments at fair value level	<u>\$ 9,591,261</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 9,591,261</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

NOTE 4 AD VALOREM TAXES

Ad valorem taxes attach as an enforceable lien on property as of January 1 of each year. Taxes are levied by the School Board in September or October and are actually billed to taxpayers in December. Billed taxes become delinquent on January 1 of the following year.

The St. Mary Parish Sheriff bills and collects the property taxes for the School Board. Property tax revenues are recognized when levied to the extent that they result in current receivables.

For the year ended June 30, 2023, there were no property taxes held under protest in escrow with the St. Mary Parish Sheriff on behalf of the St. Mary Parish School Board.

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NOTE 4 AD VALOREM TAXES (CONTINUED)

For the year ended June 30, 2023 ad valorem taxes totaling 100.33 mills were levied on property and dedicated as follows:

	2023	
	Net Assessed Valuations	Mills
<u>Parish wide taxes:</u>		
Constitutional	573,948,263	8.83
Consolidated school district No. 5	573,948,263	11.82
<u>District taxes:</u>		
<u>Maintenance taxes -</u>		
Consolidated school district No. 3 (School maintenance district No. 1)	208,831,576	12.42
Consolidated school district No. 2 (School maintenance district No. 2)	170,437,876	12.73
Sixth Ward special school district No. 3 (School maintenance district No. 3)	193,107,601	12.53
<u>Bond and interest taxes -</u>		
Consolidated school district No. 1	137,484,281	16.00
Fourth Ward special school district	71,347,295	6.00
Fifth Ward special school district	80,079,528	20.00

The taxes levied were \$23,279,232 for the year ended June 30, 2023.

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NOTE 5 INTERFUND TRANSFERS

Transfers funded from current revenues during the year ended June 30, 2023 consisted of:

	Transfers	
	In	Out
Major governmental:		
General Fund:		
Special Revenue Funds	\$ 924,051	\$ 1,500,000
Capital Projects Funds	<u>-</u>	<u>1,500,000</u>
Total major governmental	<u>924,051</u>	<u>3,000,000</u>
Nonmajor governmental:		
Special Revenue Funds:		
General Fund	1,500,000	924,051
Capital Projects Funds	-	2,399,000
Capital Project Funds:		
General Fund	1,500,000	-
Special Revenue Funds	<u>2,399,000</u>	<u>-</u>
Total nonmajor governmental	<u>5,399,000</u>	<u>3,323,051</u>
Total interfund transfers	<u>\$ 6,323,051</u>	<u>\$ 6,323,051</u>

Transfers are used to (1) move revenues from the fund that statute or budget requires to collect them to the fund that statute or budget requires to expend them, (2) move receipts restricted to debt service from the funds collecting the receipts to the debt service fund as debt service payments become due, and (3) use unrestricted revenues collected in the general fund to finance various programs accounted for in other funds in accordance with budgetary authorizations.

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NOTE 6 INTERFUND RECEIVABLES, PAYABLES

Interfund receivables and payables at June 30, 2023 consisted of:

	Interfund Receivables	Interfund Payables
Major governmental:		
<u>General Fund:</u>		
Special Revenue Funds	\$ 13,661,470	\$ -
Capital Projects Funds	2,514,448	-
Debt Service Funds	-	<u>2,300,411</u>
Total major governmental	<u>16,175,918</u>	<u>2,300,411</u>
Nonmajor governmental:		
<u>Special Revenue Funds:</u>		
General Fund	-	13,661,470
Capital Projects Funds	-	2,145,149
<u>Capital Projects Funds:</u>		
General Fund	-	2,514,448
Special Revenue Funds	2,145,149	-
<u>Debt Service Funds:</u>		
General Fund	<u>2,300,411</u>	-
Total nonmajor governmental	<u>4,445,560</u>	<u>18,321,067</u>
Total interfund receivables/payables	<u>\$ 20,621,478</u>	<u>\$ 20,621,478</u>

Due to/from general fund represents costs paid from the general fund bank account on behalf of individual funds that do not have checking accounts. These receivables and payables reverse in the normal course of operations. All remaining balances resulted from the time lag between the dates that (1) interfund goods and services are provided or reimbursable expenditures occur, (2) transactions are recorded in the accounting system, and (3) payments between the funds are made. Also included in interfund balances at June 30, 2023 is a \$3.2 million loan from the General Fund to the District II Capital Projects Fund to cover costs associated with two large capital projects. This loan is to be repaid over 15 years at an estimated \$249,000 per year with an interest rate of approximately 1.25 percent. This payment is based on anticipated annual savings from the consolidation of the four schools that were replaced by Raintree Elementary and allocated to the three maintenance districts by a special formula. A payment in the amount of \$249,000 was made on this debt during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023.

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NOTE 7 ACCOUNTS, SALARIES AND OTHER PAYABLES

The payables at June 30, 2023, are as follows:

	General Fund	Special Revenue Funds	Debt Service Funds	Capital Projects Funds	Total
Accounts	\$ 499,480	\$ 1,574,607	\$ -	\$ 4,125	\$ 2,078,212
Salaries, withholdings, and other payables	<u>8,482,826</u>	<u>479,138</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>57,944</u>	<u>9,019,908</u>
Total	<u>\$ 8,982,306</u>	<u>\$ 2,053,745</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 62,069</u>	<u>\$ 11,098,120</u>

NOTE 8 CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital assets and depreciation activity as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023 are as follows:

	Balance July 1, 2022	Additions	Deletions	Balance June 30, 2023
Governmental activities:				
Capital assets not being depreciated or amortized:				
Land	\$ 4,081,460	\$ -	\$ (14,275)	\$ 4,067,185
Construction in progress	<u>321,014</u>	<u>2,978,603</u>	<u>(1,158,681)</u>	<u>2,140,936</u>
Total capital assets not being depreciated	4,402,474	2,978,603	(1,172,956)	6,208,121
Capital assets being depreciated and amortized:				
Right to use lease - equipment	2,778,256	394,424	-	3,172,680
Buildings and improvements	121,897,062	1,124,096	(1,760,409)	121,260,749
Furniture and Equipment	<u>23,713,671</u>	<u>835,185</u>	<u>(273,956)</u>	<u>24,274,900</u>
Total capital assets being depreciated and amortized:	148,388,989	2,353,705	(2,034,365)	148,708,329
Less accumulated depreciation and amortization for:				
Right to use lease - equipment	(853,926)	(954,217)	-	(1,808,143)
Buildings and improvements	(69,260,093)	(2,460,998)	1,760,409	(69,960,682)
Furniture and Equipment	<u>(12,136,971)</u>	<u>(963,977)</u>	<u>273,956</u>	<u>(12,826,992)</u>
Total accumulated depreciation and amortization	<u>(82,250,990)</u>	<u>(4,379,192)</u>	<u>2,034,365</u>	<u>(84,595,817)</u>
Total capital assets, being depreciated and amortized, net	<u>66,137,999</u>	<u>(2,025,487)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>64,112,512</u>
Capital assets, net	<u>\$ 70,540,473</u>	<u>\$ 953,116</u>	<u>\$ (1,172,956)</u>	<u>\$ 70,320,633</u>

Depreciation expense of \$3,424,975 and amortization expense of \$954,217 for the year ended June 30, 2023 were charged to the following:

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NOTE 8 CAPITAL ASSETS (CONTINUED)

	Depreciation	Amortization
Instruction:		
Regular programs	\$ 78,260	\$ -
Special Ed	2,500	-
Vocational	3,229	-
Other instructional programs	43,923	-
Support:		
Pupil Support	50,605	-
Instructional staff services	7,377	-
School Administration	13,637	-
Business services	370	-
General administration	3,056,328	-
Operation and maintenance of plant	113,656	-
Student transportation services	10,121	954,217
Food services	44,969	-
	\$ 3,424,975	\$ 954,217

NOTE 9 CHANGES IN GENERAL LONG-TERM DEBT

The following is a summary of the long-term obligation transactions of the St. Mary Parish School Board for the year ended June 30, 2023:

	Balance July 1, 2022	Additions	Deductions	Balance June 30, 2023	Due Within One Year
Bonds payable:					
General obligation bonds	\$ 27,827,000	\$ -	\$ (2,801,000)	\$ 25,026,000	\$ 2,086,000
Premium on bonds payable	115,497	-	(9,625)	105,872	-
Total bonds payable	27,942,497	-	(2,810,625)	25,131,872	2,086,000
Other liabilities:					
Finance lease payable	1,989,483	394,424	(968,267)	1,415,640	930,598
Compensated absences	3,612,928	3,008,898	(1,707,188)	4,914,638	2,684,479
Other postemployment benefits	125,185,906	7,413,522	(24,479,684)	108,119,744	-
Net pension liability	52,455,501	33,035,846	-	85,491,347	-
Total other liabilities	183,243,818	43,852,690	(27,155,139)	199,941,369	3,615,077
Total long-term obligations	\$ 211,186,315	\$ 43,852,690	\$ (29,965,764)	\$ 225,073,241	\$ 5,701,077

Compensated absences reported at June 30, 2023 of \$4,914,638 reflect amounts due to eligible employees, for unused sick leave, up to a maximum of 25 days and unused vacation leave.

See Note 13 for further explanation on other post-employment benefits liability.

See Note 12 for further explanation on net pension liability.

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NOTE 9 CHANGES IN GENERAL LONG-TERM DEBT (CONTINUED)

Bonds payable at June 30, 2023 is comprised of the following individual issues:

\$16,679,000 General Obligations School Refunding Bonds Series 2015 of Consolidated School District No. 1 (to defease \$17,675,000 of 2007 General Obligation Bonds) dated September 10, 2015, due in annual installments of \$167,000 to \$1,430,000, maturing March 1, 2032; interest variable from 1.2% to 2.9%; payable from the annual levy and collection of ad valorem taxes.	\$ 8,351,000
\$3,254,000 General Obligation School Refunding Bonds Series 2015 of Special School District No. 4 (to defease \$3,570,000 of 2007 General Obligation Bonds) dated September 10, 2015, due in annual installments of \$34,000 to \$286,000, maturing March 1, 2032; interest variable from 1.2% to 2.6%; payable from the annual levy and collection of ad valorem taxes.	1,600,000
\$21,000,000 General Obligation Bonds Series 2014 of Fifth Ward Special School District No. 1 (to acquire or improve land, building sites and other school related facilities and to purchase the necessary equipment and furnishings for the schools with the district) dated July 29, 2014, due in annual installments of \$715,000 to \$1,610,000, maturing March 1, 2028; interest variable from 2% to 4%; payable from the annual levy and collection of ad valorem taxes.	5,615,000
\$9,685,000 General Obligation School Refunding Bonds Series 2021 of Fifth Ward Special School District No. 1 (to defease \$7,530,000 of 2014 General Obligation Bonds) dated September 29, 2021, due in annual installments of \$105,000 to \$1,595,000, maturing March 1, 2034; interest variable from 0.47% to 2.4%; payable from the annual levy and collection of ad valorem taxes.	<u>9,460,000</u>
Total bonded debt	<u>\$ 25,026,000</u>

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NOTE 9 CHANGES IN GENERAL LONG-TERM DEBT (CONTINUED)

The annual requirements to amortize all bonds outstanding at June 30, 2023, are as follows:

Year Ended June 30,	Consolidated School District No. 1		Special School District No. 4	
	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest
2024	799,000	235,560	157,000	41,766
2025	827,000	214,388	159,000	37,890
2026	856,000	192,000	165,000	33,890
2027	888,000	168,434	172,000	29,674
2028	921,000	143,624	178,000	25,222
2029-2032	4,060,000	300,619	769,000	52,442
	<u>\$ 8,351,000</u>	<u>\$ 1,254,625</u>	<u>\$ 1,600,000</u>	<u>\$ 220,884</u>

Year Ended June 30,	Fifth Ward Special School District No. 1, Series 2014		Fifth Ward Special School District No. 1, Series 2021	
	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest
2024	1,025,000	198,331	105,000	197,153
2025	1,070,000	157,331	105,000	196,323
2026	1,120,000	114,531	110,000	195,263
2027	1,175,000	79,531	110,000	193,877
2028	1,225,000	41,344	110,000	192,260
2029-2033	-	-	7,325,000	672,810
2034	-	-	1,595,000	38,280
	<u>\$ 5,615,000</u>	<u>\$ 591,068</u>	<u>\$ 9,460,000</u>	<u>\$ 1,685,966</u>

No interest was capitalized during 2023. Interest incurred and charged to expense totaled \$741,610.

NOTE 10 LEASES

The following is a summary of the current lease agreements of the St. Mary Parish School Board for the year ended June 30, 2023:

	Commencement Date	Payment Terms	Payment Amount	Interest Rate	Original Lease Liability	Balance at June 30, 2023
Office equipment	Various	Various	\$ 47,055	2.68%	\$ 214,397	\$ 127,552
Buses	Various	Various	\$ 921,900	2.68%	4,162,625	1,288,088
Total lease agreements					<u>\$ 4,377,022</u>	<u>\$ 1,415,640</u>

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NOTE 10 LEASES (CONTINUED)

The School Board is a party to several separate agreements with entities to lease certain copier/duplication equipment and certain buses. The term of each lease ranges from twelve (12) months to sixty (60) months beginning on various dates. The lease agreements provide that the School Board shall pay regular lease payments as provided for in the separate lease contracts. Each lease contains provisions allowing cancellation in the event the School Board does not appropriate funds in future periods to be paid and allows the equipment to be returned.

Annual requirements to amortize long-term obligations and related interest are as follows:

Year Ending June 30,	Principal	Interest	Total
2024	\$ 930,598	\$37,939	\$ 968,537
2025	258,248	12,999	271,247
2026	<u>226,794</u>	<u>6,078</u>	<u>232,872</u>
	<u>\$ 1,415,640</u>	<u>\$57,016</u>	<u>\$ 1,472,656</u>

NOTE 11 SALES TAX

On December 7, 1965, the voters of the parish approved a one percent sales and use tax to be levied by the St. Mary Parish Council, of which 30 percent of the net proceeds is to be remitted to the St. Mary Parish School Board. The proceeds received by the School Board are dedicated to supplement the salaries of teachers and school employees and for general operations of the public schools of St. Mary Parish.

On August 14, 1975, the voters of the parish approved a one-fourth of one percent (1/4 percent) sales and use tax to be levied by the School Board. The net proceeds of the tax are used to provide additional funds for the payment of salaries of teachers and other school board personnel and/or for other employee benefits.

On April 12, 1979, the voters of the parish approved a seven-tenths of one percent (7/10 percent) sales and use tax to be levied by the School Board. The proceeds of the tax were used first for payment of debt service requirements on bonds issued for the purpose of financing the purchase, construction and acquisition of air conditioning facilities and equipment for parish schools. The net proceeds after satisfying the bond service requirements, which have been retired since February 1, 1995, are used each month in the following priority:

- Payment of the cost of utilities.
- An amount equal to 65 percent of the total net proceeds of this tax is set aside and used to supplement other funds for the payment of salaries and/or other employee benefits of teachers and other school board personnel.

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NOTE 11 SALES TAX (CONTINUED)

- The remainder of the proceeds of this tax is used to construct, maintain, and acquire capital improvements and for other school purposes provided that such proceeds are not used to construct new classroom facilities.

On March 8, 1988, the voters of the parish approved a one-half of one percent (1/2 percent) sales and use tax to be levied by the School Board. The net proceeds of the tax are used to provide additional support to public elementary and secondary schools by providing funds for salary obligations and educational management, advancement, and enrichment.

On July 1, 2021, the voters of the parish approved a point four five percent (.45%) sales and use tax to be levied by the School Board. The net proceeds of the tax are to be used to supplement salaries and benefits paid by the School Board for teachers and other personnel. The tax will be up for renewal on July 1, 2026.

Sales and use taxes are collected for and remitted to the School Board by the St. Mary Parish Sales and Use Tax Department.

For the year ended June 30, 2023, there were approximately \$3,561 of sales and use taxes held under protest in escrow at the St. Mary Parish Sales and Use Tax Department on behalf of the St. Mary Parish School Board. These funds are not included in the School Board's June 30, 2023 financial statements.

NOTE 12 PENSION PLANS

Plan Descriptions

Substantially all employees of the School Board are provided with pensions through cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plans administered by the Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana (TRSL), Louisiana School Employees' Retirement System (LSERS), or Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System (LASERS). The authority to establish and amend the benefit terms of TRSL, LSERS, and LASERS was granted to the respective Board of Trustees and the Louisiana Legislature by Title 11 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes. TRSL, LSERS, and LASERS each issues publicly available financial reports that can be obtained at www.trsl.org, www.lasers.net, and www.lasersonline.org, respectively.

Benefits Provided

Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana (TRSL)

Retirement Benefits

TRSL administers a plan to provide retirement, disability, and survivor benefits to employees who meet the legal definition of a "teacher" as provided for in R.S 11:701. Eligibility for retirement benefits and the calculation of retirement benefits are provided for in R.S. 11:761. Statutory changes closed existing, and created new, sub-plans for members hired on or after January 1, 2011.

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Members hired prior to July 1, 1999:

- 2.0% benefit factor:
 - At least age 60 with at least 5 years of service credit
 - Any age with at least 20 years of service credit

- 2.5% benefit factor:
 - At least age 65 with at least 20 years of service credit
 - At least age 55 with at least 25 years of service credit
 - Any age with at least 30 years of service credit

Members joining system between July 1, 1999 and December 31, 2010:

- 2.5% benefit factor:
 - At least age 60 with at least 5 years of service credit
 - At least age 55 with at least 25 years of service credit
 - Any age with at least 20 years of service credit (actuarially reduced)
 - Any age with at least 30 years of service credit

Members first eligible to join and hired between January 1, 2011 and June 30, 2015:

- 2.5% benefit factor:
 - At least age 60 with at least 5 years of service credit
 - Any age with at least 20 years of service credit (actuarially reduced)

Members first eligible to join and hired on or after July 1, 2015:

- 2.5% benefit factor:
 - At least age 62 with at least 5 years of service credit
 - Any age with at least 20 years of service credit (actuarially reduced)

All Plan A Members (Plan A is closed to new entrants):

- 3.0% benefit factor:
 - At least age 60 with at least 5 years of service credit
 - At least age 55 with at least 25 years of service credit
 - Any age with at least 30 years of service credit

Plan B Members hired before July 1, 2015:

- 2.0% benefit factor:
 - At least age 60 with at least 5 years of service credit
 - At least age 55 with at least 30 years of service credit

Plan B Members first eligible to join and hired on after July 1, 2015:

- 2.0% benefit factor:
 - At least age 62 with at least 5 years of service credit
 - At any age with at least 20 years of service credit (actuarially reduced)

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Deferred Retirement Benefits

In lieu of terminating employment and accepting a service retirement, an eligible member can begin participation in the Deferred Retirement Option Program (DROP) on the first retirement eligibility date for a period not to exceed three years. A member has a 60 day window from his first eligible date to participate in the program in order to participate for the maximum number of years. Delayed participation reduces the three year participation period. During participation, benefits otherwise payable are fixed, and deposited in an individual DROP account. Upon termination of DROP participation, the member can continue employment and earn additional accruals to be added to the fixed pre-DROP benefit. Upon termination of employment, the member is entitled to the fixed benefit, an additional benefit based on post-DROP service (if any), and the individual DROP account balance which can be paid in a lump sum or an additional annuity based upon the account balance.

Disability Benefits

Active members of TRSL whose first employment makes them eligible for membership in a Louisiana state retirement system before January 1, 2011, and who have five or more years of service credit, are eligible for disability retirement benefits if certified by the State Medical Disability Board to be disabled from performing their job. All other members must have at least 10 years of service to be eligible for a disability benefit. Calculation of the disability benefit as well as the availability of a minor child benefit is determined by the plan to which the member belongs and the date on which the member's first employment made them eligible for membership in a Louisiana state retirement system.

Survivor's Benefits

Provisions for TRSL survivor benefits are provided for in R.S. 11:762. A surviving spouse with minor children of an active member with at least five years of creditable service (two years immediately prior to death) is entitled to a benefit equal to the greater of (a) \$600 per month, or (b) 50% of the member's benefit calculated at the 2.5% accrual rate for all creditable service. When minor children are no longer eligible to receive survivor benefits, the spouse's benefit reverts to a survivor benefit in accordance with the provisions for a surviving spouse with no minor children. Benefits for the minor children cease when they are no longer eligible. Each minor child (maximum of two) shall receive an amount equal to the greater of (a) 50% of the spouse's benefit or (b) \$300 (up to two eligible children). Benefits to minors cease at attainment of age 21, marriage, or age 23 if enrolled in an approved institution of higher education.

A surviving spouse without minor children of an active member with 10 years of creditable service (2 years immediately prior to death) or 20 years of creditable service is entitled to a benefit equal to the greater of (a) \$600 per month, or (b) the option 2 equivalent of the benefit calculated at the 2.5% benefit factor for all creditable service.

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Permanent Benefit Increase/Cost-of-Living Adjustments

As fully described in Title 11 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes, TRSL allows for the payment of permanent benefit increases, also known as cost-of-living adjustments (COLAs), that are funded through investment earnings when recommended by the Board of Trustees and approved by the State Legislature.

Optional Retirement Plan (ORP)

The Optional Retirement Plan (ORP) was established for academic employees of public institutions of higher education who are eligible for membership in TRSL. This plan was designed to provide certain academic and unclassified employees of public institutions of higher education an optional method of funding for their retirement.

The ORP is a defined contribution pension plan which provides for portability of assets and full and immediate vesting of all contributions submitted on behalf of the affected employees to the approved providers. These providers are selected by the TRSL Board of Trustees. Monthly employer and employee contributions are invested as directed by the employee to provide the employee with future retirement benefits. The amount of these benefits is entirely dependent upon the total contributions and investment returns accumulated during the employee's working lifetime. Employees in eligible positions of higher education can make an irrevocable election to participate in the ORP rather than TRSL and purchase annuity contracts—fixed, variable, or both—for benefits payable at retirement.

Louisiana School Employees' Retirement System (LSERS)

Retirement Benefits

LSERS provides retirement, deferred retirement option (DROP), and disability benefits. A member who joined LSERS on or before June 30, 2010 is eligible for normal retirement if he has at least thirty years of creditable service regardless of age, twenty five years of creditable service and is at least age fifty five, twenty years of creditable service regardless of age with an actuarially reduced benefit, or ten years of creditable service and is at least age sixty. A member who joined LSERS on or after July 1, 2010 and prior to July 1, 2015 is eligible for normal retirement if he has at least five years of creditable service and is at least age sixty-two, or twenty years of creditable service regardless of age with an actuarially reduced benefit. A member who joined LSERS on or after July 1, 2015 is eligible for normal retirement if he has at least five years of creditable service and is at least age sixty-two, or twenty years of creditable service regardless of age with an actuarially reduced benefit.

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For members who joined LSERS prior to July 1, 2006, the maximum retirement benefit is an amount equal to 3 1/3% of the average compensation for the three highest consecutive years of membership service, subject to the 10% salary limitation, multiplied by the number of years of service limited to 100% of final average compensation plus a supplementary allowance of \$2.00 per month for each year of service. For members who joined LSERS on or after July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2010, 3 1/3% of the average compensation is used to calculate benefits; however, the calculation consists of the five highest consecutive years of membership service, subject to the 10% salary limitation.

For members who joined LSERS on or after July 1, 2010, 2 1/2% of the average compensation is used to calculate benefits and consists of the five highest consecutive years' average salary, subject to the 15% salary limitation. The supplemental allowance was eliminated for members entering LSERS on or after July 1, 1986. Effective January 1, 1992, the supplemental allowance was reinstated to all members whose service retirement became effective after July 1, 1971.

Deferred Retirement Option

Members of LSERS may elect to participate in the Deferred Retirement Option Plan (DROP) and defer the receipt of benefits. The election may be made only one time and the duration is limited to three years. Once an option has been selected, no change is permitted. Upon the effective date of the commencement of participation in the DROP Plan, active membership in the regular retirement plan of the System terminates. Average compensation and creditable service remain as they existed on the effective date of commencement of participation in the System. The monthly retirement benefits, that would have been payable had the person elected to cease employment and receive a service retirement allowance, are paid into the Deferred Retirement Option Plan Fund Account.

LSERS maintains subaccounts within this account reflecting the credits attributed to each participant in the DROP program. Interest credited and payments from the DROP account are made in accordance with Louisiana Revised Statutes 11:1152(F)(3). Upon termination of participation in both the DROP program and employment, a participant may receive his DROP monies either in a lump sum payment from the account or systematic disbursements.

LSERS also provides for deferred benefits for vested members who terminate before being eligible for retirement. Once the member reaches the appropriate age for retirement, benefits become payable.

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Disability Benefits

A member is eligible to retire and receive disability benefits if he has at least five years of creditable service, is not eligible for normal retirement and has become totally and permanently disabled, and is certified as disabled by the Medical Board. A vested person with 20 or more years of creditable service, who has withdrawn from active service prior to the age at which he is eligible for retirement benefits, is eligible for a disability benefit until normal retirement age. A member who joins the System on or after July 1, 2006, must have at least 10 years of service to qualify for disability benefits.

Upon the death of a member with five or more years of creditable service, the System provides benefits for surviving spouses and minor children. Under certain conditions outlined in the statutes, a spouse is entitled to 75% of the member's benefit.

Initial Benefit Retirement Plan

Effective January 1, 1996, the state legislature authorized the System to establish an Initial Benefit Retirement Plan (IBRP) program. IBRP is available to members who have not participated in DROP and who select certain benefit options. Thereafter, these members are ineligible to participate in the DROP. The IBRP program provides both a one-time single sum payment of up to 36 months of a regular monthly retirement benefit, plus a reduced monthly retirement benefit for life. Interest credited and payments from IBRP account are made in accordance with R.S. 11:1152(F)(3).

Permanent Benefit Increase/Cost-of-Living Adjustment

The present value of future retirement benefits is based on benefits currently being paid by the system and includes previously granted cost of living increases. The present values do not include provisions for potential future increases not yet authorized by the Board of Trustees.

Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System (LASERS)

Retirement Benefits

LASERS administers a plan to provide retirement, disability, and survivor benefits to eligible state employees and their beneficiaries as defined in R.S. 11:411-414. The age and years of creditable service (service) required in order for a member to receive retirement benefits are established by R.S. 11:441 and vary depending on the member's hire date, employer, and job classification. Act 992 of the 2010 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature closed existing sub-plans for members hired before January 1, 2011, and created new sub-plans for regular members, hazardous duty members, and judges. Act 226 of the 2014 Louisiana Regular Legislative Session established new retirement eligibility for members of LASERS hired on or after July 1, 2015, excluding hazardous duty plan members.

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NOTE 12 PENSION PLANS (CONTINUED)

Eligibility for retirement benefits and the computation of retirement benefits are provided for in R.S. 11:444. All Louisiana Legislative Auditor's members are regular plan members. Regular plan members hired before July 1, 2006, may retire with full benefits at any age upon completing 30 years of creditable service, at age 55 upon completing 25 years of service, or at age 60 upon completing 10 years of creditable service. Those members hired between July 1, 2006, and June 30, 2015, may retire at age 60 upon completing 5 years of creditable service, and those hired after June 30, 2015, may retire at age 62 upon completing 5 years of creditable service. Additionally, all regular plan members may choose to retire with 20 years of service at any age, with an actuarially reduced benefit. The basic annual retirement benefit for regular plan members is equal to 2.5% of average compensation multiplied by the number of years of creditable service, generally not to exceed 100% of average compensation. Average compensation is defined as the member's average annual earned compensation for the highest 36 consecutive months of employment for members employed before July 1, 2006, or highest 60 consecutive months of employment for members employed on or after that date.

A member leaving employment before attaining minimum retirement age, but after completing certain minimum service requirements, becomes eligible for a benefit provided the member lives to the minimum service retirement age and does not withdraw their accumulated contributions. The minimum service requirement for benefits varies depending upon the member's employer and service classification.

Deferred Retirement Benefits

The State Legislature authorized LASERS to establish a Deferred Retirement Option Plan (DROP). When a member enters DROP, their status changes from active member to retiree even though they continue to work and draw their salary for a period of up to three years. The election is irrevocable once participation begins. During DROP participation, accumulated retirement benefits that would have been paid to each retiree are separately tracked. For members who entered DROP prior to January 1, 2004, interest at a rate of one-half percent less than the System's realized return on its portfolio (not to be less than zero) will be credited to the retiree after participation ends. At that time, the member must choose among available alternatives for the distribution of benefits that have accumulated in the DROP account.

Members who enter DROP on or after January 1, 2004, are required to participate in LASERS Self-Directed Plan (SDP) which is administered by a third-party provider. The SDP allows DROP participants to choose from a menu of investment options for the allocation of their DROP balances. Participants may diversify their investments by choosing from an approved list of mutual funds with different holdings, management styles, and risk factors.

Members eligible to retire and who do not choose to participate in DROP may elect to receive at the time of retirement an initial benefit option (IBO) in an amount up to 36 months of benefits, with an actuarial reduction of their future benefits. For members who selected the IBO option prior to January 1, 2004, such amount may be withdrawn or remain in the IBO account earning interest at a rate of one-half percent less than the System's realized return on its portfolio (not to be less than zero). Those members who select the IBO on or after January 1, 2004, are required to enter the SDP as described above.

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Disability Benefits

All members with 10 or more years of credited service who become disabled may receive a maximum disability retirement benefit equivalent to the regular retirement formula without reduction by reason of age. Upon reaching age 60, the disability retiree may receive a regular retirement benefit by making application to the Board of Trustees. For injuries sustained in the line of duty, members in the hazardous duty plan will receive a disability benefit equal to 75% of final average compensation.

Survivor's Benefits

Certain eligible surviving dependents receive benefits based on the deceased member's compensation and their relationship to the deceased. The deceased regular member hired before January 1, 2011 who was in state service at the time of death must have a minimum of five years of service credit, at least two of which were earned immediately prior to death, or who had a minimum of twenty years of service credit regardless of when earned in order for a benefit to be paid to a minor or handicapped child. Benefits are payable to an unmarried child until age 18, or age 23 if the child remains a full-time student. The aforementioned minimum service credit requirement is ten years for a surviving spouse with no minor children, and benefits are to be paid for life to the spouse or qualified handicapped child.

The deceased regular member hired on or after January 1, 2011, must have a minimum of five years of service credit regardless of when earned in order for a benefit to be paid to a minor child. The aforementioned minimum service credit requirements for a surviving spouse are 10 years, 2 years being earned immediately prior to death, and active state service at the time of death, or a minimum of 20 years of service credit regardless of when earned. A deceased member's spouse must have been married for at least one year before death.

Permanent Benefit Increase/Cost-of-Living Adjustments

As fully described in Title 11 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes, LASERS allows for the payment of permanent benefit increases, also known as cost-of-living adjustments (COLAs), that are funded through investment earnings when recommended by the Board of Trustees and approved by the State Legislature.

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Contributions

Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana (TRSL)

Contribution requirements of active employees are governed by Section 101-104 of Title 11 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes (La. R.S. 11:101-11:104) and may be amended by the Louisiana Legislature.

Members participating in the TRSL Regular Plan are required by state statute to contribute 8.0% of their annual covered salaries and the School Board is required to make employer contributions based on an actuarially determined rate. The employer contribution rate for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023 was 24.8% of annual covered payroll. The School Board's contributions paid to TRSL for the Regular Plan for the year ended June 30, 2023 was \$10,627,435.

Members participating in the TRSL Plan B are required by state statute to contribute 5.0% of their annual covered salaries and the School Board is required to make employer contributions based on an actuarially determined rate. The employer contribution rate for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023 was 24.8% of annual covered payroll. The School Board's contributions paid to TRSL for the Plan B for the year ended June 30, 2023 was \$492,173.

There were no participants in the TRSL Plan A and Optional Plan for the year ended June 30, 2023.

Louisiana School Employees' Retirement System (LSERS)

Contribution requirements of active employees are governed by Act 81 of 1988 and may be amended by the Louisiana Legislature. Members are required by state statute to contribute 7.5% of their annual covered salaries if hired before July 1, 2010 (closed plan) and 8.0% of their annual covered salaries if hired on or after July 1, 2010, and the School Board is required to make employer contributions based on an actuarially determined rate. The employer contribution rate for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023 was 27.6% of annual covered payroll. The School Board's contributions paid to LSERS for the year ended June 30, 2023 was \$1,308,447.

Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System (LASERS)

Contribution requirements of active employees are governed by Section 401 of Title 11 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes (La. R.S. 11:401) and may be amended by the Louisiana Legislature. Substantially all of the School Board employees participating in LASERS are included in the Regular Plan. Members are required by state statute to contribute 7.5% of their annual covered salaries if hired before July 1, 2006 (closed plan) and 8.0% of their annual covered salaries if hired after July 1, 2006, and the School Board is required to make employer contributions based on an actuarially determined rate. The employer contribution rate for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023 was 40.4% of annual covered payroll. The School Board's contributions paid to LASERS for the year ended June 30, 2023 was \$68,663.

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

The following table reflects the School Board's reported net pension liability, pension expense, proportion share of the net pension liability and changes in proportion as of June 30, 2023.

	<u>TRSL</u>	<u>LSERS</u>	<u>LASERS</u>	<u>Total</u>
Net Pension Liability	\$ 75,849,196	\$ 9,083,486	\$ 558,665	\$ 85,491,347
Pension Expense	\$ 8,548,637	\$ 1,157,717	\$ 73,997	\$ 9,780,351
Proportion of Net Pension Liability	0.7944%	1.3659%	0.0074%	
Change in Proportion Increase (Decrease)	-0.05286%	-0.07154%	.00037%	

The net pension liabilities were measured as of June 30, 2022 for TRSL, LSRS and LASERS. The total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of these dates. The School Board's proportion of the net pension liability for TRSL and LASERS was based on a projection of the School Board's long-term share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the projected contributions of all participating employers, actuarially determined. The School Board's proportion of the net pension liability of LSERS was based on the School Board's historical contributions.

At June 30, 2023 , the School Board reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

Deferred Outflows of Resources

	<u>TRSL</u>	<u>LSERS</u>	<u>LASERS</u>	<u>Total</u>
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 1,175,636	\$ 215,073	\$ 1,524	\$ 1,392,233
Changes in assumptions	5,115,990	327,669	10,157	5,453,816
Difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	4,304,346	-	44,998	4,349,344
Difference between employer contributions and proportionate share of contributions	924,959	-	12,398	937,357
Changes in proportion	-	103,667	-	103,667
Employer contributions subsequent to measurement date	11,119,608	1,308,447	68,663	12,496,718
Total	\$ 22,640,539	\$ 1,954,856	\$ 137,740	\$ 24,733,135

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Deferred Inflows of Resources

	TRSL	LSERS	LASERS	Total
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 218,741	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 218,741
Difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	-	233,975	-	233,975
Difference between employer contributions and proportionate share of contributions	5,173,056	6,437	1,859	5,181,352
Changes in proportion	-	303,859	-	303,859
 Total	\$ 5,391,797	\$ 544,271	\$ 1,859	\$ 5,937,927

Deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from employer contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of TRSL, LSERS, and LASERS net pension liability during the year ended June 30, 2023. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense (benefit) as follows:

Year ended June 30:	TRSL	LSERS	LASERS	Total
2024	\$ 463,923	\$ 287,986	\$ 38,451	\$ 790,360
2025	507,365	(112,808)	9,298	403,855
2026	(1,551,981)	(525,195)	(11,379)	(2,088,555)
2027	6,709,827	452,155	30,848	7,192,830
Totals	\$ 6,129,134	\$ 102,138	\$ 67,218	\$ 6,298,490

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Actuarial Assumptions

The total pension liability in the actuarial valuations for TRSL, LSERS, and LASERS were determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

	TRSL	LSERS	LASERS
Valuation date	June 30, 2022	June 30, 2022	June 30, 2022
Actuarial cost method	Entry Age Normal	Entry Age Normal	Entry Age Normal
Actuarial Assumptions:			
Expected Remaining Service Lives	5 years	3 years	2 years
Investment Rate of Return	7.25%	6.800%	7.25%
Inflation Rate	2.3% per annum	2.5% per annum	2.3% per annum
Projected Salary Increases	3.1% - 4.6%	3.250%	3.0% - 13.8%
Cost-of-living adjustments	None	See plan description	See plan description
Dates of Experience Study	2012 - 2017	2013 - 2017	2014 - 2018
Mortality Rates	RP-2014 Mortality Tables	RP-2014 Combined Sex Distinct Mortality Tables	RP-2014 Mortality Tables

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments of TRSL, LSERS, and LASERS were 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 and an adjustment for the effect of rebalancing/diversification. The target allocation and expected real rates of return for each major asset class of as of June 30, 2022 for TRSL, LSERS and LASERS are summarized in the following tables:

Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana (TRSL):

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Target Asset Allocation</u>	<u>Long-term Expected Portfolio Real Rate of Return</u>
Domestic Equity	27%	4.15%
International Equity	19%	5.16%
Domestic Fixed Income	13%	0.85%
International Fixed Income	5%	-0.10%
Private Equity	26%	8.15%
Other Private Assets	10%	3.72%
Total	100%	

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Louisiana School Employees' Retirement System (LSERS):

Asset Class	Target Asset Allocation	Long-term Expected Portfolio Real Rate of Return
Fixed income	26%	0.73%
Equity	39%	2.67%
Alternative Investments	23%	1.85%
Real Estate	12%	0.62%
Total	100%	5.87%
Inflation		2.30%
Expected Arithmetic Nominal Return		8.17%

Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System (LASERS):

Asset Class	Long-term Expected Portfolio Real Rate of Return
Cash	0.39%
Domestic equity	4.57%
International equity	5.76%
Domestic Fixed Income	1.48%
International Fixed Income	5.04%
Alternative Investments	8.30%
Risk Parity	0.00%

Discount Rate

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability of TRSL, LSERS, and LASERS was 7.25%, 6.80%, and 7.25%, respectively. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that employee contributions will be made at the current contribution rate and that employer contributions from participating employers will be made at contractually required rates, actuarially determined. Based on those 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.

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Sensitivity of the School Board’s Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate

The following presents the School Board’s proportionate share of the net pension liability of TRSL, LSERS and LASERS as of June 30, 2023 using the current discount rates of 7.25%, 6.80%, and 7.25%, respectively, as well as what the School Board’s proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage-point lower or one percentage-point higher than the current rate:

	<u>School Board's proportionate share of the net pension liability</u>		
	<u>1.0% Decrease</u>	<u>Current Discount Rate</u>	<u>1.0% Increase</u>
TRSL	\$ 104,167,004	\$ 75,849,196	\$ 50,135,904
LSERS	\$ 12,702,831	\$ 9,083,486	\$ 5,990,012
LASERS	\$ 702,964	\$ 558,665	\$ 427,086

Support of Non-employer Contributing Entities

Contributions received by a pension plan from non-employer contributing entities that are not in a special funding situation are recorded as revenue by the respective pension plan. The School Board recognizes revenue in an amount equal to their proportionate share of the total contributions to the pension plan from these non-employer contributing entities. During the year ended June 30, 2023, the School Board recognized revenue as a result of support received from non-employer contributing entities of \$359,368 for its participation in TRSL. LSERS and LASERS do not receive support from non-employer contributing entities and as a result no revenue was recorded for the participation in LSERS or LASERS for the year ended June 30, 2023.

Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position

Detailed information about the pension plans fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued financial reports for TRSL, LSERS, and LASERS and can be obtained on the plans’ respective websites or on the Louisiana Legislative Auditor’s website: www.la.gov.

Payables to the Pension Plans

At June 30, 2023, the School Board reported a payable of \$846,362 and \$95,863 for the outstanding amount of contributions due to TRSL and LSERS, respectively.

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NOTE 13 OTHER POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

Plan Description

The St. Mary Parish School Board provides certain continuing medical and life insurance benefits for its retired employees. The plan is a self-funded single employer plan administered by BlueCross BlueShield of Louisiana. The plan issues a separate financial report. The report may be obtained by writing to BlueCross BlueShield of Louisiana, P. O. Box 98029, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70898-9029 or by calling (225) 295-3307. No assets are accumulated in a trust that meets the criteria in paragraph 4 of Statement 75.

Benefits Provided

Requirements for eligibility for these benefits are that retirees at age 65 have not less than fifteen years with the St. Mary Parish School Board or twenty years total service with the last ten years of employment being with the St. Mary Parish School Board. At any age below 65 the retiree must have not less than 30 years of service with at least twenty years with the St. Mary Parish School Board. The monthly premiums of these benefits for retirees and similar benefits for active employees are paid jointly by the employee and the School Board.

The contribution requirements of plan members and the School Board are established and may be amended by the School Board. The School Board determines the required contribution based on projected pay-as-you-go financing. Current monthly contribution rates for medical insurance at July 1, 2022 were as follows:

	Plan 1		Plan 2	
	Pre-Medicare	Post-Medicare	Pre-Medicare	Post-Medicare
Retiree Only	\$ 223	\$ 90	\$ 120	\$ 90
Retiree and Spouse	481	180	310	180
Surviving Spouse	368	220	318	220

Retirees eligible for Medicare are required to enroll in Part A which affects their monthly required premium amount. Employees are also eligible for Basic Life Insurance upon retirement. The School Board will pay one-half of the premium with the retiree being responsible for the other half of the premium. In addition, retirees may elect a Supplemental Life Insurance benefit equal to the minimum of (1) 1.5 times their salary at retirement and (2) \$40,000. The School Board will pay one-half of the premium with the retiree being responsible for the other half of the premium.

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NOTE 13 OTHER POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (CONTINUED)

Plan Membership

Membership in the plan consisted of the following at July 1, 2022, the date of the last full actuarial valuation.

Active employees	1,111
Retirees	886
Beneficiaries	38
Spouses of current retirees	234
Total	<u>2,269</u>

Total OPEB Liability

The School Board total OPEB liability of \$108,119,744 was measured as of June 30, 2023, and was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2022.

Actuarial Assumptions

The total OPEB liability in the July 1, 2022 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions and other inputs, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Valuation date:	July 1, 2022
Measurement date:	June 30, 2023
Actuarial cost method:	Entry age normal
Inflation rate	2.30%
Salary scale	Years of service, as follows: 1 - 2.25%; 2-5 - 1.37%; 6-13 - 1.17%; 14+ - 0.88% (merit rates compounded with inflation)
Discount rate	3.65%
Healthcare cost trend	3.70% - 6.50%
Mortality rates	PubG.H-2010 projected forward (fully generational) with MP-2021. Pub-2010 for disabled lives and contingent survivors.

The discount rate was based on the Bond Buyer's General Obligation 20-Bond Municipal Index.

The plan has not had a formal actuarial experience study performed.

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NOTE 13 OTHER POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (CONTINUED)

Changes in total OPEB Liability

	Increase (Decrease) Total OPEB Liability
Balance as of June 30, 2022	\$ 125,185,906
Changes for the year:	
Service cost	2,948,184
Interest on total OPEB liability	4,465,338
Effect of economic/demographic gains or losses	(18,931,276)
Effect of assumptions changes or inputs	(1,524,190)
Benefit payments	(4,024,218)
Net changes	(17,066,162)
Balance as of June 30, 2023	\$ 108,119,744

Sensitivity Analysis

The following presents the total OPEB liability of the School Board, calculated using the discount rate of 3.65%, as well as what the School Board's total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1 percentage point lower (2.65%) or 1 percentage point higher (4.65%) than the current rate.

	1% Decrease 2.65%	Discount Rate 3.65%	1% Increase 4.65%
Total OPEB liability	\$ 123,323,305	\$ 108,119,744	\$ 95,675,254

The following presents the total OPEB liability of the School Board, calculated using the current healthcare cost trend rates as well as what the School Board's total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using trend rates that are 1 percentage point lower or 1 percentage point higher than the current trend rates.

	1% Decrease	Current Trend Rate	1% Increase
Total OPEB liability	\$ 94,507,334	\$ 108,119,744	\$ 125,043,689

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NOTE 13 OTHER POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (CONTINUED)

OPEB Expense and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB

For the year ended June 30, 2023, the School Board recognized OPEB expense (benefit) of (\$20,418,752). At June 30, 2023, the School Board reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

	Deferred Inflows of Resources	Deferred Outflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ (18,238,861)	\$ 13,309,385
Changes of assumptions	(25,512,605)	686,023
Total	\$ (43,751,466)	\$ 13,995,408

Amounts currently reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to other postemployment benefits will be recognized in OPEB expense as follows:

Year ending June 30:	
2024	\$ (12,494,018)
2025	(10,443,551)
2026	(4,545,659)
2027	(2,272,830)
Total	\$ (29,756,058)

NOTE 14 RISK MANAGEMENT

Workers' Compensation

The School Board replaced the limited risk management program for workers' compensation with a fully insured plan on May 1, 1999. Management Service, USA was hired by the School Board as administrator of this limited risk program. While under this limited risk plan, the School Board purchased commercial insurance for individual claims in excess of \$1,000,000. The School Board, unable to obtain reasonable worker's compensation insurance coverage, once again elected to participate in another limited risk management program, effective May 1, 2004. Claims Administrative Services, Inc. serves as the administrator of this plan. The School Board incurred \$802,088 in benefits and administrative costs under the limited risk plans during fiscal year 2023. Incurred but not paid claims have been accrued as a liability in the general fund.

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NOTE 14 RISK MANAGEMENT (CONTINUED)

Reconciliation of Claims Liabilities

Changes in the claims liability amounts for the risk management programs are as follows:

	Beginning of Fiscal year Liability	Claims and Changes in Estimates	Benefit Payments and Claims	Balance at Fiscal Year - End
Workers'				
Compensation	<u>\$ 1,037,549</u>	<u>\$ 557,023</u>	<u>\$ (802,088)</u>	<u>\$ 792,484</u>

Claims payable of \$792,484 for workers' compensation at June 30, 2023 was obtained from information provided by the third party administrator.

General Liability

The School Board, unable to obtain reasonable commercial insurance coverage, elected to participate in a self-insurance pool called LARMA (Louisiana Risk Management Agency), effective April 1, 2004. This pool consists of other school boards and is structured where a loss fund is established from actuarial numbers. Aggregate excess coverage of \$3 million is also provided to protect the fund. This fund covers general liability as well as automobile, board errors and omissions liability, and fidelity and forgery insurance. Building and contents coverage is still being provided by a commercial insurance carrier.

NOTE 15 PENDING LITIGATION

Contingencies

At June 30, 2023, the School Board was a defendant in lawsuits principally arising from the normal course of operations. The School Board's legal counsel has reviewed the School Board's claims and lawsuits in order to evaluate the likelihood of an unfavorable outcome to the School Board. It is the opinion of the School Board, after conferring with legal counsel, that the liabilities, if any, which might arise from these lawsuits would not have a material adverse effect on the School Board's financial position.

NOTE 16 FUND BALANCES

The School Board applies GASB Statement No. 54, which redefined how fund balances of the governmental funds are presented in the financial statements. Fund balances are classified as follows:

Nonspendable Fund Balance—amounts that are not in spendable form or are required to be maintained intact.

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NOTE 16 FUND BALANCES (CONTINUED)

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

Committed Fund Balance—amounts constrained to specific purposes by the School Board itself, using its highest level of decision-making authority. To be reported as committed, amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the School Board takes the same highest level action to remove or change the constraint.

Assigned Fund Balance—amounts the School Board intends to use for a specific purpose. Intent can be expressed by the School Board or by an official or body to which the School Board delegates the authority.

Unassigned Fund Balance—amounts that are available for any purpose.

When an expenditure is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted fund balance is available, the School Board considers restricted funds to have been spent first. When an expenditure is incurred for which committed, assigned, or unassigned fund balances are available, the School Board considers amounts to have been spent first out of committed funds, then assigned funds, and finally unassigned funds, as needed, unless the School Board has provided otherwise in its commitment or assignment actions.

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NOTE 16 FUND BALANCES (CONTINUED)

The following is a schedule of fund balances as of June 30, 2023:

	General Fund	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Non Spendable:			
Inventory	\$ 137,125	\$ -	\$ 137,125
Prepaid Expenses	2,668,745	-	2,668,745
Truancy	181,735	-	181,735
Restricted:			
Education Excellence	153,285	-	153,285
Debt Service	-	2,709,655	2,709,655
Maintenance	-	4,231,115	4,231,115
Committed:			
Future Occurrences	26,174,000	-	26,174,000
Backflow Preventers	180,300	-	180,300
District II Construction Loan	1,360,000	-	1,360,000
Asbestos Abatement	50,000	-	50,000
Band Uniforms	35,000	-	35,000
Insurance Deductibles	1,000,000	-	1,000,000
Floor Tile	100,000	-	100,000
Defibrillators	5,000	-	5,000
Computer Software Programs	250,000	-	250,000
Worker's Comp. Self Ins. Loss	500,000	-	500,000
Technology	5,000,000	-	5,000,000
Construction	-	9,272,859	9,272,859
Assigned:			
Student Activity Funds	-	3,128,469	3,128,469
Technology	278,527	-	278,527
Federal Programs	2,581,009	-	2,581,009
Food Service	-	3,838,580	3,838,580
Unassigned:	64,428	-	64,428
Total fund balances	<u>\$40,719,154</u>	<u>\$ 23,180,678</u>	<u>\$ 63,899,832</u>

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NOTE 17 COMPENSATION OF BOARD MEMBERS

A detail of the compensation paid to individual board members for the year ending June 30, 2023 follows:

Alaina Black, President	\$ 7,800
Tammie Moore, Vice President	7,200
Andrew Mancuso	3,600
Chad Paradee	3,600
Debra Jones	6,000
Dwight Barbier	3,600
Ginger Griffin	7,200
Joseph Foulcard	7,200
Kenneth Alfred	4,200
Lindsey Anslem	3,600
Marilyn LaSalle	7,200
Michael Taylor	3,600
Murphy Pontiff Jr.	3,600
Pearl Rack	1,200
Rhonda Dennis	3,600
Roland Verret	3,600
Wayne Deslatte	3,600
Total	<u>\$ 80,400</u>

NOTE 18 COMPENSATION, BENEFITS, AND OTHER PAYMENTS TO AGENCY HEAD

A detail of compensation, benefits, and other payments made to Superintendent Dr. Teresa Bagwell and Superintendent Dr. Buffy Fegenbush for the year ended June 30, 2023 follows:

<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Dr. Bagwell</u>	<u>Dr. Fegenbush</u>	<u>Total</u>
Salary	\$ 153,100	\$ 37,700	\$ 190,800
Benefits - insurance	4,287	1,541	5,828
Benefits - retirement	41,250	-	41,250
Car allowance	12,000	3,000	15,000
Dues	760	-	760
Travel	295	75	370
Housing (conferences)	<u>324</u>	<u>688</u>	<u>1,012</u>
Total	<u>\$ 212,016</u>	<u>\$ 43,004</u>	<u>\$ 255,020</u>

NOTE 19 OTHER DEFERRALS

Other deferred inflows of resources at June 30, 2023 consisted of the following:

Millennium Trust Funds	<u>\$ 133,045</u>
Total other deferred inflows of resources	<u>\$ 133,045</u>

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NOTE 19 OTHER DEFERRALS (CONTINUED)

The Louisiana State Legislature created the Millennium Trust in 1999 to provide for the disposition of proceeds from the tobacco settlement. The same legislation that created the Millennium Trust, Louisiana Revised Statute (LRS): 39:98.1-98.5, also established the Education Excellence Fund as a component of the Millennium Trust. By legislative mandate, the Louisiana Department of Education has the responsibility of providing the appropriations and oversight of monies from the Education Excellence Fund with the specific purpose of ensuring that all expenditures are used to support “excellence in educational practice.” Funds are obtained by the submission of an approved Education Excellence Expenditure Plan to the Louisiana Department of Education. For further information the St. Mary Parish School Board maintains a copy of the Educational Excellence Expenditure Plan and can be viewed at the St. Mary Parish School Board’s central office at 474 Highway 317, Centerville, Louisiana 70538.

NOTE 20 GRANT AUDIT

The School Board receives grants for specific purposes that are subject to review and audit by governmental agencies. Such audits could result in a request for reimbursement by the grantor for expenditures disallowed under the terms and conditions of the appropriate agency. In the opinion of the School Board, such disallowances, if any, will not be significant.

NOTE 21 COVID-19 PANDEMIC

In December 2019, a novel strain of coronavirus (COVID-19) was reported to have surfaced in China. The World Health Organization has characterized COVID-19 as a pandemic. The COVID-19 outbreak is disrupting supply chains and affecting production and sales across a range of industries. The extent of the impact of COVID-19 on the School Board’s operational and financial performance will depend on certain developments, including the duration and spread of the outbreak, impact on the taxpayers, employees and vendors, all of which are uncertain and cannot be predicted. At this point, the extent to which COVID-19 may impact the financial condition or results of operations is uncertain.

As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, under the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER Fund) and the Government Emergency Education Relief Fund (GEER Fund), the Department of Education has awarded grants to State Educational Agencies (SEAs) for the purpose of providing local educational agencies (LEAs), including charter schools that are LEAs, with emergency relief funds to address the impact that Novel Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) has had, and continues to have, on elementary and secondary schools across the nation. LEAs must provide equitable services to students and teachers in non-public schools as required under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act). The School Board was awarded \$43,371,324 under multiple CARES Act ESSERF and Achieve! grants. The award periods range from May 1, 2020 to September 30, 2024. As of June 30, 2023, the School Board had earned \$21,240,682.

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NOTE 22 PRIOR PERIOD ADJUSTMENT

Net position of the Governmental Activities was restated as of June 30, 2022 by an increase of \$2,145,149. The increase to prior period District Capital Projects fund balance is the result of capturing 2022 expenditures that should have been capitalized.

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REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION – PART II

ST. MARY PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
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MAJOR FUND DESCRIPTIONS

GENERAL FUND

To account for resources traditionally associated with governments which are not required to be accounted for in other funds.

ELEMENTARY & SECONDARY SCHOOLEMERGENCY RELIEF FUND (ESSERF)

The Elementary & Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSERF) was established as part of the Education Stabilization Fund (ESF) in the CARES Act. State educational agencies (SEAs) awarded subgrants to local educational agencies (LEAs) to address the impact that the Novel Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) has had, and continues to have, on elementary and secondary schools across the Nation.

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Budgetary Comparison Schedule
General Fund
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
Revenues:				
Local sources:				
Ad valorem tax	\$ 11,345,000	\$ 11,345,000	\$ 12,388,688	\$ 1,043,688
Sales taxes	21,390,000	21,390,000	24,639,278	3,249,278
Tuition	234,000	234,000	144,432	(89,568)
Interest earnings	230,000	230,000	1,348,534	1,118,534
Leases and royalties	150,000	150,000	315,362	165,362
Other	756,000	756,000	4,063,836	3,307,836
State sources:				
Unrestricted grants-in-aid	50,748,112	50,748,112	50,114,480	(633,632)
Restricted grants-in-aid	637,826	637,826	781,680	143,854
Federal sources:				
Restricted	82,500	82,500	-	(82,500)
Total revenues	<u>85,573,438</u>	<u>85,573,438</u>	<u>93,796,290</u>	<u>8,222,852</u>
Expenditures:				
Current -				
Instruction:				
Regular programs	33,273,055	33,273,055	32,939,441	333,614
Special education programs	9,828,788	9,828,788	10,153,180	(324,392)
Vocational education programs	2,495,544	2,495,544	2,340,204	155,340
Other instructional programs	1,483,851	1,483,851	1,451,131	32,720
Special programs	1,395,255	1,395,255	1,534,359	(139,104)
Adult and continuing education programs	35,845	35,845	34,494	1,351
Support services:				
Pupil support services	5,628,626	5,628,626	5,199,991	428,635
Instructional staff services	4,781,474	4,781,474	4,335,907	445,567
General administration	2,389,012	2,389,012	2,285,068	103,944
School administration	6,264,938	6,264,938	6,263,493	1,445
Business services	895,688	895,688	864,184	31,504
Operation and maintenance of plant services	9,297,868	9,297,868	7,842,192	1,455,676
Student transportation services	4,637,861	4,637,861	4,548,127	89,734
Central services	1,695,674	1,695,674	1,633,405	62,269
Non-instructional services:				
Food service operations	278,698	278,698	470,527	(191,829)
Community service programs	24,765	24,765	24,765	-
Other	306,559	306,559	329,303	(22,744)
Total expenditures	<u>84,713,501</u>	<u>84,713,501</u>	<u>82,249,771</u>	<u>2,463,730</u>
Excess of revenues over expenditures	859,937	859,937	11,546,519	10,686,582
Other financing sources:				
Operating transfers in	801,203	801,203	924,051	122,848
Operating transfers out	<u>(1,500,000)</u>	<u>(1,500,000)</u>	<u>(3,000,000)</u>	<u>(1,500,000)</u>
Total other financing sources	<u>(698,797)</u>	<u>(698,797)</u>	<u>(2,075,949)</u>	<u>(1,377,152)</u>
Excess of revenues and other sources over (under) expenditures and other uses	161,140	161,140	9,470,570	9,309,430
FUND BALANCES				
Beginning of year	<u>31,248,584</u>	<u>31,248,584</u>	<u>31,248,584</u>	<u>-</u>
End of year	<u>\$ 31,409,724</u>	<u>\$ 31,409,724</u>	<u>\$ 40,719,154</u>	<u>\$ 9,309,430</u>

See accompanying notes to the required supplementary information.

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Budgetary Comparison Schedule
 Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSERF)
 For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
Revenues:				
Federal sources:				
Restricted	\$ 8,203,294	\$ 8,203,294	\$ 7,941,328	(261,966)
Total revenues	8,203,294	8,203,294	7,941,328	(261,966)
Expenditures:				
Current -				
Instruction:				
Regular programs	616,839	616,839	799,688	(182,849)
Special education programs	4,260	4,260	60,261	(56,001)
Vocational education programs	-	-	29,516	(29,516)
Special programs	3,000	3,000	12,749	(9,749)
Support services:				
Pupil support services	127,101	127,101	-	127,101
Instructional staff services	2,803,442	2,803,442	1,128,441	1,675,001
Operation and maintenance of plant services	-	-	2,668,776	(2,668,776)
Student transportation services	44,000	44,000	11,294	32,706
Non-instructional services:				
Facilities acquisition, expansion and rehabilitation	4,242,580	4,242,580	2,793,781	\$ 1,448,799
Total expenditures	7,841,222	7,841,222	7,504,506	336,716
Excess of revenues over expenditures	362,072	362,072	436,822	74,750
Other financing sources:				
Operating transfers out	(362,072)	(362,072)	(436,822)	(74,750)
Total other financing sources	(362,072)	(362,072)	(436,822)	(74,750)
Excess of revenues and and other sources over (under) expenditures and other uses	-	-	-	-
FUND BALANCES				
Beginning of year	-	-	-	-
End of year	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

See accompanying notes to the required supplementary information.

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Schedule of Changes in Total OPEB Liability and Related Ratios
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Total OPEB Liability					
Service cost	\$ 2,948,184	\$ 4,218,443	\$ 5,398,389	\$ 3,688,049	\$ 3,689,869
Interest on total OPEB liability	4,465,338	3,290,275	3,098,257	4,548,841	7,798,244
Effect of economic/demographic gains or losses	(18,931,276)	-	38,264,483	-	(91,377,895)
Effect of assumption changes or inputs	(1,524,190)	(28,259,851)	(29,316,949)	4,337,950	12,465,838
Benefit payments	<u>(4,024,218)</u>	<u>(4,321,048)</u>	<u>(3,939,119)</u>	<u>(4,165,463)</u>	<u>(4,056,622)</u>
Net change in total OPEB liability	(17,066,162)	(25,072,181)	13,505,061	8,409,377	(71,480,566)
Total OPEB liability, beginning	<u>125,185,906</u>	<u>150,258,087</u>	<u>136,753,026</u>	<u>128,343,649</u>	<u>199,824,215</u>
Total OPEB liability, ending	<u>\$ 108,119,744</u>	<u>\$ 125,185,906</u>	<u>\$ 150,258,087</u>	<u>\$ 136,753,026</u>	<u>\$ 128,343,649</u>
Covered payroll	\$ 49,339,982	\$ 46,514,130	\$ 45,930,809	\$ 43,275,778	\$ 42,691,544
Total OPEB liability as a % of covered payroll	219.13%	269.14%	327.14%	316.00%	300.63%

This schedule is intended to show information for 10 years. Additional years will be presented as they become available.

See accompanying notes to the required supplementary information.

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Schedule of Proportionate Share of Net Pension Liability
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

Fiscal Year*	Proportion of the net pension liability (asset)	Proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset)	Covered-employee payroll	Proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset) as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability
Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana					
2023	0.79446%	\$ 75,849,196	\$ 44,837,130	169.17%	72.40%
2022	0.84732%	\$ 45,236,692	\$ 41,807,445	108.20%	83.90%
2021	0.83393%	\$ 92,763,012	\$ 42,266,440	219.47%	65.60%
2020	0.86840%	\$ 86,188,637	\$ 41,150,074	209.45%	68.60%
2019	0.91810%	\$ 90,230,560	\$ 41,500,969	217.42%	68.20%
2018	0.92645%	\$ 94,978,413	\$ 42,853,100	221.64%	65.60%
2017	0.97802%	\$ 114,789,726	\$ 43,709,773	262.62%	59.90%
2016	0.99793%	\$ 107,299,878	\$ 44,988,296	238.51%	62.50%
2015	1.03000%	\$ 104,944,078	\$ 45,987,288	228.20%	63.70%
Louisiana School Employees' Retirement System					
2023	1.36594%	\$ 9,083,486	\$ 4,740,749	191.60%	76.31%
2022	1.43748%	\$ 6,832,595	\$ 4,425,686	154.38%	82.50%
2021	1.39281%	\$ 11,190,587	\$ 4,392,705	254.75%	69.67%
2020	1.45454%	\$ 10,182,706	\$ 4,191,444	242.94%	73.49%
2019	1.40207%	\$ 9,367,753	\$ 4,212,639	222.37%	-74.40%
2018	1.34481%	\$ 8,605,783	\$ 4,070,634	211.41%	-75.00%
2017	1.33999%	\$ 10,108,246	\$ 3,898,720	259.27%	-70.09%
2016	1.39067%	\$ 8,818,639	\$ 3,814,283	231.20%	74.49%
2015	1.44000%	\$ 8,347,312	\$ 3,908,816	213.55%	76.18%
Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System					
2023	0.00739%	\$ 558,665	\$ 169,957	328.71%	63.70%
2022	0.00702%	\$ 386,214	\$ 150,702	256.28%	72.80%
2021	0.00644%	\$ 532,962	\$ 145,538	366.20%	58.00%
2020	0.00494%	\$ 358,189	\$ 122,267	292.96%	62.90%
2019	0.00724%	\$ 493,626	\$ 119,685	412.44%	64.30%
2018	0.00744%	\$ 523,407	\$ 139,367	375.56%	62.50%
2017	0.00730%	\$ 573,079	\$ 138,251	414.52%	57.70%
2016	0.00716%	\$ 486,648	\$ 137,114	354.92%	62.70%
2015	0.95400%	\$ 596,401	\$ 142,919	417.30%	65.00%

*The amounts presented above have a measurement date of the previous fiscal year.

This schedule is intended to show information for 10 years. Additional years will be presented as they become available.

See accompanying notes to the required supplementary information.

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Schedule of Contributions
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

Fiscal Year*	(a)		(b)		Covered-employee payroll	Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll
	Statutorily Required Contribution	Contributions in relation to the statutorily required contribution	(a-b) Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	Contributions in relation to the statutorily required contribution		
Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana						
2023	\$ 11,119,608	\$ 11,120,685	\$ (1,077)	\$ 44,837,130	24.8%	
2022	\$ 10,535,476	\$ 10,539,067	\$ (3,591)	\$ 41,807,445	25.2%	
2021	\$ 10,904,742	\$ 11,016,468	\$ (111,726)	\$ 42,266,440	26.1%	
2020	\$ 10,699,019	\$ 10,699,027	\$ (8)	\$ 41,150,074	26.0%	
2019	\$ 11,080,759	\$ 11,083,015	\$ (2,256)	\$ 41,500,969	26.7%	
2018	\$ 11,399,311	\$ 11,399,311	\$ -	\$ 42,853,100	26.6%	
2017	\$ 11,192,739	\$ 11,192,739	\$ -	\$ 43,709,773	25.6%	
2016	\$ 11,879,586	\$ 11,888,742	\$ (9,156)	\$ 44,988,296	26.4%	
2015	\$ 12,908,085	\$ 12,906,752	\$ 1,333	\$ 45,987,288	28.1%	
Louisiana School Employees' Retirement System						
2023	\$ 1,308,447	\$ 1,313,304	\$ (4,857)	\$ 4,740,749	27.7%	
2022	\$ 1,270,172	\$ 1,270,449	\$ (277)	\$ 4,425,686	28.7%	
2021	\$ 1,260,706	\$ 1,272,709	\$ (12,003)	\$ 4,392,705	29.0%	
2020	\$ 1,232,285	\$ 1,232,296	\$ (11)	\$ 4,191,444	29.4%	
2019	\$ 1,179,539	\$ 1,179,539	\$ -	\$ 4,212,639	28.0%	
2018	\$ 1,123,496	\$ 1,123,496	\$ -	\$ 4,070,634	27.6%	
2017	\$ 1,064,352	\$ 1,064,352	\$ -	\$ 3,898,720	27.3%	
2016	\$ 1,151,914	\$ 1,151,914	\$ -	\$ 3,814,283	30.2%	
2015	\$ 1,289,909	\$ 1,289,909	\$ -	\$ 3,908,816	33.0%	
Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System						
2023	\$ 68,663	\$ 68,616	\$ 47	\$ 169,957	40.4%	
2022	\$ 59,527	\$ 61,680	\$ (2,153)	\$ 150,702	40.9%	
2021	\$ 58,361	\$ 58,361	\$ -	\$ 145,538	40.1%	
2020	\$ 49,763	\$ 49,763	\$ -	\$ 122,267	40.7%	
2019	\$ 45,361	\$ 45,361	\$ -	\$ 119,685	37.9%	
2018	\$ 52,820	\$ 52,825	\$ (5)	\$ 139,367	37.9%	
2017	\$ 49,494	\$ 49,494	\$ -	\$ 138,251	35.8%	
2016	\$ 51,006	\$ 51,006	\$ -	\$ 137,114	37.2%	
2015	\$ 52,880	\$ 52,880	\$ -	\$ 142,919	37.0%	

*Amounts presented were determined as of the end of the fiscal year.

This schedule is intended to show information for 10 years. Additional years will be presented as they become available.

See accompanying notes to the required supplementary information.

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Notes to the Required Supplementary Information

NOTE 1 BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The budgetary basis is in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP).

NOTE 2 BUDGETARY PRACTICES

Budgetary Information

Proposed budgets are prepared on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) and are presented to the School Board by the Superintendent prior to the commencement of each fiscal year. After public hearings, the proposed budgets, after any amendments deemed necessary, are adopted by the Board. Budgetary amendments are processed in the same manner. Budgets are prepared only for the General Fund and all Special Revenue Funds.

All appropriations lapse at the end of each fiscal year.

Appropriations and Budgeted Expenditures

For the year ended June 30, 2023, actual expenditures were less than appropriations in the General Fund.

NOTE 3 OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

Changes of benefit terms. There were no changes of benefit terms for the OPEB Plan during the year presented.

Changes of assumptions. The discount rate changed from 3.54% to 3.65% during the June 30, 2023 fiscal year.

NOTE 4 PENSION PLANS - CHANGES OF BENEFIT TERMS

Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana (TRSL)

There were no changes of benefit terms for measurement period ended June 30, 2022.

Louisiana School Employees' Retirement System (LSERS)

Effective July 1, 2022, eligible retirees, beneficiaries and survivors will receive 1.4% permanent benefit increase (PBI): (1) Regular retirees who have been retired for at least one year and who attained the age of sixty years. (2) Disability retirees who have been retired at least one year regardless of age. (3) Beneficiaries of retirees who would have met the applicable criteria to receive the increase had they survived. (4) Non-retiree beneficiaries who have been receiving benefits for at least one year and whose benefits are derived from service of deceased members who would have attained age sixty.

Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System (LASERS)

There were no changes of benefit terms for measurement period ended June 30, 2022.

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Notes to the Required Supplementary Information

NOTE 5 PENSION PLANS - CHANGES OF ASSUMPTIONS

Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana (TRSL)

Amounts reported in the actuary valuation dated June 30, 2022 and 2021:

Valuation date:	<u>June 30, 2022</u>	<u>June 30, 2021</u>
Discount rate	7.25%	7.40%
Inflation rate	2.3%	2.3%
Projected salary increases	3.1% - 4.6%	3.1% - 4.6%
Experience study	2012-2017	2012-2017
Mortality rates	RP-2014 Mortality Tables	RP-2014 Mortality Tables

Louisiana School Employees' Retirement System (LSERS)

Amounts reported in the actuary valuation dated June 30, 2022 and 2021:

Valuation date:	<u>June 30, 2022</u>	<u>June 30, 2021</u>
Discount rate	6.8%	6.9%
Inflation rate	2.5%	2.5%
Projected salary increases	3.25%	3.25%
Experience study	2013-2017	2013-2017
Mortality rates	RP-2014 Mortality Tables	RP-2014 Mortality Tables

Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System (LASERS)

Amounts reported in the actuary valuation dated June 30, 2022 and 2021:

Valuation date:	<u>June 30, 2022</u>	<u>June 30, 2021</u>
Discount rate	7.25%	7.40%
Inflation rate	2.3%	2.3%
Projected salary increases	3.0%-13.8%	3.0%-13.8%
Experience study	2014-2018	2014-2018
Mortality rates	RP-2014 Mortality Tables	RP-2014 Mortality Tables

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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

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NON-MAJOR FUND DESCRIPTIONS

SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

Elementary and Secondary Education Act - As Amended by the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001

Title I of the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, including ARRA funding, is a program for economically and educationally disadvantaged school children that is federally financed, state-administered, and locally operated by the School Board. Title I services are provided through various projects that are designed to meet the special needs of educationally disadvantaged children. The activities supplement, rather than replace, state and locally mandated activities. Title I Migrant is a program for children of migrant parents that is federally financed, state-administered, and locally operated by the School Board. This service is supplementary and is designed to meet the special needs of migratory children.

Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies, American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) is a program to help local educational agencies and schools improve the teaching and learning of children failing, or most at-risk of failing, to meet challenging State academic achievement standards.

Title II of the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 is a program by which the federal government provides funds to the School Board for projects that are designed to improve the skills of teachers in the areas of mathematics, science, computer learning, and foreign languages and to increase the accessibility of such instruction to all students.

Title III of the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 is a federal grant that focuses on assisting school districts in teaching English to Limited English Proficiency students in an effort to meet the challenges of state standards required of all students.

Title IV Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Fund of the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 is a program by which the federal government provides funds to the School Board for drug abuse education and prevention that is coordinated with related community efforts and resources.

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families

Title IV Temporary Assistance for Needy Families of the Social Security Act is comprised of several programs by which the federal government provides funds to the School Board to assist needy families with children so that children can be cared for in their own homes; reduce dependency by promoting job preparation, work and marriage; to reduce and prevent out-of-wedlock pregnancies; and to encourage the formation and maintenance of two-parent families.

Rural Education Achievement Program

The Rural Education Achievement Program is a program to provide financial assistance to rural districts to carry out activities to help improve the quality of teaching and learning in their schools.

Individuals with Disabilities Education Act

Preschool Incentive Fund, including ARRA funding, is a program for expanding educational services to children with disabilities ages three through five years, and at a State's discretion, to two year old children with disabilities who will reach age three during the school year.

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NON-MAJOR FUND DESCRIPTIONS

Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (Continued)

Special education funds, including ARRA funding, are programs used to help provide the special education and related services needed to make a free appropriate public education available to eligible children and, in some cases, to provide early intervening services.

School Districts Maintenance Funds

The School Districts Maintenance Fund accounts for the purchases of new equipment, for repairs and renovation of existing buildings and equipment and for the maintenance of the grounds for School Districts I, II and III. Financing is provided primarily by a special property tax levy on property within each district and by the related state revenue sharing. Individual fund balances of the School Districts Maintenance Funds at June 30, 2023, are as follows:

District I	\$ 270,779
District II	1,363,547
District III	<u>2,596,789</u>
Total fund equity	<u>\$ 4,231,115</u>
<u>School Lunch Fund</u>	

The School Lunch Fund is a program that provides nourishing morning and noon meals for students in all grades. This fund is supplemented by both federal and state funds that are based on reimbursement and participation.

Vocational/Adult Education

This is made up of the Carl D. Perkins Vocational Fund, Adult Education Workplace Literacy Funds, and Adult Education Funds. These provide funding for the instructional needs of vocational and adult education in St. Mary Parish.

Redesign Planning Grant

The Redesign Planning Grant is a program that provides for the planning and redesign of schools.

Direct Student Services

The Direct Student Services Grant is to ensure school systems support students in gaining access to academic courses, credentials, and services that are not otherwise available at their schools.

Reserve Officers' Training Corps

The Reserve Officers' Training Corps is a leadership course that instills the values of citizenship, national and community service, personal responsibility, and a sense of accomplishment in high school students.

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NON-MAJOR FUND DESCRIPTIONS

Comprehensive Literacy State Development

The Comprehensive Literacy State Development (CLSD) program is authorized under Sections 2222-2225 of the ESEA. The purpose of the CLSD discretionary grants is to create a comprehensive literacy program to advance literacy skills, including pre-literacy skills, reading, and writing, for children from birth through grade 12, with an emphasis on disadvantaged children, including children living in poverty, English learners, and children with disabilities.

School Activity

The school activity agency fund is custodial in nature and accounts for activities within all twenty-two schools comprising the system. Monies accumulated within the student activity agency fund are under the supervision of the School Board; however, the monies are the properties of the respective schools and student bodies and are not available for use by the School Board.

DEBT SERVICE FUNDS

Consolidated School District No. 1, Special School District No. 4, Fifth Ward Special School District No. 1, and Sixth Ward Special School District No. 3.

The school district debt service funds accumulate monies to retire the outstanding bond issues of the respective school districts. The bond issues are financed by a special tax levy on property within the territorial limits of the various school districts.

The bond issue for Sixth Ward Special District No. 3 has been retired. Remaining assets represent collections of prior year ad valorem taxes and are reserved for school district expenditures.

CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDS

District Capital Project Funds

The board appropriates funds to provide for construction and major repair projects at each District.

Consolidated School District No. 1 Fund

Consolidated School District No. 1 Fund is used to acquire or improve land, building sites and other school-related facilities within the district. In addition, it is used to purchase the necessary equipment and furnishings for the schools. Funding has been provided by the proceeds of the \$24,000,000 bond issue dated May 1, 2007.

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NON-MAJOR FUND DESCRIPTIONS

Special School District No. 1 Fund

Special School District No. 1 Fund is used to acquire or improve land, building sites and other school – related facilities within the district. In addition, it is used to purchase the necessary equipment and furnishings for the schools. Funding is provided by the proceeds of the \$21,000,000 bond issue dated July 29, 2014.

Special School District No. 4 Fund

Special School District No. 4 Fund is used to acquire or improve land, building sites and other school – related facilities within the district. In addition, it is used to purchase the necessary equipment and furnishings for the schools. Funding has been provided by the proceeds of the \$4,700,000 bond issue dated May 1, 2007.

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Combined Balance Sheet
Non-Major Governmental Funds
By Fund Type
June 30, 2023

ASSETS	Special Revenue	Debt Service	Capital Projects	Total
Cash and interest-bearing deposits	\$ 11,843,546	\$ 375,390	\$ 9,646,227	\$ 21,865,163
Receivables:				
Accounts	30,687	33,854	-	64,541
Other receivables	-	-	58,000	58,000
Due from other governmental units	3,525,353	-	-	3,525,353
Due from other funds	12,414,305	2,300,411	2,145,149	16,859,865
Inventory, at cost	<u>479,977</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>479,977</u>
 Total assets	 <u>\$ 28,293,868</u>	 <u>\$ 2,709,655</u>	 <u>\$ 11,849,376</u>	 <u>\$ 42,852,899</u>
 LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY				
Liabilities:				
Accounts payable	\$ 691,099	\$ -	\$ 4,125	\$ 695,224
Accrued liabilities	391,496	-	57,944	449,440
Due to other funds	<u>16,013,109</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,514,448</u>	<u>18,527,557</u>
Total liabilities	<u>17,095,704</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,576,517</u>	<u>19,672,221</u>
Fund balances:				
Restricted for debt service	-	2,709,655	-	2,709,655
Restricted for maintenance	4,231,115	-	-	4,231,115
Assigned for food service	6,967,049	-	-	6,967,049
Committed for construction	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,272,859</u>	<u>9,272,859</u>
Total fund balances	<u>11,198,164</u>	<u>2,709,655</u>	<u>9,272,859</u>	<u>23,180,678</u>
 Total liabilities and fund balances	 <u>\$ 28,293,868</u>	 <u>\$ 2,709,655</u>	 <u>\$ 11,849,376</u>	 <u>\$ 42,852,899</u>

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Special Revenue Funds

Combining Balance Sheet
June 30, 2023

	No Child Left Behind Act			
	Title I	Title II	Title III	Title IV
ASSETS				
Cash and interest-bearing deposits	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Receivables:				
Accounts	31	-	-	-
Due from other governmental units	1,621,553	149,043	26,255	12,732
Due from other funds	11,341,303	34,359	-	-
Inventory, at cost	-	-	-	-
Total assets	\$ 12,962,887	\$ 183,402	\$ 26,255	\$ 12,732
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY				
Liabilities:				
Accounts payable	\$ 56,567	\$ 25,099	\$ 8,247	\$ 1,500
Accrued liabilities	118,558	15,640	-	265
Due to other funds	12,787,762	142,663	18,008	10,967
Total liabilities	12,962,887	183,402	26,255	12,732
Fund balances:				
Restricted for maintenance	-	-	-	-
Assigned	-	-	-	-
Total fund balances	-	-	-	-
Total liabilities and fund balances	\$ 12,962,887	\$ 183,402	\$ 26,255	\$ 12,732

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Special Revenue Funds

Combining Balance Sheet (Continued)
June 30, 2023

Rural Education Achievement Program	Individuals with Disabilities Education Act		School Districts Maintenance	School Lunch
	Preschool Incentive	Special Education		
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,590,737	\$ 4,124,340
-	-	-	30,656	-
60,242	26,450	530,928	-	529,120
-	-	264,408	265,154	152,016
<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>479,977</u>
<u>\$ 60,242</u>	<u>\$ 26,450</u>	<u>\$ 795,336</u>	<u>\$ 4,886,547</u>	<u>\$ 5,285,453</u>
\$ -	\$ -	\$ 94,755	404,672	\$ 91,107
8,255	3,717	41,082	154	141,161
<u>51,987</u>	<u>22,733</u>	<u>659,499</u>	<u>250,606</u>	<u>1,214,605</u>
<u>60,242</u>	<u>26,450</u>	<u>795,336</u>	<u>655,432</u>	<u>1,446,873</u>
-	-	-	4,231,115	-
<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,838,580</u>
<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,231,115</u>	<u>3,838,580</u>
<u>\$ 60,242</u>	<u>\$ 26,450</u>	<u>\$ 795,336</u>	<u>\$ 4,886,547</u>	<u>\$ 5,285,453</u>

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Special Revenue Funds

Combining Balance Sheet (Continued)
June 30, 2023

	Vocational/ Adult Education	School Nurses Behavioral Grant	Redesign Planning Grant	Direct Student Services	Reserve Officers' Training Corps
ASSETS					
Cash and interest-bearing deposits	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Receivables:					
Accounts	-	-	-	-	-
Due from other governmental units	107,163	404,876	-	-	-
Due from other funds	263,809	-	-	61,605	-
Inventory, at cost	-	-	-	-	-
Total assets	\$ 370,972	\$ 404,876	\$ -	\$ 61,605	\$ -
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY					
Liabilities:					
Accounts payable	\$ -	\$ 9,152	-	\$ -	\$ -
Accrued liabilities	9,143	40,364	-	-	-
Due to other funds	361,829	355,360	-	61,605	-
Total liabilities	370,972	404,876	-	61,605	-
Fund balances:					
Restricted for maintenance	-	-	-	-	-
Assigned	-	-	-	-	-
Total fund balances	-	-	-	-	-
Total liabilities and fund balances	\$ 370,972	\$ 404,876	\$ -	\$ 61,605	\$ -

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Special Revenue Funds

Combining Balance Sheet (Continued)
June 30, 2023

Comprehensive Literacy State Development	School Activities Fund	Total
\$ -	\$ 3,128,469	\$ 11,843,546
-	-	30,687
56,991	-	3,525,353
31,651	-	12,414,305
-	-	479,977
<u>\$ 88,642</u>	<u>\$ 3,128,469</u>	<u>\$ 28,293,868</u>
\$ -	\$ -	\$ 691,099
13,157	-	391,496
75,485	-	16,013,109
88,642	-	17,095,704
-	-	4,231,115
-	3,128,469	6,967,049
-	3,128,469	11,198,164
<u>\$ 88,642</u>	<u>\$ 3,128,469</u>	<u>\$ 28,293,868</u>

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Debt Service Funds
Combining Balance Sheet
June 30, 2023

			Fifth Ward	Sixth Ward	
	Consolidated	Special School	Special School	Special School	
	District No. 1	District No. 4	District No. 1	District No. 3	Total
ASSETS					
Cash and interest-bearing deposits	\$ 130,713	\$ 61,190	\$ 183,487	\$ -	\$ 375,390
Accounts receivable	29,278	721	3,855	-	33,854
Due from other funds	<u>1,012,377</u>	<u>550,974</u>	<u>727,298</u>	<u>9,762</u>	<u>2,300,411</u>
 Total assets	 <u>\$ 1,172,368</u>	 <u>\$ 612,885</u>	 <u>\$ 914,640</u>	 <u>\$ 9,762</u>	 <u>\$ 2,709,655</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY					
Fund balances:					
Restricted for debt service	\$ <u>1,172,370</u>	\$ <u>612,885</u>	\$ <u>914,638</u>	\$ <u>9,762</u>	\$ <u>2,709,655</u>
 Total liabilities and fund balances	 <u>\$ 1,172,370</u>	 <u>\$ 612,885</u>	 <u>\$ 914,638</u>	 <u>\$ 9,762</u>	 <u>\$ 2,709,655</u>

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Capital Projects Funds
Combining Balance Sheet
June 30, 2023

	District Capital Projects	Consolidated District No. 1	Special School District No. 1	Special School District No. 4	Totals
ASSETS					
Cash and interest-bearing deposits	\$ 8,942,974	\$ 207,640	\$ 442,125	\$ 53,488	\$ 9,646,227
Other receivables	58,000	-	-	-	58,000
Due from other funds	<u>2,145,149</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,145,149</u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 11,146,123</u>	<u>\$ 207,640</u>	<u>\$ 442,125</u>	<u>\$ 53,488</u>	<u>\$11,849,376</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES					
Liabilities:					
Accounts payable	\$ 4,125	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,125
Accrued liabilities	57,944	-	-	-	57,944
Due to other funds	<u>2,017,812</u>	<u>14,638</u>	<u>439,681</u>	<u>42,317</u>	<u>2,514,448</u>
Other liabilities					
Total liabilities	<u>2,079,881</u>	<u>14,638</u>	<u>439,681</u>	<u>42,317</u>	<u>2,576,517</u>
Fund balances:					
Committed for Construction	<u>9,066,242</u>	<u>193,002</u>	<u>2,444</u>	<u>11,171</u>	<u>9,272,859</u>
Total liabilities and fund balances	<u>\$ 11,146,123</u>	<u>\$ 207,640</u>	<u>\$ 442,125</u>	<u>\$ 53,488</u>	<u>\$11,849,376</u>

ST. MARY PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
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Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures,
And Changes in Fund Balances
Non-Major Governmental Funds by Fund Type
Year Ended June 30, 2023

	Special Revenue	Debt Service	Capital Projects	Total
Revenues:				
Local sources -				
Ad valorem taxes	\$ 7,147,118	\$ 4,196,122	\$ -	\$ 11,343,240
Interest earnings	23,895	5,561	69	29,525
Food service	64,698	-	-	64,698
Other	3,730,340	-	158,000	3,888,340
State sources -				
Unrestricted grants-in-aid	675,425	-	-	675,425
Other	-	2,554	-	2,554
Federal sources -				
Restricted grants-in-aid	15,510,659	-	-	15,510,659
Other - commodities	401,461	-	-	401,461
Total revenues	<u>27,553,596</u>	<u>4,204,237</u>	<u>158,069</u>	<u>31,915,902</u>
Expenditures:				
Current -				
Instruction:				
Regular programs	3,713,339	-	-	3,713,339
Special education programs	908,678	-	-	908,678
Vocational education programs	115,079	-	-	115,079
Other instructional programs	658,324	-	-	658,324
Special programs	4,089,232	-	-	4,089,232
Support services:				
Pupil support services	1,188,129	-	-	1,188,129
Instructional staff services	1,391,265	-	-	1,391,265
General administration	312,062	147,426	2,100	461,588
Business services	80,606	800	-	81,406
Operation and maintenance of plant	6,654,923	-	774,598	7,429,521
Student transportation services	26,112	-	-	26,112
Central services	216,691	-	-	216,691
Non-instructional services -				
Food service operations	7,053,587	-	-	7,053,587
Facilities acquisition, expansion and rehabilitation				
	8,900	-	391,531	400,431
Other	-	-	18,278	18,278
Debt service -				
Principal retirement	-	2,801,000	-	2,801,000
Interest and fiscal charges	-	742,261	-	742,261
Total expenditures	<u>26,416,927</u>	<u>3,691,487</u>	<u>1,186,507</u>	<u>31,294,921</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	<u>1,136,669</u>	<u>512,750</u>	<u>(1,028,438)</u>	<u>620,981</u>
Other financing sources (uses)				
Operating transfers in	1,500,000	-	3,899,000	5,399,000
Operating transfers out	<u>(2,886,229)</u>	-	-	<u>(2,886,229)</u>
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>(1,386,229)</u>	-	<u>3,899,000</u>	<u>2,512,771</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues and other sources over (under) expenditures and othe	(249,560)	512,750	2,870,562	3,133,752
Fund balances, beginning	<u>11,447,724</u>	<u>2,196,905</u>	<u>6,402,297</u>	<u>20,046,926</u>
Fund balances, ending	<u>\$ 11,198,164</u>	<u>\$ 2,709,655</u>	<u>\$ 9,272,859</u>	<u>\$ 23,180,678</u>

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ST. MARY PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
Centerville, Louisiana

Special Revenue Funds
Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures,
And Changes in Fund Balances
Year Ended June 30, 2023

	No Child Left Behind Act			
	Title I	Title II	Title III	Title IV
Revenues:				
Local sources -				
Ad valorem taxes	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Interest earnings	-	-	-	-
Food service	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-
State sources -				
Unrestricted grants-in-aid	-	-	-	-
Federal sources -				
Restricted grants-in-aid	4,126,118	461,924	111,280	324,491
Other - commodities	-	-	-	-
Total revenues	<u>4,126,118</u>	<u>461,924</u>	<u>111,280</u>	<u>324,491</u>
Expenditures:				
Current -				
Instruction:				
Regular programs	25,402	-	-	-
Special education programs	2,396	16,192	-	-
Vocational education programs	-	-	-	-
Other instructional programs	60,420	-	-	-
Special programs	3,305,089	287,819	51,332	274,105
Support services:				
Pupil support services	74,027	-	-	10,290
Instructional staff services	391,359	132,211	53,775	22,240
General administration	-	-	-	-
Business services	3,541	-	-	-
Operation and maintenance of plant services	-	-	-	-
Student transportation services	1,537	-	-	-
Central services	36,642	-	-	-
Non-instructional services -				
Food service operations	-	-	-	-
Facilities acquisition, expansion and rehabilitation				
Total expenditures	<u>3,900,413</u>	<u>436,222</u>	<u>105,107</u>	<u>306,635</u>
Excess revenues over expenditures	<u>225,705</u>	<u>25,702</u>	<u>6,173</u>	<u>17,856</u>
Other financing sources (uses)				
Operating transfers out	<u>(225,705)</u>	<u>(25,702)</u>	<u>(6,173)</u>	<u>(17,856)</u>
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>(225,705)</u>	<u>(25,702)</u>	<u>(6,173)</u>	<u>(17,856)</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues and other uses over (under) expenditures and other uses				
	-	-	-	-
Fund balances, beginning	-	-	-	-
Fund balances, ending	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

ST. MARY PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
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Special Revenue Funds
Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures,
And Changes in Fund Balances (Continued)
Year Ended June 30, 2023

Education Achievement Program	Individuals with Disabilities Education Act		School Districts Maintenance	School Lunch
	Preschool Incentive	Special Education		
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,147,118	\$ -
-	-	-	10,213	13,682
-	-	-	-	64,698
-	-	-	-	258,017
-	-	-	195,425	480,000
180,335	73,437	2,448,847	-	6,227,812
<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>401,461</u>
<u>180,335</u>	<u>73,437</u>	<u>2,448,847</u>	<u>7,352,756</u>	<u>7,445,670</u>
-	547	1,943	125,484	-
-	64,117	775,796	-	-
-	-	563	-	-
-	-	63,896	18,412	-
170,233	-	654	-	-
-	-	799,207	-	-
-	4,650	569,311	-	-
-	-	-	241,713	-
-	-	27,716	49,349	-
-	-	25,415	6,629,508	-
-	-	15,117	9,458	-
-	-	36,571	143,478	-
-	-	-	-	7,053,587
<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,900</u>	<u>-</u>
<u>170,233</u>	<u>69,314</u>	<u>2,316,189</u>	<u>7,226,302</u>	<u>7,053,587</u>
<u>10,102</u>	<u>4,123</u>	<u>132,658</u>	<u>126,454</u>	<u>392,083</u>
<u>(10,102)</u>	<u>(4,123)</u>	<u>(132,658)</u>	<u>(899,000)</u>	<u>-</u>
<u>(10,102)</u>	<u>(4,123)</u>	<u>(132,658)</u>	<u>(899,000)</u>	<u>-</u>
-	-	-	(772,546)	392,083
<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,003,661</u>	<u>3,446,497</u>
<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 4,231,115</u>	<u>\$ 3,838,580</u>

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And Changes in Fund Balances (Continued)
Year Ended June 30, 2023

	Vocational/ Adult Education	School Nurses Behavioral Grant	Redesign Planning Grant	Direct Student Services	Officers' Training Corps
Revenues:					
Local sources -					
Ad valorem taxes	\$ -	\$ -	-	\$ -	\$ -
Interest earnings	-	-	-	-	-
Food service	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-
State sources -					
Unrestricted grants-in-aid	-	-	-	-	-
Federal sources -					
Restricted grants-in-aid	291,981	600,000	296,248	-	84,186
Other - commodities	-	-	-	-	-
Total revenues	<u>291,981</u>	<u>600,000</u>	<u>296,248</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>84,186</u>
Expenditures:					
Current -					
Instruction:					
Regular programs	1,063	-	215,323	-	-
Special education programs	-	50,177	-	-	-
Vocational education programs	114,516	-	-	-	-
Other instructional programs	176,402	-	-	-	84,186
Special programs	-	-	-	-	-
Support services:					
Pupil support services	-	304,605	-	-	-
Instructional staff services	-	141,869	64,633	-	-
General administration	-	70,349	-	-	-
Business services	-	-	-	-	-
Operation and maintenance of plant services	-	-	-	-	-
Student transportation services	-	-	-	-	-
Central services	-	-	-	-	-
Non-instructional services -					
Food service operations	-	-	-	-	-
Facilities acquisition expansion and rehabilitation	-	-	-	-	-
Total expenditures	<u>291,981</u>	<u>567,000</u>	<u>279,956</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>84,186</u>
Excess revenues over expenditures	<u>-</u>	<u>33,000</u>	<u>16,292</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Other financing sources (uses)					
Operating transfers out	<u>-</u>	<u>(33,000)</u>	<u>(16,292)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>-</u>	<u>(33,000)</u>	<u>(16,292)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues and other sources over (under) expenditures and other uses	-	-	-	-	-
Fund balances, beginning	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Fund balances, ending	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

ST. MARY PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
Centerville, Louisiana

Special Revenue Funds
Combining Statement of Revenue, Expenditures,
And Changes in Fund Balances (Continued)
Year Ended June 30, 2023

Comprehensive Literacy State Development	School Activities Fund	Total
\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,147,118
-	-	23,895
-	-	64,698
-	3,472,323	3,730,340
-	-	675,425
284,000	-	15,510,659
<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>401,461</u>
<u>284,000</u>	<u>3,472,323</u>	<u>27,553,596</u>
2,157	3,341,420	3,713,339
-	-	908,678
-	-	115,079
255,008	-	658,324
-	-	4,089,232
-	-	1,188,129
11,217	-	1,391,265
-	-	312,062
-	-	80,606
-	-	6,654,923
-	-	26,112
-	-	216,691
-	-	7,053,587
<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,900</u>
<u>268,382</u>	<u>3,341,420</u>	<u>26,416,927</u>
<u>15,618</u>	<u>130,903</u>	<u>1,136,669</u>
<u>(15,618)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,386,229)</u>
<u>(15,618)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,386,229)</u>
-	130,903	(249,560)
<u>-</u>	<u>2,997,566</u>	<u>11,447,724</u>
<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 3,128,469</u>	<u>\$ 11,198,164</u>

ST. MARY PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
Centerville, Louisiana

Debt Service Funds
Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures,
And Changes in Fund Balances
Year Ended June 30, 2023

	School District No. 1	Special School District No. 4	Special School District No. 1	Special School District No. 3	Total
Revenues:					
Local sources -					
Ad valorem taxes	\$ 2,128,890	\$ 425,369	\$ 1,641,863	\$ -	\$ 4,196,122
Interest earnings	3,384	143	2,034	-	5,561
State sources -					
Other	<u>2,091</u>	<u>463</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,554</u>
Total revenues	<u>2,134,365</u>	<u>425,975</u>	<u>1,643,897</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,204,237</u>
Expenditures:					
Current -					
Support services:					
General administration	75,566	15,634	56,226	-	147,426
Business services	-	-	800	-	800
Debt service -					
Principal retirement	1,430,000	286,000	1,085,000	-	2,801,000
Interest and fiscal charges	<u>272,426</u>	<u>48,654</u>	<u>421,181</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>742,261</u>
Total expenditures	<u>1,777,992</u>	<u>350,288</u>	<u>1,563,207</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,691,487</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	356,373	75,687	80,690	-	512,750
Excess (deficiency) of revenues and other sources over expenditures	356,373	75,687	80,690	-	512,750
Fund balances, beginning	<u>815,997</u>	<u>537,198</u>	<u>833,948</u>	<u>9,762</u>	<u>2,196,905</u>
Fund balances, ending	<u>\$ 1,172,370</u>	<u>\$ 612,885</u>	<u>\$ 914,638</u>	<u>\$ 9,762</u>	<u>\$ 2,709,655</u>

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Capital Projects Funds
Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures,
And Changes in Fund Balances
Year Ended June 30, 2023

	<u>District Capital Projects</u>	<u>Consolidated District No. 1</u>	<u>Special School District No. 1</u>	<u>Special School District No. 4</u>	<u>Total</u>
Revenues:					
Local sources -					
Interest earnings	\$ -	\$ 20	\$ 42	\$ 7	\$ 69
Other	<u>158,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>158,000</u>
Total revenues	<u>158,000</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>42</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>158,069</u>
Expenditures:					
Support services:					
General administration	2,100	-	-	-	2,100
Maintenance of plant	774,598	-	-	-	774,598
Facilities acquisition, expansion and rehabilitation	391,531	-	-	-	391,531
Other - interest	<u>18,278</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>18,278</u>
Total expenditures	<u>1,186,507</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,186,507</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	(1,028,507)	20	42	7	(1,028,438)
Other financing sources					
Operating transfers in	<u>3,899,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,899,000</u>
Total other financing sources	<u>3,899,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,899,000</u>
Excess of revenues and other sources over expenditures	2,870,493	20	42	7	2,870,562
Fund balances, beginning - restated	<u>6,195,749</u>	<u>192,982</u>	<u>2,402</u>	<u>11,164</u>	<u>6,402,297</u>
Fund balances, ending	<u>\$ 9,066,242</u>	<u>\$ 193,002</u>	<u>\$ 2,444</u>	<u>\$ 11,171</u>	<u>\$ 9,272,859</u>

ST. MARY PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
Centerville, Louisiana

FIDUCIARY FUNDS

PRIVATE PURPOSE TRUST FUNDS:

Ann Dangerfield Scholarship, J. J. Hebert Memorial, C. J. Peltier Scholarship

The private purpose trust funds invest donated monies in a trustee capacity and expend the funds in accordance with the wishes of the donors.

ST. MARY PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
Centerville, Louisiana
Fiduciary Funds

Combining Balance Sheet
June 30, 2023

	Private Purpose Trust Funds			
	Ann Dangerfield Scholarship	J. J. Hebert Memorial	C. J. Peltier, Jr. Scholarship	Total
ASSETS				
Cash and interest-bearing deposits	\$ 10,770	\$ 380	\$ 234	\$ 11,384
Total assets	<u>\$ 10,770</u>	<u>\$ 380</u>	<u>\$ 234</u>	<u>\$ 11,384</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES				
Liabilities:				
Accounts payable	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total liabilities	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Fund balances:				
Unreserved - undesignated	<u>10,770</u>	<u>380</u>	<u>234</u>	<u>11,384</u>
Total liabilities and fund balances	<u>\$ 10,770</u>	<u>\$ 380</u>	<u>\$ 234</u>	<u>\$ 11,384</u>

ST. MARY PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
Centerville, Louisiana
Private Purpose Trust Funds

Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances
Year Ended June 30, 2023

	Ann Dangerfield <u>Scholarship</u>	J. J. Hebert <u>Memorial</u>	C. J. Peltier, Jr. <u>Scholarship</u>	<u>Total</u>
Revenues:				
Local sources -				
Interest earnings	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total revenues	-	-	-	-
Expenditures	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Deficiency of revenues over expenditures	-	-	-	-
Fund balances, beginning	<u>10,770</u>	<u>380</u>	<u>234</u>	<u>11,384</u>
Fund balances, ending	<u>\$ 10,770</u>	<u>\$ 380</u>	<u>\$ 234</u>	<u>\$ 11,384</u>

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**INTERNAL CONTROL, COMPLIANCE
& OTHER INFORMATION**

OTHER LOCATIONS:

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Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control over
Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters
Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with
Government Auditing Standards

Dr. Buffy S. Fegenbush, Superintendent
and Members of the St. Mary Parish School Board
Centerville, Louisiana

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, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the St. Mary Parish School Board as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the St. Mary Parish School Board's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated December 23, 2023.

Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

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

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

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

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

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

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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Darnall, Sikes & Frederick

(A Corporation of Certified Public Accountants)

Lafayette, Louisiana

December 23, 2023

Independent Auditor's Report on Compliance for Each Major Program
and on Internal Control over Compliance Required by Uniform Guidance

Dr. Buffy S. Fegenbush, Superintendent
and Members of the St. Mary Parish School Board
Centerville, Louisiana

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We have audited the St. Mary Parish School Board's compliance with the types of compliance requirements identified as subject to audit in the *OMB Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of the St. Mary Parish School Board's major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2023. The St. Mary Parish School Board's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

In our opinion, the St. Mary Parish School Board 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, 2023.

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 Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section of our report.

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

Responsibilities of Management for Compliance

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether material noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above occurred, whether due to fraud or error, and express an opinion on the St. Mary Parish School Board's compliance based on our audit. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, *Government Auditing Standards*, 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 St. Mary Parish School Board's 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:

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

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

Report on Internal Control over Compliance

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

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

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

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

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Lafayette, Louisiana
December 23, 2023

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ST. MARY PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
Centerville, Louisiana

Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards
Year Ended June 30, 2023

Federal Grantor/Pass-through Grantor/Program Title	Federal CFDA Number	Pass-through Entity Identifying Number	Federal Expenditures
U.S. Department of Agriculture:			
Passed through the:			
Child Nutrition Cluster:			
Louisiana Department of Agriculture:			
National School Lunch Program - Non-cash Assistance (Note 3)	10.555	N/A	\$ 401,461
Louisiana Department of Education:			
School Breakfast Program	10.553	N/A	2,003,945
National School Lunch Program - Supply Chain Assistance	10.555	SFS-23-004	167,641
National School Lunch Program - Supply Chain Assistance	10.555	SFS-23-116	80,176
National School Lunch Program	10.555	N/A	<u>4,223,867</u>
Subtotal Louisiana Department of Education pass-through programs			<u>6,475,629</u>
Total Child Nutrition Cluster			6,877,090
U.S. Department of Education:			
Passed through the Louisiana Department of Education:			
Title I, Part A Cluster			
Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies (Redesign 1003a)	84.010A	28-23-RD-19-51	296,248
Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies (Part A)	84.010A	28-22-T1-51C	1,108,111
Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies (Part A)	84.010A	28-23-T1-51	<u>3,018,007</u>
Total Title I, Part A Cluster			4,422,366
Special Education Cluster (IDEA)			
Special Education - Grants to States (IDEA, Part B)	84.027A	28-22-B1-51C	696,459
Special Education - Grants to States (IDEA, Part B)	84.027A	28-23-B1-51	1,444,787
Special Education - Grants to States (JAG Aim High)	84.027A	28-23-JP-51	63,975
Special Education - Grants to States (IDEA, Set Aside)	84.027A	28-22-I1SA-51	9,850
Special Education - Grants to States (IDEA, ARP)	84.027X	28-22-IA11-51	<u>197,598</u>
Total Special Education - Grants to States			2,412,669
Special Education - Preschool Grants (IDEA Preschool)	84.173A	28-22-P1-51C	20,808
Special Education - Preschool Grants (IDEA Preschool)	84.173A	28-23-P1-51	47,708
Special Education - Preschool Grants (IDEA, ARP)	84.173A	28-22-IA19-51	36,177
Special Education - Preschool Grants (IDEA, Set Aside)	84.173A	28-22-I9SA-51C	<u>4,921</u>
Total Special Education - Preschool Grants			<u>109,614</u>
Total Special Education Cluster			2,522,283
Career and Technical Education - Basic Grants to States	84.048A	28-22-02-51C	25,028
Career and Technical Education - Basic Grants to States	84.048A	28-23-02-51	<u>89,488</u>
Total Career and Technical Education - Basic Grants to States			114,516
Title VI - Rural and Low-Income Schools	84.358B	28-22-RLIS-51C	180,223
Title VI - Rural and Low-Income Schools	84.358B	28-22-RLIS-51	<u>113</u>
Total Title VI - Rural and Low-Income Schools			180,336

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Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (Continued)
Year Ended June 30, 2023

Federal Grantor/Pass-through Grantor/Program Title	Federal CFDA Number	Pass-through Entity Identifying Number	Federal Expenditures
Title III - English Language Acquisition	84.365A	28-22-60-51C	60,464
Title III - English Language Acquisition	84.365A	28-23-60-51	24,556
Title III - English Language Acquisition (Immigrant)	84.365A	28-22-S3-51	<u>26,260</u>
Total Title III - English Language Acquisition			111,280
Title II - Improving Teacher Quality State Grants	84.367A	28-22-50-51C	<u>461,924</u>
Total Title II - Improving Teacher Quality State Grants			461,924
Comprehensive Literacy Development (UIN K-5)	84.371C	CLSD UIN--CLSD UIN K-5	179,000
Comprehensive Literacy Development (K-5)	84.371C	CLSD CIRUIR--CLSD K-5	52,500
Comprehensive Literacy Development (6-8)	84.371C	CLSD CIRUIR--CLSD 6-8	<u>52,500</u>
Total Comprehensive Literacy Development			284,000
Title IV - Student Support & Academic Enrichment	84.424A	28-22-71-51C	61,523
Title IV - Student Support & Academic Enrichment	84.424A	28-23-71-51	<u>262,968</u>
Total Title IV - Student Support & Academic Enrichment			<u>324,491</u>
Education Stabilization Fund			
ESSERF I Incentive	84.425D	28-20-ESRI-51C	8,512
ESSERF II Formula	84.425D	28-21-ES2F-51C	7,250,495
ESSERF II Incentive	84.425D	28-21-ES2I-51C	201,213
ESSERF III Interventions	84.425U	28-21-ESEB-51C	237,619
ESSERF III Formula	84.425U	28-21-ES3F-51C	6,688
ESSERF III Incentive	84.425U	28-21-ES3I-51C	172,782
Homeless ARP	84.425W	28-22-HARP-51	<u>64,019</u>
Total Education Stabilization Fund			<u>7,941,328</u>
Total Louisiana Department of Education pass-through programs			<u>16,362,524</u>
Total U.S. Department of Education			16,362,524
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services:			
Passed through the Louisiana Department of Education:			
477 Cluster			
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (JAG)	93.558	28-22-JS-51	<u>177,465</u>
Total 477 Cluster			<u>177,465</u>
Passed through the Louisiana Department of Revenue:			
Public Health Emergency Response: Cooperative Agreement for Emergency Response: Public Health Crisis Response			
Covid Workforce - School Nurse Behavioral	93.354	28-22SNBH-51	<u>600,000</u>
Total Public Health Emergency Response			<u>600,000</u>
Total U.S. Department of Health and Human Services			<u>777,465</u>
U.S. Department of Defense			
Direct programs:			
Army ROTC	12.357	N/A	<u>84,186</u>
Total expenditures of federal awards			<u>\$ 24,101,265</u>

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Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (Continued)
Year Ended June 30, 2023

NOTE 1 BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The above schedule of expenditures of federal awards includes the federal grant activity of the St. Mary Parish School Board under programs of the federal government for the year ended June 30, 2023. The information in this schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of *OMB Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Because the schedule presents only a selected portion of the operations of the St. Mary Parish School Board, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position or changes in net assets of the Entity.

NOTE 2 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Expenditures reported on the schedule are reported on the accrual basis of accounting. Such expenditures are recognized following the cost principles contained in OMB Circular A-87, Cost Principles for State, Local, and Indian Tribal Governments, wherein certain types of expenditures are not allowable or are limited as to reimbursement. Pass-through entity identifying numbers are presented where available.

NOTE 3 NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM – NON-CASH ASSISTANCE

Non-cash assistance is reported in the schedule at the fair market value of the USDA commodities received and disbursed.

NOTE 4 INDIRECT COST RATE

The School Board has elected not to use the 10% de minimis indirect cost rate allowed under the Uniform Guidance.

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Summary Schedule of Prior Year Findings
Year Ended June 30, 2023

Section I Internal Control and Compliance Material to the Financial Statements

2022-001 Noncompliance with the Louisiana Public Bid Law

Condition: The School Board did not obtain an affidavit as described above prior to accepting the bid and commencing construction for a public works contract.

Recommendation: We recommend that all required bid documents, including affidavits and agreements, be included during the bidding/award process for the execution of public works contracts.

Status: This finding is resolved.

Section II Internal Control and Compliance Material to Federal Awards

This section is not applicable for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023 as there were no findings for the year ended June 30, 2022.

Section III Management Letter

A management letter was not issued for the year ended June 30, 2022.

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Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs
Year Ended June 30, 2023

Part I Summary of Audit Results

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Auditor's Report

An unmodified opinion has been issued on the St. Mary Parish School Board's financial statements as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023.

Internal Control Deficiencies - Financial Reporting

There were no significant deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting noted during the audit of the financial statements as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023.

Noncompliance - Financial Reporting

The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance which are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

FEDERAL AWARDS

Auditor's Report – Major Programs

An unmodified opinion has been issued on the St. Mary Parish School Board's compliance with the requirements of its major programs as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023.

Major Programs – Identification

The St. Mary Parish School Board, at June 30, 2023, had the following major programs:

Education Stabilization Fund -	CFDA # 84.425
Title I, Part A Cluster	CFDA # 84.010

Program Type Determination

The dollar threshold to distinguish between Type A and Type B programs was \$750,000 for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023.

Deficiencies in Internal Control – Major Programs

Our consideration of internal control over major programs disclosed no instances of internal control deficiencies.

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Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs (Continued)
Year Ended June 30, 2023

Part 1 Summary of Audit Results (Continued)

FEDERAL AWARDS (Continued)

Noncompliance – Major Programs

The results of our tests on compliance for each major program disclosed no instances of noncompliance.

Risk Consideration

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023, the St. Mary Parish School Board was considered a low-risk auditee.

Part 2 Findings Relating to an Audit in Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*

This section is not applicable for the year ended June 30, 2023.

Part 3 Findings and Questioned Costs Relating to Federal Programs

This section is not applicable for the year ended June 30, 2023.

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Management's Corrective Action Plan for Current Year Findings
Year Ended June 30, 2023

This section is not applicable for the year ended June 30, 2023.

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Special District No. 4, Consolidated School District No. 1 and Fifth Ward Special School District No. 1
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Audited Financial Statements

Special School District No. 4, Consolidated School District No. 1 and Fifth Ward Special School District No. 1 (the “Issuers”) operate on a fiscal year ending June 30. The Financial Statements of the St. Mary Parish School Board (the “Governing Authority”) and notes thereto for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023, audited by Darnall, Sikes & Frederick, a Corporation of Certified Public Accountants, Lafayette, Louisiana, and their report dated as of December 23, 2023, is a supplement to this Annual Report. Included in the notes is a description of the basis of accounting used by the Issuers in reporting their financial statements.

Debt of the Issuers

The Issuers have no short-term indebtedness, other than normal accounts payable or as otherwise stated in this Annual Report or its supplement. The Issuers have never defaulted in the payment of their outstanding bonds or obligations. The total amount of debt the Issuers issued follows:

Special School District No. 4

Besides the general obligation bonds for which the Official Statement was prepared, no debt has been authorized or issued by the Issuer since the date of the Official Statement. Of the \$4,700,000 of bonds issued, \$1,600,000 was outstanding as of June 30, 2023.

Consolidated School District No. 1

Besides the general obligation bonds for which the Official Statement was prepared, no debt has been authorized or issued by the Issuer since the date of the Official Statement. Of the \$24,000,000 of bonds issued, \$8,351,000 was outstanding as of June 30, 2023.

Fifth Ward Special School District No. 1

Besides the general obligation bonds for which the Official Statement was prepared, no debt has been authorized or issued by the Issuer since the date of the Official Statement. Of the \$21,000,000 of bonds issued, \$15,075,000 is still outstanding as of June 30, 2023.

Assessment Procedures

The assessment procedures and homestead exemption as authorized by law are the same as those in effect for the tax years reported in the Official Statement.

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Special District No. 4, Consolidated School District No. 1 and Fifth Ward Special School District No. 1
Centerville, Louisiana

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▪ **Assessed Valuation of Property in the Issuers**

The 2022 assessed valuations of property in the Issues follows:

Special School District No. 4

Taxable Assessed Valuation	\$ 71,347,295
Homestead Exemptions	<u>4,435,331</u>
Total Assessed Valuation	<u>\$ 75,782,626</u>

Consolidated School District No. 1

Taxable Assessed Valuation	\$ 137,484,281
Homestead Exemptions	<u>23,663,432</u>
Total Assessed Valuation	<u>\$ 161,147,713</u>

Fifth Ward Special School District No. 1

Taxable Assessed Valuation	\$ 81,079,528
Homestead Exemptions	<u>15,175,106</u>
Total Assessed Valuation	<u>\$ 96,254,634</u>

Source: St. Mary Parish Assessor's Office

ST. MARY PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

Special District No. 4, Consolidated School District No. 1 and Fifth Ward Special School District No. 1
Centerville, Louisiana

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▪ **Assessed Valuation of Property in the Issuers – By Classification**

A breakdown of the 2022 assessed valuations of property in the Issuers by classification follows:

Special School District No. 4

<i>Classification</i>	<i>Assessed Valuation</i>
Real Estate	\$ 13,013,028
Personal Property	46,734,335
Public Service Property	<u>16,035,263</u>
Total	<u>\$ 75,782,626</u>

Consolidated School District No. 1

<i>Classification</i>	<i>Assessed Valuation</i>
Real Estate	\$ 70,824,309
Personal Property	55,091,492
Public Service Property	<u>35,231,912</u>
Total	<u>\$ 161,147,713</u>

Fifth Ward Special School District No. 1.

<i>Classification</i>	<i>Assessed Valuation</i>
Real Estate	\$ 45,947,287
Personal Property	31,652,906
Public Service Property	<u>18,654,441</u>
Total	<u>\$ 96,254,634</u>

Source: St. Mary Parish Assessor's Office

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▪ **Tax Collection Records of the Issuers**

The 2022 ad valorem tax levies and collections for each of the issuers follows:

Tax Collector Records

<i>Amount of Taxes Levied (a)</i>	<i>Deductions For Pensions (b)</i>	<i>Net Taxes Levied</i>	<i>Net Taxes Collected (c)</i>	<i>Percentage Collected</i>	<i>Millage Rates</i>
Special School District No. 4					
\$ 428,080	\$ (13,851)	\$ 414,229	425,368 *	103%	6.00
Consolidated School District No. 1					
\$ 2,199,750	\$ (71,878)	\$ 2,127,872	2,128,890 *	100%	16.00
Fifth Ward Special School District No. 1					
\$ 1,621,589	\$ (53,057)	\$ 1,568,532	1,641,863 *	105%	20.00

*Includes prior year collections

Sources: (a) St. Mary Parish Assessor's Office, (b) St. Mary Parish Sheriff's Office, (c) St. Mary Parish School Board

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▪ **Leading Taxpayers**

The ten largest property taxpayers for 2022 of the Issuers and their assessed valuations follow:

Special School District No. 4

Taxpayer	Type of Business	Assessed Valuation
1. Cabot Corporation	Carbon Black Mfg.	\$ 35,049,412
2. Birla Carbon USA, Inc.	Carbon Black Mfg.	13,188,142
3. Enterprise Gas Processing	Oil & Gas	13,121,131
4. Texas Petroleum Investment Co.	Oil & Gas	3,199,637
5. Southern Natural Gas	Oil & Gas	3,038,194
6. Columbia Gulf Transmission	Oil & Gas	2,251,660
7. Cleco Power	Power Generation	2,131,750
8. Perdido Southeast LLC	Oil & Gas	1,686,777
9. Gulf South Pipeline Company LP	Oil & Gas	1,283,900
10. Enbridge Nautilus Pipeline Co	Oil & Gas	1,195,510
		<u>\$ 76,146,113</u> *

*Approximately 100.5% of the 2022 taxable assessed valuation of Special School District No. 4.

Consolidated School District No. 1

Taxpayer	Type of Business	Assessed Valuation
1. Cleco Power Company	Power Generation	\$ 37,423,274
2. Orion Engineered Carbons	Chemicals	13,065,806
3. Carey Salt Company	Salt Production	8,933,501
4. Perdido Energy Louisiana LLC	Oil & Gas	6,839,910
5. Sterling Sugars LLC	Sugar Production	6,592,675
6. St. Mary Sugar Co Op Inc.	Sugar Production	3,519,766
7. Zydeco Pipeline Company LLC	Oil & Gas	2,714,007
8. Hilcorp Energy Co.	Oil & Gas	2,638,453
9. BNSF Railway Co.	Freight Network	1,760,720
10. Acadian Gas Pipeline	Oil & Gas	1,749,950
		<u>\$ 85,238,062</u> *

*Approximately 52.9% of the 2022 taxable assessed valuation of Consolidated School District No. 1.

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▪ **Leading Taxpayers (continued)**

Fifth Ward Special School District No. 1

<u>Taxpayer</u>	<u>Type of Business</u>	<u>Assessed Valuation</u>
1. Texas Petroleum Investment	Oil & Gas Exploration	\$ 9,355,188
2. Cleco Power LLC	Power Generation	5,551,690
3. ANR Pipeline Company	Gas Transmission	5,030,298
4. Plains Gas Solutions	Gas Transmission	4,696,294
5. Cameron International Corp	Oil & Gas Manufacturing	2,134,164
6. Patterson State Bank	Financial Institution	2,088,414
7. Kinetica Deepwater Express LLC	Gas Transmission	1,941,770
8. Enlink Pelican, LLC	Gas Transmission	314,537
9. Trunkline Gas	Gas Transmission	1,499,166
10. Stena Drilling US Inc.	Oil & Gas	<u>1,250,783</u>
		<u>\$ 33,862,304</u> *

*Approximately 35.2% of the 2022 taxable assessed valuation of Fifth Ward Special School District No. 1.

Source: St. Mary Parish Assessor's Office

**SCHEDULES REQUIRED BY STATE LAW
(R.S. 24:514 – PERFORMANCE AND STATISTICAL DATA)**

OTHER LOCATIONS:

Eunice Morgan City Abbeville

INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

To the Members of the
St. Mary Parish School Board
Centerville, Louisiana

We have performed the procedures enumerated below on the performance and statistical data accompanying the annual financial statements of the St. Mary Parish School Board for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023; and to determine whether the specified schedules are free of obvious errors and omissions, in compliance with Louisiana Revised Statute 24:514 I. Management of the St. Mary Parish School Board is responsible for its performance and statistical data.

The St. Mary Parish School Board has agreed to and acknowledged that the procedures performed are appropriate to meet the intended purpose of the engagement, which is to perform specified procedures on the performance and statistical data accompanying the annual financial statements. Additionally, the Louisiana Department of Education and the Louisiana Legislative Auditor have agreed to and acknowledged that the procedures performed are appropriate for their purposes. This report may not be suitable for any other purpose. The procedures performed may not address all the items of interest to a user of this report and may not meet the needs of all users of this report and, as such, users are responsible for determining whether the procedures performed are appropriate for their purposes.

The procedures and associated findings are as follows:

General Fund Instructional and Support Expenditures and Certain Local Revenue Sources (Schedule 1)

1. We selected a sample of 25 transactions, reviewed supporting documentation, and observed that the sampled expenditures/revenues are classified correctly and are reported in the proper amounts among the following amounts reported on the schedule:
 - Total General Fund Instructional Expenditures,
 - Total General Fund Equipment Expenditures,
 - Total Local Taxation Revenue,
 - Total Local Earnings on Investment in Real Property,
 - Total State Revenue in Lieu of Taxes,
 - Nonpublic Textbook Revenue, and
 - Nonpublic Transportation Revenue.

No differences were noted for this procedure.

Class Size Characteristics (Schedule 2)

2. We obtained a list of classes by school, school type, and class size as reported on the schedule. We then traced a sample of 10 classes to the October 1 roll books for those classes and observed that the class was properly classified on the schedule.

No differences were noted for this procedure.

Education Levels/Experience of Public School Staff (No Schedule)

3. We obtained October 1 PEP data submitted to the Department of Education (or equivalent listing prepared by management), including full-time teachers, principals, and assistant principals by classification, as well as their level of education and experience, and obtained management's representation that the data/listing was complete. We then selected a sample of 25 individuals, traced to each individual's personnel file, and observed that each individual's education level and experience was properly classified on the PEP data or equivalent listing prepared by management.

During our testing over experience levels, we noted sixteen (16) exceptions when comparing years of experience noted in the Profile of Educational Personnel (PEP) file to the related employee's personnel file for 25 teachers selected.

Public School Staff Data: Average Salaries (No Schedule)

4. We obtained June 30 PEP data submitted to the Department of Education (or equivalent listing provided by management) of all classroom teachers, including base salary, extra compensation, and ROTC or rehired retiree status, as well as full-time equivalents, and obtained management's representation that the data/listing was complete. We then selected a sample of 25 individuals, traced to each individual's personnel file, and observed that each individual's salary, extra compensation, and full-time equivalents were properly included on the PEP data (or equivalent listing prepared by management).

During our testing over average salaries, we noted two (2) exceptions when comparing salary, extra compensation, and full-time equivalents in the Profile of Educational Personnel (PEP) file to the related employee's personnel file for 25 teachers tested. Two (2) teachers' base compensation was understated on the PEP.

We were engaged by the St. Mary Parish School Board to perform this agreed-upon procedures engagement and conducted our engagement in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, and the standards applicable to attestation engagements contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the United States Comptroller General. We were not engaged to and did not conduct an examination or review engagement, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion or conclusion, respectively, on the performance and statistical data. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion or conclusion. Had we performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you.

We are required to be independent of the St. Mary Parish School Board and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements related to our agreed-upon procedures engagement.

This report is intended solely to describe the scope of testing performed on the performance and statistical

data accompanying the annual financial statements of St. Mary Parish School Board, as required by Louisiana Revised Statute 24:514.1, and the result of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on control or compliance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose. Under Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, this report is distributed by the Louisiana Legislative Auditor as a public document.

Darnall, Sikes & Frederick

(A Corporation of Certified Public Accountants)

Lafayette, Louisiana

December 23, 2023

ST. MARY PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
Centerville, Louisiana

Schedule 1 - General Fund Instructional and Support Expenditures
and Certain Local Revenue Sources
Year Ended June 30, 2023

General Fund Instructional and Equipment Expenditures:

General Fund Instructional Expenditures:

Teacher and Student Interaction Activities:

Classroom Teacher Salaries	\$ 25,426,406	
Other Instructional Staff Salaries	7,035,317	
Instructional Staff Employee Benefits	13,729,340	
Purchased Professional and Technical Services	433,519	
Instructional Materials and Supplies	2,158,356	
Instructional Equipment	-	
Total Teacher and Student Interaction Activities	-	\$ 48,782,938

Other Instructional Activities 393,117

Pupil Support Activities	5,199,991	
Less: Equipment for Pupil Support Activities	-	
Net Pupil Support Activities	-	5,199,991

Instructional Staff Services	4,335,907	
Less: Equipment for Instructional Staff Services	-	
Net Instructional Staff Services	-	4,335,907

School Administration	6,263,493	
Less: Equipment for School Administration	-	
Net School Administration	-	6,263,493

Total General Fund Instructional Expenditures \$ 64,975,446

Total General Fund Equipment Expenditures \$ 75,393

Certain Local Revenue Sources:

Local Taxation Revenue:

Constitutional Ad Valorem Taxes	\$ 5,041,823
Renewable Ad Valorem Taxes	13,897,073
Debt Service Ad Valorem Taxes	4,198,673
Up to 1% of Collections by the Sheriff on Taxes Other than School Taxes	596,910
Sales and Use Taxes	24,639,278
Total Local Taxation Revenue	\$ 48,373,757

Local Earnings on Investment in Real Property:

Earnings from 16th Section Property	\$ 315,362
Earnings from Other Real Property	-
Total Local Earnings on Investment in Real Property	\$ 315,362

State Revenue in Lieu of Taxes:

Revenue Sharing - Constitutional Tax	\$ 356,286
Revenue Sharing - Other Taxes	-
Revenue Sharing - Excess Portion	-
Other Revenue in Lieu of Taxes	-
Total State Revenue in Lieu of Taxes	\$ 356,286

Nonpublic Textbook Revenue \$ 20,451

Nonpublic Transportation Revenue \$ -

ST. MARY PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
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 Schedule 2 - Class Size Characteristics
 As of October 1, 2022

School Type	Class Size Range							
	1 - 20		21 - 26		27 - 33		34 +	
	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number
Elementary	82.7%	951	16.1%	185	1.1%	13	0.1%	1
Elementary Activity Classes	76.3%	158	19.3%	40	3.4%	7	1.0%	2
Middle / Jr. High	77.2%	438	20.6%	117	1.6%	9	0.5%	3
Middle / Jr. High Activity Classes	91.2%	196	5.1%	11	1.9%	4	1.9%	4
High	70.1%	737	23.6%	248	5.9%	62	0.5%	5
High Activity Classes	80.1%	137	14.0%	24	5.3%	9	0.6%	1
Combination	87.5%	161	7.6%	14	3.8%	7	1.1%	2
Combination Activity Classes	86.2%	25	13.8%	4	0.0%	-	0.0%	0



OTHER LOCATIONS:

Eunice Morgan City Abbeville

INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

To the Members of the
St. Mary Parish School Board
and the Louisiana Legislative Auditor:

We have performed the procedures enumerated below on the control and compliance (C/C) areas identified in the Louisiana Legislative Auditor's (LLA's) Statewide Agreed-Upon Procedures (SAUPs) for the fiscal period July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023. The St. Mary Parish School Board's management is responsible for those C/C areas identified in the SAUPs.

St. Mary Parish School Board has agreed to and acknowledged that the procedures performed are appropriate to meet the intended purpose of the engagement, which is to perform specified procedures on the C/C areas identified in LLA's SAUPs for the fiscal period July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023. Additionally, LLA has agreed to and acknowledged that the procedures performed are appropriate for its purposes. This report may not be suitable for any other purpose. The procedures performed may not address all the items of interest to a user of this report and may not meet the needs of all users of this report and, as such, users are responsible for determining whether the procedures performed are appropriate for their purposes.

The procedures and associated findings are as follows:

Written Policies and Procedures

1. Obtain and inspect the entity's written policies and procedures and observe that they address each of the following categories and subcategories (if applicable to public funds and the entity's operations):

a) ***Budgeting***, including preparing, adopting, monitoring, and amending the budget.

Written policies and procedures were obtained and address the functions noted above.

b) ***Purchasing***, including (1) how purchases are initiated; (2) how vendors are added to the vendor list; (3) the preparation and approval process of purchase requisitions and purchase orders; (4) controls to ensure compliance with the public bid law; and (5) documentation required to be maintained for all bids and price quotes.

Written policies and procedures were obtained and address the functions noted above.

c) ***Disbursements***, including processing, reviewing, and approving.

Written policies and procedures were obtained and address the functions noted above.

- d) **Receipts/Collections**, including receiving, recording, and preparing deposits. Also, policies and procedures should include management's actions to determine the completeness of all collections for each type of revenue or agency fund additions (e.g. periodic confirmation with outside parties, reconciliation to utility billing after cutoff procedures, reconciliation of traffic ticket number sequences, agency fund forfeiture monies confirmation).

Written policies and procedures were obtained and address the functions noted above.

- e) **Payroll/Personnel**, including (1) payroll processing, and (2) reviewing and approving time and attendance records, including leave and overtime worked, and (3) approval process for employee(s) rate of pay or approval and maintenance of pay rate schedules.

Written policies and procedures were obtained and address the functions noted above.

- f) **Contracting**, including (1) types of services requiring written contracts, (2) standard terms and conditions, (3) legal review, (4) approval process, and (5) monitoring process.

Written policies and procedures were obtained and address the functions noted above.

- g) **Credit Cards (and debit cards, fuel cards, P-Cards, if applicable)**, including (1) how cards are to be controlled, (2) allowable business uses, (3) documentation requirements, (4) required approvers of statements, and (5) monitoring card usage (e.g., determining the reasonableness of fuel card purchases).

Written policies and procedures were obtained and address the functions noted above.

- h) **Travel and expense reimbursement**, including (1) allowable expenses, (2) dollar thresholds by category of expense, (3) documentation requirements, and (4) required approvers

Written policies and procedures were obtained and address the functions noted above.

- i) **Ethics**, including (1) the prohibitions as defined in Louisiana Revised Statute 42:1111-1121, (2) actions to be taken if an ethics violation takes place, (3) system to monitor possible ethics violations, and (4) a requirement that documentation is maintained to demonstrate that all employees and officials were notified of any changes to the entity's ethics policy.

Written policies and procedures were obtained and address the functions noted above.

- j) **Debt Service**, including (1) debt issuance approval, (2) continuing disclosure/EMMA reporting requirements, (3) debt reserve requirements, and (4) debt service requirements.

Written policies and procedures were obtained and address the functions noted above.

- k) **Information Technology Disaster Recovery/Business Continuity**, including (1) identification of critical data and frequency of data backups, (2) storage of backups in a separate physical location isolated from the network, (3) periodic testing/verification that backups can be restored, (4) use of antivirus software on all systems, (5) timely application of all available system and software patches/updates, and (6) identification of personnel, processes, and tools needed to recover operations after a critical event.

Written policies and procedures were obtained and address the functions noted above.

- l) **Sexual Harassment**, including R.S. 42:342-344 requirements for (1) agency responsibilities and prohibitions, (2) annual employee training, and (3) annual reporting.

Written policies and procedures were obtained and address the functions noted above.

Board or Finance Committee

2. Obtain and inspect the board/finance committee minutes for the fiscal period, as well as the board's enabling legislation, charter, bylaws, or equivalent document in effect during the fiscal period, and:

a) Observe that the board/finance committee met with a quorum at least monthly, or on a frequency in accordance with the board's enabling legislation, charter, bylaws, or other equivalent document.

Obtained and reviewed minutes of the managing board for the fiscal period noting that the board met monthly.

b) For those entities reporting on the governmental accounting model, observe whether the minutes referenced or included monthly budget-to-actual comparisons on the general fund, quarterly budget-to-actual, at a minimum, on proprietary funds, and semi-annual budget-to-actual, at a minimum, on all special revenue funds. *Alternately, for those entities reporting on the nonprofit accounting model, observe that the minutes referenced or included financial activity relating to public funds if those public funds comprised more than 10% of the entity's collections during the fiscal period.*

Obtained and reviewed minutes of the managing board for the fiscal period noting that the minutes included monthly budget-to-actual comparisons for the major funds.

c) For governmental entities, obtain the prior year audit report and observe the unassigned fund balance in the general fund. If the general fund had a negative ending unassigned fund balance in the prior year audit report, observe that the minutes for at least one meeting during the fiscal period referenced or included a formal plan to eliminate the negative unassigned fund balance in the general fund.

Obtained prior year audit report and reviewed the unassigned fund balance in the general fund, noting a positive fund balance.

d) Observe whether the board/finance committee received written updates of the progress of resolving audit finding(s), according to management's corrective action plan at each meeting until the findings are considered fully resolved.

There were written updates of the progress toward resolving the findings.

Bank Reconciliations

3. Obtain a listing of entity bank accounts for the fiscal period from management and management's representation that the listing is complete. Ask management to identify the entity's main operating account. Select the entity's main operating account and randomly select 4 additional accounts (or all accounts if less than 5). Randomly select one month from the fiscal period, obtain and inspect the corresponding bank statement and reconciliation for each selected account, and observe that:

Obtained a listing of the entity's bank accounts for the fiscal period from management along with management's representation that the listing was complete.

a) Bank reconciliations include evidence that they were prepared within 2 months of the related statement closing date (e.g., initialed and dated or electronically logged);

The bank reconciliations included evidence that they were prepared within 2 months of the related statement closing date.

- b) Bank reconciliations include evidence that a member of management/board member who does not handle cash, post ledgers, or issue checks has reviewed each bank reconciliation (e.g., initialed and dated, electronically logged); and

The bank reconciliations included evidence of review by a member of management/board member who does not handle cash, post ledgers, or issue checks.

- c) Management has documentation reflecting it has researched reconciling items that have been outstanding for more than 12 months from the statement closing date, if applicable.

None of the reconciliations selected were noted as having outstanding items greater than 12 months of the statement closing date.

Collections (excluding electronic funds transfers)

4. Obtain a listing of deposit sites for the fiscal period where deposits for cash/checks/money orders (cash) are prepared and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 deposit sites (or all deposit sites if less than 5).

Obtained a listing of deposits sites for the fiscal period where deposits for cash/checks/money orders (cash) are prepared along with management's representation that the listing is complete.

5. For each deposit site selected, obtain a listing of collection locations and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select one collection location for each deposit site (i.e., 5 collection locations for 5 deposit sites), obtain and inspect written policies and procedures relating to employee job duties (if no written policies or procedures, inquire of employees about their job duties) at each collection location, and observe that job duties are properly segregated at each collection location such that:

Obtained a listing of collection locations for each deposit site selected for the fiscal period along with management's representation that the listing is complete.

- a) Employees responsible for cash collections do not share cash drawers/registers.

Employees responsible for cash collections generally do not share cash drawers/registers. It was noted that cafeteria staff do share the register/drawer with another person. However, it is the School Board's policy that each employee responsible for collecting cash have their own separate login account and perform a cash count at the end of each session. No exception noted.

- b) Each employee responsible for collecting cash is not responsible for preparing/making bank deposits, unless another employee/official is responsible for reconciling collection documentation (e.g., pre-numbered receipts) to the deposit.

Employees responsible for collecting cash are not responsible for preparing/making bank deposits, unless another employee/official is responsible for reconciling collection documentation (e.g., pre-numbered receipts) to the deposit.

- c) Each employee responsible for collecting cash is not responsible for posting collection entries to the general ledger or subsidiary ledgers, unless another employee/official is responsible for reconciling ledger postings to each other and to the deposit.

Employees responsible for collecting cash are not responsible for posting collection entries to the general ledger or subsidiary ledgers, unless another employee/official is responsible for reconciling ledger postings to each other and to the deposit.

- d) The employee(s) responsible for reconciling cash collections to the general ledger and/or subsidiary ledgers, by revenue source and/or agency fund additions, are not responsible for collecting cash, unless another employee/official verifies the reconciliation.

Employees responsible for reconciling cash collections to the general ledger and/or subsidiary ledgers are not responsible for collecting cash, unless another employee/official verifies the reconciliation.

6. Obtain from management a copy of the bond or insurance policy for theft covering all employees who have access to cash. Observe the bond or insurance policy for theft was enforced during the fiscal period.

The entity had a bond or insurance policy for theft covering all employees who have access to cash in effect during the fiscal period.

7. Randomly select two deposit dates for each of the 5 bank accounts selected for procedure #3 under "Bank Reconciliations" above (select the next deposit date chronologically if no deposits were made on the dates randomly selected and randomly select a deposit if multiple deposits are made on the same day). *Alternately, the practitioner may use a source document other than bank statements when selecting the deposit dates for testing, such as a cash collection log, daily revenue report, receipt book, etc.* Obtain supporting documentation for each of the 10 deposits and:

- a) Observe that receipts are sequentially pre-numbered.

Observed cash receipts noting that they are sequentially pre-numbered as applicable; noting no exceptions.

- b) Trace sequentially pre-numbered receipts, system reports, and other related collection documentation to the deposit slip.

Traced supporting documentation to the deposit slip noting no exceptions.

- c) Trace the deposit slip total to the actual deposit per the bank statement.

Traced the deposit slip totals to the actual deposit per the bank statement noting no exceptions.

- d) Observe the deposit was made within one business day of receipt at the collection location (within one week if the depository is more than 10 miles from the collection location or the deposit is less than \$100 and the cash is stored securely in a locked safe or drawer).

Observed that (1) deposit was made (2) business days after the receipt at the collection location. The depository is less than 10 miles from the collection location therefore the exception was noted. Findings were communicated to management.

- e) Trace the actual deposit per the bank statement to the general ledger.

Traced the actual deposits per the bank statement to the general ledger noting no exceptions.

Non-Payroll Disbursements (excluding card purchases/payments, travel reimbursements, and petty cash purchases)

8. Obtain a listing of locations that process payments for the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 locations (or all locations if less than 5).

Obtained a listing of locations that process payments for the fiscal period, and management provided representation that the listing is complete. Selected all locations that process payments as there were less than 5.

9. For each location selected under #8 above, obtain a listing of those employees involved with non-payroll purchasing and payment functions. Obtain written policies and procedures relating to employee

job duties (if the agency has no written policies and procedures, inquire of employees about their job duties), and observe that job duties are properly segregated such that:

- a) At least two employees are involved in initiating a purchase request, approving a purchase, and placing an order/making the purchase.

Obtained written policies and procedures and observed that job duties are properly segregated regarding the functions noted above.

- b) At least two employees are involved in processing and approving payments to vendors.

Obtained written policies and procedures and observed that job duties are properly segregated regarding the functions noted above.

- c) The employee responsible for processing payments is prohibited from adding/modifying vendor files, unless another employee is responsible for periodically reviewing changes to vendor files.

Obtained written policies and procedures and observed that job duties are properly segregated regarding the functions noted above.

- d) Either the employee/official responsible for signing checks mails the payment or gives the signed checks to an employee to mail who is not responsible for processing payments.

Obtained written policies and procedures and observed that job duties are properly segregated regarding the functions noted above.

- e) Only employees/officials authorized to sign checks approve the electronic disbursement (release) of funds, whether through automated clearinghouse (ACH), electronic funds transfer (EFT), wire transfer, or some other electronic means.

No exceptions noted.

- 10. For each location selected under #8 above, obtain the entity's non-payroll disbursement transaction population (excluding cards and travel reimbursements) and obtain management's representation that the population is complete. Randomly select 5 disbursements for each location, obtain supporting documentation for each transaction, and:

The Entity's non-payroll disbursement transaction population (excluding cards and travel reimbursements) was obtained along with management's representation that the population is complete.

- a) Observe whether the disbursement matched the related original itemized invoice and supporting documentation indicates deliverables included on the invoice were received by the entity.

Observed that the disbursements matched the related original itemized invoice and that supporting documentation indicates that deliverables on the invoice were received by the Entity.

- b) Observe whether the disbursement documentation included evidence (e.g., initial/date, electronic logging) of segregation of duties tested under #9, as applicable.

Observed that the disbursement documentation included evidence of segregation of duties tested.

- 11. Using the entity's main operating account and the month selected in Bank Reconciliations procedure #3, randomly select 5 non-payroll-related electronic disbursements (or all electronic disbursements if less than 5) and observe that each electronic disbursement was (a) approved by only those persons authorized to disburse funds (e.g., sign checks) per the entity's policy, and (b) approved by the required number of authorized signers per the entity's policy. Note: If no electronic payments were made from the main operating account during the month selected the practitioner should select an alternative month and/or account for testing that does include electronic disbursements.

No exceptions noted.

Credit Cards/Debit Cards/Fuel Cards/P-Cards

12. Obtain from management a listing of all active credit cards, bank debit cards, fuel cards, and P-cards (cards) for the fiscal period, including the card numbers and the names of the persons who maintained possession of the cards. Obtain management's representation that the listing is complete.

Obtained from management a listing of all active credit cards, bank debit cards, fuel cards, and P-cards for the fiscal period including the card numbers and the names of the persons who maintained possession of the cards along with management's representation that the listing is complete.

13. Using the listing prepared by management, randomly select 5 cards (or all cards if less than 5) that were used during the fiscal period. Randomly select one monthly statement or combined statement for each card (for a debit card, randomly select one monthly bank statement), obtain supporting documentation, and:

- a) Observe whether there is evidence that the monthly statement or combined statement and supporting documentation (e.g., original receipts for credit/debit card purchases, exception reports for excessive fuel card usage) were reviewed and approved, in writing (or electronically approved), by someone other than the authorized card holder. [Note: Requiring such approval may constrain the legal authority of certain public officials (e.g., mayor of a Lawrason Act municipality); these instances should not be reported.]

Observed that there was evidence that the monthly statement and supporting documentation was reviewed and approved, in writing by someone other than the authorized card holder.

- b) Observe that finance charges and late fees were not assessed on the selected statements.

Observed that no finance charges and late fees were assessed on the selected statements.

14. Using the monthly statements or combined statements selected under #12 above, excluding fuel cards, randomly select 10 transactions (or all transactions if less than 10) from each statement, and obtain supporting documentation for the transactions (i.e., each card should have 10 transactions subject to testing). For each transaction, observe it is supported by (1) an original itemized receipt that identifies precisely what was purchased, (2) written documentation of the business/public purpose, and (3) documentation of the individuals participating in meals (for meal charges only). For missing receipts, the practitioner should describe the nature of the transaction and note whether management had a compensating control to address missing receipts, such as a "missing receipt statement" that is subject to increased scrutiny.

Observed that all transactions tested were supported by an original itemized receipt that identifies precisely what was purchased and written documentation of the business/public purpose. There were no meal charges tested.

Travel and Travel-Related Expense Reimbursements (excluding card transactions)

15. Obtain from management a listing of all travel and travel-related expense reimbursements during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing or general ledger is complete. Randomly select 5 reimbursements, obtain the related expense reimbursement forms/prepaid expense documentation of each selected reimbursement, as well as the supporting documentation. For each of the 5 reimbursements selected:

Obtained a listing of all travel and travel-related expense reimbursements during the fiscal period along with management's representation that the listing or general ledger is complete.

- a) If reimbursed using a per diem, observe the approved reimbursement rate is no more than those rates established either by the State of Louisiana or the U.S. General Services Administration (www.gsa.gov).

This is not applicable as the selected expenses were reimbursed using actual costs.

- b) If reimbursed using actual costs, observe the reimbursement is supported by an original itemized receipt that identifies precisely what was purchased.

The selected expenses were reimbursed using actual costs. The reimbursements were supported by original itemized receipts that identified precisely what was purchased. No exceptions were noted.

- c) Observe each reimbursement is supported by documentation of the business/public purpose (for meal charges, observe that the documentation includes the names of those individuals participating) and other documentation required by written policy (procedure #1h).

Observed that each reimbursement is supported by documentation of the business/public purpose and other documentation required by written policy. No exceptions were noted.

- d) Observe each reimbursement was reviewed and approved, in writing, by someone other than the person receiving reimbursement.

Observed that each reimbursement was reviewed and approved, in writing, by someone other than the person receiving the reimbursement. No exceptions were noted.

Contracts

16. Obtain from management a listing of all agreements/contracts for professional services, materials and supplies, leases, and construction activities that were initiated or renewed during the fiscal period. *Alternately, the practitioner may use an equivalent selection source, such as an active vendor list.* Obtain management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 contracts (or all contracts if less than 5) from the listing, excluding the practitioner's contract, and:

Obtained from management a listing of all agreements/contracts for professional services, materials and supplies, leases, and construction activities that were initiated or renewed during the fiscal period along with management's representation that the listing was complete.

- a) Observe whether the contract was bid in accordance with the Louisiana Public Bid Law (e.g., solicited quotes or bids, advertised), if required by law.

Observed that the contracts required to be bid in accordance with Louisiana Public Bid Law were bid appropriately.

- b) Observe whether the contract was approved by the governing body/board, if required by policy or law (e.g., Lawrason Act, Home Rule Charter).

Observed that the contracts were approved by the governing body/board.

- c) If the contract was amended (e.g., change order), observe the original contract terms provided for such an amendment and that amendments were made in compliance with the contract terms (e.g., if approval is required for any amendment, was approval documented).

The contracts were not amended. No exceptions were noted.

- d) Randomly select one payment from the fiscal period for each of the 5 contracts, obtain the supporting invoice, agree the invoice to the contract terms, and observe the invoice and related payment agreed to the terms and conditions of the contract.

Randomly selected one payment from each contract, and observed that the invoice and payment agreed to the terms and conditions of the contract. No exceptions were noted.

Payroll and Personnel

17. Obtain a listing of employees and officials employed during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 employees or officials, obtain related paid salaries and personnel files, and agree paid salaries to authorized salaries/pay rates in the personnel files.

Obtained a listing of employees and officials employed during the fiscal period along with management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly selected 5 employees, and agreed paid salaries to authorized salaries/pay rates in the personnel files.

18. Randomly select one pay period during the fiscal period. For the 5 employees or officials selected under #17 above, obtain attendance records and leave documentation for the pay period, and:

- a) Observe all selected employees or officials documented their daily attendance and leave (e.g., vacation, sick, compensatory). (Note: Generally, officials are not eligible to earn leave and do not document their attendance and leave. However, if the official is earning leave according to a policy and/or contract, the official should document his/her daily attendance and leave.)

Observed that all selected employees documented their attendance and leave for the pay period.

- b) Observe whether supervisors approved the attendance and leave of the selected employees or officials.

Observed that supervisors approved the attendance and leave of the selected employees.

- c) Observe any leave accrued or taken during the pay period is reflected in the entity's cumulative leave records.

Observed that leave accrued or taken during the pay period was reflected in the Entity's cumulative leave records.

- d) Observe the rate paid to the employees or officials agree to the authorized salary/pay rate found within the personnel file.

Observed the rate paid to the employees agreed to the authorized salary/pay rate found within the personnel file.

19. Obtain a listing of those employees or officials that received termination payments during the fiscal period and management's representation that the list is complete. Randomly select two employees or officials, obtain related documentation of the hours and pay rates used in management's termination payment calculations and the entity's policy on termination payments. Agree the hours to the employee or officials' cumulative leave records, agree the pay rates to the employee or officials' authorized pay rates in the employee or officials' personnel files, and agree the termination payment to entity policy.

Obtained a listing of those employees that received termination payments during the fiscal period along with management's representation that the list is complete. Two employees were selected and the related documentation was obtained and agreed. No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.

20. Obtain management's representation that employer and employee portions of third-party payroll related amounts (e.g., payroll taxes, retirement contributions, health insurance premiums, garnishments, workers' compensation premiums, etc.) have been paid, and any associated forms have been filed, by required deadlines.

Management provided representation that employer and employee portions of third-party payroll related amounts (e.g., payroll taxes, retirement contributions, health insurance premiums, garnishments,

workers' compensation premiums, etc.) have been paid, and any associated forms have been filed, by required deadlines.

Ethics

21. Using the 5 randomly selected employees/officials from procedure #17 under "Payroll and Personnel" above obtain ethics documentation from management, and:

a) Observe whether the documentation demonstrates each employee/official completed one hour of ethics training during the fiscal period.

Observed documentation demonstrating that the five employees selected for testing did complete the required ethics training.

b) Observe whether the entity maintains documentation which demonstrates each employee and official were notified of any changes to the entity's ethics policy during the fiscal period, as applicable.

No changes were made to the Entity's ethics policy during the fiscal period.

22. Inquire and/or observe whether the agency has appointed an ethics designee as required by R.S. 42:1170.

Rachel Sanders is appointed as the ethics designee.

Debt Service

23. Obtain a listing of bonds/notes and other debt instruments issued during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Select all debt instruments on the listing, obtain supporting documentation, and observe State Bond Commission approval was obtained for each debt instrument issued.

Obtained a listing of bonds/notes and other debt instruments issued during the fiscal period along with management's representation that the listing is complete. Support was obtained for all new debt instruments, and State Bond Commission approval was found to be appropriately obtained for new debt issued.

24. Obtain a listing of bonds/notes outstanding at the end of the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select one bond/note, inspect debt covenants, obtain supporting documentation for the reserve balance and payments, and agree actual reserve balances and payments to those required by debt covenants (including contingency funds, short-lived asset funds, or other funds required by the debt covenants).

Obtained a listing of bonds/notes and other debt instruments outstanding at the end of the fiscal period along with management's representation that the listing is complete. Debt covenants related to bonds were tested without exception.

Fraud Notice

25. Obtain a listing of misappropriations of public funds and assets during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Select all misappropriations on the listing, obtain supporting documentation, and observe that the entity reported the misappropriation(s) to the legislative auditor and the district attorney of the parish in which the entity is domiciled.

There were no misappropriations of public funds and assets during the fiscal period as per management's representation.

26. Observe the entity has posted, on its premises and website, the notice required by R.S. 24:523.1 concerning the reporting of misappropriation, fraud, waste, or abuse of public funds.

Observed that the Entity has the required notice posted on its premises and website.

Information Technology Disaster Recovery/Business Continuity

27. Perform the following procedures, **verbally discuss the results with management, and report "We performed the procedure and discussed the results with management."**

- a) Obtain and inspect the entity's most recent documentation that it has backed up its critical data (if no written documentation, inquire of personnel responsible for backing up critical data) and observe that such backup occurred within the past week. If backups are stored on a physical medium (e.g., tapes, CDs), observe evidence that backups are encrypted before being transported.

We performed the procedure and discussed the results with management.

- b) Obtain and inspect the entity's most recent documentation that it has tested/verified that its backups can be restored (if no written documentation, inquire of personnel responsible for testing/verifying backup restoration) and observe evidence that the test/verification was successfully performed within the past 3 months.

We performed the procedure and discussed the results with management.

- c) Obtain a listing of the entity's computers currently in use and their related locations, and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 computers and observe while management demonstrates that the selected computers have current and active antivirus software and that the operating system and accounting system software in use are currently supported by the vendor.

We performed the procedure and discussed the results with management.

28. Randomly select 5 terminated employees (or all terminated employees if less than 5) using the list of terminated employees obtained in procedure #19. Observe evidence that the selected terminated employees have been removed or disabled from the network.

Not applicable. No terminated employees.

Sexual Harassment

26. Using the 5 randomly selected employees/officials from procedure #16 under "Payroll and Personnel" above, obtain sexual harassment training documentation from management, and observe the documentation demonstrates each employee/official completed at least one hour of sexual harassment training during the calendar year.

Obtained sexual harassment training documentation from management for the five selected employees from procedure #17 and observed that each of the selected employees did complete at least one hour of sexual harassment training during the calendar year.

27. Observe the entity has posted its sexual harassment policy and complaint procedure on its website (or in a conspicuous location on the entity's premises if the entity does not have a website).

Observed that the Entity has its sexual harassment policy and complaint procedure posted on its website and on its premises.

28. Obtain the entity's annual sexual harassment report for the current fiscal period, observe that the report was dated on or before February 1, and observe it includes the applicable requirements of R.S. 42:344:

a) Number and percentage of public servants in the agency who have completed the training requirements;

Observed that the annual sexual harassment report for the current fiscal period met the criteria above without exception.

b) Number of sexual harassment complaints received by the agency;

Observed that the annual sexual harassment report for the current fiscal period met the criteria above without exception.

c) Number of complaints which resulted in a finding that sexual harassment occurred;

This was not applicable as there were no complaints for the current fiscal period.

d) Number of complaints in which the finding of sexual harassment resulted in discipline or corrective action; and

This was not applicable as there were no complaints for the current fiscal period.

e) Amount of time it took to resolve each complaint.

This was not applicable as there were no complaints for the current fiscal period

We were engaged by St. Mary Parish School Board to perform this agreed-upon procedures engagement and conducted our engagement in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and applicable standards of *Government Auditing Standards*. We were not engaged to and did not conduct an examination or review engagement, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion or conclusion, respectively, on those C/C areas identified in the SAUPs. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion or conclusion. Had we performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you.

We are required to be independent of St. Mary Parish School Board and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements related to our agreed-upon procedures engagement.

This report is intended solely to describe the scope of testing performed on those C/C areas identified in the SAUPs, and the result of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on control or compliance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose. Under Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, this report is distributed by the LLA as a public document.

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