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Subject to compliance by the District with certain covenants, in the opinion of Chapman and Cutler LLP, Chicago, Illinois ("Bond Counsel"), under present law, interest on the Bonds is excludible from gross income of the owners thereof for federal income tax purposes and is not includible as an item of tax preference in computing the federal alternative minimum tax for individuals. Interest on the Bonds may affect the corporate alternative minimum tax for certain corporations. Interest on the Bonds is not exempt from present State of Illinois income taxes. See "TAX EXEMPTION" herein for a more complete discussion.



**SCHOOL DISTRICT NUMBER 26
Cook County, Illinois
(River Trails)**

**\$4,585,000* General Obligation Limited Tax School Bonds, Series 2025A
\$9,300,000* General Obligation School Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2025B**

Dated: Date of Delivery Due: December 15, as further described on the inside cover page

The General Obligation Limited Tax School Bonds, Series 2025A (the "Series 2025A Bonds"), and General Obligation School Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2025B (the "Series 2025B Bonds" and, together with the Series 2025A Bonds, the "Bonds"), of School District Number 26, Cook County, Illinois (the "District"), will be issued in fully registered form and will be registered initially only in the name of Cede & Co., as registered owner and nominee of The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York ("DTC"). DTC will act as securities depository for the Bonds. Purchasers of the Bonds will not receive certificates representing their interests in the Bonds purchased. Ownership by the beneficial owners of the Bonds will be evidenced by book-entry only. Payments of principal of and interest on the Bonds will be made by Amalgamated Bank of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois, as bond registrar and paying agent, to DTC, which in turn will remit such payments to its participants for subsequent disbursement to the beneficial owners of the Bonds. As long as Cede & Co. is the registered owner as nominee of DTC, payments of principal of and interest on the Bonds will be made to such registered owner, and disbursement of such payments will be the responsibility of DTC and its participants. Individual purchases of the Bonds will be made in the principal amount of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof.

The Bonds will bear interest from their dated date at the rates per annum as shown on the inside cover page. Interest on the Bonds (computed on the basis of a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day months) will be payable semi-annually on each June 15 and December 15, commencing December 15, 2025.

Proceeds of the Series 2025A Bonds will be used to (a) increase the working cash fund of the District, (b) pay capitalized interest on the Series 2025A Bonds and (c) pay costs associated with the issuance of the Series 2025A Bonds. See "USE OF PROCEEDS" herein.

Proceeds of the Series 2025B Bonds will be used (a) for the purpose of improving the sites of and altering, repairing and equipping school buildings and facilities and (b) to pay costs associated with the issuance of the Series 2025B Bonds. See "USE OF PROCEEDS" herein.

The Bonds due on or after December 15, 2035,* are subject to redemption prior to maturity at the option of the District, as a whole or in part, on any date on or after December 15, 2034,* at the redemption price of par plus accrued interest to the redemption date. See "THE BONDS—Redemption" herein.

In the opinion of Bond Counsel, the Series 2025A Bonds are valid and legally binding upon the District and are payable from any funds of the District legally available for such purpose, and all taxable property in the District is subject to the levy of taxes to pay the same without limitation as to rate, except that the rights of the owners of the Series 2025A Bonds and the enforceability of the Series 2025A Bonds may be limited by bankruptcy, insolvency, moratorium, reorganization and other similar laws affecting creditors' rights and by equitable principles, whether considered at law or in equity, including the exercise of judicial discretion. The amount of said taxes that may be extended to pay the Series 2025A Bonds is limited as provided by law. See "SECURITY—The Series 2025A Bonds" herein.

In the opinion of Bond Counsel, the Series 2025B Bonds are valid and legally binding upon the District and are payable (a) together with the District's outstanding General Obligation School Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2024, from taxes, grants, state aid, including amounts distributed to the District pursuant to Section 18-8.15 of the School Code of the State of Illinois, as amended, and substitute distributions therefor as provided by the State of Illinois in the future, interest earnings and other revenues received by the District and available to be expended for the improvement, maintenance, repair and benefit of school and administrative buildings and property, and (b) from ad valorem taxes levied against all of the taxable property in the District without limitation as to rate or amount, except that the rights of the owners of the Series 2025B Bonds and the enforceability of the Series 2025B Bonds may be limited by bankruptcy, insolvency, moratorium, reorganization and other similar laws affecting creditors' rights and by equitable principles, whether considered at law or in equity, including the exercise of judicial discretion. See "SECURITY—The Series 2025B Bonds" herein.

The Bonds are offered when, as and if issued by the District and received by Raymond James & Associates, Inc., Chicago, Illinois (the "Underwriter"), subject to prior sale, to withdrawal or modification of the offer without notice, and to the approval of legality by Bond Counsel, and certain other conditions. Chapman and Cutler LLP, Chicago, Illinois, will also act as Disclosure Counsel to the District. It is expected that beneficial interests in the Bonds will be available for delivery through the facilities of DTC on or about March 5, 2025.



The date of this Official Statement is February __, 2025.

* Preliminary, subject to change.

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**School District Number 26
Cook County, Illinois
(River Trails)**

\$4,585,000* GENERAL OBLIGATION LIMITED TAX SCHOOL BONDS, SERIES 2025A

MATURITIES, AMOUNTS, INTEREST RATES, YIELDS AND CUSIP NUMBERS*

MATURITY (DECEMBER 15)	AMOUNT	INTEREST RATE	YIELD	CUSIP NUMBER** (213345)
2026	\$ 220,000	%	%	
2027	245,000	%	%	
2028	265,000	%	%	
2029	385,000	%	%	
2030	420,000	%	%	
2031	445,000	%	%	
2032	475,000	%	%	
2033	515,000	%	%	
2034	550,000	%	%	
2035	1,065,000	%	%	

**\$9,300,000* GENERAL OBLIGATION SCHOOL BONDS
(ALTERNATE REVENUE SOURCE), SERIES 2025B**

MATURITIES, AMOUNTS, INTEREST RATES, YIELDS AND CUSIP NUMBERS*

MATURITY (DECEMBER 15)	AMOUNT	INTEREST RATE	YIELD	CUSIP NUMBER** (213345)
2025	\$155,000	%	%	
2026	295,000	%	%	
2027	310,000	%	%	
2028	325,000	%	%	
2029	345,000	%	%	
2030	360,000	%	%	
2031	380,000	%	%	
2032	400,000	%	%	
2033	420,000	%	%	
2034	440,000	%	%	
2035	465,000	%	%	
2036	490,000	%	%	
2037	515,000	%	%	
2038	540,000	%	%	
2039	565,000	%	%	
2040	595,000	%	%	
2041	625,000	%	%	
2042	660,000	%	%	
2043	690,000	%	%	
2044	725,000	%	%	

* Preliminary, subject to change.

** CUSIP data herein is provided by the CUSIP Global Services ("CGS"). CGS is managed on behalf of the American Bankers Association by FactSet Research Systems Inc. No representations are made as to the correctness of the CUSIP numbers. These CUSIP numbers are subject to change after the issuance of the Bonds.

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The Underwriter has reviewed the information in this Official Statement in accordance with, and as part of, its responsibilities to investors under the federal securities laws as applied to the facts and circumstances of this transaction, but the Underwriter does not guarantee the accuracy or completeness of such information.

For purposes of compliance with Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Rule"), this document, as the same may be supplemented or corrected by the District from time-to-time, may be treated as an Official Statement with respect to the Bonds described herein and is "deemed final" by the District as of the date hereof (or of the date of any supplement or correction) except for the omission of certain information permitted to be omitted pursuant to the Rule.

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**SCHOOL DISTRICT NUMBER 26
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
(RIVER TRAILS)**

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OFFICIAL STATEMENT

School District Number 26

Cook County, Illinois

(River Trails)

\$4,585,000* General Obligation Limited Tax School Bonds, Series 2025A

\$9,300,000* General Obligation School Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2025B

INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this Official Statement is to set forth certain information concerning School District Number 26, Cook County, Illinois (the “*District*”), in connection with the offering and sale of its General Obligation Limited Tax School Bonds, Series 2025A (the “*Series 2025A Bonds*”), and General Obligation School Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2025B (the “*Series 2025B Bonds*” and, together with the Series 2025A Bonds, the “*Bonds*”).

This Official Statement contains “forward-looking statements” that are based upon the District’s current expectations and its projections about future events. When used in this Official Statement, the words “project,” “estimate,” “intend,” “expect,” “scheduled,” “pro-forma” and similar words identify forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements are subject to known and unknown risks, uncertainties and factors that are outside of the control of the District. Actual results could differ materially from those contemplated by the forward-looking statements. Readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date hereof. Neither the District nor any other party plans to issue any updates or revisions to these forward-looking statements based on future events.

THE BONDS

AUTHORITY AND PURPOSE

The Bonds are being issued pursuant to the School Code of the State of Illinois (the “*School Code*”), the Local Government Debt Reform Act of the State of Illinois (the “*Debt Reform Act*”), and all laws amendatory thereof and supplementary thereto, and separate bond resolutions adopted by the Board of Education of the District (the “*Board*”) on the 11th day of February, 2025, each as supplemented by a notification of sale (collectively, the “*Bond Resolution*”).

Proceeds of the Series 2025A Bonds will be used to (a) increase the working cash fund of the District, (b) pay capitalized interest on the Series 2025A Bonds and (c) pay costs associated with the issuance of the Series 2025A Bonds. See “USE OF PROCEEDS” herein.

Proceeds of the Series 2025B Bonds will be used (a) for the purpose of improving the sites of and altering, repairing and equipping school buildings and facilities (the “*Project*”), and (b) to pay costs associated with the issuance of the Series 2025B Bonds. See “USE OF PROCEEDS” herein.

* Preliminary, subject to change.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The Bonds will be dated the date of issuance thereof, will be in fully registered form, without coupons, and will be in denominations of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof under a book-entry only system operated by The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York (“DTC”). Principal of and interest on the Bonds will be payable by Amalgamated Bank of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois (the “Registrar”).

The Bonds will mature as shown on the inside cover page hereof. Interest on the Bonds will be payable each June 15 and December 15, beginning December 15, 2025.

The Bonds will bear interest from their dated date, or from the most recent interest payment date to which interest has been paid or provided for, computed on the basis of a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day months. The principal of the Bonds will be payable in lawful money of the United States of America upon presentation and surrender thereof at the principal corporate trust office of the Registrar. Interest on each Bond will be paid by check or draft of the Registrar payable upon presentation in lawful money of the United States of America to the person in whose name such Bond is registered at the close of business on the record date, which is the 1st day of the month of the interest payment date (the “Record Date”).

REGISTRATION AND TRANSFER

The Registrar will maintain books (the “Register”) for the registration of ownership and transfer of the Bonds. Subject to the provisions of the Bonds as they relate to book-entry form, any Bond may be transferred upon the surrender thereof at the principal corporate trust office of the Registrar, together with an assignment duly executed by the registered owner or his or her attorney in such form as will be satisfactory to the Registrar. No service charge shall be made for any transfer or exchange of Bonds, but the District or the Registrar may require payment of a sum sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charge that may be imposed in connection with any transfer or exchange of Bonds.

The Registrar shall not be required to transfer or exchange any Bond during the period beginning at the close of business on the Record Date with respect to any interest payment date on such Bond and ending at the opening of business on such interest payment date, nor to transfer or exchange any Bond after notice calling such Bond for redemption has been mailed, nor during a period of fifteen (15) days next preceding mailing of a notice of redemption of any Bonds.

REDEMPTION

Optional Redemption. The Bonds due on or after December 15, 2035,* are subject to redemption prior to maturity at the option of the District as a whole or in part in integral multiples of \$5,000 in any order of their maturity as determined by the District (less than all of the Bonds of a single series and maturity to be selected by the Registrar), on December 15, 2034,* and on any date thereafter, at the redemption price of par plus accrued interest to the redemption date.

* Preliminary, subject to change.

Mandatory Sinking Fund Redemption. The Series 2025__ Bonds due on December 15 of the years 20__ and 20__ are subject to mandatory redemption, in integral multiples of \$5,000 selected by lot by the Registrar, at a redemption price of par plus accrued interest to the redemption date, on December 15 of the years and in the principal amounts as follows:

FOR THE Series 2025__ BONDS DUE DECEMBER 15, 20__

YEAR	PRINCIPAL AMOUNT
20__	\$
20__	(stated maturity)

FOR THE Series 2025__ BONDS DUE DECEMBER 15, 20__

YEAR	PRINCIPAL AMOUNT
20__	\$
20__	(stated maturity)

The principal amounts of Bonds to be mandatorily redeemed in each year may be reduced through the earlier optional redemption thereof, with any partial optional redemptions of such Bonds credited against future mandatory redemption requirements in such order of the mandatory redemption dates as the District may determine. In addition, on or prior to the 60th day preceding any mandatory redemption date, the Registrar may, and if directed by the District shall, purchase Bonds required to be retired on such mandatory redemption date. Any such Bonds so purchased shall be cancelled and the principal amount thereof shall be credited against the mandatory redemption required on such next mandatory redemption date.

General. The District will, at least 45 days prior to any optional redemption date (unless a shorter time period shall be satisfactory to the Registrar), notify the Registrar of such redemption date and of the principal amount and maturity or maturities of Bonds to be redeemed. For purposes of any redemption of less than all of the outstanding Bonds of a single series and maturity, the particular Bonds or portions of Bonds to be redeemed shall be selected by lot by the Registrar from the Bonds of such maturity by such method of lottery as the Registrar shall deem fair and appropriate (except when the Bonds are held in a book-entry system, in which case the selection of Bonds to be redeemed will be made in accordance with procedures established by DTC or any other book-entry depository); *provided* that such lottery shall provide for the selection for redemption of Bonds or portions thereof in principal amounts of \$5,000 and integral multiples thereof.

Unless waived by any holder of Bonds to be redeemed, notice of the call for any redemption will be given by the Registrar on behalf of the District by mailing the redemption notice by first-class mail at least 30 days and not more than 60 days prior to the date fixed for redemption to each registered owner of the Bonds to be redeemed at the address shown on the Register or at such other address as is furnished in writing by such registered owner to the Registrar.

Unless moneys sufficient to pay the redemption price of the Bonds to be redeemed at the option of the District are received by the Registrar prior to the giving of such notice of redemption, such notice may, at the option of the District, state that said redemption will be conditional upon the receipt of such moneys by the Registrar on or prior to the date fixed for redemption. If such moneys are not received, such notice will be of no force and effect, the District will not redeem such Bonds, and the Registrar will give notice, in the same manner in which the notice of redemption has been given, that such moneys were not so received and that such Bonds will not be redeemed. Otherwise, prior to any redemption date, the District will deposit with the Registrar an amount of money sufficient to pay the redemption price of all the Bonds or portions of Bonds which are to be redeemed on that date.

Subject to the provisions for a conditional redemption described above, notice of redemption having been given as described above and in the Bond Resolution, and notwithstanding failure to receive such notice, the Bonds or portions of Bonds so to be redeemed will, on the redemption date, become due and payable at the redemption price therein specified, and from and after such date (unless the District shall default in the payment of the redemption price) such Bonds or portions of Bonds shall cease to bear interest. Upon surrender of such Bonds for redemption in accordance with said notice, such Bonds will be paid by the Registrar at the redemption price.

SECURITY

THE SERIES 2025A BONDS

The Series 2025A Bonds, in the opinion of Chapman and Cutler LLP, Chicago, Illinois, Bond Counsel ("*Bond Counsel*"), are valid and legally binding upon the District and are payable from any funds of the District legally available for such purpose, and all taxable property in the District is subject to the levy of taxes to pay the same without limitation as to rate, except that the rights of the owners of the Series 2025A Bonds and the enforceability of the Series 2025A Bonds may be limited by bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium and other similar laws affecting creditors' rights and by equitable principles, whether considered at law or in equity, including the exercise of judicial discretion. The amount of said taxes that will be extended to pay the Series 2025A Bonds is limited pursuant to the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law of the State of Illinois, as amended (the "*Limitation Law*").

The Debt Reform Act provides that the Series 2025A Bonds are payable from the debt service extension base of the District (the "*Base*"), which is an amount equal to that portion of the extension for the District for the 1994 levy year constituting an extension for payment of principal of and interest on bonds issued by the District without referendum, but not including alternate bonds issued under Section 15 of the Debt Reform Act or refunding obligations issued to refund or to continue to refund obligations of the District initially issued pursuant to referendum, increased each year, commencing with the 2009 levy year, by the lesser of 5% or the percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index (as defined in the Limitation Law, the "*CPI*") during the 12-month calendar year preceding the levy year. The Limitation Law further provides that the annual amount of taxes to be extended to pay the Series 2025A Bonds and all other limited bonds heretofore and hereafter issued by the District shall not exceed the Base.

The Series 2025A Bonds constitute one of three series of limited bonds of the District that are payable from the Base. Payments on the Series 2025A Bonds from the Base will be made on a parity with the payments on the District’s outstanding General Obligation Limited Tax School Bonds, Series 2019, dated December 4, 2019 (the “Series 2019 Bonds”), and General Obligation Limited Tax School Bonds, Series 2021, dated June 2, 2021 (the “Series 2021 Bonds” and, together with the Series 2019 Bonds, the “Outstanding Limited Bonds”). The District is authorized to issue from time to time additional limited bonds payable from the Base, as permitted by law, and to determine the lien priority of payments to be made from the Base to pay the District’s limited bonds.

The amounts of the Base for levy years 2024 and 2025 have been determined to be \$1,415,107.60 and \$1,456,145.72, respectively which are calculated from an original Base of \$1,000,383.00 as increased annually by CPI as described above.

The following chart shows the Base of the District, the debt service payable on the outstanding limited bonds of the District and the Series 2025A Bonds, and the available Base after the issuance of the Series 2025A Bonds.

DEBT SERVICE EXTENSION BASE AVAILABILITY AFTER ISSUANCE OF THE SERIES 2025A BONDS

LEVY YEAR	DEBT SERVICE ON THE OUTSTANDING LIMITED BONDS	PLUS: DEBT SERVICE ON THE SERIES 2025A BONDS ⁽¹⁾	TOTAL DEBT SERVICE ON LIMITED BONDS ⁽¹⁾	DEBT SERVICE EXTENSION BASE ⁽²⁾	UNUSED DEBT SERVICE EXTENSION BASE ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾
2024	\$1,297,400.00	\$ 117,707.60 ⁽³⁾	\$1,415,107.60 ⁽³⁾	\$1,415,107.60	\$ 0.00
2025	1,003,800.00	449,250.00	1,453,050.00	1,456,145.72	3,095.72
2026	1,020,400.00	463,250.00	1,483,650.00	1,485,268.63	1,618.63
2027	1,040,200.00	471,000.00	1,511,200.00	1,514,974.01	3,774.01
2028	963,000.00	577,750.00	1,540,750.00	1,545,273.49	4,523.49
2029	982,600.00	593,500.00	1,576,100.00	1,576,178.96	78.96
2030	1,005,200.00	597,500.00	1,602,700.00	1,607,702.54	5,002.54
2031	1,030,600.00	605,250.00	1,635,850.00	1,639,856.59	4,006.59
2032	1,047,850.00	621,500.00	1,669,350.00	1,672,653.72	3,303.72
2033	1,073,750.00	630,750.00	1,704,500.00	1,706,106.79	1,606.79
2034	618,000.00	1,118,250.00	1,736,250.00	1,740,228.93	3,978.93

(1) Preliminary, subject to change.

(2) The CPI increase affecting levy years 2026 and thereafter is estimated to be 2.0% per year. In order to access the growth of the Base, if any, the Board will need to adopt a supplemental tax levy resolution each year and file the same with the County Clerk (as hereinafter defined). If actual CPI increases are less than expected or if the Base does not otherwise increase, the District will pay debt service on the Series 2025A Bonds in excess of the Base from funds on hand and lawfully available for that purpose.

(3) Does not include interest to be paid from proceeds of the Series 2025A Bonds.

The bond resolution providing for the issuance of the Series 2025A Bonds, as supplemented by a notification of sale (together, the “2025A Resolution”) provides for the levy of ad valorem taxes, unlimited as to rate, upon all taxable property within the District in amounts to pay, as and when due, all principal of and interest on the Bonds to the amount of the Base. A portion of the interest due on the Series 2025A Bonds on December 15, 2025, will be paid from proceeds of the Series 2025A Bonds. The 2025A Resolution will be filed with the County Clerk

of Cook County, Illinois (the “*County Clerk*”) and will serve as authorization to the County Clerk to extend and collect the property taxes as set forth in the 2025A Resolution.

Reference is made to Appendix B-1 for the proposed form of opinion of Bond Counsel.

THE SERIES 2025B BONDS

The Series 2025B Bonds, in the opinion of Bond Counsel, are valid and legally binding upon the District and are payable (a) together with the District’s outstanding General Obligation School Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2024 (the “*Series 2024 Bonds*”) from taxes, grants, state aid, including amounts distributed to the District pursuant to Section 18-8.15 of the School Code of the State of Illinois, as amended, and substitute distributions therefor as provided by the State of Illinois in the future, interest earnings and other revenues received by the District and available to be expended for the improvement, maintenance, repair and benefit of school and administrative buildings and property (the “*Pledged Revenues*”), and (b) from ad valorem taxes levied against all of the taxable property in the District without limitation as to rate or amount (the “*Pledged Taxes*” and, together with the Pledged Revenues, the “*Pledged Moneys*”), except that the rights of the owners of the Series 2025B Bonds and the enforceability of the Series 2025B Bonds may be limited by bankruptcy, insolvency, moratorium, reorganization and other similar laws affecting creditors’ rights and by equitable principles, whether considered at law or in equity, including the exercise of judicial discretion.

General Covenants Regarding the Bonds. The District covenants and agrees with the holders of the Series 2025B Bonds that so long as the Series 2025B Bonds or any of them remain outstanding and unpaid, either as to principal or interest:

A. The District pledges the Pledged Revenues to the payment of the Series 2025B Bonds, and the Board covenants and agrees to provide for, collect and apply the Pledged Revenues to the payment of the Series 2025B Bonds and the provision of not less than an additional 0.25 times debt service on the Series 2025B Bonds, all in accordance with Section 15 of the Debt Reform Act.

B. The District will punctually pay or cause to be paid from the sources provided in the bond resolution providing for the issuance of the Series 2025B Bonds, as supplemented by a notification of sale (together, the “*2025B Resolution*”) the principal of and interest on the Series 2025B Bonds in strict conformity with the terms of the Series 2025B Bonds and the 2025B Resolution, and it will faithfully observe and perform all of the conditions, covenants and requirements thereof and hereof.

C. The District will pay and discharge, or cause to be paid and discharged, from the “*Alternate Bond Fund of 2025*” created pursuant to the 2025B Resolution (the “*Bond Fund*”) any and all lawful claims which, if unpaid, might become a lien or charge upon the Pledged Revenues or Pledged Taxes, or any part thereof, or upon any funds in the hands of the Bond Registrar, or which might impair the security of the Series 2025B Bonds. Nothing in the 2025B Resolution shall require the District to make any such payment so long as the District in good faith shall contest the validity of said claims.

D. The District will keep, or cause to be kept, proper books of record and accounts, separate from all other records and accounts of the District, in which complete and correct entries shall be made of all transactions relating to the Pledged Revenues, the Pledged Taxes, the Bond Fund and associated subaccounts. Such books of record and accounts will at all times during business hours be subject to the inspection of the holders of not less than ten per cent (10%) of the principal amount of the outstanding Series 2025B Bonds or their representatives authorized in writing.

E. The District will preserve and protect the security of the Series 2025B Bonds and the rights of the registered owners of the Series 2025B Bonds, and will warrant and defend their rights against all claims and demands of all persons. From and after the sale and delivery of any of the Series 2025B Bonds, the Series 2025B Bonds will be incontestable by the District.

F. The District will adopt, make, execute and deliver any and all such further resolutions, instruments and assurances as may be reasonably necessary or proper to carry out the intention of, or to facilitate the performance of, the 2025B Resolution, and for the better assuring and confirming unto the registered owners of the Series 2025B Bonds of the rights and benefits provided in the 2025B Resolution.

G. As long as any Series 2025B Bonds are outstanding, the District will continue to deposit the Pledged Revenues and, if necessary, the Pledged Taxes into the Bond Fund. The District covenants and agrees with the purchasers of the Series 2025B Bonds and with the registered owners thereof that so long as any Series 2025B Bonds remain outstanding, the District will take no action or fail to take any action which in any way would adversely affect the ability of the District to collect the Pledged Revenues. The District and its officers will comply with all present and future applicable laws in order to assure that the Pledged Revenues and Pledged Taxes may be collected as provided in the 2025B Resolution and deposited into the Bond Fund as provided in the 2025B Resolution.

H. Once issued, the Series 2025B Bonds shall be and forever remain until paid or defeased a general obligation of the District, the payment of which its full faith and credit are pledged, and shall be payable, in addition to the Pledged Revenues, from the levy of the Pledged Taxes as provided in the Debt Reform Act.

Bond Fund. The Pledged Moneys will be set aside as collected and be deposited into the Bond Fund, which is a trust fund established for the purpose of carrying out the covenants, terms and conditions imposed upon the District by the 2025B Resolution. The Series 2025B Bonds are secured by a pledge of all of the moneys on deposit in the Bond Fund, and such pledge is irrevocable until the Series 2025B Bonds have been paid in full or until the obligations of the District are discharged under the 2025B Resolution.

All Pledged Revenues to be applied to the payment of the Series 2025B Bonds will be deposited to the credit of the Bond Fund. Such deposits of Pledged Revenues shall be on a parity with deposits into the bond fund established for the repayment of the Series 2024 Bonds. The Pledged Taxes on deposit to the credit of the Bond Fund will be fully spent to pay the principal of

and interest on the Series 2025B Bonds prior to the use of any moneys on deposit in the Pledged Revenues Account.

Filing with County Clerk. The 2025B Resolution provides for the levy of Pledged Taxes in amounts sufficient to pay, as and when due, all principal of and interest on the Series 2025B Bonds, except for principal of and interest on the Series 2025B Bonds due on December 15, 2025, which payment is expected to be made from the Pledged Revenues. The 2025B Resolution will be filed with the County Clerk, and will serve as authorization to the County Clerk to extend and collect the Pledged Taxes to pay the Series 2025B Bonds.

Abatement of Pledged Taxes. Whenever Pledged Revenues or other lawfully available funds are available to pay any principal of or interest on the Series 2025B Bonds when due, so as to enable the abatement of the Pledged Taxes levied for the same, the Board or the officers of the District acting with proper authority will direct the deposit of such Pledged Revenues and/or such other funds into the Bond Fund. The Board will then direct the abatement of the Pledged Taxes by the amount of such deposit, and proper notification of such abatement will be filed with the County Clerk in a timely manner to effect the abatement of such Pledged Taxes. There are no Pledged Taxes for levy year 2024.

Additional Bonds. The District is authorized to issue from time to time additional bonds payable from the Pledged Revenues as permitted by law and such additional bonds may share ratably and equally in the Pledged Revenues with the Series 2025B Bonds and the Series 2024 Bonds; *provided, however*, that no such additional bonds shall be issued except in accordance with the provisions of the Debt Reform Act.

Treatment of Bonds as Debt. The Series 2025B Bonds will be payable from the Pledged Moneys and will not constitute an indebtedness of the District within the meaning of any constitutional or statutory limitation, unless the Pledged Taxes will have been extended pursuant to the general obligation, full faith and credit promise supporting the Series 2025B Bonds, in which case the amount of the outstanding Series 2025B Bonds will be included in the computation of indebtedness of the District for purposes of all statutory provisions or limitations until such time as an audit of the District shows that the Series 2025B Bonds have been paid from the Pledged Revenues for a complete fiscal year, in accordance with the Debt Reform Act.

Highlights of Alternate Bonds. Section 15 of the Debt Reform Act provides that whenever there exists for a governmental unit (such as the District) a revenue source, the governmental unit may issue its general obligation bonds payable from any revenue source, and such general obligation bonds may be referred to as “alternate bonds.” Such bonds are general obligation debt payable from the pledged revenues with the general obligation of the governmental unit as back-up security.

The Debt Reform Act prescribes several conditions that must be met before alternate bonds payable from a revenue source may be issued:

First, alternate bonds must be issued for a lawful corporate purpose. If issued payable from a revenue source, which revenue source is limited in its purposes or

applications, then the alternate bonds can only be issued for such limited purposes or applications.

Second, the question of issuance must be submitted to referendum if, within the time provided by law following publication of an authorizing resolution and notice of intent to issue alternate bonds, a petition signed by the requisite number of registered voters in the governmental unit is filed.

Third, an issuer must demonstrate that the pledged revenues are sufficient in each year to provide an amount not less than 1.25 times debt service on the alternate bonds payable from such revenue source previously issued and outstanding and the alternate bonds proposed to be issued. The sufficiency of the revenue source must be supported by the most recent audit of the governmental unit. The audit must be for a fiscal year ending not earlier than 18 months prior to the issuance of the alternate bonds. If the audit does not adequately show such revenue source or if such source of revenue is shown to be insufficient, then the determination of sufficiency must be supported by the report of an independent accountant or feasibility analyst, the latter having a national reputation for expertise in such matters. Such report must demonstrate the sufficiency of the revenues and explain how the revenues will be greater than those shown in the audit. Whenever such sufficiency is demonstrated by reference to a schedule of higher rates or charges for enterprise revenues or a higher tax imposition for a revenue source, such higher rates, charges or taxes must be imposed by a resolution adopted prior to the delivery of the alternate bonds.

Fourth, the revenue source must be pledged to the payment of the alternate bonds.

Last, the governmental unit must covenant to provide for, collect and apply the revenue source to the payment of the alternate bonds and to provide for an amount equal to not less than an additional .25 times debt service.

The District will comply with all of the aforementioned conditions prior to the issuance of the Series 2025B Bonds.

ALTERNATE REVENUE BONDS (DEBT SERVICE COVERAGE)

FISCAL YEAR	PLEGGED REVENUES ⁽¹⁾	DEBT SERVICE ON THE SERIES 2024 BONDS	DEBT SERVICE ON THE SERIES 2025B BONDS	TOTAL DEBT SERVICE	DEBT SERVICE COVERAGE
2025	\$3,895,440	\$730,753	\$ 0	\$ 730,753	5.33x
2026	3,895,440	728,500	745,292	1,473,792	2.64x
2027	3,895,440	728,125	744,875	1,473,000	2.64x
2028	3,895,440	731,875	744,750	1,476,625	2.64x
2029	3,895,440	729,750	743,875	1,473,625	2.64x
2030	3,895,440	731,750	747,125	1,478,875	2.63x
2031	3,895,440	727,875	744,500	1,472,375	2.65x
2032	3,895,440	728,125	746,000	1,474,125	2.64x
2033	3,895,440	732,250	746,500	1,478,750	2.63x
2034	3,895,440	730,250	746,000	1,476,250	2.64x
2035	3,895,440	732,125	744,500	1,476,625	2.64x
2036	3,895,440	727,875	746,875	1,474,750	2.64x
2037	3,895,440	727,500	748,000	1,475,500	2.64x
2038	3,895,440	730,750	747,875	1,478,625	2.63x
2039	3,895,440	727,625	746,500	1,474,125	2.64x
2040	3,895,440	728,125	743,875	1,472,000	2.65x
2041	3,895,440	730,300	744,875	1,475,175	2.64x
2042	3,895,440	729,400	744,375	1,473,775	2.64x
2043	3,895,440	732,400	747,250	1,479,650	2.63x
2044	3,895,440	729,300	743,500	1,472,800	2.64x
2025	3,895,440		743,125	743,125	5.24x

Amounts are rounded.

(1) Includes Operations and Maintenance Fund property taxes, CPPRT (as hereinafter defined) and Evidenced Based Funding as set forth in the Audit (as hereinafter defined). The Bonds are secured by Pledged Revenues not shown. The District expects to use Pledged Revenues not necessary to pay debt service on the Bonds in any year for the operations of the District.

USE OF PROCEEDS

Proceeds of the Series 2025A Bonds will be used to increase the District’s Working Cash Fund. After proper abatement and transfer from the Working Cash Fund, such proceeds will be used to pay costs of the Project, including electrical panel and wiring replacement, roofing repairs and replacement, pavement replacement, mechanical equipment replacement and school fire prevention and safety projects. Proceeds of the Series 2025B Bonds will also be used to pay costs of the Project. In addition to the proceeds of the Series 2024 Bonds and the Bonds, the District has utilized lawfully available funds on hand and federal grants to pay costs of the Project. The District expects to complete the Project by the beginning of the 2025-2026 school year.

SOURCES AND USES

The sources and uses of funds resulting from the Bonds are shown below:

SOURCES:	SERIES 2025A BONDS	SERIES 2025B BONDS
Principal Amount [Net]Original Issue Premium	\$ _____	\$ _____
Total Sources	\$ _____	\$ _____
USES:		
Costs of the 2025B Project	\$ 0.00	\$ _____
Deposit to Working Cash Fund		0.00
To Pay Capitalized Interest on the Series 2025A Bonds		0.00
Costs of Issuance*	_____	_____
Total Uses	\$ _____	\$ _____

* Includes underwriter's discount and other issuance costs.

RISK FACTORS

The purchase of the Bonds involves certain investment risks. Accordingly, each prospective purchaser of the Bonds should make an independent evaluation of the entirety of the information presented in this Official Statement and its appendices and exhibits in order to make an informed investment decision. Certain of the investment risks are described below. The following statements, however, should not be considered a complete description of all risks to be considered in the decision to purchase the Bonds, nor should the order of the presentation of such risks be construed to reflect the relative importance of the various risks. There can be no assurance that other risk factors are not material or will not become material in the future.

CONSTRUCTION RISKS

There are potential risks that could affect the ability of the District to timely complete the Project. While preliminary costs have been projected by the District's consulting architects, not all of the construction contracts have been let by the District. No assurance can be given that the cost of completing the Project will not exceed available funds.

Completion of the Project involves many risks common to construction projects such as shortages or delays in the availability of materials and labor, work stoppages, labor disputes, contractual disputes with contractors or suppliers, weather interferences, construction accidents, delays in obtaining legal approvals, unforeseen engineering, archeological or environmental problems and unanticipated cost increases, any of which could give rise to significant delays or cost overruns.

FINANCES OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS

State funding sources constituted 5.22% of the District's General Fund revenue sources for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024. While the finances of the State of Illinois (the "*State*") have significantly improved in recent years, the State continues to deal with a severe underfunding of its pension systems, which, based on the comprehensive annual financial reports of the State's five retirement systems, have a combined unfunded pension liability of approximately \$140 billion and a combined funded ratio of approximately 45%. Also, despite nine credit rating upgrades since June 2021, the State's long-term general obligation bonds carry the lowest ratings of all states.

LOCAL ECONOMY

The financial health of the District is in part dependent on the strength of the local economy. Many factors affect the local economy, including rates of employment and economic growth and the level of residential and commercial development. It is not possible to predict to what extent any changes in economic conditions, demographic characteristics, population or commercial and industrial activity will occur and what impact such changes would have on the finances of the District.

CONCENTRATION OF TAXPAYERS

Based on the District's 2023 equalized assessed valuation ("*EAV*"), the District's ten largest taxpayers own 17.18% of the total current EAV of taxable property in the District. See "FINANCIAL INFORMATION AND ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS OF THE DISTRICT – Ten Largest Taxpayers" herein for more information. If one or more of these taxpayers were to relocate from the District or cease operations, would be unable to pay its tax bills or was successful in challenging its assessed valuation, the timely receipt of tax dollars by the District could be affected. The District has the authority to levy deficiency taxes if debt service tax collections are inadequate. Notwithstanding, the value of the Bonds, the District's ability to repay the Bonds or the timing of repayment could be adversely affected.

Furthermore, if any of the largest taxpayers were to relocate or cease operations, the District could experience a significant reduction in EAV. A significant reduction in EAV could create a practical limit on the amount of taxes that the District can extend for operating purposes.

BOND RATING

The Bonds have received a credit rating from Moody's Investors Service, New York, New York ("*Moody's*"). The rating can be changed or withdrawn at any time for reasons both under and outside the District's control. Any change, withdrawal or combination thereof could adversely affect the ability of investors to sell the Bonds or may affect the price at which they can be sold.

SECONDARY MARKET FOR THE BONDS

No assurance can be given that a secondary market will develop for the purchase and sale of the Bonds or, if a secondary market exists, that such Bonds can be sold for any particular price. The hereinafter-defined Underwriter is not obligated to engage in secondary market trading or to repurchase any of the Bonds at the request of the owners thereof.

Prices of the Bonds as traded in the secondary market are subject to adjustment upward and downward in response to changes in the credit markets and other prevailing circumstances. No guarantee exists as to the future market value of the Bonds. Such market value could be substantially different from the original purchase price.

CONTINUING DISCLOSURE

A failure by the District to comply with the Undertaking (as defined herein) for continuing disclosure (see “CONTINUING DISCLOSURE” herein) will not constitute an event of default on the Bonds. Any such failure must be reported in accordance with Rule 15c2-12 (the “*Rule*”) adopted by the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “*Commission*”) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “*Exchange Act*”), and may adversely affect the transferability and liquidity of the Bonds and their market price.

SUITABILITY OF INVESTMENT

The interest rates borne by the Bonds are intended to compensate the investor for assuming the risk of investing in the Bonds. Furthermore, the tax-exempt feature of the Bonds is currently more valuable to high tax bracket investors than to investors that are in low tax brackets. As such, the value of the interest compensation to any particular investor will vary with individual tax rates and circumstances. Each prospective investor should carefully examine this Official Statement and its own financial condition to make a judgment as to its ability to bear the economic risk of such an investment, and whether or not the Bonds are an appropriate investment for such investor.

FUTURE CHANGES IN LAWS

Various state and federal laws, regulations and constitutional provisions apply to the District and to the Bonds. The District can give no assurance that there will not be a change in, interpretation of, or addition to such applicable laws, provisions and regulations which would have a material effect, either directly or indirectly, on the District, or the taxing authority of the District. For example, many elements of local government finance, including the issuance of debt and the levy of property taxes, are controlled by State government. Future actions of the State may affect the overall financial conditions of the District, the taxable value of property within the District, and the ability of the District to levy property taxes or collect revenues for its ongoing operations.

FACTORS RELATING TO TAX EXEMPTION

As discussed under “TAX EXEMPTION” herein, interest on the Bonds could become includible in gross income for purposes of federal income taxation, retroactive to the date the Bonds were issued, as a result of future acts or omissions of the District in violation of its covenants in the Bond Resolution. Should such an event of taxability occur, the Bonds are not subject to any special redemption.

There are or may be pending in the Congress of the United States (“*Congress*”) legislative proposals relating to the federal tax treatment of interest on the Bonds, including some that carry retroactive effective dates, that, if enacted, could affect the market value of the Bonds. It cannot be predicted whether or in what form any such proposal might be enacted or whether, if enacted, it would apply to bonds issued prior to enactment. Finally, reduction or elimination of the tax-exempt status of obligations such as the Bonds could have an adverse effect on the District’s ability to access the capital markets to finance future capital or operational needs by reducing market demand for such obligations or materially increasing borrowing costs of the District.

The tax-exempt bond office of the Internal Revenue Service (the “*Service*”) is conducting audits of tax-exempt bonds, both compliance checks and full audits, with increasing frequency to determine whether, in the view of the Service, interest on such tax-exempt obligations is includible in the gross income of the owners thereof for federal income tax purposes. It cannot be predicted whether the Service will commence any such audit. If an audit is commenced, under current procedures the Service may treat the District as a taxpayer and the Bondholders may have no right to participate in such proceeding. The commencement of an audit with respect to any tax-exempt obligations of the District could adversely affect the market value and liquidity of the Bonds, regardless of the ultimate outcome.

CYBERSECURITY

Computer networks and data transmission and collection are vital to the efficient operation of the District. Despite the implementation of network security measures by the District, its information technology and infrastructure may be vulnerable to deliberate attacks by hackers, malware, ransomware or computer virus, or may otherwise be breached due to employee error, malfeasance or other disruptions. Any such breach could compromise networks and the information stored thereon could be disrupted, accessed, publicly disclosed, lost or stolen. Although the District does not believe that its information technology systems are at a materially greater risk of cybersecurity attacks than other similarly-situated governmental entities, any such disruption, access, disclosure or other loss of information could have an adverse effect on the District’s operations and financial health. Further, as cybersecurity threats continue to evolve, the District may be required to expend significant additional resources to continue to modify and strengthen security measures, investigate and remediate any vulnerabilities, or invest in new technology designed to mitigate security risks.

BANKRUPTCY

The rights and remedies of the Bondholders may be limited by and are subject to the provisions of federal bankruptcy laws, to other laws or equitable principles that may affect the enforcement of creditors' rights, to the exercise of judicial discretion in appropriate cases and to limitations on legal remedies against local governments. The various opinions of counsel to be delivered with respect to the Bonds will be similarly qualified.

THE DISTRICT

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The District is located in the northwestern portion of Cook County, Illinois (the "*County*"), approximately 24 miles northwest of the City of Chicago's downtown "Loop" area. The District serves residents of portions of the Village of Mount Prospect (the "*Village*"), and the Cities of Des Plaines and Prospect Heights.

The District is mostly residential with some commercial and industrial properties. In 2024 the District experienced some commercial growth with the opening of a Planet Fitness and multiple fast-casual restaurants. The District borders the Des Plaines River and is minutes away from Interstate 294 (Tri-State Tollway). The District is served by the Metra commuter rail line, and Chicago O'Hare International Airport is about 15 minutes away.

The District includes two elementary schools, serving students in first grade through fifth grade, one middle school, serving students in sixth grade through eighth grade, and an Early Learning Center which serves students in pre-kindergarten and kindergarten.

The District is governed by an elected seven-member Board and a full-time administrative staff.

DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION

The day-to-day affairs of the District are conducted by a full-time staff including the following central administrative positions.

OFFICIAL	TITLE
Dr. Jodi Megerle	Superintendent
Ryan Berry	Assistant Superintendent for Business Services

The Board appoints the administration. The staff is chosen by the administration with the approval of the Board. In general, policy decisions are made by the Board while specific program decisions are made by the administration.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

OFFICIAL	POSITION	TERM EXPIRES
William Grimpe	President	April 2025
Janine Freedlund	Vice President	April 2025
Donna Johnson	Secretary	April 2027
Kimberly Bianchini	Member	April 2027
Louis Camardo	Member	April 2027
Becky Pfisterer	Member	April 2025
Robert Rogstad	Member	April 2025

ENROLLMENT

HISTORICAL		PROJECTED	
2020/2021	1,554	2025/2026	1,520
2021/2022	1,518	2026/2027	1,520
2022/2023	1,521	2027/2028	1,520
2023/2024	1,506	2028/2029	1,520
2024/2025	1,498	2029/2030	1,520

Source: The District.

EMPLOYEE UNION MEMBERSHIP AND RELATIONS

At the start of the 2024-2025 school year, the District had 251 full-time employees and 24 part-time employees. Of the total number of employees, approximately 205 are represented by a union. Employee-union relations are considered to be good. District personnel are organized as follows:

EMPLOYEE GROUP	CONTRACT EXPIRES	UNION AFFILIATION	NUMBER OF MEMBERS
River Trails Education Association	June 2026	IEA	205

POPULATION DATA

The estimated populations of the Village, the County and the State at the times of the last three U.S. Census surveys were as follows:

NAME OF ENTITY	2000	2010	2020	% CHANGE 2010/2020
The Village	56,265	54,167	56,191	+3.74%
The County	5,376,741	5,194,675	5,275,541	+1.56%
The State	12,419,293	12,830,632	12,812,508	-0.14%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Decennial Census for 2000, 2010 and 2020, respectively.

EDUCATIONAL CHARACTERISTICS OF PERSONS 25 YEARS AND OLDER

NAME OF ENTITY	HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES	4 OR MORE YEARS OF COLLEGE
The Village	91.7%	48.6%
The County	88.3%	41.9%
The State	90.3%	37.2%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau (2019-2023 American Community Survey).

FINANCIAL INFORMATION AND ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS OF THE DISTRICT

DIRECT GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS (PRINCIPAL ONLY)*

CALENDAR YEAR	SERIES 2019 BONDS (DECEMBER 15)	SERIES 2021 BONDS (DECEMBER 15)	PLUS: THE SERIES 2025A BONDS ⁽¹⁾ (DECEMBER 15)	TOTAL OUTSTANDING BONDS ⁽¹⁾
2025	\$ 435,000	\$ 530,000		\$ 965,000
2026	180,000	530,000	\$ 220,000	930,000
2027	200,000	555,000	245,000	1,000,000
2028	230,000	575,000	265,000	1,070,000
2029	160,000	600,000	385,000	1,145,000
2030	185,000	625,000	420,000	1,230,000
2031	865,000		445,000	1,310,000
2032	925,000		475,000	1,400,000
2033	970,000		515,000	1,485,000
2034	1,025,000		550,000	1,575,000
2035	600,000		1,065,000	1,665,000
TOTAL	\$5,775,000	\$3,415,000	\$4,585,000	\$13,775,000

* Does not include alternate revenue bonds, such as the Series 2025B Bonds, which, under the Debt Reform Act, are not included in the computation of indebtedness of the District unless the taxes levied to pay the principal of and interest on the alternate revenue bonds are extended for collection by the County Clerk.

(1) Preliminary, subject to change.

DIRECT GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS (PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST)*

LEVY YEAR	DEBT SERVICE ON THE SERIES 2019 BONDS	DEBT SERVICE ON THE SERIES 2021 BONDS	PLUS: DEBT SERVICE ON THE SERIES 2025A BONDS ⁽¹⁾	TOTAL DEBT SERVICE ON OUTSTANDING BONDS ⁽¹⁾
2024	\$ 630,800.00	\$ 666,600.00	\$ 117,707.60	\$ 1,415,107.60
2025	358,400.00	645,400.00	449,250.00	1,453,050.00
2026	371,200.00	649,200.00	463,250.00	1,483,650.00
2027	393,200.00	647,000.00	471,000.00	1,511,200.00
2028	314,000.00	649,000.00	577,750.00	1,540,750.00
2029	332,600.00	650,000.00	593,500.00	1,576,100.00
2030	1,005,200.00		597,500.00	1,602,700.00
2031	1,030,600.00		605,250.00	1,635,850.00
2032	1,047,850.00		621,500.00	1,669,350.00
2033	1,073,750.00		630,750.00	1,704,500.00
2034	618,000.00		1,118,250.00	1,736,250.00
TOTAL	\$6,557,600.00	\$3,907,200.00	\$6,245,707.60	\$17,328,507.60

* Does not include alternate revenue bonds, such as the Series 2025B Bonds, which, under the Debt Reform Act, are not included in the computation of indebtedness of the District unless the taxes levied to pay the principal of and interest on the alternate revenue bonds are extended for collection by the County Clerk.

(1) Preliminary, subject to change.

DEBT CERTIFICATES (PRINCIPAL ONLY)

CALENDAR YEAR	SERIES 2016 CERTIFICATES ⁽¹⁾ (DECEMBER 15)	SERIES 2017 CERTIFICATES ⁽²⁾ (DECEMBER 15)	SERIES 2017A CERTIFICATES ⁽³⁾ (DECEMBER 15)	TOTAL OUTSTANDING DEBT CERTIFICATES
2025	\$440,000		\$ 70,000	\$ 510,000
2026		\$ 440,000	70,000	510,000
2027		445,000	70,000	515,000
2028		445,000	75,000	520,000
2029		450,000	75,000	525,000
2030		455,000	75,000	530,000
TOTAL	\$440,000	\$2,235,000	\$435,000	\$3,110,000

(1) Debt Certificates, Series 2016, dated March 30, 2016.

(2) Taxable Debt Certificates, Series 2017 (Qualified Zone Academy Bonds), dated July 27, 2017.

(3) Taxable Debt Certificates, Series 2017A (Qualified Zone Academy Bonds), dated December 13, 2017.

ALTERNATE REVENUE BONDS (PRINCIPAL ONLY)

CALENDAR YEAR	SERIES 2024 BONDS (DECEMBER 15)	PLUS: THE SERIES 2025B BONDS ⁽¹⁾ (DECEMBER 15)	TOTAL OUTSTANDING ALTERNATE BONDS ⁽¹⁾
2025	\$ 300,000	\$ 155,000	\$ 455,000
2026	315,000	295,000	610,000
2027	335,000	310,000	645,000
2028	350,000	325,000	675,000
2029	370,000	345,000	715,000
2030	385,000	360,000	745,000
2031	405,000	380,000	785,000
2032	430,000	400,000	830,000
2033	450,000	420,000	870,000
2034	475,000	440,000	915,000
2035	495,000	465,000	960,000
2036	520,000	490,000	1,010,000
2037	550,000	515,000	1,065,000
2038	575,000	540,000	1,115,000
2039	605,000	565,000	1,170,000
2040	635,000	595,000	1,230,000
2041	660,000	625,000	1,285,000
2042	690,000	660,000	1,350,000
2043	715,000	690,000	1,405,000
2044		725,000	725,000
TOTAL	\$9,260,000	\$9,300,000	\$18,560,000

(1) Preliminary, subject to change.

OVERLAPPING GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS
(As of December 23, 2024)

TAXING BODY	OUTSTANDING BONDS ⁽¹⁾	APPLICABLE TO DISTRICT	
		PERCENT	AMOUNT
The County	\$1,930,661,750	0.336%	\$6,486,792
Cook County Forest Preserve District	41,835,000	0.336%	140,561
Metropolitan Water Reclamation District	1,820,725,000	0.342%	6,225,941
City of Des Plaines	4,935,000	1.600%	78,983
The Village	92,670,000	23.808%	22,062,894
City of Prospect Heights	2,445,000	13.645%	333,617
Prospect Heights Special Service Area 6	800,000	5.955%	47,638
Des Plaines Park District	3,249,000	3.285%	106,735
Mount Prospect Park District	4,032,635	3.868%	155,993
Prospect Heights Park District	700,195	1.493%	10,453
High School District Number 207	144,160,000	0.730%	1,052,083
High School District Number 214	13,270,000	5.422%	719,511
Community College District No. 512	207,460,000	2.347%	4,868,952
Community College District No. 535	53,185,000	0.371%	<u>197,201</u>
TOTAL OVERLAPPING GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS			\$42,487,354

Source: With respect to the applicable taxing bodies and the information used to calculate the percentage of overlapping equalized assessed valuation ("EAV"), the Cook County Clerk's Office. Information regarding the outstanding bonds of the overlapping taxing bodies was obtained from publicly available sources.

- (1) Does not include alternate revenue bonds. Under the Debt Reform Act, alternate revenue bonds are not included in the computation of indebtedness of the overlapping taxing bodies unless the taxes levied to pay the principal of and interest on the alternate revenue bonds are extended for collection. The District provides no assurance that any of the taxes so levied have not been extended, nor can the District predict whether any of such taxes will be extended in the future.

SELECTED FINANCIAL INFORMATION

2023 Estimated Full Value of Taxable Property:	\$2,008,555,065
2023 EAV:	\$ 669,518,355
Population Estimate:	13,911
General Obligation Bonds (including the Series 2025A Bonds):	\$ 13,775,000 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾
Other Direct General Obligation Debt:	\$ 3,110,000 ⁽³⁾
Total Direct General Obligation Debt:	\$ 16,885,000 ⁽¹⁾
Percentage to Full Value of Taxable Property:	0.84% ⁽¹⁾
Percentage to EAV:	2.52% ⁽¹⁾
Debt Limit (6.9% of EAV):	\$ 46,196,766
Percentage of Debt Limit:	36.55% ⁽¹⁾
Per Capita:	\$ 1,214 ⁽¹⁾
General Obligation Bonds (including the Series 2025A Bonds):	\$ 13,775,000 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾
Overlapping General Obligation Bonds:	\$ 42,487,354
General Obligation Bonds and Overlapping General Obligation Bonds:	\$ 59,372,354 ⁽¹⁾
Percentage to Full Value of Taxable Property:	2.96% ⁽¹⁾
Percentage to EAV:	8.87% ⁽¹⁾
Per Capita:	\$ 4,268 ⁽¹⁾

(1) Preliminary, subject to change.

(2) Does not include alternate revenue bonds, such as the Series 2025B Bonds, which, under the Debt Reform Act, are not included in the computation of indebtedness of the District unless the taxes levied to pay the principal of and interest on the alternate revenue bonds are extended for collection by the County Clerk.

(3) This amount consists of outstanding Debt Certificates.

COMPOSITION OF EAV

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
By Property Type					
Residential	\$399,075,204	\$393,974,228	\$363,219,252	\$432,367,561	\$444,778,829
Commercial	169,096,535	173,474,699	161,277,423	175,075,317	179,950,280
Industrial	41,747,850	45,358,489	42,103,020	44,760,131	44,424,071
Railroad	<u>400,868</u>	<u>396,022</u>	<u>396,022</u>	<u>363,260</u>	<u>365,175</u>
Total EAV*	\$610,320,457	\$613,203,438	\$566,995,717	\$652,566,269	\$669,518,355

Source: Cook County Clerk's Office.

TREND OF EAV

LEVY YEAR	EAV	% CHANGE IN EAV FROM PREVIOUS YEAR
2019	\$610,320,457	+13.96% ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾
2020	613,203,438	+0.47%
2021	566,995,717	-7.54%
2022	652,566,269	+15.09% ⁽²⁾
2023	669,518,355	+2.60%

Source: Cook County Clerk's Office.

(1) Based on the District's \$535,576,393 2018 EAV.

(2) Reassessment year.

NEW PROPERTY

The following chart indicates the EAV of new property (as defined in the Limitation Law (as hereinafter defined)) within the District for each of the last five levy years.

LEVY YEAR	NEW PROPERTY
2019	\$1,530,104
2020	773,109
2021	943,081
2022	2,060,752
2023	1,117,011

Source: Cook County Clerk's Office.

TAXES EXTENDED AND COLLECTED

TAX LEVY YEAR/ COLLECTION YEAR	TAXES EXTENDED	TAXES COLLECTED AND DISTRIBUTED	PERCENT COLLECTED
2019/20	\$23,900,149	\$24,013,746	100.48%
2020/21	24,472,949	24,753,968	101.15%
2021/22	25,667,896	25,713,501	100.18%
2022/23	26,481,139	26,950,172	101.77%
2023/24 ⁽¹⁾	27,764,926	27,456,372	98.89%

Source: Cook County Treasurer's and County Clerk's Offices.

(1) Collections as of November 30, 2024

SCHOOL DISTRICT TAX RATES BY PURPOSE

(Per \$100 EAV)

PURPOSE	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	MAXIMUM RATE ⁽¹⁾
Educational Fund	\$2.8200	\$2.8465	\$3.0953	\$2.8034	\$2.9396	None ⁽²⁾
IMRF	0.0459	0.0651	0.0919	0.1025	0.0468	None
Social Security	0.0459	0.0651	0.0919	0.1025	0.0468	None
Transportation	0.0937	0.0985	0.1117	0.1053	0.1113	None
Building	0.4135	0.4098	0.4371	0.3884	0.4461	\$0.5500
Special Education	0.2915	0.2982	0.3288	0.3022	0.3088	0.4000
Limited Bonds	0.2052	0.2074	0.2298	0.2024	0.2006	None
Revenue Recapture ⁽³⁾	<u>0.0000</u>	<u>0.0000</u>	<u>0.1398</u>	<u>0.0513</u>	<u>0.0470</u>	None
Total	\$3.9157	\$3.9906	\$4.5263	\$4.0580	\$4.1470	

Source: Cook County Clerk's Office.

- (1) See "REAL PROPERTY ASSESSMENT, TAX LEVY AND COLLECTION PROCEDURES—Property Tax Extension Limitation Law" herein for information on the operation of such maximum rates under the Limitation Law.
- (2) The District does not have a maximum tax rate for educational fund purposes. The aggregate tax rate for the various purposes subject to the Limitation Law, however, may not exceed the District's limiting rate under the Limitation Law.
- (3) See "REAL PROPERTY ASSESSMENT, TAX LEVY AND COLLECTION PROCEDURES—Property Tax Extension Limitation Law" herein for information on the property tax refund revenue capture provisions of the Limitation Law.

REPRESENTATIVE TOTAL TAX RATES

(Per \$100 EAV)

TAXING AUTHORITY	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
The District	\$3.916	\$3.991	\$4.526	\$4.058	\$4.147
The County	0.454	0.453	0.446	0.431	0.386
Cook County Forest Preserve District	0.059	0.058	0.058	0.081	0.075
Metropolitan Water Reclamation Dist.	0.389	0.378	0.382	0.374	0.345
Consolidated Elections	0.030	0.000	0.019	0.000	0.032
Town of Wheeling	0.038	0.037	0.041	0.036	0.037
General Assistance Wheeling	0.008	0.008	0.008	0.007	0.007
Town of Wheeling Road Fund	0.014	0.013	0.015	0.012	0.012
Northwest Mosquito Abatement Dist.	0.010	0.010	0.011	0.009	0.010
The Village	0.988	0.978	1.055	0.942	0.883
Village of Mt. Prospect Library Fund	0.599	0.593	0.647	0.495	0.502
River Trails Park District	0.626	0.637	0.721	0.645	0.659
Township High School District #214	2.356	2.382	2.664	2.352	2.445
Community College District No. 512	<u>0.403</u>	<u>0.409</u>	<u>0.457</u>	<u>0.410</u>	<u>0.413</u>
TOTAL*	\$9.890	\$9.947	\$11.050	\$9.852	\$9.953

Source: Cook County Clerk's Office.

* The total of such rates is the property tax rate paid by a typical District resident living in the Village.

TEN LARGEST TAXPAYERS

TAXPAYER NAME	DESCRIPTION	2023 EAV	PERCENT OF DISTRICT'S TOTAL EAV
DLC Management Corp.	Shopping center	\$36,571,268	5.46%
LBX Mount Prospect	Shopping center	19,099,248	2.85%
Walgreen Co	Retail store	10,328,052	1.54%
Costco Prop Tax 779	Retail store	10,137,802	1.51%
1450 Feehanville LP	Business park buildings	8,915,601	1.33%
The Home Depot	Retail store	7,935,131	1.19%
FSC Care Mt. Prospect	Office building	6,157,095	0.92%
NTN USA Corporation	Office building	5,532,890	0.83%
AK Sukhumvit Assets SE	Office building	5,250,148	0.78%
GKI Industrial Chicago	Business park buildings	5,098,298	0.76%
		\$115,025,533	17.18%

Source: Cook County Clerk's Office and, with respect to taxpayer descriptions, the District.

The above taxpayers represent 17.18% of the District's \$669,518,355 2023 EAV. Reasonable efforts have been made to seek out and report the largest taxpayers. However, many of the taxpayers listed may own multiple parcels and it is possible that some parcels and their valuations may not be included.

RETAILERS' OCCUPATION TAX AND SERVICE OCCUPATION TAX

The following table shows the distribution of the municipal portion of the Retailers' Occupation Tax and Service Occupation Tax collected by the Illinois Department of Revenue (the "Department") from retailers within the Village. The table indicates the level of retail activity in the Village.

CALENDAR YEAR	STATE SALES TAX DISTRIBUTION ⁽¹⁾
2019	\$23,379,584
2020	21,922,547
2021	29,269,169
2022	31,075,788
2023	34,882,458
2024 ⁽²⁾	27,679,151

Source: The Department.

(1) Tax distributions are based on records of the Department relating to the 1% municipal portion of the Retailers' Occupation Tax and Service Occupation Tax, collected on behalf of the Village, less a State administration fee. The municipal 1% sales tax includes tax receipts from the sale of food and drugs which are not taxed by the State.

(2) Through Third Quarter 2024.

CORPORATE PERSONAL PROPERTY REPLACEMENT TAXES

Corporate Personal Property Replacement Taxes (“*CPPRT*”) are revenues received from a tax imposed on corporations, partnerships, trusts, S corporations and public utilities in the State. The purpose of the CPPRT is to replace revenues lost by units of local government (including the District) as a result of the abolishment of the corporate personal property tax (the “*Personal Property Tax*”) with the adoption of the Illinois Constitution of 1970. The State Revenue Sharing Act (the “*Sharing Act*”) was passed in 1979, implementing the CPPRT to replace the lost Personal Property Tax revenues and providing the mechanism for distributing collections of CPPRT to taxing districts (including the District) entitled to receive such tax revenues under the Sharing Act. The following table sets forth the amount of CPPRT received by the District over the last five years:

FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30	CPPRT RECEIPTS
2020	\$ 396,508
2021	552,453
2022	1,194,502
2023	1,246,543
2024	751,141

Source: The audited financial statements of the District for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2020-June 30, 2024.

In its fiscal year 2025 budget, the District estimated that its CPPRT revenues would decrease to approximately \$580,000. The Department estimates that the District will receive \$552,826 in fiscal year 2025.

LARGEST EMPLOYERS

Below is a listing of large employers within or near the District.

EMPLOYER	PRODUCT OR SERVICE	LOCATION	APPROXIMATE NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES
UOP, LLC	Research development laboratory for the petroleum industry	Des Plaines	1,500
Rivers Casino	Casino	Des Plaines	1,424
Oakton Community College	Community college	Des Plaines	1,200
World Food Service	Hotels & motels	Des Plaines	1,200
Caremark Illinois Specialty Pharmacy, LLC	Wholesale specialty pharmaceutical products	Mt. Prospect	850
Wheels, Inc.	Fleet management services, including passenger car and truck leasing and fleet sales	Des Plaines	800
Robert Bosch Tool Corp.	Wholesaler of portable electric tools, saws, sanders and drills	Mt. Prospect	800
SYSCO Food Services-Chicago, Inc.	Wholesale food	Des Plaines	729
Cummins Allison Corp.	Money handling equipment and ATMs	Mt. Prospect	525
Abbott Molecular, Inc.	Testing equipment manufacturing	Des Plaines	500
GSF-USA, Inc.	Janitorial services	Des Plaines	500
Americaneagle.com	Website design	Des Plaines	450
Acuity Brands Lighting, Inc.	Industrial, commercial and residential track and recess lighting fixtures	Des Plaines	400
GTI	Energy and environmental research, development and education services	Des Plaines	350
Warehouse Direct, Inc.	Commercial printing and distributor of office supplies, including janitorial cleaning products, computer accessories and furniture	Des Plaines	344
The Village	Municipal government	Mt. Prospect	307
Advanced Security Solutions, Inc.	Security guard services	Des Plaines	300

Source: 2024 Illinois Manufacturers Directory, 2024 Illinois Services Directory and the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

Unemployment statistics are not compiled specifically for the District. The following table shows the trend in annual average unemployment rates for the Village, the County and the State.

	THE VILLAGE	THE COUNTY	THE STATE
2019 – Average	2.8%	3.9%	4.0%
2020 – Average ⁽¹⁾	7.7%	10.6%	9.3%
2021 – Average	4.2%	6.9%	6.1%
2022 – Average	3.5%	5.0%	4.6%
2023 – Average	3.2%	4.4%	4.5%
2024 – Average (11 mos.)	4.1%	5.5%	5.2%

Source: State of Illinois Department of Employment Security.

(1) The District attributes the increase in unemployment rates to the COVID-19 pandemic.

HOUSING VALUE AND INCOME STATISTICS

The following table sets forth information regarding median home values and various income related statistics for the Village, the County and the State.

	THE VILLAGE	THE COUNTY	THE STATE
Median Home Value	\$377,000	\$305,200	\$250,500
Median Household Income	103,911	81,797	81,702
Median Family Income	128,610	102,297	103,504
Per Capita Income	48,113	47,801	45,104

Source: U.S. Census Bureau (2019-2023 American Community Survey).

SHORT-TERM BORROWING

The District has not issued tax anticipation warrants or revenue anticipation notes during the last five years to meet its short-term current year cash flow requirements.

FUTURE DEBT

Except for the Bonds, the District does not currently anticipate issuing any debt in the next six months.

DEFAULT RECORD

The District has no record of default and has met its debt repayment obligations promptly.

WORKING CASH FUND

The District is authorized to issue (subject to the provisions of the Limitation Law) general obligation bonds to create, re-create or increase a Working Cash Fund. Such fund can also be created, re-created or increased by the levy of an annual tax not to exceed \$0.05 per hundred dollars of EAV (the "*Working Cash Fund Tax*"). The purpose of the fund is to enable the District to have sufficient cash to meet demands for expenditures for corporate purposes. Moneys in the Working Cash Fund may be loaned, in whole or in part, as authorized and directed by the Board, to any fund or funds of the District in anticipation of ad valorem property taxes levied by the District for such fund or funds. The Working Cash Fund is reimbursed when the anticipated taxes or other moneys are received by the District.

Any time moneys are available in the Working Cash Fund, they must be transferred to such other funds of the District and used for any and all school purposes so as to avoid, whenever possible, the issuance of tax anticipation warrants or notes. Interest earned from the investment of the Working Cash Fund may be transferred from the Working Cash Fund to other funds of the District that are most in need of the interest. Moneys in the Working Cash Fund may not be appropriated by the Board in the annual budget.

The District also has the authority to abate amounts in the Working Cash Fund to any other fund of the District if the amount on deposit in such other fund after the abatement will not constitute an excess accumulation of money in that fund and as long as the District maintains an amount to the credit of the Working Cash Fund at least equal to 0.05% of the then current value, as equalized or assessed by the Department, of the taxable property in the District.

Finally, the District may abolish the Working Cash Fund and direct the transfer of any balance thereof to the educational fund at the close of the then current fiscal year. After such abolishment, all outstanding Working Cash Fund Taxes levied will be paid into the educational fund upon collection. Outstanding loans from the Working Cash Fund to other funds of the District at the time of abolishment will be paid or become payable to the educational fund at the close of the then current fiscal year. The outstanding balance in the Working Cash Fund at the time of abolishment, including all outstanding loans from the Working Cash Fund to other funds of the District and all outstanding Working Cash Fund Taxes levied, may be used and applied by the District for the purpose of reducing, by the balance in the Working Cash Fund at the close of the fiscal year, the amount of taxes that the Board otherwise would be authorized or required to levy for educational purposes for the fiscal year immediately succeeding the fiscal year in which the Working Cash Fund is abolished.

WORKING CASH FUND SUMMARY

FISCAL YEAR	END OF YEAR FUND BALANCE
2020	\$1,732,460
2021	1,744,581
2022	1,747,656
2023	1,788,271
2024	1,859,393

Source: Compiled from the District's audited financial statements for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2020-2024.

REAL PROPERTY ASSESSMENT, TAX LEVY AND COLLECTION PROCEDURES

SUMMARY OF PROPERTY ASSESSMENT, TAX LEVY AND COLLECTION PROCEDURES

A separate tax to pay principal of and interest on the Bonds will be levied on all taxable real property within the District. The information under this caption describes the current procedures for real property assessments, tax levies and collections in the County. There can be no assurance that the procedures described herein will not change.

REAL PROPERTY ASSESSMENT

The County Assessor (the "*Assessor*") is responsible for the assessment of all taxable real property within the County, including such property located within the boundaries of the District, except for certain railroad property, pollution control facilities and low sulfur dioxide emission coal-fueled devices, which are assessed directly by the Department. For triennial reassessment purposes, Cook County is divided into three Districts: west and south suburbs (the "*South Tri*"), north and northwest suburbs (the "*North Tri*"), and the City of Chicago (the "*City Tri*"). The District is located in the North Tri and was last reassessed for the 2022 tax levy year. The District will next be reassessed for the 2025 levy year.

Real property in the County is separated into classes for assessment purposes. After the Assessor establishes the fair market value of a parcel of property, that value is multiplied by the appropriate classification percentage to arrive at the assessed valuation (the "*Assessed Valuation*") for the parcel. Such classification percentages range from 10% for certain residential, commercial and industrial property to 25% for other industrial and commercial property.

Property is classified for assessment into six basic categories, each of which is assessed at various percentages of fair market value as follows: Class 1 - unimproved real estate (10%); Class 2 - residential (10%); Class 3 - rental-residential (16% in tax year 2009, 13% in tax year 2010, and 10% in tax year 2011 and subsequent years); Class 4 - not-for-profit (25%); Class 5a - commercial (25%); and Class 5b - industrial (25%).

In addition, property may be temporarily classified into one of eight additional assessment classification categories. Upon expiration of such classification, property so classified will revert

to one of the basic six assessment classifications described above. The additional assessment classifications are as follows:

CLASS	DESCRIPTION OF QUALIFYING PROPERTY	ASSESSMENT PERCENTAGE	REVERTS TO CLASS
6b	Newly constructed industrial properties or substantially rehabilitated sections of existing industrial properties	10% for first 10 years and any 10-year renewal; if not renewed, 15% in year 11, 20% in year 12	5b
C	Industrial property that has undergone environmental testing and remediation	10% for first 10 years, 15% in year 11, 20% in year 12	5b
	Commercial property that has undergone environmental testing and remediation	10% for first 10 years, 15% in year 11, 20% in year 12	5a
7a/7b	Newly constructed or substantially rehabilitated commercial properties in an area in need of commercial development	10% for first 10 years, 15% in year 11, 20% in year 12	5a
7c	Newly constructed or rehabilitated commercial buildings and acquisition of abandoned property and rehabilitation of buildings thereon including the land upon which the buildings are situated and the land related to the rehabilitation	10% for first 3 years and any 3-year renewal; if not renewed, 15% in year 4, 20% in year 5	5a
8	Industrial properties in enterprise communities or zones in need of substantial revitalization	10% for first 10 years and any 10-year renewal; if not renewed, 15% in year 11, 20% in year 12	5b
	Commercial properties in enterprise communities or zones in need of substantial revitalization	10% for first 10 years, 15% in year 11, 20% in year 12	5a
9	New or substantially rehabilitated multi-family residential properties in target areas, empowerment or enterprise zones	10% for first 10 years and any 10-year renewal	As Applicable
S	Class 3 properties subject to Section 8 contracts renewed under the "Mark up to Market" option	10% for term of Section 8 contract renewal and any subsequent renewal	3
L	Substantially rehabilitated Class 3, 4 or 5b properties qualifying as "Landmark" or "Contributing" buildings	10% for first 10 years and any 10-year renewal; if not renewed, 15% in year 11, 20% in year 12	3, 4, or 5b
	Substantially rehabilitated Class 5a properties qualifying as "Landmark" or "Contributing" buildings	10% for first 10 years, 15% in year 11, 20% in year 12	5a

The Assessor has established procedures enabling taxpayers to contest their proposed Assessed Valuations. Once the Assessor certifies its final Assessed Valuations, a taxpayer can seek review of its assessment by appealing to the Cook County Board of Review (the "Board of Review"), which consists of three commissioners elected by the voters of the County. The Board of Review has the power to adjust the Assessed Valuations set by the Assessor.

Owners of residential property having six or fewer units are able to appeal decisions of the Board of Review to the Illinois Property Tax Appeal Board (the "PTAB"), a statewide

administrative body. The PTAB has the power to determine the Assessed Valuation of real property based on equity and the weight of the evidence. Taxpayers may appeal the decision of PTAB to either the Circuit Court of the County (the “*Circuit Court*”) or the Illinois Appellate Court under the Illinois Administrative Review Law.

As an alternative to seeking review of Assessed Valuations by PTAB, taxpayers who have first exhausted their remedies before the Board of Review may file an objection in the Circuit Court. The procedure under this alternative is similar to the judicial review procedure described in the immediately preceding paragraph, however, the standard of proof differs. In addition, in cases where the Assessor agrees that an assessment error has been made after tax bills have been issued, the Assessor can correct any factual error, and thus reduce the amount of taxes due, by issuing a Certificate of Error. Certificates of Error are not issued in cases where the only issue is the opinion of the valuation of the property.

EQUALIZATION

After the Assessor has established the Assessed Valuation for each parcel for a given year, and following any revisions by the Board of Review or PTAB, the Department is required by statute to review the Assessed Valuations. The Department establishes an equalization factor (the “*Equalization Factor*”), commonly called the “multiplier,” for each county to make all valuations uniform among the 102 counties in the State. Under State law, the aggregate of the assessments within each county is equalized at 33-1/3% of the estimated fair cash value of real property located within the county prior to any applicable exemptions. One multiplier is applied to all property in the County, regardless of its assessment category, except for certain farmland property and wind energy assessable property, which are not subject to equalization. The following table sets forth the Equalization Factor for the County for the last ten tax levy years.

TAX LEVY YEAR	EQUALIZATION FACTOR
2014	2.7253
2015	2.6685
2016	2.8032
2017	2.9627
2018	2.9109
2019	2.9160
2020	3.2234
2021	3.0027
2022	2.9237
2023	3.0163

Once the Equalization Factor is established, the Assessed Valuation, as revised by the Board of Review or PTAB, is multiplied by the Equalization Factor to determine the EAV of that parcel. The EAV for each parcel is the final property valuation used for determination of tax liability. The aggregate EAV for all parcels in any taxing body’s jurisdiction, plus the valuation of property assessed directly by the Department, constitute the total real estate tax base for the taxing body, which is used to calculate tax rates (the “*Assessment Base*”).

EXEMPTIONS

The Illinois Property Tax Code, as amended (the “*Property Tax Code*”), exempts certain property from taxation. Certain property is exempt from taxation on the basis of ownership and/or use, including, but not limited to, public parks, not-for-profit schools, public schools, churches, not-for-profit hospitals and public hospitals. In addition, the Property Tax Code provides a variety of homestead exemptions, which are discussed below.

An annual General Homestead Exemption provides that the EAV of certain property owned and used for residential purposes (“*Residential Property*”) may be reduced by the amount of any increase over the 1977 EAV, up to a maximum reduction of \$10,000 for tax years 2017 and thereafter.

The Long-Time Occupant Homestead Exemption limits the increase in EAV of a taxpayer’s homestead property to 10% per year if such taxpayer has owned the property for at least 10 years as of January 1 of the assessment year (or 5 years if purchased with certain government assistance) and has a household income of \$100,000 or less (“*Qualified Homestead Property*”). If the taxpayer’s annual income is \$75,000 or less, the EAV of the Qualified Homestead Property may increase by no more than 7% per year. There is no exemption limit for Qualified Homestead Properties.

The Homestead Improvement Exemption applies to Residential Property that has been improved and to properties that have been rebuilt in the two years following a catastrophic event, as defined in the Property Tax Code. The exemption is limited to an annual maximum amount of \$75,000 for up to four years, to the extent the Assessed Valuation is attributable solely to such improvements or rebuilding.

The Senior Citizens Homestead Exemption annually reduces the EAV on residences owned and occupied by senior citizens. The maximum exemption is \$8,000 for tax years 2017 and thereafter.

The Senior Citizens Assessment Freeze Homestead Exemption freezes property tax assessments for homeowners who are 65 and older, reside in their property as their principal place of residence and receive a household income not in excess of \$65,000 beginning in assessment year 2017. This exemption grants to qualifying senior citizens an exemption equal to the difference between (a) the current EAV of the residence and (b) the EAV of a senior citizen’s residence for the year prior to the year in which he or she first qualifies and applies for the exemption, plus the EAV of improvements since such year. Beginning in tax year 2017, the amount of the exemption is equal to the greater of the amount calculated as described in the previous sentence (as more completely set forth in the Property Tax Code) or \$2,000.

Purchasers of certain single family homes and residences of one to six units located in certain targeted areas (as defined in the applicable section of the Property Tax Code) can apply for the Community Stabilization Assessment Freeze Pilot Program. To be eligible the purchaser must meet certain requirements for rehabilitating the property, including expenditures of at least \$5 per square foot, adjusted by CPI. Upon meeting the requirements, the assessed value of the

improvements is reduced by (a) 90% in the first seven years, (b) 65% in the eighth year and (c) 35% in the ninth year. The benefit ceases in the tenth year. The program will be phased out by June 30, 2029.

The Natural Disaster Homestead Exemption (the “*Natural Disaster Exemption*”) applies to homestead properties containing a residential structure that has been rebuilt following a natural disaster. A natural disaster is an occurrence of widespread or severe damage or loss of property resulting from any catastrophic cause including but not limited to fire, flood, earthquake, wind, or storm. The Natural Disaster Exemption is equal to the equalized assessed value of the residence in the first taxable year for which the taxpayer applies for the exemption minus the base amount. To be eligible for the Natural Disaster Exemption, the residential structure must be rebuilt within two years after the date of the natural disaster, and the square footage of the rebuilt residential structure may not be more than 110% of the square footage of the original residential structure as it existed immediately prior to the natural disaster. The Natural Disaster Exemption remains at a constant amount until the taxable year in which the property is sold or transferred.

Several exemptions are available to veterans of the United States armed forces. The Veterans with Disabilities Exemption for Specially-Adapted Housing exempts up to \$100,000 of the Assessed Valuation of property owned and used exclusively by veterans with a disability, their spouses or unmarried surviving spouses. Qualification for this exemption requires the veteran’s disability to be of such a nature that the federal government has authorized payment for purchase of specially adapted housing under the U.S. Code as certified to annually by the Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs or for housing or adaptations donated by a charitable organization to such disabled veteran.

The Standard Homestead Exemption for Veterans with Disabilities provides an annual homestead exemption to veterans with a service-connected disability based on the percentage of such disability. If the veteran has a (a) service-connected disability of 30% or more but less than 50%, the annual exemption is \$2,500, (b) service-connected disability of 50% or more but less than 70%, the annual exemption is \$5,000, and (c) service-connected disability of 70% or more, the property is exempt from taxation.

The Returning Veterans’ Homestead Exemption is available for property owned and occupied as the principal residence of a veteran in the assessment year, and the year following the assessment year, in which the veteran returns from an armed conflict while on active duty in the United States armed forces. This provision grants a one-time, two-year homestead exemption of \$5,000.

Finally, the Homestead Exemption for Persons with Disabilities provides an annual homestead exemption in the amount of \$2,000 for property that is owned and occupied by certain disabled persons who meet State-mandated guidelines.

TAX LEVY

As part of the annual budgetary process of governmental units (the “*Units*”) with power to levy taxes in the County, the designated body for each Unit annually adopts proceedings to levy

real estate taxes. The administration and collection of real estate taxes is statutorily assigned to the County Clerk and the County Treasurer. After the Units file their annual tax levies, the County Clerk computes the annual tax rate for each Unit. The County Clerk computes the Unit's maximum allowable levy by multiplying the maximum tax rate for that Unit by the prior year's EAV for all property currently in the District. The prior year's EAV includes the EAV of any new property, the current year value of any annexed property and any recovered tax increment value, minus any disconnected property for the current year under the Limitation Law. The tax rate for a Unit is computed by dividing the lesser of the maximum allowable levy or the actual levy by the current year's EAV.

PROPERTY TAX EXTENSION LIMITATION LAW

The Limitation Law is applied after the prior year EAV limitation. The Limitation Law limits the annual growth in the amount of property taxes to be extended for certain Illinois non-home rule units, including the District. The effect of the Limitation Law is to limit the amount of property taxes that can be extended for a taxing body. In addition, general obligation bonds, notes and installment contracts payable from ad valorem taxes, unlimited as to rate and amount, cannot be issued by the affected taxing bodies unless they are approved by referendum, are alternate bonds (such as the Series 2025B Bonds), are for fire prevention and safety, energy conservation and school security purposes or are for certain refunding purposes.

The use of prior year EAVs to limit the allowable tax levy may reduce tax rates for funds that are at or near their maximum rates in taxing Districts with rising EAVs. These reduced rates and all other rates for those funds subject to the Limitation Law are added together, which results in the aggregate preliminary rate. The aggregate preliminary rate is then compared to the limiting rate. If the limiting rate is more than the aggregate preliminary rate, there is no further reduction in rates due to the Limitation Law. If the limiting rate is less than the aggregate preliminary rate, the aggregate preliminary rate is further reduced to the limiting rate. In all cases, taxes are extended using current year EAV under Section 18-140 of the Property Tax Code.

The District has the authority to levy taxes for many different purposes. See "FINANCIAL INFORMATION AND ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS OF THE DISTRICT - School District Tax Rates by Purpose." The ceiling at any particular time on the rate at which these taxes may be extended for the District is either (a) unlimited (as provided by statute), (b) initially set by statute but permitted to be increased by referendum, (c) capped by statute, or (d) limited to the rate approved by referendum. The only ceiling on a particular tax rate is the ceiling set by statute, at which the rate is not permitted to be further increased by referendum or otherwise. Therefore, taxing Districts (such as the District) have flexibility to levy taxes for the purposes for which they most need the money. The total aggregate tax rate for the various purposes subject to the Limitation Law, however, will not be allowed to exceed the District's limiting rate computed in accordance with the provisions of the Limitation Law.

If the District's Adequacy Target (as defined under "STATE AID" herein) exceeds 110% for the school year that begins during the calendar year immediately preceding the levy year for which a tax reduction is sought, a petition signed by at least 10% of the registered voters in the District may be filed requiring a proposition to be submitted to the District's voters at the next consolidated

election in April of odd-numbered years asking the voters whether the District must reduce its extension for educational purposes for the levy year in which the election is held to an amount that is less than the extension for educational purposes for the immediately preceding levy year. The reduced extension, however, may not be more than 10% lower than the amount extended for educational purposes in the previous levy year and may not cause the District's Adequacy Target to fall below 110% for the levy year for which the reduction is sought. If the voters approve the proposition, the County Clerk will extend a rate for educational purposes that is no greater than the limiting rate for educational purposes computed in accordance with the Limitation Law. If such proposition is submitted to the voters, it may not be submitted again at any of the next two consolidated elections.

In general, the annual growth permitted under the Limitation Law is the lesser of 5% or the percentage increase in the CPI during the calendar year preceding the levy year. Taxes can also be increased due to new construction, referendum approval of tax rate increases, mergers and consolidations. Local governments, including the District, can issue limited bonds in lieu of general obligation bonds that have otherwise been authorized by applicable law (such as the Series 2025A Bonds).

Beginning with levy year 2021, each tax-capped taxing district (such as the District) receives an automatic levy increase in the amount of any property tax refunds paid by such taxing district in the prior year as a result of the issuance of certificates of error, court orders issued in connection with valuation tax objection complaints and Illinois Property Tax Appeal Board (the "PTAB") decisions. For levy year 2023, the additional amount added to the District's tax levy as a result of this change was \$314,986.

Pursuant to Section 18-190.7 of the Property Tax Code, school districts that have a designation of "recognition" or "review" according to the Illinois State Board of Education's ("ISBE") School District Financial Profile System, park districts, library districts and community college districts and for which taxes were not extended at the maximum amount permitted under the Limitation Law in a given levy year may be able to recapture all or a portion of such unrealized levy amount in a subsequent levy year. Section 18-190.7 directs county clerks, in calculating the limiting rate for a given taxing district, to use the greater of the taxing district's last preceding aggregate extension or the district's last preceding aggregate extension if the taxing district had utilized the maximum limiting rate permitted without referendum for each of the three immediately preceding levy years. The aggregate extension of a taxing district that includes any recapture for a particular levy year cannot exceed the taxing district's aggregate extension for the immediately preceding levy year by more than 5%. If a taxing district cannot recapture the entire unrealized levy amount in a single levy year, the taxing district may increase its aggregate extension in each succeeding levy year until the entire levy amount is recaptured.

Illinois legislators have introduced several proposals to further modify the Limitation Law, including freezing property taxes and extending tax caps to all taxing bodies in the State. The District cannot predict whether, or in what form, any change to the Limitation Law may be enacted into law, nor can the District predict the effect of any such change on the District's finances.

EXTENSIONS

The County Clerk then computes the total tax rate applicable to each parcel of real property by aggregating the tax rates of all of the Units having jurisdiction over the particular parcel. The County Clerk extends the tax by entering the tax (determined by multiplying the total tax rate by the EAV of that parcel for the current assessment year) in the books prepared for the County Collector (the “*Warrant Books*”) along with the tax rates, the Assessed Valuation and the EAV. The Warrant Books are the County Collector’s authority for the collection of taxes and are used by the County Collector as the basis for issuing tax bills to all property owners.

COLLECTIONS

Property taxes are collected by the County Collector, who also serves as the County Treasurer, who remits to each Unit its share of the collections. Taxes levied in one year become payable during the following year in two installments, the first due on March 1 and the second on the later of August 1 or 30 days after the mailing of the tax bills. A payment due is deemed to be paid on time if the payment is postmarked on the due date. Beginning with the first installment payable in 2010, the first installment is equal to 55% of the prior year’s tax bill. However, if a Certificate of Error is approved by a court or certified on or before November 30 of the preceding year and before the estimated tax bills are prepared, then the first installment is instead based on the certain percentage of the *corrected* prior year’s tax bill. The second installment covers the balance of the current year’s tax bill, and is based on the then current tax year levy, Assessed Valuation and Equalization Factor, and reflects any changes from the prior year in those factors. The first installment penalty date has historically been the first business day in March. Pursuant to Public Act 102-1112, the first installment penalty date for levy year 2022 was changed from March 1, 2023 to April 1, 2023. The following table sets forth the second installment penalty date for the last ten tax levy years in the County.

TAX LEVY YEAR	SECOND INSTALLMENT PENALTY DATE
2014	August 3, 2015
2015	August 1, 2016
2016	August 1, 2017
2017	August 1, 2018
2018	August 1, 2019
2019	August 3, 2020
2020	August 2, 2021
2021	December 30, 2022
2022	December 1, 2023
2023	August 1, 2024

As a result of ongoing efforts to modernize technology within various County property tax agencies, personnel shortages and turnover attributable to COVID-19 and the complicated nature of the reassessment of property taxes in the City of Chicago, for the 2021 tax year (for amounts payable in calendar year 2022), the distribution of amounts related to second installment County

property tax bills for calendar year 2022 were delayed. Likewise, such distribution of amounts were delayed in calendar year 2023. The District did not experience any cash flow issues due to such delays.

It is possible that the changes to the assessment appeals process described above will cause delays similar to those experienced in past years in preparation and mailing of the second installment in future years. In the future, the County may provide for tax bills to be payable in four installments instead of two.

During the periods of peak collections, tax receipts are forwarded to each Unit on a weekly basis. Upon receipt of taxes from the County Collector, the District promptly credits the taxes received to the funds for which they were levied.

UNPAID TAXES AND ANNUAL TAX SALES

Taxes that are not paid when due, or that are not paid by mail and postmarked on or before the due date, are deemed delinquent and bear interest at the rate of 0.75% per month (or portion thereof) until paid. Unpaid property taxes, together with penalties, interest and costs, constitute a lien against the property subject to the tax. If taxes go unpaid for 13 months, the County Treasurer is required to sell the delinquent property taxes at the “Annual Tax Sale”, which is a sale of tax liens, not properties. A public sale is held, at which time successful tax buyers pay the unpaid taxes plus penalties. Taxpayers can redeem their property by paying the amount paid at the sale, plus interest penalties and fees. If no redemption is made within the applicable redemption period, the tax buyer can secure a court-ordered deed to the home. Tax buyers can seek the deed to a home after 2-1/2 years, with the option of a six-month extension. If the property is abandoned, that time frame can be shortened to two years. Owners of vacant, commercial and industrial properties have six months to redeem their taxes before the tax buyer can seek ownership of the property.

If there is no sale of the tax lien on a parcel of property at the Annual Tax Sale, the taxes are forfeited and the property becomes eligible to be purchased at any time thereafter at an amount equal to all delinquent taxes and interest accrued to the date of purchase. Redemption periods and procedures are the same as applicable to the Annual Tax Sale.

When taxes remain unpaid for more than 20 years, Illinois law states that the property is “forfeited to the state.” As a practical matter, this does not happen. Instead, the taxes are wiped out, as the property remains in its distressed condition barring a change in the owner’s circumstances or it being sold.

SCAVENGER SALES

In the County, if a property’s taxes go unpaid in at least three of the previous 20 years, the property is offered at a biennial “Scavenger Sale,” which like the Annual Tax Sale, is a sale of unpaid taxes. The winning bidder is not required to pay any of the previous years’ unpaid taxes. If the owner, however, does not redeem such back taxes, the winning bidder can seek deed to the property. To obtain the deed, the bidder must pay all unpaid taxes billed on the property between the last year covered by the Scavenger Sale and the date the bidder seeks the deed. Redemption

periods vary from six months to two and a half years depending upon the type and occupancy of the property. As in the Annual Sale, bidders at the Scavenger Sale can seek the deed to a home after 2-1/2 years, with the option of a six-month extension. If the property is abandoned, that time frame can be shortened to two years. With a vacant, commercial or industrial property, the winning buyer can seek the deed after six months.

Public Act 103-0555 effective January 1, 2024, eliminates the County’s mandatory Scavenger Sale and allows the County or local governments to take control of properties if they are not purchased in the Annual Tax Sale. The County, like all other Illinois counties, can cease selling tax liens and instead work to connect chronically-delinquent, forfeited tax liens to new development opportunities.

TRUTH IN TAXATION LAW

Legislation known as the Truth in Taxation Law (the “*Law*”) limits the aggregate amount of certain taxes which can be levied by, and extended for, a taxing district to 105% of the amount of taxes extended in the preceding year unless specified notice, hearing and certification requirements are met by the taxing body. The express purpose of the Law is to require published disclosure of, and hearing upon, an intention to adopt a levy in excess of the specified levels. The provisions of the Law do not apply to levies made to pay principal of and interest on the Bonds. The District covenanted in the Bond Resolution that it will not take any action or fail to take any action which would adversely affect the ability of the District to levy and collect the taxes levied by the District for payment of principal of and interest on the Bonds, except as described under “SECURITY—The Series 2025B Bonds – Abatement of Pledged Taxes” herein. The District also covenanted that it and its officers will comply with all present and future applicable laws to assure that such taxes will be levied, extended, collected and deposited as provided in the Bond Resolution, except as described under “SECURITY—The Series 2025B Bonds – Abatement of Pledged Taxes” herein.

SCHOOL DISTRICT FINANCIAL PROFILE

ISBE utilizes a system for assessing a school district’s financial health referred to as the “*School District Financial Profile*” which replaced the Financial Watch List and Financial Assurance and Accountability System. This system identifies those school districts which are moving into financial distress.

The system uses five indicators which are individually scored, placed into a category of a four, three, two or one, with four being the best possible, and weighted in order to arrive at a composite district financial profile. The indicators and the weights assigned to those indicators are as follows: fund balance to revenue ratio (35%); expenditures to revenue ratio (35%); days cash on hand (10%); percent of short-term borrowing ability remaining (10%); and percent of long-term debt margin remaining (10%).

The scores of the weighted indicators are totaled to obtain a district's overall score. The highest score is 4.0 and the lowest score is 1.0. A district is then placed in one of four categories as follows:

- *Financial Recognition.* A school district with a score of 3.54-4.00 is assigned to this category, which is the best category of financial strength. These districts require minimal or no active monitoring by ISBE unless requested by the district.
- *Financial Review.* A school district with a score of 3.08-3.53 is assigned to this category, the next highest financial strength category. These districts receive a limited review by ISBE, but are monitored for potential downward trends. ISBE staff also review the next year's school budget for further negative trends.
- *Financial Early Warning.* A school district with a score of 2.62-3.07 is placed in this category. ISBE monitors these districts closely and offers proactive technical assistance, such as financial projections and cash flow analysis. These districts also are reviewed to determine whether they meet the criteria set forth in Article 1A-8 of the School Code to be certified in financial difficulty and possibly qualify for a Financial Oversight Panel.
- *Financial Watch.* A school district with a score of 1.00-2.61 is in this category, the highest risk category. ISBE monitors these districts very closely and offers technical assistance with, but not limited to, financial projections, cash flow analysis, budgeting, personnel inventories and enrollment projections. These districts are also assessed to determine if they qualify for a Financial Oversight Panel.

For each school district, ISBE calculates an original financial profile score (the "*Original Score*") and an adjusted financial profile score (the "*Adjusted Score*"). The Original Score is calculated based solely on such school district's audited financial statements as of the close of the most recent fiscal year. The Adjusted Score is calculated based initially on a school district's audited financial statements for the most recent fiscal year, with adjustments made to reflect the impact on the Original Score of timing differences between such school district's actual and expected receipt of State payments, as required by Section 1A-8 of the School Code. ISBE has implemented this statutory requirement by adding in payments expected to be received during the calculation year but not actually received until the following fiscal year, as well as by subtracting certain State payments received during the current fiscal year but attributable to a prior fiscal year. Such adjustments may have a varying effect on a school district's Adjusted Score based on the amount of time by which such State payments are delayed and the accounting basis adopted by such school district. Due to the manner in which such requirement has been implemented by ISBE, a school district's Adjusted Score may be different than it otherwise would have been in certain years based on the scheduled receipt of State payments.

The following table sets forth the District's Original Scores and Adjusted Scores, as well as the designation assigned to each score, for each of the last five fiscal years (as released by ISBE in the calendar year following the conclusion of each fiscal year):

FISCAL YEAR (JUNE 30)	ORIGINAL SCORE	DESIGNATION BASED ON ORIGINAL SCORE	ADJUSTED SCORE	DESIGNATION BASED ON ADJUSTED SCORE
2019	3.90	Recognition	3.90	Recognition
2020	3.90	Recognition	3.90	Recognition
2021	3.90	Recognition	3.90	Recognition
2022	3.90	Recognition	3.90	Recognition
2023	3.90	Recognition	3.90	Recognition

STATE AID

GENERAL

On June 5, 2024, Governor Pritzker (the “*Governor*”) signed the State’s \$53.1 billion general funds budget (Public Act 103-0589) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025 (the “*Fiscal Year 2025 Budget*”), which included a \$211 million surplus, additional contributions to the State’s pension system and the State’s Budget Stabilization Fund, commonly referred to as the State’s “rainy day” fund, which is set to surpass \$2.3 billion, and the elimination of the State’s bill backlog. In addition, the Fiscal Year 2025 Budget increased funding for education across early childhood, K-12 and higher education by more than \$500 million.

The State provides aid to local school districts on an annual basis as part of the State’s appropriation process. Many school districts throughout the State rely on such state aid as a significant part of their budgets. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, 5.22% of the District’s General Fund revenue came from State funding sources. See *Exhibit C* to this Official Statement for more information concerning the breakdown of the District’s revenue sources.

GENERAL STATE AID—EVIDENCE-BASED FUNDING MODEL

Beginning with fiscal year 2018, general State funds (“*General State Aid*”) have, pursuant to Public Act 100-0465, been distributed to school districts under the “Evidence-Based Funding Model”. The Evidence-Based Funding Model sets forth a school funding formula that ties individual district funding to evidence-based best practices that certain research shows enhance student achievement in the classroom. Under the funding formula, ISBE will calculate an adequacy target (the “*Adequacy Target*”) each year for each district based upon its unique student population, regional wage differences and best practices. Each district will be placed in one of four tiers depending on how close the sum of its local resources available to support education (based on certain State resources and its expected property tax collections and its Base Funding Minimum (as hereinafter defined) are to its Adequacy Target; Tier One and Tier Two for those districts that are the furthest away from their Adequacy Targets and Tier Three and Tier Four for those districts that are the closest to (or above) their Adequacy Targets. For each school year, all State funds appropriated for General State Aid in excess of the amount needed to fund the Base Funding Minimum for all school districts (“*New State Funds*”) will be distributed to districts based

on tier placement. Of any New State Funds available, Tier One receives 50%, Tier Two receives 49%, Tier Three receives 0.9%, and Tier Four receives 0.1%. Tier Two includes all Tier One districts for the purpose of the allocation percentages for New State Funds.

The Fiscal Year 2025 Budget, like the prior three State budgets, appropriated General State Aid in an amount \$350 million greater than the appropriation in the prior fiscal year budget.

The Evidence-Based Funding Model also provides that each school district will be allocated at least as much in General State Aid in future years as it received in the most recently completed school year (such amount being the district’s “*Base Funding Minimum*”). The Base Funding Minimum for the District for school year 2017-2018 was \$1,473,141 (the “*Initial Base Funding Minimum*”). Mandated Categorical State Aid (as hereinafter defined) received by the District in fiscal year 2017, other than Mandated Categorical State Aid related to transportation and extraordinary special education, was included in the Initial Base Funding Minimum. Any New State Funds received by a district in a year become part of its Base Funding Minimum in the following year.

EBF FUNDING

FISCAL YEAR	BASE FUNDING MINIMUM	TIER NUMBER	AMOUNT OF NEW STATE FUNDS
2021 ⁽¹⁾	\$1,478,847	N/A	\$ 0
2022	1,478,847	Three	42,052
2023	1,522,060	Four	1,658
2024	1,523,718	Four	1,386
2025	1,525,104	Four	1,395

(1) The State did not allocate New State Funds for Fiscal Year 2021.

PROPERTY TAX RELIEF POOL FUNDS

For the purpose of encouraging high tax rate school districts to reduce property taxes, the Evidence-Based Funding Model also established a property tax relief grant program (the “*Property Tax Relief Pool*”). School districts must apply for the grant and indicate an amount of intended property tax relief, which relief may not be greater than 1% of EAV for a unit district, 0.69% of EAV for an elementary school district or 0.31% of EAV for a high school district, reduced, in each case, based on the Local Capacity Target of the applicant. Property Tax Relief Pool grants will be allocated to school districts based on each district’s percentage of the simple average operating tax rate of all school districts of the same type (unit, elementary or high), in order of priority from highest percentage to lowest, until the Property Tax Relief Pool is exhausted. A school district which receives a Property Tax Relief Pool grant is required to abate its property tax levy by the amount of intended property tax relief for the levy year in which the grant is to be received, and the succeeding levy year. The difference between the amount of the grant and the amount of the abatement is based on a statutory calculation which takes into account relative Local Capacity Targets. Pursuant to such calculation, a school district with a low Local Capacity Target

will be required to abate less than a school district with a high Local Capacity Target, assuming the amount of Property Tax Relief Pool grants received by the school districts are the same. Property Tax Relief Pool grants received by a school district are included in future calculations of that district's Base Funding Minimum, unless that district does not abate its property tax levy by the amount of intended property tax relief as described above. Of the \$350 million of New State Funds appropriated in the Fiscal Year 2025 Budget, \$50 million was allocated to the Property Tax Relief Pool, as was done in the last three State budgets.

MANDATED CATEGORICAL STATE AID

Illinois school districts are entitled to reimbursement from the State for expenditures incurred in providing programs and services legally required to be available to students under State law. Such reimbursements, referred to as "*Mandated Categorical State Aid*," are made to the school district in the fiscal year following the expenditure, *provided* that the school district files the paperwork necessary to inform the State of such an entitlement. From time to time, Mandated Categorical State Aid payments from the State have been delayed and have been prorated as part of the appropriation process, as described below.

Prior to fiscal year 2018, the School Code provided for Mandated Categorical State Aid with respect to mandatory school programs relating to: (a) special education, (b) transportation, (c) free and reduced breakfast and lunch, and (d) orphanage tuition. Beginning with fiscal year 2018, Mandated Categorical State Aid is no longer the source of funding for mandatory school programs relating to special education, other than private facility tuition and transportation. Mandated Categorical State Aid received by a district in fiscal year 2017 for special education programming no longer available for Mandated Categorical State Aid in fiscal year 2018 is included in the Base Funding Minimum for that district.

In addition, although school districts are entitled to reimbursement for expenditures made under these programs, these reimbursements are subject to the State's appropriation process. In the event that the State does not appropriate an amount sufficient to fund fully the Mandated Categorical State Aid owed to each school district, the total Mandated Categorical State Aid is proportionally reduced such that each school district receives the same percentage of its Mandated Categorical State Aid request with respect to a specific category of such aid as every other school district.

In past years, the State has not fully funded all Mandated Categorical State Aid payments. Therefore, pursuant to the procedures discussed above, proportionate reductions in Mandated Categorical State Aid payments to school districts have occurred. However, because these programs are "mandatory" under the School Code, each school district must provide these programs regardless of whether such school district is reimbursed by the State for the related expenditures. No assurance can be given that the State will make appropriations in the future sufficient to fund fully the Mandatory Categorical State Aid requirements. As such, the District's revenues may be impacted in the future by increases or decreases in the level of funding appropriated by the State for Mandated Categorical State Aid.

COMPETITIVE GRANT STATE AID

The State also provides funds to school districts for expenditures incurred in providing additional programs that are allowed, but not mandated by, the School Code. In contrast to Mandated Categorical State Aid, such “*Competitive Grant State Aid*” is not guaranteed to a school district that provides these programs. Instead, a school district applying for Competitive Grant State Aid must compete with other school districts for the limited amount appropriated each year by the State for such program.

Competitive Grant State Aid is allocated, after appropriation by the State, among certain school districts selected by the State. The level of funding is annually determined separately for each category of aid based on the State’s budget. This process does not guarantee that any funding will be available for Competitive Grant State Aid programs, even if a school district received such funding in a prior year. Therefore, school districts may incur expenditures with respect to certain Competitive Grant State Aid programs without any guarantee that the State will appropriate the money necessary to reimburse such expenditures.

PAYMENT FOR MANDATED CATEGORICAL STATE AID AND COMPETITIVE GRANT STATE AID

The State makes payments to school districts for Mandated Categorical State Aid and Competitive Grant State Aid (together, “*Categorical State Aid*”) in accordance with a voucher system involving ISBE. ISBE vouchers payments to the State on a periodic basis. The time between vouchers varies depending on the type of Categorical State Aid in question. For example, with respect to the categories of Mandated Categorical State Aid related to extraordinary special education and transportation, ISBE vouchers the State for payments on a quarterly basis. With respect to Competitive Grant State Aid, a payment schedule is established as part of the application process, and ISBE vouchers the State for payment in accordance with this payment schedule.

Once ISBE has vouchered the State for payment, the State is required to make the Categorical State Aid payments to the school districts. As a general matter, the State is required to make such payments within 90 days after the end of the State’s fiscal year.

See *Exhibit C* for a summary of the District’s general fund revenue sources.

FEDERAL COVID-19 FUNDS DISTRIBUTED TO THE DISTRICT

The COVID-19 pandemic, along with various governmental measures taken to protect public health in light of the pandemic, has had an adverse impact on global economies, including economic conditions in the United States. In response to the pandemic, federal legislation, particularly the (i) Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (commonly known as ESSER I), (ii) the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021 (commonly known as ESSER II), and (iii) the American Rescue Plan of 2021 (commonly known as ESSER III), was enacted to provide funds to mitigate the economic downturn and health care crisis caused by COVID-19.

The amount of funds the District received from ESSER I was \$136,781. The District received additional funds in the amount of \$471,649 pursuant to ESSER II. Finally, the District received \$1,060,480 of ESSER III funds.

RETIREMENT PLANS

The District participates in two defined benefit pension plans: (i) the Teachers' Retirement System of the State of Illinois ("*TRS*"), which provides retirement benefits to the District's teaching employees, and (ii) the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (the "*IMRF*" and, together with TRS, the "*Pension Plans*"), which provides retirement benefits to the District's non-teaching employees. The District makes certain contributions to the Pension Plans on behalf of its employees, as further described in this section. The operations of the Pension Plans, including the contributions to be made to the Pension Plans, the benefits provided by the Pension Plans, and the actuarial assumptions and methods employed in generating the liabilities and contributions of the Pension Plans, are governed by the Illinois Pension Code, as amended (the "*Pension Code*").

The following summarizes certain provisions of the Pension Plans and the funded status of the Pension Plans, as more completely described in Note 10 to the Audit, as hereinafter defined, attached hereto as APPENDIX A.

BACKGROUND REGARDING PENSION PLANS

The Actuarial Valuation

The disclosures in the Audit related to the Pension Plans are based in part on the actuarial valuations of the Pension Plans. In the actuarial valuations, the actuary for each of the Pension Plans measures the financial position of the Pension Plan, determines the amount to be contributed to a Pension Plan pursuant to statutory requirements, and produces information mandated by the financial reporting standards (the "*GASB Standards*") issued by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board ("*GASB*"), as described below.

In producing an actuarial valuation, the actuary for the Pension Plan uses demographic data (including employee age, salary and service credits), economic assumptions (including estimated future salary and interest rates), and decrement assumptions (including employee turnover, mortality and retirement rates) and employs various actuarial methods to generate the information required to be included in such valuation.

GASB Standards

The GASB Standards provide standards for financial reporting and accounting related to pension plans.

The GASB Standards require calculation and disclosure of a "Net Pension Liability" or "Net Pension Asset," which is the difference between the actuarial present value of projected benefit payments that is attributed to past periods of employee service calculated pursuant to the

methods and assumptions set forth in the GASB Standards (referred to in such statements as the “*Total Pension Liability*”) and the fair market value of the pension plan’s assets (referred to as the “*Fiduciary Net Position*”).

Furthermore, the GASB Standards employ a rate, referred to in such statements as the “*Discount Rate*,” which is used to discount projected benefit payments to their actuarial present values. The Discount Rate is a blended rate comprised of (1) a long-term expected rate of return on a pension plan’s investments (to the extent that such assets are projected to be sufficient to pay benefits), and (2) a tax-exempt municipal bond rate meeting certain specifications set forth in the GASB Standards.

Finally, the GASB Standards require that the Net Pension Liability be disclosed in the notes to the financial statements of the pension system and that a proportionate share of the Net Pension Liability be recognized on the balance sheet of the employer, and that an expense be recognized on the income statement of the employer.

Pension Plans Remain Governed by the Pension Code

As described above, the GASB Standards establish requirements for financial reporting purposes. However, the Pension Plans are ultimately governed by the provisions of the Pension Code in all respects, including, but not limited to, the amounts to be contributed by the District to the Pension Plans in each year.

TEACHERS’ RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS

The District participates in TRS, which is a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan that was created by the General Assembly of the State (the “*General Assembly*”) for the benefit of Illinois public school teachers outside the City of Chicago. TRS members include all active non-annuitants who are employed by a TRS-covered employer, which includes all school districts located outside of the City of Chicago, to provide services for which teacher licensure is required.

The Pension Code sets the benefit provisions of TRS, which can only be amended by the General Assembly. The State maintains primary responsibility for the funding of the plan, but contributions from participating employers and members are also required. The TRS Board of Trustees is responsible for the System’s administration.

For information relating to the actuarial assumptions and methods used by TRS, including the Discount Rate and the sensitivity of the Net Pension Liability to changes in the Discount Rate, see Note 10 to the Audit.

Employer Funding of Teachers’ Retirement System

Under the Pension Code, active members contribute 9.0% of creditable earnings to TRS. The State makes the balance of employer contributions to the State on behalf of the District, except for a small portion contributed by the teacher’s employer, such as the District. For the fiscal years

ended June 30, 2020, through June 30, 2024, all amounts contributed by the District to TRS were as follows:

FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30	TRS CONTRIBUTION
2020	\$ 75,737
2021	96,418
2022	96,625
2023	112,084
2024	101,828

Source: The audited financial statements of the District for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2020, through June 30, 2024.

For information regarding additional contributions the District may be required to make to TRS with respect to certain salary increases and other programs, see Note 10 to the Audit.

ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT FUND

The District also participates in the IMRF, which is a defined-benefit, agent multiple employer pension plan that acts as a common investment and administrative agent for units of local government and school districts in the State. The IMRF is established and administered under statutes adopted by the General Assembly. The Pension Code sets the benefit provisions of the IMRF, which can only be amended by the General Assembly.

Each employer participating in the IMRF, including the District, has an employer reserve account with the IMRF separate and distinct from all other participating employers (the “*IMRF Account*”) along with a unique employer contribution rate determined by the IMRF Board of Trustees (the “*IMRF Board*”), as described below. The employees of a participating employer receive benefits solely from such employer’s IMRF Account. Participating employers are not responsible for funding the deficits of other participating employers.

The IMRF issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information which may be viewed at the IMRF’s website.

See Note 10 to the Audit for additional information on the IMRF.

Contributions

Both employers and employees contribute to the IMRF. At present, employees contribute 4.50% of their salary to the IMRF, as established by statute. Employers are required to make all additional contributions necessary to fund the benefits provided by the IMRF to its employees. The annual rate at which an employer must contribute to the IMRF is established by the IMRF Board. The District’s contribution rate for calendar year 2023 was 7.95% of covered payroll.

For the calendar years ended December 31, 2019, through December 31, 2023, the District contributed the following amounts to IMRF:

CALENDAR YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31	IMRF CONTRIBUTIONS
2020	\$321,436
2021	374,777
2022	352,398
2023	364,341
2024	283,398

Source: The audited financial statements of the District for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2020, through June 30, 2024.

Measures of Financial Position

The following table presents the measures of the IMRF Account’s financial position as of December 31 of the years 2019 through 2023, which are presented pursuant to the GASB Standards.

CALENDAR YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31	TOTAL PENSION LIABILITY	FIDUCIARY NET POSITION	NET PENSION (ASSET)/LIABILITY	FIDUCIARY NET POSITION AS A % OF TOTAL PENSION LIABILITY	DISCOUNT RATE
2019	\$19,837,628	\$18,680,390	\$1,157,238	94.17%	7.25%
2020	20,457,327	20,734,209	(276,882)	101.35%	7.25%
2021	21,286,152	23,358,035	(2,071,883)	109.73%	7.25%
2022	22,013,219	19,487,027	2,526,192	88.52%	7.25%
2023	22,801,232	21,252,975	1,548,257	93.21%	7.25%

Source: The audited financial statements of the District for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2020, through June 30, 2024.

See Note 10 to the Audit, for additional information on the IMRF.

OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

The District administers a single-employer defined benefit healthcare plan (the “*Retirees Health Plan*”). The Retirees Health Plan provides health insurance contributions for eligible retirees and their spouses through the District’s group health insurance plan which covers both active and retired members. The District’s annual other postemployment benefit (“*OPEB*”) cost is calculated based on the annual required contribution of the employer. For fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, the District had an annual OPEB cost of \$84,600, and as of June 30, 2024, the Retirees Health Plan had an unfunded actuarial accrued liability of \$1,516,500. For more information regarding the District’s OPEB obligations, see Note 9 of the Audit.

TEACHER HEALTH INSURANCE SECURITY FUND

The District participates in the Teacher Health Insurance Security Fund (the “*THIS Fund*”), a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit post-employment healthcare plan that was established by the Illinois legislature for the benefit of retired Illinois public school teachers employed outside the city of Chicago. The THIS Fund provides medical, prescription, and behavioral health benefits, but it does not provide vision, dental, or life insurance benefits to annuitants of TRS.

The State maintains primary responsibility for funding, but contributions from participating employers and members are also required. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, the District paid \$93,005 to the THIS Fund, which was 100% of the required contribution. For more information regarding the District’s THIS Fund obligation, see Note 9 to the Audit.

BOND RATING

Moody’s has assigned the Bonds a rating of “Aa2.” This rating reflects only the views of Moody’s. An explanation of the methodology for such rating may be obtained from Moody’s. Certain information concerning the Bonds and the District not included in this Official Statement may have been furnished to Moody’s by the District. There is no assurance that the rating will be maintained for any given period of time or that such rating will not be changed by Moody’s if, in such rating agency’s judgment, circumstances so warrant. Any downward change in or withdrawal of the rating may have an adverse effect on the market price of the Bonds.

Except as may be required by the Undertaking described below under the heading “CONTINUING DISCLOSURE,” the form of which is attached hereto as APPENDIX C, neither the District nor the Underwriter undertakes responsibility to bring to the attention of the owners of the Bonds any proposed change in or withdrawal of the rating or to oppose any such revision or withdrawal.

TAX EXEMPTION

Federal tax law contains a number of requirements and restrictions which apply to the Bonds, including investment restrictions, periodic payments of arbitrage profits to the United States, requirements regarding the proper use of bond proceeds and the facilities financed therewith, and certain other matters. The District has covenanted to comply with all requirements that must be satisfied in order for the interest on the Bonds to be excludible from gross income for federal income tax purposes. Failure to comply with certain of such covenants could cause interest on the Bonds to become includible in gross income for federal income tax purposes retroactively to the date of issuance of the Bonds.

Subject to the District’s compliance with the above-referenced covenants, under present law, in the opinion of Bond Counsel, interest on the Bonds is excludible from the gross income of the owners thereof for federal income tax purposes and is not includible as an item of tax preference in computing the federal alternative minimum tax for individuals under the Internal

Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “Code”). Interest on the Bonds may affect the corporate alternative minimum tax for certain corporations.

In rendering its opinion, Bond Counsel will rely upon certifications of the District with respect to certain material facts within the District’s knowledge. Bond Counsel’s opinion represents its legal judgment based upon its review of the law and the facts that it deems relevant to render such opinion and is not a guarantee of a result.

Ownership of the Bonds may result in collateral federal income tax consequences to certain taxpayers, including, without limitation, corporations subject to the branch profits tax, financial institutions, certain insurance companies, certain S corporations, individual recipients of Social Security or Railroad Retirement benefits and taxpayers who may be deemed to have incurred (or continued) indebtedness to purchase or carry tax-exempt obligations. Prospective purchasers of the Bonds should consult their tax advisors as to applicability of any such collateral consequences.

The issue price for original issue discount (as further discussed below) and market discount purposes (the “OID Issue Price”) for each maturity of the Bonds is the price at which a substantial amount of such maturity of the Bonds is first sold to the public (excluding bond houses and brokers and similar persons or organizations acting in the capacity of underwriters, placement agents or wholesalers). The OID Issue Price of a maturity of the Bonds may be different from the price set forth, or the price corresponding to the yield set forth, on the inside cover page hereof.

If the OID Issue Price of a maturity of the Bonds is less than the principal amount payable at maturity, the difference between the OID Issue Price of each such maturity, if any, of the Bonds (the “OID Bonds”) and the principal amount payable at maturity is original issue discount.

For an investor who purchases an OID Bond in the initial public offering at the OID Issue Price for such maturity and who holds such OID Bond to its stated maturity, subject to the condition that the District complies with the covenants discussed above, (a) the full amount of original issue discount with respect to such OID Bond constitutes interest which is excludible from the gross income of the owner thereof for federal income tax purposes; (b) such owner will not realize taxable capital gain or market discount upon payment of such OID Bond at its stated maturity; (c) such original issue discount is not includible as an item of tax preference in computing the alternative minimum tax for individuals under the Code; and (d) the accretion of original issue discount in each year may result in certain collateral federal income tax consequences in each year even though a corresponding cash payment may not be received until a later year. Based upon the stated position of the Department under State income tax law, accreted original issue discount on such OID Bonds is subject to taxation as it accretes, even though there may not be a corresponding cash payment until a later year. Owners of OID Bonds should consult their own tax advisors with respect to the state and local tax consequences of original issue discount on such OID Bonds.

Owners of Bonds who dispose of Bonds prior to the stated maturity (whether by sale, redemption or otherwise), purchase Bonds in the initial public offering, but at a price different from the OID Issue Price or purchase Bonds subsequent to the initial public offering should consult their own tax advisors.

If a Bond is purchased at any time for a price that is less than the Bond's stated redemption price at maturity or, in the case of an OID Bond, its OID Issue Price plus accreted original issue discount (the "*Revised Issue Price*"), the purchaser will be treated as having purchased a Bond with market discount subject to the market discount rules of the Code (unless a statutory *de minimis* rule applies). Accrued market discount is treated as taxable ordinary income and is recognized when a Bond is disposed of (to the extent such accrued discount does not exceed gain realized) or, at the purchaser's election, as it accrues. Such treatment would apply to any purchaser who purchases an OID Bond for a price that is less than its Revised Issue Price. The applicability of the market discount rules may adversely affect the liquidity or secondary market price of such Bond. Purchasers should consult their own tax advisors regarding the potential implications of market discount with respect to the Bonds.

An investor may purchase a Bond at a price in excess of its stated principal amount. Such excess is characterized for federal income tax purposes as "bond premium" and must be amortized by an investor on a constant yield basis over the remaining term of the Bond in a manner that takes into account potential call dates and call prices. An investor cannot deduct amortized bond premium relating to a tax-exempt bond. The amortized bond premium is treated as a reduction in the tax-exempt interest received. As bond premium is amortized, it reduces the investor's basis in the Bond. Investors who purchase a Bond at a premium should consult their own tax advisors regarding the amortization of bond premium and its effect on the Bond's basis for purposes of computing gain or loss in connection with the sale, exchange, redemption or early retirement of the Bond.

There are or may be pending in Congress legislative proposals, including some that carry retroactive effective dates, that, if enacted, could alter or amend the federal tax matters referred to above or affect the market value of the Bonds. It cannot be predicted whether or in what form any such proposal might be enacted or whether, if enacted, it would apply to bonds issued prior to enactment. Prospective purchasers of the Bonds should consult their own tax advisors regarding any pending or proposed federal tax legislation. Bond Counsel expresses no opinion regarding any pending or proposed federal tax legislation.

The Service has an ongoing program of auditing tax-exempt obligations to determine whether, in the view of the Service, interest on such tax-exempt obligations is includible in the gross income of the owners thereof for federal income tax purposes. It cannot be predicted whether or not the Service will commence an audit of the Bonds. If an audit is commenced, under current procedures the Service may treat the District as a taxpayer and the Bondholders may have no right to participate in such procedure. The commencement of an audit could adversely affect the market value and liquidity of the Bonds until the audit is concluded, regardless of the ultimate outcome.

Payments of interest on, and proceeds of the sale, redemption or maturity of, tax-exempt obligations, including the Bonds, are in certain cases required to be reported to the Service. Additionally, backup withholding may apply to any such payments to any Bond owner who fails to provide an accurate Form W-9 Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification, or a substantially identical form, or to any Bond owner who is notified by the Service of a failure to report any interest or dividends required to be shown on federal income tax returns. The

reporting and backup withholding requirements do not affect the excludability of such interest from gross income for federal tax purposes.

Interest on the Bonds is not exempt from present State income taxes. Ownership of the Bonds may result in other state and local tax consequences to certain taxpayers. Bond Counsel expresses no opinion regarding any such collateral consequences arising with respect to the Bonds. Prospective purchasers of the Bonds should consult their tax advisors regarding the applicability of any such state and local taxes.

CONTINUING DISCLOSURE

The District will enter into a Continuing Disclosure Undertaking (the “*Undertaking*”) for the benefit of the beneficial owners of the Bonds to send certain information annually and to provide notice of certain events to the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board (the “*MSRB*”) pursuant to the requirements of the Rule. No person, other than the District, has undertaken, or is otherwise expected, to provide continuing disclosure with respect to the Bonds. The information to be provided on an annual basis, the events which will be noticed on an occurrence basis and a statement of other terms of the Undertaking, including termination, amendment and remedies, are set forth in the form of the Undertaking, attached hereto as APPENDIX C.

There have been no instances in the previous five years in which the District failed to comply, in all material respects, with any undertaking previously entered into by it pursuant to the Rule. A failure by the District to comply with the Undertaking will not constitute a default under the Bond Resolution and beneficial owners of the Bonds are limited to the remedies described in the Undertaking. The District must report any failure to comply with the Undertaking in accordance with the Rule. Any broker, dealer or municipal securities dealer must consider such report before recommending the purchase or sale of the Bonds in the secondary market. Consequently, such a failure may adversely affect the transferability and liquidity of the Bonds and their market price.

AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The audited financial statements of the District for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024 (the “*Audit*”), contained in Appendix A, including the independent auditor’s report accompanying the Audit, have been prepared by Baker Tilly Virchow Krause, LLP, Oak Brook, Illinois (the “*Auditor*”), and approved by formal action of the Board. The District has not requested the Auditor to update information contained in the Audit nor has the District requested that the Auditor consent to the use of the Audit in this Official Statement. Other than as expressly set forth in this Official Statement, the financial information contained in the Audit has not been updated since the date of the Audit. The inclusion of the Audit in this Official Statement in and of itself is not intended to demonstrate the fiscal condition of the District since the date of the Audit.

BOOK-ENTRY ONLY SYSTEM

DTC will act as securities depository for the Bonds. The Bonds will be issued as fully-registered securities registered in the name of Cede & Co. (DTC's partnership nominee) or such other name as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC. One fully-registered Bond certificate will be issued for each maturity of the Bonds, in the aggregate principal amount of such maturity, and will be deposited with DTC.

DTC, the world's largest securities depository, is a limited-purpose trust company organized under the New York Banking Law, a "banking organization" within the meaning of the New York Banking Law, a member of the Federal Reserve System, a "clearing corporation" within the meaning of the New York Uniform Commercial Code, and a "clearing agency" registered pursuant to the provisions of Section 17A of the Exchange Act. DTC holds and provides asset servicing for over 3.5 million issues of U.S. and non-U.S. equity issues, corporate and municipal debt issues, and money market instruments (from over 100 countries) that DTC's participants ("*Direct Participants*") deposit with DTC. DTC also facilitates the post-trade settlement among Direct Participants of sales and other securities transactions in deposited securities, through electronic computerized book-entry transfers and pledges between Direct Participants' accounts. This eliminates the need for physical movement of securities certificates. Direct Participants include both U.S. and non-U.S. securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, clearing corporations, and certain other organizations. DTC is a wholly-owned subsidiary of The Depository Trust & Clearing Corporation ("*DTCC*"). DTCC is the holding company for DTC, National Securities Clearing Corporation and Fixed Income Clearing Corporation, all of which are registered clearing agencies. DTCC is owned by the users of its regulated subsidiaries. Access to the DTC system is also available to others such as both U.S. and non-U.S. securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, and clearing corporations that clear through or maintain a custodial relationship with a Direct Participant, either directly or indirectly ("*Indirect Participants*"). DTC has an S&P Global Ratings rating of "AA+". The DTC Rules applicable to its Participants are on file with the Commission. More information about DTC can be found at www.dtcc.com.

Purchases of Bonds under the DTC system must be made by or through Direct Participants, which will receive a credit for the Bonds on DTC's records. The ownership interest of each actual purchaser of each Bond ("*Beneficial Owner*") is in turn to be recorded on the Direct and Indirect Participants' records. Beneficial Owners will not receive written confirmation from DTC of their purchase. Beneficial Owners are, however, expected to receive written confirmations providing details of the transaction, as well as periodic statements of their holdings, from the Direct or Indirect Participant through which the Beneficial Owner entered into the transaction. Transfers of ownership interests in the Bonds are to be accomplished by entries made on the books of Direct and Indirect Participants acting on behalf of Beneficial Owners. Beneficial Owners will not receive certificates representing their ownership interests in Bonds, except in the event that use of the book-entry system for the Bonds is discontinued.

To facilitate subsequent transfers, all Bonds deposited by Direct Participants with DTC are registered in the name of DTC's partnership nominee, Cede & Co., or such other name as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC. The deposit of Bonds with DTC and their

registration in the name of Cede & Co. or such other DTC nominee do not effect any change in beneficial ownership. DTC has no knowledge of the actual Beneficial Owners of the Bonds; DTC's records reflect only the identity of the Direct Participants to whose accounts such Bonds are credited, which may or may not be the Beneficial Owners. The Direct and Indirect Participants will remain responsible for keeping account of their holdings on behalf of their customers.

Conveyance of notices and other communications by DTC to Direct Participants, by Direct Participants to Indirect Participants, and by Direct Participants and Indirect Participants to Beneficial Owners will be governed by arrangements among them, subject to any statutory or regulatory requirements as may be in effect from time to time. Beneficial Owners of Bonds may wish to take certain steps to augment transmission to them of notices of significant events with respect to the Bonds, such as redemptions, tenders, defaults, and proposed amendments to the Bond documents. For example, Beneficial Owners of Bonds may wish to ascertain that the nominee holding the Bonds for their benefit has agreed to obtain and transmit notices to Beneficial Owners. In the alternative, Beneficial Owners may wish to provide their names and addresses to the Registrar and request that copies of notices be provided directly to them.

Redemption notices shall be sent to DTC. If less than all of the Bonds within an issue are being redeemed, DTC's practice is to determine by lot the amount of the interest of each Direct Participant in such issue to be redeemed.

Neither DTC nor Cede & Co. (nor any other DTC nominee) will consent or vote with respect to the Bonds unless authorized by a Direct Participant in accordance with DTC's MMI Procedures. Under its usual procedures, DTC mails an Omnibus Proxy to the District as soon as possible after the Record Date. The Omnibus Proxy assigns Cede & Co.'s consenting or voting rights to those Direct Participants to whose accounts the Bonds are credited on the Record Date (identified in a listing attached to the Omnibus Proxy).

Redemption proceeds, distributions, and dividend payments on the Bonds will be made to Cede & Co., or such other nominee as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC. DTC's practice is to credit Direct Participants' accounts upon DTC's receipt of funds and corresponding detailed information from the District or Registrar, on payable date in accordance with their respective holdings shown on DTC's records. Payments by Participants to Beneficial Owners will be governed by standing instructions and customary practices, as is the case with securities held for the accounts of customers in bearer form or registered in "street name," and will be the responsibility of such Participant and not of DTC, the Registrar, or the District, subject to any statutory or regulatory requirements as may be in effect from time to time. Payment of redemption proceeds, distributions, and dividend payments to Cede & Co. (or such other nominee as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC) is the responsibility of the District or the Registrar, disbursement of such payments to Direct Participants will be the responsibility of DTC, and disbursement of such payments to the Beneficial Owners will be the responsibility of Direct and Indirect Participants.

DTC may discontinue providing its services as depository with respect to the Bonds at any time by giving reasonable notice to the District or the Registrar. Under such circumstances, in the

event that a successor depository is not obtained, Bond certificates are required to be printed and delivered.

The District may decide to discontinue use of the system of book-entry transfers through DTC (or a successor securities depository). In that event, Bond certificates will be printed and delivered to DTC.

The information in this section concerning DTC and DTC's book-entry system has been obtained from DTC, and the District takes no responsibility for the accuracy thereof.

The District will have no responsibility or obligation to any Securities Depository, any Participants in the Book-Entry System or the Beneficial Owners with respect to (a) the accuracy of any records maintained by the Securities Depository or any Participant; (b) the payment by the Securities Depository or by any Participant of any amount due to any Beneficial Owner in respect of the principal amount or redemption price of, or interest on, any Bonds; (c) the delivery of any notice by the Securities Depository or any Participant; (d) the selection of the Beneficial Owners to receive payment in the event of any partial redemption of the Bonds; or (e) any other action taken by the Securities Depository or any Participant.

CERTAIN LEGAL MATTERS

Certain legal matters incident to the authorization, issuance and sale of the Bonds are subject to the approving legal opinion of Chapman and Cutler LLP, Chicago, Illinois ("*Chapman and Cutler*"), Bond Counsel, who has been retained by, and acts as, Bond Counsel to the District. Chapman and Cutler has also been retained by the District to serve as Disclosure Counsel to the District with respect to the Bonds. Although as Disclosure Counsel to the District, Chapman and Cutler has assisted the District with certain disclosure matters, Chapman and Cutler has not undertaken to independently verify the accuracy, completeness or fairness of any of the statements contained in this Official Statement or other offering material related to the Bonds and does not guarantee the accuracy, completeness or fairness of such information. Chapman and Cutler's engagement as Disclosure Counsel was undertaken solely at the request and for the benefit of the District, to assist it in discharging its responsibility with respect to this Official Statement, and not for the benefit of any other person (including any person purchasing Bonds from the Underwriter), and did not include any obligation to establish or confirm factual matters, forecasts, projections, estimates or any other financial or economic information in connection therewith. Further, Chapman and Cutler makes no representation as to the suitability of the Bonds for investment by any investor.

NO LITIGATION

No litigation is now pending or threatened restraining the issuance, sale, execution or delivery of the Bonds, or in any way contesting or affecting the validity or enforceability of the Bonds or any proceedings of the District taken with respect to the issuance or sale thereof. A certificate to this effect will be delivered by the District with the other customary closing papers when the Bonds are delivered.

UNDERWRITING

Pursuant to the terms of a Bond Purchase Agreement (the "*Agreement*") between the District and Raymond James & Associates, Inc., Chicago, Illinois (the "*Underwriter*"), the Underwriter has agreed to purchase the Bonds at an aggregate purchase price of \$_____. The purchase price will produce an underwriting spread of ____% of principal amount if all Bonds are sold at the initial offering prices. The Agreement provides that the obligation of the Underwriter is subject to certain conditions precedent and that the Underwriter will be obligated to purchase all of the Bonds if any of the Bonds are purchased. The Bonds may be offered and sold to certain dealers (including dealers depositing such Bonds into investment trusts, accounts or funds) and others at prices different than the initial public offering price. After the initial public offering, the public offering price of the Bonds may be changed from time to time by the Underwriter.

AUTHORIZATION

This Official Statement has been approved by the District for distribution to prospective purchasers of the Bonds. The Board, acting through authorized officers, will provide to the Underwriter at the time of delivery of the Bonds, a certificate confirming that, to the best of its knowledge and belief, this Official Statement, together with any supplements thereto, as of the date hereof, and at the time of delivery of the Bonds, was true and correct in all material respects and did not at any time contain an untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact required to be stated where necessary to make the statements therein in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading.

/s/

Assistant Superintendent for Business Services
School District Number 26, Cook County,
Illinois

February __, 2025

**EXHIBIT A — COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE, FISCAL YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2020-2024**

	Ed ⁽¹⁾	O&M	DEBT SERVICE	TRANS	IMRF	CAP PROJECTS	WORKING CASH	TOTAL
Beginning Balance	\$16,016,215	\$2,691,266	\$749,378	\$1,164,959	\$560,443	\$326,514	\$1,695,083	\$23,203,858
Revenues	22,701,657	2,908,163	1,187,122	849,523	512,873	191,044	37,377	28,387,759
Expenditures	20,347,088	1,732,175	3,710,262	719,109	779,272	1,090,548	0	28,378,454
Net Transfers	(4,540,026)	(1,555,946)	595,972	0	0	11,501,471	(6,001,471)	0
Other Sources (Uses)	0	0	1,869,116	0	0	0	6,001,471	7,870,587
Ending Balance, 6/30/20	\$13,830,758	\$2,311,308	\$691,326	\$1,295,373	\$294,044	\$10,928,481	\$1,732,460	\$31,083,750
Beginning Balance	\$13,830,758	\$2,311,308	\$691,326	\$1,295,373	\$294,044	\$10,928,481	\$1,732,460	\$31,083,750
Revenues	25,070,354	3,041,195	1,233,095	758,085	641,442	613,967	12,121	31,370,259
Expenditures	21,064,553	1,957,987	1,878,089	462,823	757,060	11,343,896	0	37,464,408
Net Transfers	(29,565)	(689,796)	719,361	0	0	988,464	(988,464)	0
Other Sources (Uses)	0	0	99,690	0	0	0	988,464	1,088,154
Ending Balance, 6/30/21	\$17,806,994	\$2,704,720	\$865,383	\$1,590,635	\$178,426	\$1,187,016	\$1,744,581	\$26,077,755
Beginning Balance	\$17,806,994	\$2,704,720	\$865,383	\$1,590,635	\$178,426	\$1,187,016	\$1,744,581	\$26,077,755
Revenues	24,294,599	2,777,772	1,242,176	884,235	925,631	661,612	3,075	30,789,100
Expenditures	21,531,252	1,901,464	1,803,782	978,398	818,765	617,663	0	27,651,324
Net Transfers	(1,000,000)	(1,503,584)	503,584	0	0	2,000,000	0	0
Other Sources (Uses)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ending Balance, 6/30/22	\$19,570,341	\$2,077,444	\$807,361	\$1,496,472	\$285,292	\$3,230,965	\$1,747,656	\$29,215,531
Beginning Balance	\$19,570,341	\$2,077,444	\$807,361	\$1,496,472	\$285,292	\$3,230,965	\$1,747,656	\$29,215,531
Revenues	23,719,062	4,680,532	1,301,952	969,727	1,207,864	1,588,096	40,615	33,507,848
Expenditures	22,297,891	2,037,035	1,702,132	1,420,363	786,277	3,928,769	0	32,172,467
Net Transfers	(18,839)	(3,784,553)	486,742	0	0	6,338,538	0	3,021,888
Other Sources (Uses)	85,446	0	0	0	0	0	0	85,446
Ending Balance, 6/30/23	\$21,058,119	\$936,388	\$893,923	\$1,045,836	\$706,879	\$7,228,830	\$1,788,271	\$33,658,246
Beginning Balance	\$21,058,119	\$936,388	\$893,923	\$1,045,836	\$706,879	\$7,228,830	\$1,788,271	\$33,658,246
Revenues	25,165,713	4,187,801	1,433,627	1,483,165	1,056,998	1,242,005	71,122	34,640,431
Expenditures	22,824,358	2,171,500	1,934,573	1,081,221	772,346	9,394,719	0	38,178,717
Net Transfers	(18,840)	(2,518,078)	536,918	0	0	2,000,000	0	0
Other Sources (Uses)	0	0	152,629	0	0	10,002,426 ⁽²⁾	0	10,155,055
Ending Balance, 6/30/24	\$23,380,634	\$434,611	\$1,082,524	\$1,447,780	\$991,531	\$11,078,542	\$1,859,393	\$40,275,015

Source: The audited financial statements of the District for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2020 - June 30, 2024.

(1) Excludes "on-behalf" payments and student activity funds.

(2) Consists of proceeds of the Series 2024 Bonds, which were used to pay costs of the Project.

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EXHIBIT B — BUDGET, FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2025

	Ed ⁽¹⁾	O&M	DEBT SERVICE	TRANS	IMRF	CAP PROJECTS	WORKING CASH	TOTAL
FUND BALANCE AS OF 7/1/24	\$21,844,139	\$204,633	\$1,098,610	\$1,280,624	\$1,061,871	\$12,831,482	\$1,859,975	\$40,181,334
ESTIMATED REVENUE	24,018,965	5,003,608	1,325,021	1,018,234	664,784	1,175,000	50,000	33,255,612
ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES	23,939,671	2,467,241	2,534,525	1,221,648	811,156	24,852,924	0	55,827,165
OTHER	(3,018,839)	(1,250,010)	1,268,849	0	0	17,000,000 ⁽²⁾	0	14,000,000
ESTIMATED FUND BALANCE 6/30/25	\$18,904,594	\$1,490,990	\$1,157,955	\$1,077,210	\$915,499	\$6,153,558	\$1,909,975	\$31,609,781

Source: Budget for the District for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025. The beginning fund balances were estimated by the District at the time the budget was adopted. Consequently, such balances may not match the ending fund balances set forth in the District’s audited financial statements for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024.

- (1) Excludes “on-behalf” payments and student activity funds.
- (2) Includes proceeds of the Bonds.

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**EXHIBIT C — GENERAL FUND REVENUE SOURCES,
FISCAL YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2020-2024**

	YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020	YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021	YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022	YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023	YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024
Local Sources	86.45%	80.74%	84.65%	88.74%	90.34%
State Sources	6.10%	5.48%	5.99%	5.38%	5.22%
Federal Sources	<u>7.45%</u>	<u>13.78%</u>	<u>9.36%</u>	<u>5.88%</u>	<u>4.44%</u>
TOTAL	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%

Source: The audited financial statements of the District for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2020-June 30, 2024. For purposes of this Exhibit, the General Fund includes the Educational Fund and the Operations and Maintenance Fund. Excludes “on-behalf” payments and student activity funds.

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APPENDIX A

**AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE
DISTRICT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

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Annual Comprehensive Financial Report

As of and For the Year Ended
June 30, 2024



River Trails School District 26

Mount Prospect, Illinois

ANNUAL COMPREHENSIVE FINANCIAL
REPORT

OF

RIVER TRAILS SCHOOL DISTRICT 26

MT. PROSPECT, IL

As of and for the Year Ended June 30, 2024

Officials Issuing Report

Mr. Ryan Berry, Assistant Superintendent for Business

Department Issuing Report

Business Office

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December 9, 2024

President and Members of the
Board of Education
River Trails School District 26
Mount Prospect, Illinois

Dear Members of the Board:

The Illinois State Board of Education requires that every school district issue a complete set of audited financial statements. This report is published to fulfill that requirement for fiscal year-end June 30, 2024.

The Annual Comprehensive Financial Report of River Trails School District 26, Mount Prospect, Illinois, for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024 is submitted herewith. The audit was completed on December 9, 2024 and the report was subsequently issued.

Management assumes full responsibility for the completeness and reliability of the information contained in this report, based on a comprehensive framework of internal control that it has established for this purpose. Because the cost of internal control should not exceed anticipated benefits, the objective is to provide reasonable, rather than absolute, assurance that the financial statements are free of any material misstatements.

Baker Tilly US, LLP, Certified Public Accountants, have issued an unmodified (“Clean”) opinion on the River Trails School District 26 financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2024. The independent auditors’ report is located at the front of the financial section of this report.

The Management’s Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) immediately follows the independent auditors’ report and provides a narrative introduction, overview and analysis of the basic financial statements. The MD&A complements this letter of transmittal and should be read in conjunction with it.

Profile of the District

The mission of River Trails School District 26 is:

Together, family, staff, and community inspire our diverse student population to develop the knowledge, skills, and character necessary to excel in an ever-changing world, while providing a safe and nurturing environment.

Inspire to Excel

The District is a consolidated elementary (PK-8) school district in Wheeling Township, Illinois, which operates as a single district. The governing body consists of a seven-member Board of Education elected from within the District's boundaries. The District's boundaries consist of approximately 15% of Wheeling Township. According to the Illinois School Code, the Board of Education:

- has the corporate power to sue and be sued in all courts;
- has the power to levy and collect taxes and to issue bonds;
- can contract for appointed administrators, teachers, and other personnel, as well as for goods and services;
- holds title to all District property; and
- appoints the Treasurer who serves as legal custodian of all the District's funds.

The Board of Education entered into an Intergovernmental Agreement with Township High School District 214, on April 11, 1996, to provide the same services previously provided by the Wheeling Township School Trustees and School Treasurer. As stipulated by the intergovernmental agreement, an advisory board meets quarterly to review and act in an advisory capacity. District 26 has a representative at each meeting and subsequently informs the Board of Education concerning all matters involving the District. The intergovernmental agreement is ongoing unless the Board of Education, River Trails School District 26, should elect to withdraw from the agreement.

The Board of Education appoints a superintendent who in turn recommends to the Board of Education the appointment of the remaining administrative team. An organizational chart is provided at the front of this report.

The District is required to adopt an annual budget for all its funds by September 30th of each year. The annual budget serves as a foundation for financial planning and control. The budget is prepared by fund, function (e.g., instruction, support services), location, program, and object (e.g., salaries, employee benefits). The Board of Education approves the hiring of employees, awarding of bids, and payments to vendors at its regular meetings throughout the year.

The primary purpose of the Board of Education is to provide each student living within the District's boundaries the educational opportunities necessary to be a productive citizen in

our democratic society. There are four basic purposes to public education, which are as follows:

- Education is the concern of all the people; hence, it becomes the function of the state and local community.
- Public schools are designed to allow each individual to develop to his/her maximum potential in order to be a contributing member of a democratic society.
- Equal educational and extracurricular opportunities shall be available for all students without regard to color, race, nationality, religion, sex, sexual orientation, ancestry, age, physical or mental disability, gender identity, status of being homeless, immigration status, order of protection status, actual or potential marital or parental status, including pregnancy. Further, the District will not knowingly enter into agreements with any entity or any individual that discriminates against students on the basis of sex or any other protected status, except that the District remains viewpoint neutral when granting access to school facilities.
- Public education should transmit the highest ideals of our culture to each succeeding generation and to instill in each individual the desire to pursue learning as a lifelong activity.

Curriculum and Instruction

The 2023-24 school year proved to be a productive period for both students and staff in our district as we launched new curricula and worked to incorporate best practice instructional strategies. As educators, we delved deeply into data to inform our instructional strategies, striving to provide equitable learning environments for all learners.

Our district's curriculum is firmly rooted in state standards. In 2010, the State of Illinois embraced a new set of standards known as the Common Core State Standards (CCSS) for English/language arts and mathematics. In 2014, the state also adopted new science standards, known as the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS), which emphasize the multifaceted nature of scientific learning. These national standards are designed to elevate academic rigor and performance, all the while gauging individual and school progress for students in grades K-8 over time. Common Core and NGSS have been seamlessly integrated with the College and Career Readiness Standards, ensuring that our students are well-prepared for the ever-evolving demands of both higher education and the workforce.

Our curriculum work during the 2023-24 school year continued to concentrate on developing common assessments in literacy while gaining a clearer understanding of the standards. With a heightened focus and alignment, we aimed to enhance our students' proficiency in district identified priority standards, with the expectation of observing high rates of individual student growth on state assessments.

The state evaluates standards mastery in science, math, and reading by administering the Illinois Assessment of Readiness (IAR) and Illinois Science Assessment (ISA). As a District, we employ various local assessments to continually monitor progress towards mastery. The data

from 2023-24 indicates that River Trails School District 26 students maintain a record of achieving above the state and national averages. State performance data was at an all time high in all three tested buildings, Indian Grove, Euclid, and River Trails Middle School.

To support this work, each school maintains a School Improvement Team (SIT). The SIT is made up of building administration, teachers, specialty areas personnel, coaches, parents, and community representatives. This team prepares a School Improvement Plan (SIP) in alignment with District and Strategic goals. The SIT team is responsible for analyzing achievement and growth of the children on the state mandated and district assessments. Based on this analysis, the team sets individual building goals for growth and identifies high impact improvement strategies to implement to support student growth. District identified assessments provide interim data to guide teams to monitor progress toward goals at various points throughout the school year.

A standards aligned English Language Arts (ELA) curriculum provides teachers with resources to build life ready readers through motivating and engaging literature, scientifically research-based instructional methods, and a wealth of reliable teaching tools that are grounded in best practice. Carefully chosen curriculum assists teachers in differentiating instruction with a strong emphasis on student growth. The curriculum is designed to engage students in high quality reading and writing activities supported by technological tools to enhance literacy learning experiences that transfer into life skills. Emphasis is placed on writing at all grade levels with a focus on providing students with the skills and knowledge to produce written work of the highest quality regardless of writing genre.

A standards aligned mathematics program provides teachers with resources to build strong foundations in mathematics. The district rolled out a new elementary math curriculum in 2023-24 while piloting math materials at the middle school. The middle school formally adopted a new curriculum in the spring of 2024 to launch in fall 2024. These refreshed materials support our goals to provide standards aligned, research based math instruction to all students.

Standards aligned content courses (science and social studies) exist to support teachers with resources to build awareness of historical content, current events and civics. Science takes a 3-dimensional approach to instruction integrating grade level disciplinary core content, science and engineering principles and cross-cutting concepts. The middle school continues to refine STEM programming, Earth, Life and Physical Science. All students experience hands-on learning in Design Modeling, Coding and Energy and the Environment. We continue to develop our staff to understand the significant shifts in science education as we believe that these authentic learning opportunities foster critical thinking, problem solving and drive students to think more deeply about their world and environment.

Technology is embedded in all areas of instruction. Students and teachers are fluent users of technology to help enhance learning while providing access to engaging, interactive

resources. The District continues to work to ensure that students learn the necessary digital citizenship skills to be successful in life.

We closely follow educational research to provide optimal learning environments for our students. During the 2023-24 school year we audited our encore, library, and physical education programs. Identifying strengths and weaknesses of each program has allowed us to put improvements in place for the 2024-25 school year with a goal of providing equitable access to learning for all students.

To support our teachers in all of the above, we offer coaching services at all four schools. Our coaches are amazing resources to our teachers. They have unparalleled understanding of the teaching standards that drive instruction. They are also excellent leaders with strong interpersonal skills to support teachers at all levels of experience. Professional development is now an everyday occurrence with our coaches supporting teachers who are nurturing our students.

In addition to the strong academic programs, River Trails values the whole child. We continue to offer a variety of options for children to explore during their elementary and middle school years. Our fine arts, foreign language, special education, multi-language, bilingual, and gifted and talented programs are outstanding. Through an intergovernmental agreement with the River Trails Park District, the District is able to provide before- and after-school childcare. We also fund a variety of clubs and activities at all schools for students to join such as Art Club, Board Game Club, Chess Club, Lego Club, and STEAM Club. Students are able to recommend clubs to teachers to launch each year.

Summer school is provided for children identified for special programming. Extended School Year (ESY) classes (PK-8) are provided for students who, based on Individualized Education Plan (IEP) team recommendations, require summer school. In addition, high needs multi-language learners in grades 1 to 5 are offered to continue their language development over the summer by participating in a comprehensive program designed to accelerate the acquisition of English and core literacy skills. Summer school programming continues to be available for at-risk populations.

To promote character development, the District continues to teach the Social Emotional Learning Standards. We realize that these important skills cannot be taught in isolation. All instruction is seen through the lens of supporting social emotional development. Professional development for teachers in this area has been a significant focus and aligns directly with our strategic plan. An audit of SEL programming was completed during the 2023-24 school year. Two programs, Second Step (K-5) and ReThink Ed (6-8) were adopted for fall 2024 roll-out.

In summary, the Board of Education of River Trails School District 26 offers one of the most comprehensive educational programs in the northwest suburban area. The Board of Education has allocated its resources to a well-educated, dedicated staff to provide

outstanding programs for the children. With educational, parental, and community support, the children are meeting the District's academic expectations.

Local Economy

River Trails School District 26 is located in Cook County, Illinois, within the Village of Mount Prospect and the Cities of Des Plaines and Prospect Heights. The major industries include retail stores, an office center, manufacturers, and distributors. The combined assessed valuation of industrial and commercial property continues to average over 30 percent of the total property valuation within the School District, which lessens the property tax burden on residential homeowners.

The 2024 county unemployment rate was 6.7%. The state and national unemployment rates for the same year were 5.0% and 4.1%, respectively. Over 92% of Cook County residents are employed in non-manufacturing jobs as opposed to manufacturing and agriculture jobs.

The Equalized Assessed Valuation (EAV) for tax year 2023 increased 2.6%, to \$669,518,355 from the 2022 EAV of \$652,566,269. The tax levy on tax capped funds increased only 5.0%, due to limitations of the tax cap formula which limits the increase in property tax for operating purposes to 5% or the percent increase in the annual Consumer Price Index, whichever is less. The CPI for the 2023 tax levy was 6.5%. \$1.1 million in new property EAV accounted for an additional 0.2% increase in the tax levy.

In February 1995, the Illinois General Assembly passed tax cap legislation (P.L. 89-1) for Cook County, making it retroactive to the 1994 tax year. This legislation, known as the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law Act, limits the District's ability to generate property tax revenues. In addition to P.L. 89-1, the Illinois General Assembly amended Article 20, which limits the amount of debt service taxes a district can generate through the sale of non-referendum bonds to the district's 1994 aggregate non-referendum debt service amount. For District 26, this limit is \$1.3 million. Starting with the 2009 levy, House Bill 242 provides that the debt service extension base must be increased by the lesser of 5% or the CPI for the prior year. In order for a District to increase its property tax revenue beyond these restrictions, a referendum question would need to be put to the voters.

Beginning in levy year 2021, Pursuant to Public Act 102-0519, a Prior Year Levy Adjustment amount is added to the levy for refunds issued from the taxing district as a result of a certificate of error, a court order issued pursuant to an assessment valuation complaint under Section 23-15 or a final administrative decision of the Property Tax Appeal Board. The Prior Year Levy Adjustment for 2023 is \$314,986.

For information regarding the District's financial position and respective changes in financial position, please read the Management's Discussion and Analysis on pages 4 through 16.

Long-Term Financial Planning

It is important for the District to be fiscally prudent. Key areas of concern are property tax refunds, a potential property tax freeze, and delayed property tax payments; the State of Illinois' large budget deficit and ability to make educational payments, a potential shift of teacher pension payments from the state to the district, and unfunded mandates; federal sequestration; growing special education student needs; increasing student enrollment; and aging facilities. The District will continue to explore reducing expenditures where possible.

District finances are monitored through such means as monthly finance reports to the Board of Education, the annual budget process, and long-term financial projections. The Board of Education established a Board Finance Committee consisting of three board members and administration. The Committee provides oversight to all major District revenues, expenses, investment practices and policies, and practices related to the management of District finances. The Committee shapes strategic directions for finance and monitors all policies related to the financial administration of District 26. The Committee provides guidance to management on the financing of strategic initiatives and District goals.

Relevant Financial Policies

Budget planning begins no later than March by adopting a proposed budget calendar. The proposed budget is available for public inspection and comment at least 30 days before the budget hearing. The adopted budget is posted on the District's website and filed with the Cook County Clerk's office within 30 days of adoption. The Board of Education may amend the budget by following the same procedure provided in the original adoption.

The Township Treasurer serves as the Chief Investment Officer. The Township Treasurer invests money that is not required for current operations, in accordance with Board policy and state law. See the Notes to the Financial Statements for additional information on cash and investments.

The certificate of property tax levy is filed with the Cook County Clerk's office by the last Tuesday in December. The District annually publishes a statement of affairs regarding its financial position by December 1 each year.

Strategic Plan

Under the direction of former Superintendent, Dr. Nancy Wagner, dedicated individuals including community members, staff, students and school board members participated in the creation of the 2020-2025 Strategic Plan to help chart the future of District 26. The team reaffirmed the existing Mission Statement, established new belief statements, set two strategic goals and developed four strategic objectives.

Head READY + Heart READY = Life READY

LIFE READY learners and leaders from River Trails School District...

- Have individual worth and a desire to learn
- Appreciate individual cultures and respect diversity
- Take responsibility for their actions and the resulting outcomes
- Thrive in an emotionally and physically safe environment
- Establish personal goals and rise to expectations
- Demonstrate honesty and integrity
- Value relationships and contribute to the larger community

Head Ready students grow academically, problem solve creatively and learn how to learn.

Heart Ready students are respectful, resourceful and resilient citizens.

Collaboration

Build and support a trusting culture between teachers, school, and district level administrators by assessing, developing, and strengthening professional collaboration.

Curriculum

Provide a student-centered learning environment anchored by a comprehensive standards aligned curriculum, relevant and responsible to the world we live in, and measured by meaningful demonstrations of knowledge and skills.

Community

Prioritize social, emotional, and physical well-being of the school community by providing a nurturing environment and equipping all with the skills, knowledge and understanding to thrive in a complex world.

Communication

Establish and maintain effective networks of communication and collaboration with all members of the larger community.

Accountability

The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) is the reauthorization of the 50-year-old Elementary and Secondary Education Act, the country's national education law and longstanding commitment to equal opportunity for all students. Under the ESSA law, District accountability is measured by the state on an annual basis and takes into account multiple factors including but not limited to proficiency, growth, attendance, and school climate. District ratings can range from exemplary to comprehensive support. All schools in our district were rated commendable for the 2023-24 school year.

Our Strategic Plan focuses on providing a learning environment that supports the academic and social needs of students as they develop into life ready citizens. We accomplish this work by providing engaging, best practice instruction in reading, mathematics, and other core subject areas. We also prioritize time for student to student and student to teacher connections through our daily morning meetings and advisory blocks.

Instructional decisions in our district are grounded in research. Our framework for teaching and learning is foundationally supported by proven methodology. Teachers use data to determine how to differentiate curriculum and instruction for each student. Moreover, intervention strategies are utilized to ensure that each child makes growth towards mastery of the Illinois State Common Core Learning Standards.

We base our instruction on student performance outcomes/data. Data drives instructional decisions to ensure that the needs of all learners are being met in a successful manner. Pre- and post-testing, benchmark testing and progress monitoring are in place to further assist teachers in making decisions about classroom practices and lesson design. Our assessments include mandatory state assessments, district assessment, common formative assessments, and classroom developed assessments. All data is considered when making instructional decisions in the classroom.

Children in River Trails School District 26 receive an excellent education as evidenced by local and state assessment performance. The goal is to ensure that we add value to the educational experience of every child so that they can grow both academically and socially. The aspiration is to educate the whole child as they develop into future members of the community.

Awards and Acknowledgements

Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA)

GFOA awarded a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting to River Trails School District 26 for its annual comprehensive financial report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023. The District has received this prestigious award each year for more than twenty-five years. In order to be awarded a Certificate of Achievement, the District had to publish an easily readable and efficiently organized annual comprehensive financial report

that satisfied both generally accepted accounting principles and applicable legal requirements.

A Certificate of Achievement is valid for a period of one year only. The current annual comprehensive financial report continues to meet the Certificate of Achievement Program's requirements and is being submitted to the GFOA to determine its eligibility for another certificate.

The preparation of this report would not have been possible without the efficient and dedicated service of the entire Business Office staff. We wish to express our appreciation to all members of the Business Office department who assisted and contributed to the preparation of this report. Also, credit must be given to the Board of Education President and members for their desire and commitment to maintain the highest standards of professionalism in the management of River Trails School District 26 finances.

Respectfully submitted,



Dr. Jodi Megerle
Superintendent of Schools



Ryan J. Berry
Assistant Superintendent for Business Services



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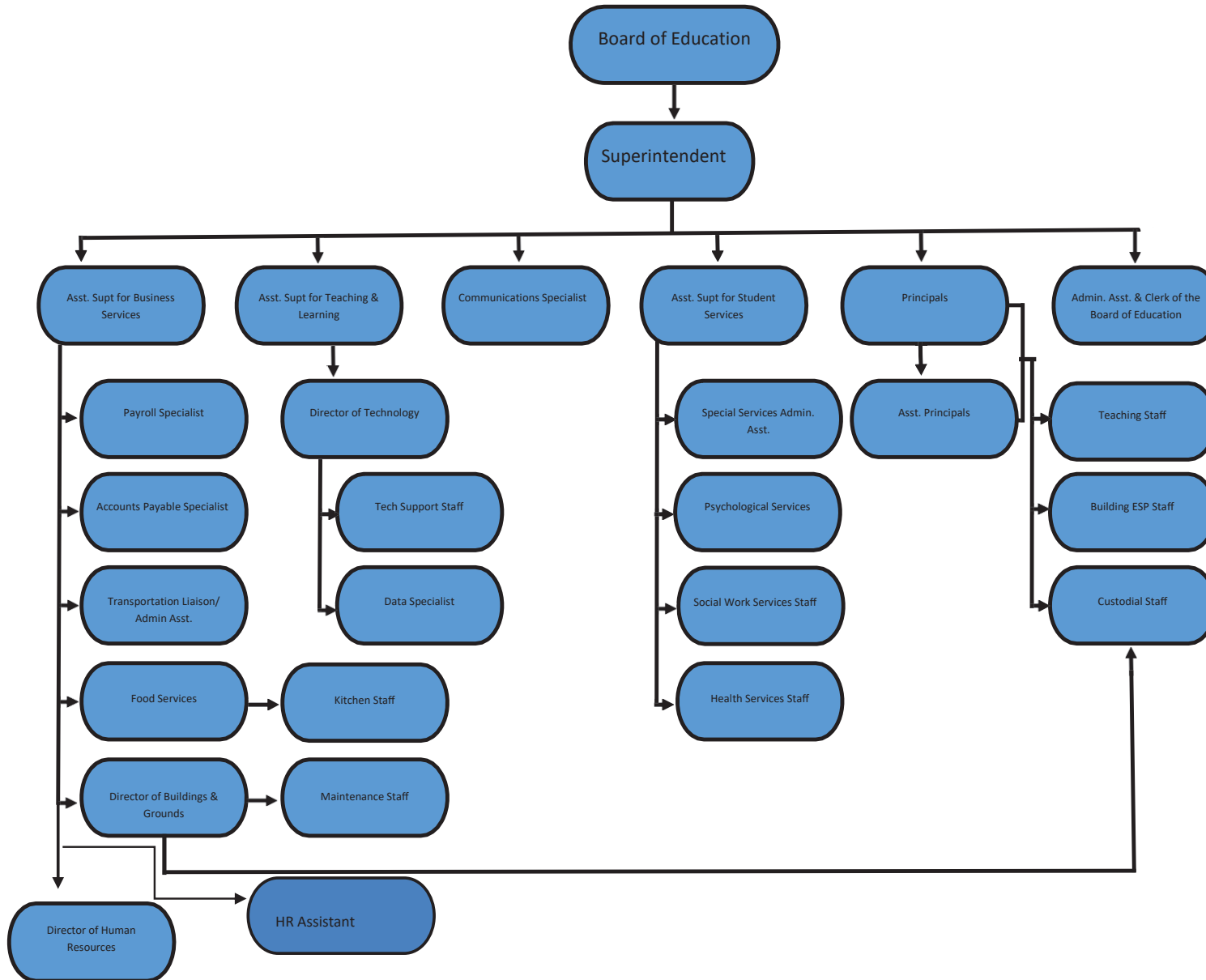
June 30, 2023

Christopher P. Morill

Executive Director/CEO

DISTRICT ORGANIZATION/SUPERVISORY CHART

The Board employs a professional staff to deliver the educational programs to the children. A schematic has been drawn that identifies employees of the District. The term ESP on the schematic refers to the educational support staff.



River Trails School District 26

1900 East Kensington Road
Mount Prospect, Illinois 60056

Annual Comprehensive Financial Report
Officers and Officials

Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024

Board of Education

		<u>Term Expires</u>
William Grimpe	President	2025
Janine Freedlund	Vice President	2025
Donna M. Johnson	Secretary	2027
Kimberly Bianchini	Member	2027
Louis Carmardo	Member	2027
Rebecca Pfisterer	Member	2025
Robert Rognstad	Member	2025

Treasurer

Mr. Ryan Berry

District Administration

Dr. Jodi Megerle	Superintendent of Schools
Mr. Ryan Berry	Assistant Superintendent for Business Services
Ms. Kristine Seifert	Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction
Dr. Carie Cohen	Assistant Superintendent for Special Services

Principals

Mr. Kyle Henkel	River Trails Middle School
Ms. Karen Daly	Euclid Elementary School
Mr. William Timmins	Indian Grove Elementary School
Ms. Amy Veytsman	Prairie Trails School



Independent Auditors' Report

To the Board of Education of
River Trails School District 26

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of the River Trails School District 26 (the District), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities and each major fund of the District as of June 30, 2024 and the respective changes in financial position thereof 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 (GAAS) and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States (*Government Auditing Standards*). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the District and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

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

Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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

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

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

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

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the required supplementary information as listed in the table of contents 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 for the year ended June 30, 2024 was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements. The supplementary information for the year ended June 30, 2024 as listed in the table of contents is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2024, 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 supplementary information is fairly stated in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole for the year ended June 30, 2024.

We also previously audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, the basic financial statements of the District as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023 (not presented herein), and have issued our report thereon dated December 8, 2023, which contained unmodified opinions on the respective financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund. The supplementary information for the year ended June 30, 2023 is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the 2023 basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the 2023 basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare those basic financial statements or to those 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 supplementary information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole for the year ended June 30, 2023.

Other Information

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

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

Report on Summarized Comparative Information

We have previously audited the District's 2023 financial statements, and we expressed unmodified audit opinions on the respective financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund in our report dated December 8, 2023. In our opinion, the summarized comparative information presented herein as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023, is consistent, in all material respects, with the audited financial statements from which it has been derived.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated December 9, 2024 on our consideration of the District'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 District's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Baker Tilly US, LLP

Oak Brook, Illinois
December 9, 2024

River Trails School District 26

Management's Discussion and Analysis (Unaudited)

As of and for the Year Ended June 30, 2024

The discussion and analysis of River Trails School District 26's (the "District") financial performance provides an overall review of the District's financial activities as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024. The management of the District encourages readers to consider the information presented herein in conjunction with the transmittal letter found in the introductory section and the basic financial statements to enhance their understanding of the District's financial performance. All amounts, unless otherwise indicated, are expressed in millions of dollars. Certain comparative information between the current year and the prior is required to be presented in the Management's Discussion and Analysis (the "MD&A").

Financial Highlights

- ◇ The District responsibly uses the dollars of the community taxpayer.
 - ◇ Current Financial Implications
 - ◇ State and federal funding for education is shrinking
 - ◇ Property tax appeals are increasing which decreases taxes collected
 - ◇ Individual families are under increasing financial strain
 - ◇ As part of our Strategic Plan
 - ◇ Programs are evaluated for their effectiveness
 - ◇ Staffing plans are evaluated for effectiveness
 - ◇ Department budgets are redeveloped from a "zero" base every year
 - ◇ Administration examines grant opportunities to help fund programs, equipment purchases and facility improvements
 - ◇ Over the years a variety of efficiencies have been implemented including operations, staffing, transportation, health insurance, special education, supply reduction and energy conservation.
- ◇ The 2023-2024 school year proved to be a productive period for both students and staff in our district. As educators, we delved deeply into data to inform our instructional strategies, striving to bridge the learning gaps created by the pandemic and fragmented years of education.
- ◇ General revenues accounted for \$31.0 million in revenue or 76% of all revenues. Program specific revenues in the form of charges for services and fees and grants accounted for \$9.6 million or 24% of total revenues of \$40.6 million.
- ◇ The District had \$32.5 million in expenses related to government activities. However, only \$9.6 million of these expenses were offset by program specific charges and grants.
- ◇ In total, net position increased \$8.1 million. This represents a 30% increase from 2023. Property tax revenues increased by \$1.3 million reflecting the 6.5% increase in Consumer Price Index which was limited to a 5% increase on existing property, the maximum allowable increase under the PTELL tax cap limitation. Interest revenue increased by \$0.7 million. State retirement contributions increased by \$0.8 million. The District administration and staff continue to work very hard to control expenditures through conservation and efficiencies while providing students with an excellent education.

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- ◇ The District continued to pay down its other long-term debt by retiring \$1.5 million of bonds and debt certificates in fiscal year 2024. Pension and OPEB liabilities increased by \$0.6 million.
- ◇ Student fees are evaluated every year and it was determined that fees for materials and technology should increase by \$10 to reflect increases to supply costs but transportation should remain the same for fiscal year 2024 to encourage students to take the bus.
- ◇ Due to the favorable market conditions, interest income increased to \$1.4 million. Over the past year, the Township High School District 214 worked with PMA Financial and BMO Harris Bank to obtain the best rates possible.

Overview of the Financial Statements

This discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to the District's basic financial statements. The basic financial statements are comprised of three components:

- ◇ Government-wide financial statements,
- ◇ Fund financial statements, and
- ◇ Notes to basic financial statements.

This report also contains other supplementary information in addition to the basic financial statements.

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Government-wide financial statements

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

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

The statement of activities presents information showing how the government's net position changed during the fiscal year being reported. All changes in net position are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will only result in cash flows in future fiscal periods.

The government-wide financial statements present the functions of the District that are principally supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues (governmental activities). The District has no business-type activities; that is, functions that are intended to recover all or a significant portion of their costs through user fees and charges. The District's governmental activities include instructional services (regular education, special education and other), supporting services, operation and maintenance of facilities and transportation services.

Fund financial statements

A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The District uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. All of the funds of the District are governmental funds (the District maintains no proprietary or fiduciary funds).

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

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

The District maintains six individual governmental funds. Information is presented separately in the governmental fund balance sheet and in the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances for the General Fund, Operations and Maintenance Fund, Transportation Fund, Municipal Retirement/Social Security Fund, Debt Service Fund, and Capital Projects Fund, all of which are considered to be major funds.

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The District adopts an annual budget for each of the funds listed above. A budgetary comparison schedule has been provided for each fund to demonstrate compliance with this budget.

Notes to basic financial statements

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

Other information

In addition to the basic financial statements and accompanying notes, this report also presents certain required supplementary information concerning the District's progress in funding its obligation to provide pension benefits to its non-certified employees.

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Government-Wide Financial Analysis

The District's combined net position was higher on June 30, 2024, than it was the year before, increasing 30% to \$35.0. The change is primarily due to a surplus of revenues over expenses as taxes and interest revenues increased and the issuance of the Series 2024 General Obligation Bonds.

Table 1		
Condensed Statements of Net Position		
(in millions of dollars)		
	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>
Assets:		
Current and other assets	\$ 48.3	\$ 59.0
Capital assets	<u>28.2</u>	<u>35.9</u>
Total assets	<u>76.5</u>	<u>94.9</u>
Total deferred outflows of resources	<u>2.6</u>	<u>2.8</u>
Liabilities:		
Current liabilities	1.7	5.2
Long-term debt outstanding	<u>24.2</u>	<u>32.3</u>
Total liabilities	<u>25.9</u>	<u>37.5</u>
Total deferred inflows of resources	<u>26.3</u>	<u>25.2</u>
Net position:		
Net investment in capital assets	12.3	16.7
Restricted	2.9	1.1
Unrestricted	<u>11.7</u>	<u>17.2</u>
Total net position	<u>\$ 26.9</u>	<u>\$ 35.0</u>

Revenues in the governmental activities of the District of \$40.6 exceeded expenses by \$8.1. Property tax revenues increased by \$1.3 million reflecting the 6.5% increase in Consumer Price Index which was limited to a 5% increase on existing property, the maximum allowable increase under the PTELL tax cap limitation. Interest revenue increased by \$0.7 million. State retirement contributions increased by \$0.8 million. The District administration and staff continue to work very hard to control expenditures through conservation and efficiencies while providing students with an excellent education.

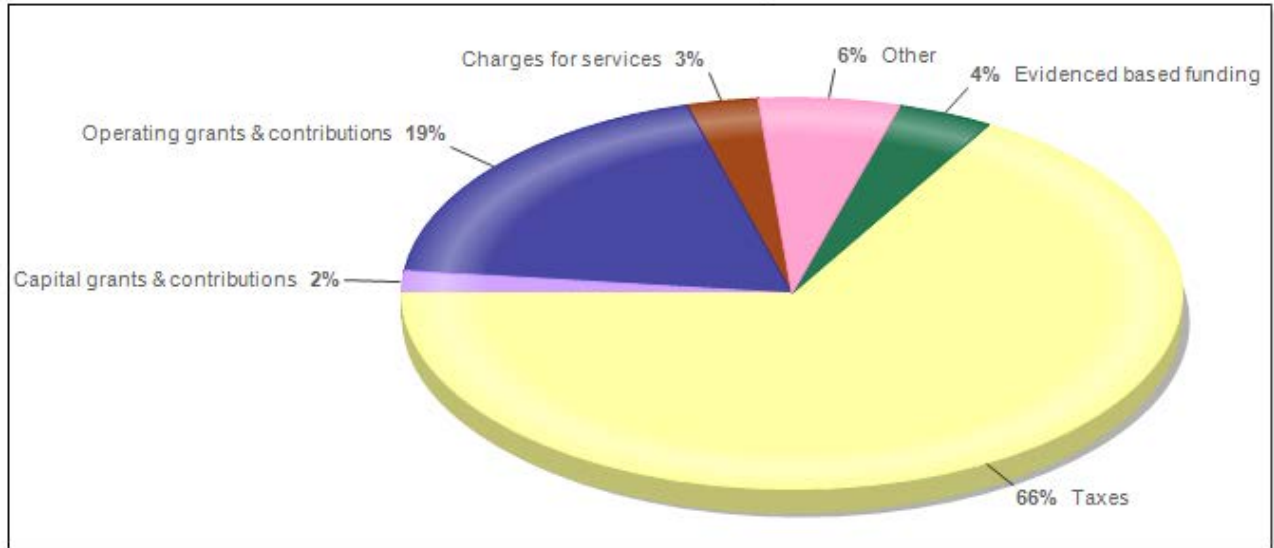
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Table 2			
Changes in Net Position			
(in millions of dollars)			
	<u>2023</u>		<u>2024</u>
Revenues:			
<i>Program revenues:</i>			
Charges for services	\$ 0.8	\$	1.1
Operating grants & contributions	6.9		7.7
Capital grants & contributions	1.5		0.8
<i>General revenues:</i>			
Taxes	25.9		27.2
Evidenced based funding	1.5		1.5
Other	5.0		2.3
Total revenues	<u>41.6</u>		<u>40.6</u>
Expenses:			
Instruction	18.7		20.0
Pupil & instructional staff services	3.0		2.9
Administration & business	4.0		4.0
Transportation	1.2		1.1
Operations & maintenance	3.7		3.9
Interest & fees	0.4		0.5
Other	0.1		0.1
Total expenses	<u>31.1</u>		<u>32.5</u>
Increase (decrease) in net position	10.5		8.1
Net position, beginning of year	16.4		26.9
Net position, end of year	<u>\$ 26.9</u>	\$	<u>35.0</u>

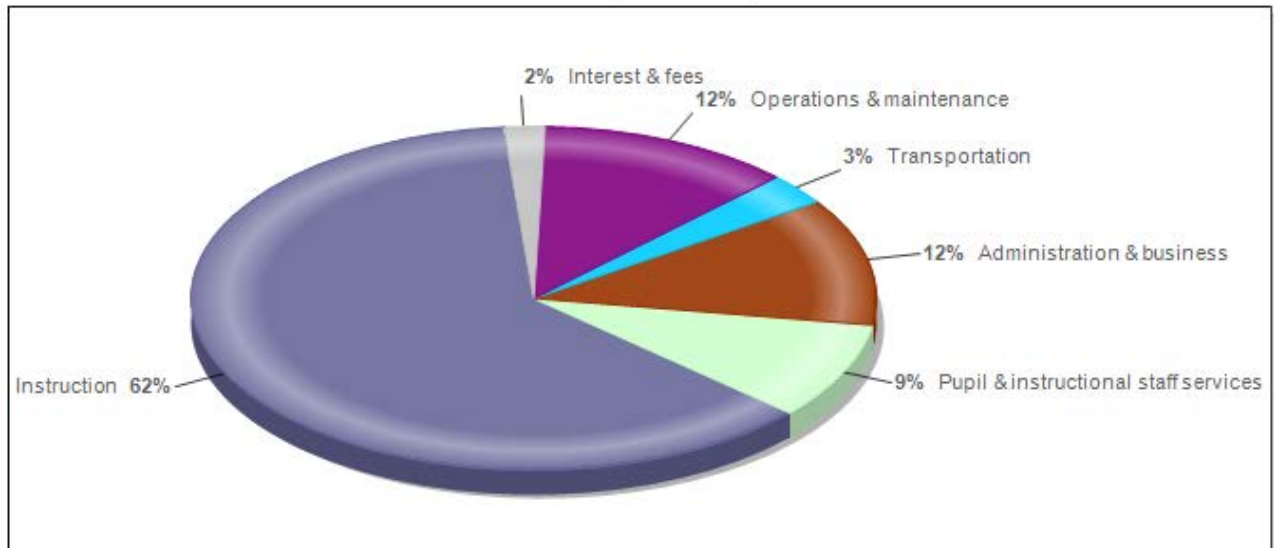
Property taxes accounted for the largest portion of the District's revenues, contributing 66%. The remainder of revenues came from state, federal grants and other sources. The total cost of all the District's programs was \$32.5, mainly related to instructing and caring for the students and student transportation at 74%.

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District-Wide Revenues by Source



District-Wide Expenses by Function



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Financial Analysis of the District's Funds

The District's Governmental Funds balance increased from \$33.7 to \$40.3.

- ◇ The tax levy increased 5% due to limitations of the tax cap formula which limits the increase in property tax for operating purposes to 5% or the percent increase in the annual Consumer Price Index, whichever is less. The CPI for the 2022 tax levy was 7.0% and 6.5% for the 2023 levy. \$1.1 million in new property EAV accounted for the additional 0.2% increase in the 2023 levy. Recent legislation provides for the tax extension, beginning with the 2021 levy, to be adjusted to recover the amount of refunds paid by a taxing district from certificates of error, a court order in a tax valuation objection, or from a PTAB appeal in the preceding 12-month period. This amount was \$0.3 million for 2022 Levy and \$0.3 million for 2023 Levy. Actual property tax collections increased by 5.1% from FY23.
- ◇ The Evidence Based Funding law enacted in August 2017 comprehensively changed the way that Illinois school districts receive the bulk of state funds. The Illinois State Board of Education calculates an adequacy target, the minimum amount required to provide a high-quality education, for each school district. The target takes into consideration researched based best educational practices and the demographics of the student population including low income and English Learners. This adequacy target is then compared to the District's local, state and federal revenues. District's that are not adequately funded receive additional state funds each year. River Trails is at 105% of adequacy. State Evidenced Based Funding increased \$1,386 from FY23.
- ◇ The District administration and staff continue to work very hard to control expenditures through conservation and efficiencies while still providing students with an excellent education. Operating Expenditures for 2023-24 reflect the 2022-2026 negotiated contract. Programmatic staff additions include an interventionist teacher at Prairie Trails (partially paid by ESSER III), an interventionist teacher at RTMS, a district multilingual teacher, and a social worker and a self-contained Special Ed teacher at Euclid. A few district positions (nurse, psychologist, teacher assistants and cafeteria/playground monitors) were unfilled due to nationwide staffing shortages.
- ◇ Health insurance increased 7.5% for HMO, 5.4% for PPO, and 2.6% for dental. Following the 2022-2026 negotiated contract the District contributed the same flat amount for insurance. IMRF decreased from 8.0% in 2023 to 7.95% in 2024.
- ◇ The major curriculum initiatives for FY24 at the middle school included the math program (1st year) and updated materials for accelerated English language, sex education and music. Curriculum initiatives at the elementary schools included Go Math renewal and Math Pilot, classroom libraries, decodable texts, ACE reading materials and STEM resources. Professional development was focused on equity, collaborative communities, student centered coaching, assessment, differentiation, and best practices to support inclusive curriculum, reading and math. Coaches at each school work with teachers to implement school improvement goals and district strategic goals. The EAB contract for best practice research in teaching and learning was funded through the IDEA Federal grant.
- ◇ Technology initiatives included: improve technology infrastructure with increased speed and switches; strengthen cybersecurity; implementation of SwiftK12 (new notification system); protect student privacy data; continue Elearning subscriptions and software and professional development; 1:1 Chromebooks to take home for all students K through 8th grade. Chromebooks are replaced for 1st and 5th grade every year.
- ◇ Maintenance projects included summer painting and deep cleaning.

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- ◇ Construction began in May and completed in August 2024 Euclid's renovation project.
- ◇ The District received the following additional grant revenues:
 - ◇ Illinois School Maintenance Grant (\$50,000)

General Fund Budgetary Highlights

Where the Money Comes From (does not include on-behalf revenue provided by the State):

- ◇ 82% of the district's operating revenue came from property taxes
- ◇ 7% from the State of Illinois
- ◇ 6% from the Federal Government
- ◇ 5% from other local revenue
- ◇ Grants
 - ◇ National School Lunch and Breakfast program (\$317,000)
 - ◇ Federal ESSER grants for learning (\$323,000)
 - ◇ Department of Justice COPS grant for security improvements (\$125,000)
 - ◇ Bosch for Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) (\$36,000)

Where the Money Goes (does not include on-behalf expenditures provided by the State):

- ◇ 77% of operating expenditures goes for salary and benefits to support the educational programs
- ◇ Budgeted expenditures for 2023-24 were targeted toward:
 - ◇ Teaching staff
 - ◇ Reading and writing
 - ◇ Individual student interventions
 - ◇ English as a second language
 - ◇ Best practices in teaching and learning
 - ◇ Professional development on inclusive curriculum and practice, equity and best practices to support multilingual learners
 - ◇ Middle School
 - ◇ New science program
 - ◇ Updated materials for accelerated English language and music
 - ◇ Elementary Schools
 - ◇ Materials for phonics, classroom libraries, decodable texts, accelerated reading, STEM resources
 - ◇ Technology to enhance learning.
 - ◇ Staff development on new eLearning Tools
 - ◇ Continuing subscriptions/software for eLearning
 - ◇ Chromebooks K - 8th Grade for each student to take home
 - ◇ Illinois Century Network – 10 gbps internet at no cost
 - ◇ Strengthen cybersecurity
 - ◇ New notification system (SwiftK12)
 - ◇ Protect student privacy
 - ◇ Capital Projects
 - ◇ Construction began in May and completed in August on Euclid's renovation project updating lighting, flooring, and air quality though new HVAC equipment.

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Over the years the District has implemented a variety of efficiencies to maintain a balanced Budget:

- ◇ Careful and efficient use of staff resources
- ◇ Operational efficiencies
- ◇ Transportation route optimization
- ◇ New health insurance options
- ◇ Special education coop reduced expenditures for retirements, health insurance, and more efficient operations
- ◇ More special education students serviced within district
- ◇ Conservation of energy, supplies, and printing

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Capital Assets and Debt Administration

Capital assets

By the end of 2024, the District had compiled a total investment of \$66.7 (\$35.9 net of accumulated depreciation) in a broad range of capital assets including buildings, land and equipment. Total depreciation expense for the year was \$1.5. More detailed information about capital assets can be found in Note 5 of the basic financial statements.

Table 3		
Capital Assets (net of depreciation)		
(in millions of dollars)		
	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>
Land	\$ 0.7	\$ 0.7
Construction in progress	2.1	10.8
Buildings	17.8	16.9
Equipment	2.3	2.0
Land improvements	5.3	5.5
Total	<u>\$ 28.2</u>	<u>\$ 35.9</u>

Long-term debt

The District issued \$10.2 in bonds, and retired \$1.0 in bonds and \$0.5 in debt certificates in 2024. Net pension liability and net OPEB liability increased by \$0.6. At the end of fiscal 2024, the District had a debt margin of \$23.0. More detailed information on long-term debt can be found in Note 6 of the basic financial statements.

Table 4		
Outstanding Long-Term Debt		
(in millions of dollars)		
	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>
General obligation bonds	\$ 11.9	\$ 21.1
Net pension liability	3.6	2.7
Net OPEB liability	4.6	4.9
Debt certificates	4.1	3.6
Total	<u>\$ 24.2</u>	<u>\$ 32.3</u>

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Factors Bearing on the District's Future

At the time these financial statements were prepared and audited, the District was aware of the following circumstances that will significantly affect financial operations in the future:

The District completes five-year financial projections on a regular basis, taking into consideration many factors and assumptions. This allows the District time to plan strategies as it relates to its financial condition. The federal and state economic pictures do not look to be favorable. Smaller increases and/or cuts in nonlocal funding will continue as additional mandates are being imposed.

- ◇ In 2017 the Illinois legislature passed a bill to reform school funding. This bill made sweeping changes in how state funding is apportioned among school districts. All state funding, with few exceptions has been combined under one funding formula (Senate Bill 1947 Evidence Based Funding for Student Success Act). This is an attempt by the state legislators to provide greater equity among school districts across the state. The Bill does not address the current issue of unfunded obligations to school districts that has occurred in recent years.
- ◇ The State of Illinois' financial contribution to public education remains low, and the new Evidenced Based Funding is not intended to provide all resources a community expects and demands from its local schools. As a result, excellence in education will continue to be the choice of local communities through voter approved referenda and annual tax levy decisions by locally elected School Boards. River Trails School District at 105% adequacy is in the Tier 4 category for Evidenced Based Funding which means it receives very minimal additional state funding and must rely on local taxpayers.
- ◇ A shift of the state funded portion of the TRS pension liability to local school districts has been proposed.
- ◇ Federal sequestration has cut funding for underprivileged and special education students.
- ◇ The Property Tax Extension Limitations Act limits the increase in property tax for operating purposes to 5% or the percent increase in the annual Consumer Price Index (CPI), whichever is less. The CPI rate for the 2022 Tax Levy is 7.0% and for the 2023 Tax Levy it is 6.5% (limited to 5%). Tax appeals from industrial companies require the District to refund taxes and pushes more of the tax burden on to residents. Recent legislation provides for the tax extension, beginning with the 2021 levy, to be adjusted to recover the amount of refunds paid by a taxing district from certificates of error, a court order in a tax valuation objection, or from a PTAB appeal in the preceding 12-month period.
- ◇ The Illinois Legislature has reviewed several bills to freeze property taxes. Senate Bill 1947 provides taxpayers with the right to request a voter referendum to lower the property tax rate up to 10% for a school district that is at least 110% of its Adequacy Target.
- ◇ Trauma research indicates that students are coming to school with more complex emotional needs. Traditional teaching practices do not work to support these students. We continue to search to find ways to meet individual needs while achieving student growth. At the same time state/national politics makes it more difficult for students to have their basic needs (food, shelter, safety) met.
- ◇ Students suffered both academically and socially emotionally during the COVID-19 pandemic. Additional resources are needed for interventionists and social workers to recover from these losses.
- ◇ District facilities are aging and over the next five years will need infrastructure maintenance investments for roofs, parking lots, and mechanical systems (e.g. heating, air conditioning). Construction began with a roof replacement at Euclid School in June 2023 and will continue through FY2026 at both Euclid and Indian Grove Schools.

River Trails School District 26
Management's Discussion and Analysis (Unaudited)
As of and for the Year Ended June 30, 2024

- ◇ The District is committed to offering our students a quality education, at the same time, paying fair wages for the work of our employees. Our facilities continue to undergo renovations and improvements. The Board of Education and the Administration continue to monitor programs, facilities, and the financial condition of the District.

Requests for Information

This financial report is designed to provide the District's citizens, taxpayers, and creditors with a general overview of the District's finances and to demonstrate the District's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report, or need additional financial information, contact the Business Office:

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River Trails School District 26
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RIVER TRAILS SCHOOL DISTRICT 26

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION AS OF JUNE 30, 2024

GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES

Assets

Cash and investments	\$ 45,125,242
Student activities cash and investments	68,143
Receivables (net of allowance for uncollectibles):	
Property taxes	13,612,599
Replacement taxes	127,218
Intergovernmental	60,714
Prepaid items	15,514
Capital assets:	
Land	656,821
Construction in progress	10,817,994
Capital assets being depreciated, net of accumulated depreciation	<u>24,435,944</u>
Total assets	<u>94,920,189</u>

Deferred outflows of resources

Deferred charge on refunding	123,639
Deferred outflows related to pensions	1,636,240
Deferred outflows related to OPEB	<u>1,073,461</u>
Total deferred outflows of resources	<u>2,833,340</u>

Liabilities

Accounts payable	3,628,991
Salaries and wages payable	1,112,887
Interest payable	123,379
Unearned student fees	311,795
Long-term liabilities:	
Other long-term liabilities - due within one year	1,611,215
Other long-term liabilities - due after one year	<u>30,822,890</u>
Total liabilities	<u>37,611,157</u>

Deferred inflows of resources

Property taxes levied for a future period	13,612,599
Deferred inflows related to pensions	139,012
Deferred inflows related to OPEB	<u>11,431,804</u>
Total deferred inflows of resources	<u>25,183,415</u>

Net position

Net investment in capital assets	16,657,253
Restricted for:	
Student transportation	229,033
Debt service	765,333
Capital projects	142,158
Unrestricted	<u>17,165,180</u>
Total net position	<u>\$ 34,958,957</u>

See Notes to Basic Financial Statements

RIVER TRAILS SCHOOL DISTRICT 26

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

FUNCTIONS/PROGRAMS	EXPENSES	PROGRAM REVENUE			NET (EXPENSES) REVENUE AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION
		CHARGES FOR SERVICES	OPERATING GRANTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS	CAPITAL GRANTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS	
Governmental activities					
Instruction:					
Regular programs	\$ 8,380,760	\$ 608,245	\$ 357,404	\$ -	\$ (7,415,111)
Special programs	4,384,232	-	726,856	-	(3,657,376)
Other instructional programs	1,322,590	9,960	34,496	-	(1,278,134)
Student activities	91,762	95,386	-	-	3,624
State retirement contributions	5,804,537	-	5,804,537	-	-
Support Services:					
Pupils	1,464,674	-	15,958	-	(1,448,716)
Instructional staff	1,422,916	-	37,955	-	(1,384,961)
General administration	795,614	-	-	-	(795,614)
School administration	1,520,786	-	-	-	(1,520,786)
Business	1,695,668	243,572	419,684	50,000	(982,412)
Transportation	1,083,537	119,865	308,549	-	(655,123)
Operations and maintenance	3,911,366	-	-	765,833	(3,145,533)
Central	106,164	-	-	-	(106,164)
Community services	6,260	-	-	-	(6,260)
Interest and fees	519,527	-	-	-	(519,527)
Total governmental activities	\$ 32,510,393	\$ 1,077,028	\$ 7,705,439	\$ 815,833	(22,912,093)

General revenues:

Taxes:

Real estate taxes, levied for general purposes	21,087,317
Real estate taxes, levied for specific purposes	4,813,521
Real estate taxes, levied for debt service	1,337,581

Intergovernmental, unrestricted:

Personal property replacement taxes	751,141
State aid-formula grants	1,525,104
Investment income	1,406,469
Miscellaneous	<u>20,921</u>

Total general revenues 30,942,054

Change in net position 8,029,961

Net position, beginning of year 26,928,996

Net position, end of year \$ 34,958,957

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RIVER TRAILS SCHOOL DISTRICT 26
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
BALANCE SHEET
AS OF JUNE 30, 2024
WITH COMPARATIVE TOTALS AS OF JUNE 30, 2023

	GENERAL FUND	OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE FUND	TRANSPORTATION FUND	MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT/SOCIAL SECURITY FUND
Assets				
Cash and investments	\$ 26,588,747	\$ 493,874	\$ 1,549,860	\$ 991,531
Student activities cash and investments	68,143	-	-	-
Receivables (net allowance for uncollectibles):				
Interest	-	-	-	-
Property taxes	10,662,871	1,619,195	365,357	307,008
Replacement taxes	127,218	-	-	-
Intergovernmental	60,714	-	-	-
Accounts	-	-	-	-
Prepaid items	15,514	-	-	-
Total assets	<u>\$ 37,523,207</u>	<u>\$ 2,113,069</u>	<u>\$ 1,915,217</u>	<u>\$ 1,298,539</u>
Liabilities				
Accounts payable	\$ 218,186	\$ 59,263	\$ 11,378	\$ -
Salaries and wages payable	1,112,887	-	-	-
Unearned student fees	221,093	-	90,702	-
Total liabilities	<u>1,552,166</u>	<u>59,263</u>	<u>102,080</u>	<u>-</u>
Deferred inflows of resources				
Property taxes levied for a future period	10,662,871	1,619,195	365,357	307,008
Total deferred inflows of resources	<u>10,662,871</u>	<u>1,619,195</u>	<u>365,357</u>	<u>307,008</u>
Fund balance				
Nonspendable	15,514	-	-	-
Restricted	-	-	229,033	894,803
Assigned	68,143	434,611	1,218,747	96,728
Unassigned	25,224,513	-	-	-
Total fund balance	<u>25,308,170</u>	<u>434,611</u>	<u>1,447,780</u>	<u>991,531</u>
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, and fund balance	<u>\$ 37,523,207</u>	<u>\$ 2,113,069</u>	<u>\$ 1,915,217</u>	<u>\$ 1,298,539</u>

See Notes to Basic Financial Statements

DEBT SERVICE FUND	CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	TOTAL	
		2024	2023
\$ 1,082,524	\$ 14,418,706	\$ 45,125,242	\$ 35,467,120
-	-	68,143	64,519
-	-	-	1,022
658,168	-	13,612,599	12,296,418
-	-	127,218	196,566
-	-	60,714	290,884
-	-	-	17,542
-	-	15,514	13,560
<u>\$ 1,740,692</u>	<u>\$ 14,418,706</u>	<u>\$ 59,009,430</u>	<u>\$ 48,347,631</u>
\$ -	\$ 3,340,164	\$ 3,628,991	\$ 236,382
-	-	1,112,887	1,075,785
-	-	311,795	334,158
-	3,340,164	5,053,673	1,646,325
658,168	-	13,612,599	12,978,541
658,168	-	13,612,599	12,978,541
-	-	15,514	13,560
888,712	5,511,818	7,524,366	3,662,710
193,812	5,566,724	7,578,765	7,573,970
-	-	25,224,513	22,472,525
<u>1,082,524</u>	<u>11,078,542</u>	<u>40,343,158</u>	<u>33,722,765</u>
<u>\$ 1,740,692</u>	<u>\$ 14,418,706</u>	<u>\$ 59,009,430</u>	<u>\$ 48,347,631</u>

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RIVER TRAILS SCHOOL DISTRICT 26
RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
BALANCE SHEET TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
AS OF JUNE 30, 2024

Total fund balances - governmental funds		\$ 40,343,158
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Net Position are different because:		
Net capital assets used in governmental activities and included in the Statement of Net Position do not require the expenditure of financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the Governmental Funds Balance Sheet.		35,910,759
Deferred outflows of resources related to pensions do not relate to current financial resources and are not included in the Governmental Funds Balance Sheet.		1,636,240
Deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB do not relate to current financial resources and are not included in the Governmental Funds Balance Sheet.		1,073,461
Deferred charge on refunding included in the Statement of Net Position is not available to pay for current period expenditures and, therefore, is not included in the Governmental Funds Balance Sheet.		123,639
Deferred inflows of resources related to pensions do not relate to current financial resources and are not included in the Governmental Funds Balance Sheet.		(139,012)
Deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB do not relate to current financial resources and are not included in the Governmental Funds Balance Sheet.		(11,431,804)
Long-term liabilities applicable to the District's governmental activities are not due and payable in the current period, and accordingly, are not reported as fund liabilities. All liabilities, both current and long-term, are reported in the Statement of Net Position.		
Balances at June 30, 2024 are:		
Bonds and debt certificates payable	\$ (23,155,000)	
Unamortized bond premium	(1,540,623)	
Net other postemployment benefits liability	(5,030,572)	
Net pension liability	(2,656,728)	
Installment contracts payable	<u>(51,182)</u>	
		(32,434,105)
Interest on long-term liabilities accrued in the Statement of Net Position will not be paid with current financial resources and, therefore, is not recognized in the Governmental Funds Balance Sheet.		<u>(123,379)</u>
Net position of governmental activities		<u>\$ 34,958,957</u>

See Notes to Basic Financial Statements

RIVER TRAILS SCHOOL DISTRICT 26

GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

WITH COMPARATIVE TOTALS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

	GENERAL FUND	OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE FUND	TRANSPORTATION FUND	MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT/SOCIAL SECURITY FUND
Revenues				
Property taxes	\$ 21,087,317	\$ 3,096,684	\$ 719,005	\$ 997,832
Corporate personal property replacement taxes	721,141	-	-	30,000
State aid	6,988,491	1,025,104	591,249	-
Federal aid	1,303,577	-	-	-
Investment income	957,373	66,013	53,046	29,166
Student activities	95,386	-	-	-
Other	661,351	-	119,865	-
Total revenues	<u>31,814,636</u>	<u>4,187,801</u>	<u>1,483,165</u>	<u>1,056,998</u>
Expenditures				
Current:				
Instruction:				
Regular programs	9,977,892	-	-	161,939
Special programs	3,114,269	-	-	92,365
Other instructional programs	1,313,909	-	-	21,537
Student activities	91,762	-	-	-
State retirement contributions	6,482,415	-	-	-
Support Services:				
Pupils	1,451,925	-	-	54,940
Instructional staff	1,436,026	-	-	73,642
General administration	820,737	-	-	17,503
School administration	1,529,702	-	-	69,147
Business	1,664,958	-	-	92,035
Transportation	-	-	1,078,026	7,489
Operations and maintenance	-	2,132,746	-	171,584
Central	105,442	-	-	10,165
Community services	6,957	-	-	-
Payments to other districts and gov't units	1,242,624	-	-	-
Debt Service:				
Principal	-	-	-	-
Interest and other	-	-	-	-
Capital outlay	159,917	38,754	3,195	-
Total expenditures	<u>29,398,535</u>	<u>2,171,500</u>	<u>1,081,221</u>	<u>772,346</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	<u>2,416,101</u>	<u>2,016,301</u>	<u>401,944</u>	<u>284,652</u>
Other financing sources (uses)				
Transfers in	-	-	-	-
Transfers (out)	(18,840)	(2,518,078)	-	-
Principal on bonds sold	-	-	-	-
Premium on bonds sold	-	-	-	-
Sale or compensation for capital assets	-	-	-	-
Installment contracts payable issuance	-	-	-	-
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>(18,840)</u>	<u>(2,518,078)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net change in fund balance	2,397,261	(501,777)	401,944	284,652
Fund balance, beginning of year	22,910,909	936,388	1,045,836	706,879
Fund balance, end of year	<u>\$ 25,308,170</u>	<u>\$ 434,611</u>	<u>\$ 1,447,780</u>	<u>\$ 991,531</u>

See Notes to Basic Financial Statements

DEBT SERVICE FUND	CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	TOTAL	
		2024	2023
\$ 1,337,581	\$ -	\$ 27,238,419	\$ 25,914,816
-	-	751,141	1,246,543
-	50,000	8,654,844	8,457,656
-	765,833	2,069,410	1,671,890
96,046	204,825	1,406,469	723,056
-	-	95,386	67,790
-	221,347	1,002,563	2,202,944
<u>1,433,627</u>	<u>1,242,005</u>	<u>41,218,232</u>	<u>40,284,695</u>
-	-	10,139,831	9,959,627
-	-	3,206,634	3,072,444
-	-	1,335,446	1,440,093
-	-	91,762	74,474
-	-	6,482,415	6,709,057
-	-	1,506,865	1,436,035
-	-	1,509,668	1,490,036
-	-	838,240	910,684
-	-	1,598,849	1,490,461
-	-	1,756,993	1,725,312
-	-	1,085,515	1,089,543
-	1,704,795	4,009,125	3,709,793
-	-	115,607	120,070
-	-	6,957	10,262
-	-	1,242,624	983,445
1,360,425	-	1,360,425	1,243,839
574,148	-	574,148	458,293
-	7,689,924	7,891,790	3,032,530
<u>1,934,573</u>	<u>9,394,719</u>	<u>44,752,894</u>	<u>38,955,998</u>
<u>(500,946)</u>	<u>(8,152,714)</u>	<u>(3,534,662)</u>	<u>1,328,697</u>
536,918	2,000,000	2,536,918	3,803,392
-	-	(2,536,918)	(3,803,392)
152,629	9,292,371	9,445,000	-
-	710,055	710,055	-
-	-	-	3,021,888
-	-	-	85,446
<u>689,547</u>	<u>12,002,426</u>	<u>10,155,055</u>	<u>3,107,334</u>
188,601	3,849,712	6,620,393	4,436,031
893,923	7,228,830	33,722,765	29,286,734
<u>\$ 1,082,524</u>	<u>\$ 11,078,542</u>	<u>\$ 40,343,158</u>	<u>\$ 33,722,765</u>

RIVER TRAILS SCHOOL DISTRICT 26
RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds	\$	6,620,393
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Activities are different because:		
Governmental funds report capital outlay as expenditures. However, in the Statement of Activities, the cost of these assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which current year net capital outlay exceeds depreciation expense in the current period.		7,691,195
The issuance of long-term debt (bonds, leases, installment contract payables, etc.) provides current financial resources to the governmental funds, while its principal repayment consumes current financial resources of the governmental funds. Neither transaction, however, has any effect on net position. This is the amount by which current year proceeds exceeded principal repayments from long-term financing arrangements.		(8,084,575)
Governmental funds report the effects of premiums, discounts and similar items when the debt is issued. However, these amounts are deferred and amortized in the Statement of Activities. This is the amount of the current year, net effect of these differences.		(608,390)
In the Statement of Activities, operating expenses are measured by the amounts incurred during the year. However, certain of these items are included in the governmental funds only to the extent that they require the expenditure of current financial resources:		
Interest payable	\$	(47,044)
State on-behalf contribution revenue		(677,878)
State on-behalf contribution expense		677,878
Net other postemployment benefits liability		(470,979)
Net pension liability		935,172
Deferred outflows of resources due to pensions		(424,061)
Deferred inflows of resources due to pensions		127,498
Deferred outflows of resources due to OPEB		714,425
Deferred inflows of resources due to OPEB		1,576,327
		2,411,338
Change in net position of governmental activities	\$	8,029,961

See Notes to Basic Financial Statements

RIVER TRAILS SCHOOL DISTRICT 26
NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
AS OF AND FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

River Trails School District 26 (the “District”) operates as a public school system governed by a seven-member board. The District is organized under the School Code of the State of Illinois, as amended. The accounting policies of the District conform to the accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, as applicable to local governmental units of this type. The following is a summary of the more significant accounting policies of the District:

Reporting Entity

This report includes all of the funds of the District. The reporting entity for the District consists of the primary government and its component units. Component units are legally separate organizations for which the primary government is financially accountable or other organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationship with the primary government are such that their exclusion would cause the reporting entity's financial statements to be misleading. The District has not identified any organizations that meet this criteria.

Basis of Presentation

Government-wide Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements (i.e., the statement of net position and the statement of activities) report information on all of the nonfiduciary activities of the District. The effect of interfund activity has been removed from these statements. The District’s operating activities are all considered “governmental activities”, that is, activities normally supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues. The District has no operating activities that would be considered “business activities”.

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function are offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function. Program revenues include: (1) amounts paid by the recipient of goods or services offered by the program and (2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function. Taxes and other items not properly included among program revenues are reported instead as general revenues.

Governmental Funds Financial Statements

Governmental funds financial statements are organized and operated on the basis of funds and are used to account for the District's general governmental activities. Fund accounting segregates funds according to their intended purpose, and is used to aid management in demonstrating compliance with finance-related legal and contractual provisions. A fund is an independent fiscal and accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts that comprise its assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, reserves, fund balance, revenues and expenditures. The minimum number of funds is maintained consistent with legal and managerial requirements.

Separate financial statements are provided for all governmental funds.

RIVER TRAILS SCHOOL DISTRICT 26
NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
AS OF AND FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

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

Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Property taxes are recognized as revenues in the year for which they are levied. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue when all eligibility requirements have been met.

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the flow of current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized when they are both "measurable and available". "Measurable" means that the amount of the transaction can be determined, and "available" means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the District considers all revenues available if they are collected within 60 days after year-end. Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred. However, expenditures for unmatured principal and interest on general long-term debt are recognized when due; and certain compensated absences, claims and judgments are recognized when the obligations are expected to be liquidated with expendable available financial resources.

Major Governmental Funds

General Fund - the general operating fund of the District. It accounts for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund. This fund is primarily used for most of the instructional and administrative aspects of the District's operations. Revenues consist largely of local property taxes and state government aid.

The fund also includes student activity funds held and controlled by the District, under the direction of district personnel, and administrative involvement of the Board of Education.

Special Revenue Funds - account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources that are legally restricted or committed to expenditures for specified purposes, other than those accounted for in the Debt Service Fund or Capital Projects Funds.

Operations and Maintenance Fund - accounts for expenditures made for repair and maintenance of the District's buildings and land. Revenue consists primarily of local property taxes.

Transportation Fund - accounts for all revenue and expenditures made for student transportation. Revenue is derived primarily from local property taxes, state reimbursement grants, and student fees.

Municipal Retirement/Social Security Fund - accounts for the District's portion of pension contributions to the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund, payments to Medicare, and payments to the Social Security System for non-certified employees. Revenue to finance the contributions is derived primarily from local property taxes and corporate personal property replacement taxes.

Debt Service Fund - accounts for the accumulation of resources that are restricted, committed, or assigned for, and the payment of, long-term debt principal, interest and related costs. The primary revenue source is local property taxes levied specifically for debt service and transfers from other funds.

Capital Project Fund - accounts for the financial resources that are restricted, committed, or assigned to be used for the acquisition or construction of, and/or additions to, major capital facilities.

RIVER TRAILS SCHOOL DISTRICT 26
NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
AS OF AND FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

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

Capital Projects Fund - accounts for construction projects and renovations financed through debt issues.

On-behalf payments (payments made by a third party for the benefit of the district, such as payments made by the state to the Teachers' Retirement System) have been recognized in the financial statements.

Property taxes, replacement taxes, certain state and federal aid, and interest on investments are susceptible to accrual. Other receipts become measurable and available when cash is received by the District and recognized as revenue at that time.

Grant funds are considered to be earned to the extent of expenditures made under the provisions of the grant. Accordingly, when such funds are received, they are recorded as unearned revenues until earned.

All Financial Statements

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources and disclosure of contingent assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenditures/expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Assets, Deferred Outflows of Resources, Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Net Position or Equity

Deposits and Investments

State statutes authorize the District to invest in obligations of the U.S. Treasury, certain highly-rated commercial paper, municipal bonds, corporate bonds, repurchase agreements, and the State Treasurer's Investment Pool. Investments are stated at fair value. Changes in fair value of investments are included as investment income.

Receivables and Payables

Transactions between funds that are representative of lending/borrowing arrangements outstanding at the end of the fiscal year are referred to as "due to/from other funds". These amounts are eliminated in the governmental activities column in the statement of net position. Receivables are expected to be collected within one year.

Property Tax Revenues

The District must file its tax levy resolution by the last Tuesday in December of each year. The District's 2023 levy resolution was approved during the December 19, 2023 board meeting. The District's property tax is levied each year on all taxable real property located in the District and it becomes a lien on the property on January 1 of that year. The owner of real property on January 1 in any year is liable for taxes of that year.

The tax rate ceilings are applied at the fund level. These ceilings are established by state law subject to change only by the approval of the voters of the District.

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

The PTELL limitation is applied in the aggregate to the total levy (excluding certain levies for the repayment of debt). PTELA limits the increase in total taxes billed to the lessor of 5% or the percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the preceding year. The amount can be exceeded to the extent there is “new growth” in the District’s tax base. The new growth consists of new construction, annexations and tax increment finance district property becoming eligible for taxation. The PTELL limits applicable to the 2023 and 2022 tax levies were 5.0% and 5.0%, respectively.

Property taxes are collected by the Cook County Collector/Treasurer, who remits to the District its share of collections. Taxes levied in one year become due and payable in two installments: the first due on March 1 and the second due on the later of August 1 or 30 days after the second installment tax bill is mailed. The first installment is an estimated bill, and is fifty-five percent of the prior year's tax bill. The second installment is based on the current levy, assessment and equalization, and any changes from the prior year will be reflected in the second installment bill. Property taxes are normally collected by the District within 60 days of the due date.

The 2023 property tax levy is recognized as a receivable in fiscal 2024, net of estimated uncollectible amounts approximating 2% and less amounts already received up to 50% of the total levy. The District considers 50% of the 2023 levy to be used to finance operations in fiscal year 2024 with the remaining amounts received to be used to finance operations in fiscal year 2025. Amounts received during the fiscal year that are to be used to finance operations in fiscal 2025 have been recorded as a deferred inflow of resources.

Personal Property Replacement Taxes

Personal property replacement taxes are first allocated to the Municipal Retirement / Social Security Fund, and the balance is allocated to the remaining funds at the discretion of the District.

Prepaid Items

Certain payments to vendors that reflect costs applicable to future accounting periods are recorded as prepaid items in both the government-wide and fund financial statements. The cost of prepaid items is recorded as expenditures/expenses when consumed rather than when purchased.

Capital Assets

Capital assets, which include land, buildings, improvements other buildings, and equipment are reported in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are defined by the District as assets with an initial individual cost of more than \$5,000 and an estimated useful life of more than 1 year. Such assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost if purchased or constructed. Donated capital assets are recorded at estimated acquisition value at the date of donation.

Depreciation of capital assets is provided using the straight-line method over the following estimated useful lives:

<i>Assets</i>	<i>Years</i>
Buildings	20-50
Improvement other than buildings	40
Equipment, food services, and transportation equipment	3-10

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

In the fund financial statements, capital assets used in governmental fund operations are accounted for as capital outlay expenditures of the governmental fund upon acquisition.

Deferred Outflows of Resources

A deferred outflow of resources represent a consumption of net assets that applies to a future period and will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until that future time.

A deferred charge on refunding arise from advance refunding of debt. The difference between the cost of the securities placed in trust for future payment of refunded debt and the net carrying value of that debt is deferred and amortized as a component of interest expense over the shorter of the term of the refunding issue or the original term of the refunded debt. The unamortized amount is reported as a deferred outflow of resources in the government-wide statements.

Long-Term Obligations

In the government-wide financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the statement of net position. Bond premiums and discounts are deferred and amortized over the life of the applicable bonds using the effective interest method. The balance at year end for premiums/discounts is shown as an increase or decrease in the liability section of the statement of net position.

In the fund financial statements, governmental funds recognize bond premiums and discounts during the period incurred. The face amount of debt issued is reported as other financing sources. Premiums received on debt issuances are reported as other financing sources while discounts on debt issuances are reported as other financing uses.

Deferred Inflows of Resources

A deferred inflow of resources represent an acquisition of net assets that applies to a future period and therefore will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that future time.

Equity Classifications

Equity is classified as net position in the government-wide financial statements and displayed in three components:

Net investment in capital assets - Consists of capital assets including restricted capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by the outstanding balances of any bonds, mortgages, notes, or other borrowings that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets less than any unspent debt proceeds.

Restricted net position - Consists of net position with constraints placed on its 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.

Unrestricted net position - All other net position that does not meet the definition of "restricted" or "net investment in capital assets."

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

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

Equity is classified as fund balance in the fund financial statements and displayed in five components:

Nonspendable - includes amounts not in spendable form, such as inventory, or amounts required to be maintained intact legally or contractually (principal endowment) (e.g. inventory, pre-paid items, permanent scholarships).

Restricted - includes amounts constrained for a specific purpose by external parties (e.g. Debt Service, Capital Projects, State and Federal Grant Funds).

Committed - includes amounts constrained for a specific purpose by a government using its highest level of decision making authority, the Board of Education. This formal action (a resolution) must occur prior to the end of the reporting period, but the amount of the commitment, which will be subject to the constraints, may be determined in the subsequent period. Any changes to the constraints imposed require the same formal action of the Board of Education board that originally created the commitment.

Assigned - includes general fund amounts constrained for a specific purpose by the Board of Education or by an official that has been delegated authority to assign amounts. The Board of Education has declared that the Assistant Superintendent for Business Services may assign amounts for a specific purpose. The Board of Education may also take official action to assign amounts. Additionally, all remaining positive spendable amounts in governmental funds, other than the General Fund, that are neither restricted nor committed are considered assigned. Assignments may take place after the end of the reporting period.

Unassigned - includes residual positive fund balance within the General Fund which has not been classified within the other above mentioned categories. Unassigned fund balance may also include negative balances for any governmental fund if expenditures exceed amounts restricted, committed or assigned for those specific purposes.

In circumstances where an expenditure is to be made for a purpose for which amounts are available in multiple fund balance classifications, the order in which resources will be expended in the Governmental Funds is as follows: restricted fund balance, followed by committed fund balance, assigned fund balance, and lastly, unassigned fund balance.

Governmental fund balances reported on the fund financial statements at June 30, 2024 are as follows:

The nonspendable fund balance in the General Fund is related to prepaid items. The assigned fund balance in the General Fund is for student activity purposes. The remaining assigned and restricted fund balances are for the purpose of the respective funds as described above in the Major Governmental Funds section. Fund balances have been assigned by the Assistant Superintendent for Business Services.

Comparative Data

The financial statements include summarized prior-year comparative information. Such information does not include sufficient detail to constitute a presentation in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Accordingly, such information should be read in conjunction with the District's financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2023, from which such summarized information was derived.

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

Eliminations and Reclassifications

In the process of aggregating data for the government-wide financial statements, some amounts reported as interfund activity and balances were eliminated or reclassified.

NOTE 2 - STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Excess of Expenditures over Budget

For the year ended June 30, 2024, expenditures exceeded budget in the Debt Service Fund by \$151,706. The excess was funded by available fund balance.

NOTE 3 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

Cash & Investments under the custody of the Township Treasurer

The voters of the respective school districts located within the boundaries of the offices of the Wheeling Township School Treasurer passed a referendum abolishing the offices of the Township School Treasurer effective July 1, 1996. The Boards of Education of the respective school districts, including the Board of Education of River Trails School District 26 (also located in Wheeling Township), entered into an intergovernmental agreement creating the Wheeling Township Treasury Intergovernmental Agreement ("Treasury") administered by Township High School District 214. The Treasury agreed to provide to the respective school districts many of the services that were provided by the Township School Treasurer. Those services are provided on an optional basis and without costs to the districts.

Under the terms of the Agreement, the Treasury is the lawful custodian of all school funds. The Treasurer is the direct recipient of property taxes, replacement taxes and most state and federal aid and disburses school funds upon lawful order of the school board. The Treasurer invests excess funds at its discretion, subject to the legal restrictions discussed below. For these purposes, the Treasury is permitted to combine monies from more than one fund of a single district and to combine monies of more than one district in the township. Monies combined under these circumstances, as well as investment earnings, are accounted for separately for each fund and/or district.

Cash and investments, other than the student activity and convenience accounts and certain other local accounts, are part of a common pool for all school districts and cooperatives within the township. The Treasury maintains records that segregate the cash and investment balance by district or cooperative. Income from investments is distributed monthly based upon the District's percentage participation in the pool. All cash for all funds, including cash applicable to the Debt Service Fund and the Illinois Municipal Retirement/Social Security Fund, is not deemed available for purposes other than those for which these balances are intended.

The Treasury's investment policies are established by the Wheeling Township School Trustees as prescribed by the Illinois School Code and the Illinois Compiled Statutes. The Treasurer is authorized to invest in obligations of the U.S. Treasury, backed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. Government, certificates of deposit issued by commercial banks and savings and loan associations, commercial paper rated within the three highest classifications by at least two standard rating services (subject to certain limitations) and municipal bonds. Further information on the Treasury's policies are available from the Treasury's financial statements.

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NOTE 3 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS - (CONTINUED)

The Treasury operates as a non-rated, external investment pool. The fair value of the District's investment in the Treasurer's pool is determined by the District's proportionate share of the fair value of the investments held by the Treasury's office.

The weighted average maturity of all marketable pooled investments held by the Treasury was 1.16 years at June 30, 2024. The Treasurer also holds money market type investments, certificates of deposits and other deposits with financial institutions. As of June 30, 2024, the fair value of all cash and investments held by the Treasurer's office was \$363,521,814 and the fair value of the District's proportionate share of the pool was \$45,097,640.

Because all cash and investments are pooled by a separate legal governmental agency, categorization by risk category is not determinable. The District's policy relating to credit risk or interest rate risk is the same as the Wheeling Township School Treasury. Further information about whether investments are insured, collateralized, or uncollateralized is available from the Treasury's financial statements.

Custodial Credit Risk - Deposits. With respect to deposits, custodial credit risk refers to the risk that, in the event of a bank failure, the District's deposits may not be returned to it. The District's investment policy limits the exposure to deposit custodial credit risk by requiring all deposits in excess of FDIC insurable limits to be secured by collateral in the event of default or failure of the financial institution holding the funds. As of June 30, 2024, the book balance of the District's deposits with financial institutions totaled \$95,745 and the bank balance of the District's deposits with financial institutions totaled \$109,750 and was fully insured.

NOTE 4 - INTERFUND TRANSFERS

During the year, the District transferred \$518,078 to the Debt Service Fund from the Operations and Maintenance Fund. The purpose of the transfer was to fund principal and interest payments on debt certificates. In addition, the District transferred \$18,840 to the Debt Service Fund from the General Fund in order to fund principal and interest on installment contracts payable.

The District also transferred \$2,000,000 from the Operations and Maintenance Fund to the Capital Projects Fund.

State law allows for the above transfers.

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NOTE 5 - CAPITAL ASSETS

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

	<i>Beginning Balance</i>	<i>Increases</i>	<i>Decreases</i>	<i>Ending Balance</i>
<i>Capital assets not being depreciated:</i>				
Land	\$ 656,821	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 656,821
Construction in progress	<u>2,073,266</u>	<u>8,744,728</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,817,994</u>
Total capital assets not being depreciated	<u>2,730,087</u>	<u>8,744,728</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11,474,815</u>
<i>Capital assets being depreciated:</i>				
Land improvements	7,209,874	225,141	-	7,435,015
Buildings	38,918,059	21,578	-	38,939,637
Equipment	<u>8,627,954</u>	<u>202,304</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,830,258</u>
Total capital assets being depreciated	<u>54,755,887</u>	<u>449,023</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>55,204,910</u>
<i>Less Accumulated Depreciation for:</i>				
Land improvements	1,791,718	138,268	-	1,929,986
Buildings	21,113,086	890,788	-	22,003,874
Equipment	<u>6,361,606</u>	<u>473,500</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,835,106</u>
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>29,266,410</u>	<u>1,502,556</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>30,768,966</u>
Net capital assets being depreciated	<u>25,489,477</u>	<u>(1,053,533)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>24,435,944</u>
Net governmental activities capital assets	<u>\$ 28,219,564</u>	<u>\$ 7,691,195</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 35,910,759</u>

Depreciation expense was recognized in the operating activities of the District as follows:

<i>Governmental Activities</i>	<i>Depreciation</i>
Regular programs	\$ 17,741
Business	<u>1,484,815</u>
Total depreciation expense - governmental activities	<u>\$ 1,502,556</u>

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NOTE 6 - LONG TERM LIABILITIES

Changes in General Long-term Liabilities. The following is the long-term liability activity for the District for the year ended June 30, 2024:

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Deletions	Ending Balance	Due Within One Year
General obligation bonds	\$ 10,955,000	\$ 9,445,000	\$ 855,000	\$ 19,545,000	\$ 1,095,000
Unamortized premium	951,178	710,055	120,610	1,540,623	-
Total bonds payable	<u>11,906,178</u>	<u>10,155,055</u>	<u>975,610</u>	<u>21,085,623</u>	<u>1,095,000</u>
Debt certificates	4,100,000	-	490,000	3,610,000	500,000
Installment contracts payable	66,607	-	15,425	51,182	16,215
Net OPEB liability	4,559,593	470,979	-	5,030,572	-
Net pension liability	<u>3,591,900</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>935,172</u>	<u>2,656,728</u>	<u>-</u>
Total long-term liabilities - governmental activities	<u>\$ 24,224,278</u>	<u>\$ 10,626,034</u>	<u>\$ 2,416,207</u>	<u>\$ 32,434,105</u>	<u>\$ 1,611,215</u>

The obligations for the other postemployment benefits and net pension liability (TRS portion) will be repaid from the General Fund. The obligations for the net pension liability (IMRF portion) will be repaid from the Municipal Retirement/Social Security Fund.

General Obligation Bonds. General obligation bonds are direct obligations and pledge the full faith and credit of the District. General obligation bonds currently outstanding are as follows:

Purpose	Interest Rates	Original Indebtedness	Carrying Amount
Series 2019 Limited Tax School Bonds dated December 4, 2019 are due in annual installments through December 15, 2035	3.00% to 4.00%	\$ 7,465,000	\$ 6,180,000
Series 2021 Limited Tax School Bonds dated June 2, 2021 are due in annual installments through December 15, 2030	2.00% to 4.00%	5,420,000	3,920,000
Series 2024 General Obligation Bonds dated March 20, 2024 are due in annual installments through December 15, 2041	4.00% to 5.00%	<u>9,445,000</u>	<u>9,445,000</u>
Total		<u>\$ 22,330,000</u>	<u>\$ 19,545,000</u>

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NOTE 6 - LONG TERM LIABILITIES - (CONTINUED)

Annual debt service requirements to maturity for general obligation bonds are as follows for governmental type activities:

	<i>Principal</i>	<i>Interest</i>	<i>Total</i>
2025	\$ 1,095,000	\$ 896,353	\$ 1,991,353
2026	1,265,000	741,600	2,006,600
2027	1,025,000	692,725	1,717,725
2028	1,090,000	647,175	1,737,175
2029	1,155,000	598,850	1,753,850
2030 - 2034	6,370,000	2,232,375	8,602,375
2035 - 2039	4,240,000	1,073,250	5,313,250
2040 - 2042	<u>3,305,000</u>	<u>344,525</u>	<u>3,649,525</u>
Total	<u>\$ 19,545,000</u>	<u>\$ 7,226,853</u>	<u>\$ 26,771,853</u>

The District is subject to the Illinois School Code, which limits the amount of certain indebtedness to 6.9% of the most recent available equalized assessed valuation of the District. As of June 30, 2024, the statutory debt limit for the District was \$46,196,766, providing a debt margin of \$22,990,584.

Debt Certificates The obligations for the Debt Certificates will be repaid from the Debt Service Fund and future debt service payments will be funded through transfers from the Operations and Maintenance Fund. Debt Certificates currently outstanding are as follows:

<i>Purpose</i>	<i>Interest Rates</i>	<i>Original Indebtedness</i>	<i>Carrying Amount</i>
Series 2016 Debt certificates dated March 30, 2016 are due in annual installments through December 15, 2025	2.09%	\$ 4,000,000	\$ 870,000
Series 2017 Taxable Debt Certificates (Qualified Zone Academy Bonds) dated July 27, 2017 are due in annual installments through December 15, 2030	0.250%	2,235,000	2,235,000
Series 2017A Taxable Debt Certificates (Qualified Zone Academy Bonds) dated December 13, 2017 are due in annual installments through December 15, 2030	0.00%	<u>575,000</u>	<u>505,000</u>
Total		<u>\$ 8,010,000</u>	<u>\$ 3,610,000</u>

Annual debt service requirements to maturity for the Debt Certificates are as follows for governmental type activities:

	<i>Principal</i>	<i>Interest</i>	<i>Total</i>
2025	\$ 500,000	\$ 19,257	\$ 519,257
2026	510,000	10,179	520,179
2027	510,000	5,038	515,038
2028	515,000	3,932	518,932
2029	520,000	2,819	522,819
2030 - 2031	<u>1,055,000</u>	<u>2,269</u>	<u>1,057,269</u>
Total	<u>\$ 3,610,000</u>	<u>\$ 43,494</u>	<u>\$ 3,653,494</u>

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NOTE 6 - LONG TERM LIABILITIES - (CONTINUED)

Capital Leases. The District has entered into an installment contract for financing the acquisition of equipment. The payments for the equipment will be repaid from the Debt Service Fund through transfers from the General Fund. The future payments as of June 30, 2024, are as follows:

	<i>Amount</i>
2025	\$ 18,839
2026	18,840
2027	18,840
Total minimum installment contracts payments	56,519
Less: amount representing interest	(5,337)
Present value of minimum installment contracts payments	\$ 51,182

NOTE 7 - RISK MANAGEMENT

The District is exposed to various risks of loss related to employee health benefits; workers' compensation claims; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; and natural disasters. To protect from risks related to property and general liability, the District participates in the following public entity risk pools: Collective Liability Insurance Cooperative (CLIC). The District also participates in the Educational Benefits Cooperative (EBC) for employee health benefits. The District pays annual and monthly premiums to the pools for insurance coverage. The arrangements with the pools provide that each will be self-sustaining through member premiums and will reinsure through commercial companies for claims in excess of certain levels established by the pools. There have been no significant reductions in insurance coverage from coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

The District carries private commercial insurance for workers' compensation. Premiums have been recorded as expenditures in the appropriate funds. There have been no significant reductions in insurance coverage from coverage in the prior years.

Settled claims resulting from all noted risks have not exceeded commercial insurance coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

NOTE 8 - JOINT AGREEMENTS

The District is a member of Northwest Suburban Special Education Organization (NSSEO), a joint agreement that provides certain special education services to residents of many school districts. The District believes that because it does not control the selection of the governing authority, and because of the control over employment of management personnel, operations, scope of public service, and special financing relationships exercised by the joint governing boards, these are not included as component units of the District.

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NOTE 9 - OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

For the year ended June 30, 2024, the District recognized aggregate OPEB expense of (\$1,641,513).

Teachers' Health Insurance Security

Plan Description. The District participates in the Teacher Health Insurance Security (THIS) Fund, a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit post-employment healthcare plan that was established by the Illinois legislature for the benefit of retired Illinois public school teachers employed outside the city of Chicago. The THIS Fund provides medical, prescription, and behavioral health benefits, but it does not provide vision, dental, or life insurance benefits to annuitants of the Teachers' Retirement System (TRS). Annuitants not enrolled in Medicare may participate in the state-administered participating provider option plan or choose from several managed care options. Annuitants who are enrolled in Medicare Parts A and B may be eligible to enroll in a Medicare Advantage plan.

The publicly available financial report of the THIS Fund may be found on the website of the Illinois Auditor General: <http://www.auditor.illinois.gov/Audit-Reports/ABC-List.asp>. The current reports are listed under "Central Management Services."

Benefits Provided. The State Employees Group Insurance Act of 1971 (5 ILCS 375) outlines the benefit provisions of the THIS Fund and amendments to the plan can be made only by legislative action with the Governor's approval. The plan is administered by the Illinois Department of Central Management Services (CMS) with the cooperation of TRS. Section 6.6 of the State Employees Group Insurance Act of 1971 requires all active contributors to TRS who are not employees of the state to make a contribution to the THIS Fund.

On Behalf Contributions to THIS Fund. The State of Illinois makes employer retiree health insurance contributions on behalf of the District. State contributions are intended to match contributions to THIS Fund from active members which were 0.90% of pay during the year ended June 30, 2024. State of Illinois contributions of \$124,932 were recognized as revenues and expenditures by the District during the year in the General Fund based on the current financial resources measurement basis. On the economic resources measurement basis, the District recognizes revenues and expenses of (\$2,255,864) in Governmental Activities equal to the proportion of the State of Illinois's OPEB expense associated with the employer.

Contributions. The District also makes contributions to THIS Fund. The District's THIS Fund contribution was 0.67% during the year ended June 30, 2024. The percentage of employer required contributions in the future will not exceed 105% of the percentage of salary actually required to be paid in the previous fiscal year. For the year ended June 30, 2024, the District paid \$93,005 to the THIS Fund, respectively, which was 100 percent of the required contribution for the year.

THIS Fiduciary Net Position. Detailed information about the THIS Fund's fiduciary net position as of June 30, 2023 is available in the separately issued THIS Annual Financial Report.

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NOTE 9 - OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS - (CONTINUED)

Net OPEB Liability. At June 30, 2024, the District reported a liability for its proportionate share of the net OPEB liability (first amount shown below) that reflected a reduction for the state's retiree insurance support provided to the District. The state's support and total are for disclosure purposes only. The amount recognized by the District as its proportionate share of the net OPEB liability, the related state support, and the total portion of the net OPEB liability that was associated with the District were as follows:

District's proportionate share of the collection net OPEB liability	\$ 3,514,072
State's proportionate share of the collective net OPEB liability associated with the District	<u>4,752,145</u>
Total	<u>\$ 8,266,217</u>

The net OPEB liability was measured as of June 30, 2023, and the total OPEB liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2022 rolled forward to June 30, 2023. The District's proportion of the net OPEB liability was based on the District's share of contributions to THIS for the measurement year ended June 30, 2023, relative to the projected contributions of all participating THIS employers and the state during that period. At June 30, 2023 and 2022, the District's proportion was 0.048954% and 0.047123%, respectively.

Actuarial Assumptions. The net OPEB liability in the June 30, 2023 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions and other inputs, applied to all periods included in the measurement, unless otherwise specified:

Inflation	2.25%
Salary Increases	3.50% to 8.50%
Investment Rate of Return	2.75%
Healthcare Cost Trend Rates - Initial	Medicare and Non-Medicare - 8.00%
Healthcare Cost Trend Rates - Ultimate	4.25%
Fiscal Year the Ultimate Rate is Reached	2040

Mortality rates were based on the PubT-2010 Retiree Mortality Table, adjusted for TRS experience. For disabled annuitants, mortality rates were based on PubNS-2010 Non-Safety Disabled Retiree Table. Mortality rates for pre-retirement were based on the PubT-2010 Employee Mortality Table. All tables reflect future mortality improvements using Projection Scale MP-2020.

The actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2023 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2020.

Discount Rate. At June 30, 2023, the discount rate used to measure the total OPEB liability was a blended rate of 3.86%, which was a change from the June 30, 2022 rate of 3.69%. Since THIS is financed on a pay-as-you-go basis, the discount rate is based on the 20-year general obligation bond index.

Sensitivity of the Net OPEB Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate. The following presents the net OPEB liability of the District, as well as what the District's net OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (2.86%) or 1-percentage-point higher (4.86%) than the current discount rate:

	1% Decrease	Current Discount Rate	1% Increase
Net OPEB Liability	<u>\$ 3,896,017</u>	<u>\$ 3,514,072</u>	<u>\$ 3,130,206</u>

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NOTE 9 - OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS - (CONTINUED)

Sensitivity of the Net OPEB Liability to Changes in the Healthcare Cost Trend Rate. The following presents the net OPEB liability of the District, as well as what the District's net OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a healthcare cost trend rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (initial rate of 7.00% decreasing to an ultimate rate of 3.25%) for Medicare and non-Medicare coverage or 1-percentage-point higher (initial rate of 9.00% decreasing to an ultimate rate of 5.25%) for Medicare and non-Medicare coverage than the current healthcare cost trend rate:

	1% Decrease	Healthcare Cost Trend Rate	1% Increase
Net OPEB Liability	\$ 2,969,740	\$ 3,514,072	\$ 4,125,454

OPEB Expense and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB. For the year ended June 30, 2024, the District recognized OPEB expense of \$(1,622,927) and on-behalf revenue and expenditures of \$(2,255,864) for support provided by the state. At June 30, 2024, the District's deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEBs were from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences Between Expected and Actual Experience	\$ -	\$ 1,962,332
Changes in Assumptions	46,578	6,907,052
Net Difference Between Projected and Actual Earnings on OPEB Plan Investments	1,399	-
Changes in Proportion and Differences Between District Contributions and Proportionate Share of Contributions	675,608	994,554
District Contributions Subsequent to the Measurement Date	<u>93,005</u>	<u>-</u>
Total	<u>\$ 816,590</u>	<u>\$ 9,863,938</u>

The amount reported as deferred outflows resulting from contributions subsequent to the measurement date in the above table will be recognized as a reduction in the net OPEB liability for the year ending June 30, 2025. The remaining amounts reported as deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to OPEB \$(9,140,353) will be recognized in OPEB expense as follows in these reporting years:

Year Ending June 30,	Amount
2025	\$ (1,139,519)
2026	(1,139,519)
2027	(1,139,519)
2028	(1,139,520)
2029	(1,139,869)
Thereafter	<u>(3,442,407)</u>
Total	<u>\$ (9,140,353)</u>

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NOTE 9 - OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS - (CONTINUED)

Retiree's Health Plan

Plan Description. The District administers a single-employer defined benefit healthcare plan ("the Retiree's Health Plan"). The plan provides health insurance contributions for eligible retirees and their spouses through the District's group health insurance plan which covers both active and retired members. Benefit provisions are established through collective bargaining agreements. For retirees eligible for the Teachers' Retirement Insurance Program (TRIP) the District pays 100% of single TRIP HMO premium for sixty consecutive months, or until the employee is eligible for Medicare, whichever occurs first. A retired employee who opts to participate in a different health insurance plan shall receive annual reimbursements equivalent to the TRIP HMO premiums. An employee who remains in the District's health insurance plan pursuant to the employee's COBRA rights will receive no reimbursement and will be responsible for paying the full cost of the local plan premium. There are no assets accumulated in GASB-compliant trust. The Retiree's Health Plan does not issue a publicly available financial report.

Education Support Professionals (ESP) are eligible for retirement benefits if they meet the following eligibility criteria:

1. Completed at least fifteen years of full-time equivalent District 26 employment;
2. Reached the age of fifty-five by the date of retirement; and
3. Filed a Notice of Intent to Retire one year in advance.

Contributions and Benefits Provided. Contribution requirements are established through collective bargaining agreements and may be amended only through negotiations between the board and the union. For the year ended 2024, the District contributed \$84,600 to the plan.

Employees Covered by Benefit Terms. At June 30, 2024, the actuarial valuation date, the following employees were covered by the benefit terms:

Retired Plan Members	11
Active Employees Not Yet Eligible	-
Active Employees Fully Eligible	228
	228
Total	239

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NOTE 9 - OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS - (CONTINUED)

Total OPEB Liability. The District's total OPEB liability of \$1,516,500 was measured as of June 30, 2024, and was determined by an actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2024.

Election at Retirement	100%
Discount Rate	3.93%
Healthcare Cost Trend Rate - Initial	5.00% - 7.31%
Healthcare Cost Trend Rate - Ultimate	5.00% - 5.00%
Fiscal Year the Ultimate Rate is Reached	2033

The discount rate was based on the municipal bond rate.

Mortality rates were based on PubG-2010(B) improved generationally using MP-2020 improvement rates, weighted per IMRF Experience Study Report dated December 14, 2020 for IMRF employees and based on PubT-2010 improved generationally using MP-2020, weighted per TRS Experience Study Report dated September 30, 2021 for TRS employees.

The actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2024 valuation were based on the results of the future events.

Changes in Total OPEB Liability. The District's changes in total OPEB liability for the year ended June 30, 2024 was as follows:

	Total OPEB Liability
Balance at July 1, 2023	\$ 1,362,100
Changes for the Year:	
Service Cost	80,073
Interest	48,173
Differences Between Expected and Actual Experience	94,631
Changes in Assumptions and Other Inputs	16,123
Benefit Payments	(84,600)
Net Changes	154,400
Balance at June 30, 2024	\$ 1,516,500

Sensitivity of the Total OPEB Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate. The following presents the total OPEB liability of the District, as well as what the District's total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (2.93%) or 1-percentage-point higher (4.93%) than the current discount rate:

	1% Decrease	Current Discount Rate	1% Increase
Total OPEB Liability	\$ 1,605,036	\$ 1,516,500	\$ 1,430,791

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NOTE 9 - OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS - (CONTINUED)

Sensitivity of the Total OPEB Liability to Changes in the Healthcare Cost Trend Rates. The following presents the total OPEB liability of the District, as well as what the District's total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using healthcare cost trend rates that are 1-percentage-point lower or 1-percentage-point higher than the current healthcare cost trend rates:

	1% Decrease	Healthcare Cost Trend Rate	1% Increase
Total OPEB Liability	\$ 1,371,162	\$ 1,516,500	\$ 1,684,943

OPEB Expense and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB. For the year ended June 30, 2024, the District recognized OPEB expense of \$(18,586). The District reported deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Difference Between Expected and Actual Experience	\$ 89,812	\$ 1,443,577
Assumption Changes	<u>167,059</u>	<u>124,289</u>
Total	<u>\$ 256,871</u>	<u>\$ 1,567,866</u>

The amounts reported as deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to OPEB (\$(1,310,995)) will be recognized in OPEB expense as follows:

	Year Ending June 30,	Amount
2025		\$ (146,832)
2026		(146,832)
2027		(146,832)
2028		(156,108)
2029		(167,880)
Thereafter		<u>(546,511)</u>
Total		<u>\$ (1,310,995)</u>

NOTE 10 - RETIREMENT SYSTEMS

The retirement plans of the District include the Teachers' Retirement System of the State of Illinois (TRS) and the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF). Most funding for TRS is provided through payroll withholdings of certified employees and contributions made by the State of Illinois on-behalf of the District. IMRF is funded through property taxes and a perpetual lien of the District's corporate personal property replacement tax. Each retirement system is discussed below.

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NOTE 10 - RETIREMENT SYSTEMS - (CONTINUED)

For the year ended June 30, 2024, the District recognized the following balances in the government-wide financial statements:

	<i>Net Pension Asset</i>	<i>Net Pension Liability</i>	<i>Deferred Outflows of Resources</i>	<i>Deferred Inflows of Resources</i>	<i>Pension Expense/ (Income)</i>
TRS	\$ -	\$ 1,108,471	\$ 129,410	\$ 117,048	\$ (7,541)
IMRF	<u>-</u>	<u>1,548,257</u>	<u>1,506,830</u>	<u>21,964</u>	<u>(250,782)</u>
Total	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 2,656,728</u>	<u>\$ 1,636,240</u>	<u>\$ 139,012</u>	<u>\$ (258,323)</u>

Teachers' Retirement System

Plan Description. The District participates in the Teachers' Retirement System of the State of Illinois (TRS). TRS is a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan that was created by the Illinois legislature for the benefit of Illinois public school teachers employed outside the city of Chicago. TRS members include all active nonannuitants who are employed by a TRS-covered employer to provide services for which teacher licensure is required. The Illinois Pension Code outlines the benefit provisions of TRS, and amendments to the plan can be made only by legislative action with the Governor's approval. The TRS Board of Trustees is responsible for the System's administration.

TRS issues a publicly available financial report that can be obtained at <https://www.trsil.org/financial/acfrs/fy2023>; by writing to TRS at 2815 W. Washington, PO Box 19253, Springfield, IL 62794; or by calling (888) 678-3675, option 2.

Benefits Provided. TRS provides retirement, disability, and death benefits. *Tier 1* members have TRS or reciprocal system service prior to January 1, 2011. *Tier 1* members qualify for retirement benefits at age 62 with five years of service, at age 60 with 10 years, or age 55 with 20 years. The benefit is determined by the average of the four highest years of creditable earnings within the last 10 years of creditable service and the percentage of average salary to which the member is entitled. Most members retire under a formula that provides 2.2 percent of final average salary up to a maximum of 75 percent with 34 years of service.

Tier 2 members qualify for retirement benefits at age 67 with 10 years of service, or a discounted annuity can be paid at age 62 with 10 years of service. Creditable earnings for retirement purposes are capped and the final average salary is based on the highest consecutive eight years of creditable service rather than the highest four. Disability provisions for *Tier 2* are identical to those of *Tier 1*. Death benefits are payable under a formula that is different from *Tier 1*.

Essentially all *Tier 1* retirees receive an annual 3 percent increase in the current retirement benefit beginning January 1 following the attainment of age 61 or on January 1 following the member's first anniversary in retirement, whichever is later. *Tier 2* annual increases will be the lesser of three percent of the original benefit or one-half percent of the rate of inflation beginning January 1 following attainment of age 67 or on January 1 following the member's first anniversary in retirement, whichever is later.

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NOTE 10 - RETIREMENT SYSTEMS - (CONTINUED)

Public Act 100-0023, enacted in 2017, creates an optional *Tier 3* hybrid retirement plan, but it has not yet gone into effect. Public Act 100-0587, enacted in 2018, requires TRS to offer two temporary benefit buyout programs that expire on June 30, 2024. One program allows retiring Tier 1 members to receive a partial lump-sum payment in exchange for accepting a lower, delayed annual increase. The other allows inactive vested Tier 1 and 2 members to receive a partial lump-sum payment in lieu of a retirement annuity. Both programs began in 2019 and are funded by bonds issued by the state of Illinois.

Contributions. The State of Illinois maintains the primary responsibility for funding TRS. The Illinois Pension Code, as amended by Public Act 88-0593 and subsequent acts, provides that for years 2010 through 2045, the minimum contribution to the System for each fiscal year shall be an amount determined to be sufficient to bring the total assets of the System up to 90 percent of the total actuarial liabilities of the System by the end of fiscal year 2045.

Contributions from active members and TRS contributing employers are also required by the Illinois Pension Code. The contribution rates are specified in the pension code. The active member contribution rate for the year ended June 30, 2024 was 9.0 percent of creditable earnings. The member contribution, which may be paid on behalf of employees by the District, is submitted to TRS by the District.

On Behalf Contributions to TRS. The State of Illinois makes employer pension contributions on behalf of the District. For the year ended June 30, 2024, State of Illinois contributions recognized by the District were based on the state's proportionate share of with the pension expense associated with the District, and the District recognized revenue and expenses of \$8,060,401 in governmental activities based on the economic resources measurement basis and revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$6,357,483 in the General Fund based on the current financial resources measurement basis.

2.2 Formula Contributions. Employers contribute 0.58 percent of total creditable earnings for the 2.2 formula change. The contribution rate is specified by statute. Contributions for the year ended June 30, 2024, were \$81,973, and are deferred because they were paid after the June 30, 2023 measurement date.

Federal and Special Trust Fund Contributions. When TRS members are paid from federal and special trust funds administered by the District, there is a statutory requirement for the District to pay an employer pension contribution from those funds. Under Public Act 100-0340, the federal and special trust fund contribution rate is the total District normal cost beginning with the year ended June 30, 2018.

Previously, employer contributions for employees paid from federal and special trust funds were at the same rate as the state contribution rate to TRS and were much more higher.

For the year ended June 30, 2024, the District pension contribution was 10.60 percent of salaries paid from federal and special trust funds. Contributions for the year ended June 30, 2024, were \$16,142, which was equal to the District's required contribution. These contributions are deferred because they were paid after the June 30, 2023 measurement date.

Salary increases over 6 percent. The District is also required to make a one-time contribution to TRS for members granted salary increases over 6 percent if those salaries are used to calculate a retiree's final average salary. For the year ended June 30, 2024, the District paid \$1,771 to TRS for employer contributions due on salary increases in excess of 6 percent.

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NOTE 10 - RETIREMENT SYSTEMS - (CONTINUED)

Excess sick leave. A one-time contribution is also required for members granted sick leave days in excess of the normal annual allotment if those days are used as TRS service credit. For the year ended June 30, 2024, the District paid \$1,942 to TRS for sick leave days granted in excess of the normal annual allotment.

TRS Fiduciary Net Position. Detailed information about the TRS’s fiduciary net position as of June 30, 2023 is available in the separately issued TRS Annual Comprehensive Financial Report.

Net Pension Liability. At June 30, 2024, the District reported a liability for its proportionate share of the net pension liability (first amount shown below) that reflected a reduction for state pension support provided to the District. The state’s support and total are for disclosure purposes only. The amount recognized by the District as its proportionate share of the net pension liability, the related state support, and the total portion of the net pension liability that was associated with the District were as follows:

District's proportionate share of the collective net pension liability	\$ 1,108,471
State's proportionate share of the collective net pension liability associated with the District	95,661,579
Total	\$ 96,770,050

The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2023, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2022, and rolled forward to June 30, 2023. The District’s proportion of the net pension liability was based on the District’s share of contributions to TRS for the measurement year ended June 30, 2023, relative to the projected contributions of all participating TRS employers and the state during that period. At June 30, 2023 and 2022, the District’s proportion was 0.00130438 percent and 0.00127112 percent, respectively.

Summary of Significant Accounting Policies. For purposes of measuring the collective net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of TRS and additions to/deductions from TRS fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by TRS. 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.

Actuarial Assumptions. The assumptions used to measure the total pension liability in the June 30, 2023 actuarial valuation included (a) 7.00% investment rate of return net of pension plan investment expense, including inflation, (b) projected salary increases varies by amount of service credit, and (c) inflation of 2.5%.

Mortality. The assumed mortality rates are based on the Society of Actuaries PubT-2010 mortality tables, adjusted for TRS experience, with generational improvement based on Scale MP-2020. The actuarial assumptions used were based on the results of an experience study dated September 30, 2021.

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NOTE 10 - RETIREMENT SYSTEMS - (CONTINUED)

Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return. The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. The target allocation and best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class that were used by the actuary are summarized in the following table:

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return
Global equity	37.00 %	5.35 %
Private equity	15.00 %	8.03 %
Income	26.00 %	4.32 %
Real assets	18.00 %	4.60 %
Diversifying strategies	4.00 %	3.40 %

Discount Rate. At June 30, 2023, the discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was a blended rate of 7.00 percent, which was the same as the prior valuation. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that employee contributions, employer contributions, and state contributions will be made at the current statutorily-required rates.

Based on those assumptions, TRS's fiduciary net position at June 30, 2023 was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current active and inactive members and all benefit recipients. *Tier 1's* liability is partially funded by *Tier 2* members, as the *Tier 2* member contribution is higher than the cost of *Tier 2* benefits. Due to this subsidy, contributions from future members in excess of the service cost are also included in the determination of the discount rate. All projected future payments were covered, so the long-term expected rate of return on TRS investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

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

	1% Decrease	Current Discount Rate	1% Increase
District's proportionate share of the collective net pension liability	<u>\$ 1,364,371</u>	<u>\$ 1,108,471</u>	<u>\$ 896,100</u>

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NOTE 10 - RETIREMENT SYSTEMS - (CONTINUED)

Pension Expense and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions. For the year ended June 30, 2024, the District recognized pension expense of \$(7,541) and on-behalf revenue of \$8,060,401 for support provided by the state. At June 30, 2024, the District's deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions were from the following sources:

	<i>Deferred Outflows of Resources</i>	<i>Deferred Inflows of Resources</i>
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 4,608	\$ 4,468
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	-	32
Assumption changes	3,781	975
Changes in proportion and differences between District contributions and proportionate share of contributions	22,906	111,573
District contributions subsequent to the measurement date	98,115	-
Total	\$ 129,410	\$ 117,048

The amount reported as deferred outflows resulting from contributions subsequent to the measurement date in the above table will be recognized as a reduction in the net pension liability for the year ending June 30, 2025. The remaining amounts reported as deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to pensions (\$(85,753)) will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

	<i>Amount</i>
2025	\$ (48,327)
2026	(36,432)
2027	(2,895)
2028	(1,653)
2029	3,554
Total	\$ (85,753)

Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund

Plan Description. The District's defined benefit pension plan for Regular employees provides retirement and disability benefits, post retirement increases, and death benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. The District's plan is managed by the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF), an agent-multiple-employer public employee retirement system. Benefit provisions are established by statute and may only be changed by the General Assembly of the State of Illinois. IMRF issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. The report may be obtained on-line at www.imrf.org.

All employees hired in positions that meet or exceed the prescribed annual hourly standard must be enrolled in IMRF as participating members. Public Act 96-0889 created a second tier for IMRF's Regular Plan. IMRF assigns a benefit tier to a member when he or she is enrolled in IMRF. The tier is determined by the member's first IMRF participation date. If the member first participated in IMRF before January 1, 2011, they participate in *Regular Tier 1*. If the member first participated in IMRF on or after January 1, 2011, they participate in *Regular Tier 2*.

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NOTE 10 - RETIREMENT SYSTEMS - (CONTINUED)

For *Regular Tier 1*, pension benefits vest after eight years of service. Participating members who retire at or after age 60 with 8 years of service are entitled to an annual retirement benefit, payable monthly for life, in an amount equal to 1-2/3% of the final rate of earnings for the first 15 years of service credit, plus 2% for each year of service credit after 15 years to a maximum of 75% of their final rate of earnings. Final rate of earnings is the highest total earnings during any consecutive 48 months within the last 10 years of service, divided by 48. Under *Regular Tier 1*, the pension is increased by 3% of the original amount on January 1 every year after retirement. For *Regular Tier 2*, pension benefits vest after ten years of service. Participating members who retire at or after age 67 with 10 years of service are entitled to an annual retirement benefit, payable monthly for life, in an amount equal to 1-2/3% of the final rate of earnings for the first 15 years of service credit, plus 2% for each year of service credit after 15 years to a maximum of 75% of their final rate of earnings. Final rate of earnings is the highest total earnings during any 96 consecutive months within the last 10 years of service, divided by 96. Under *Regular Tier 2*, the pension is increased on January 1 every year after retirement, upon reaching age 67, by the *lesser* of 3% of the original pension amount, or 1/2 of the increase in the Consumer Price Index of the original pension amount. IMRF also provides death and disability benefits. These benefit provisions and all other requirements are established by state statute.

Plan Membership. At December 31, 2023, the measurement date, membership of the plan was as follows:

Retirees and beneficiaries	147
Inactive, non-retired members	129
Active members	85
Total	361

Contributions. As set by statute, District employees participating in IMRF are required to contribute 4.50 percent of their annual covered salary. The statute requires the District to contribute the amount necessary, in addition to member contributions, to finance the retirement coverage of its own employees. The District's actuarially determined contribution rate for calendar year 2023 was 7.95 percent of annual covered payroll. The District also contributes for disability benefits, death benefits and supplemental retirement benefits, all of which are pooled at the IMRF level. Contribution rates for disability and death benefits are set by the IMRF Board of Trustees, while the supplemental retirement benefits rate is set by statute.

Net Pension Liability/(Asset). The net pension liability/(asset) was measured as of December 31, 2023, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability/(asset) was determined by an annual actuarial valuation as of that date.

Summary of Significant Accounting Policies. For purposes of measuring the net pension liability/(asset), deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of IMRF and additions to/deductions from IMRF fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by IMRF. 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.

Actuarial Assumptions. The assumptions used to measure the total pension liability in the December 31, 2023 annual actuarial valuation included (a) 7.25% investment rate of return, (b) projected salary increases from 2.85% to 13.75%, and (c) price inflation of 2.25%. The actuarial cost method was entry age normal and asset valuation method was market value. The retirement age is based on experience-based table of rates that are specific to the type of eligibility condition. The tables were last updated for the 2023 valuation pursuant to an experience study of the period 2020-2022.

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NOTE 10 - RETIREMENT SYSTEMS - (CONTINUED)

Mortality. For non-disabled retirees, the Pub-2010, Amount-Weighted, below-median income, General, Retiree, Male (adjusted 108%) and Female (adjusted 106.4%) tables, and future mortality improvements projected using scale MP-2021 were used. For disabled retirees, the Pub-2010, Amount-Weighted, below-median income, General, Disabled Retiree, Male and Female (both unadjusted) tables, and future mortality improvements projected using scale MP-2021 were used. For active members, the Pub-2010, Amount-Weighted, below-median income, General, Employee, Male and Female (both unadjusted) tables, and future mortality improvements projected using scale MP-2021 were used.

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

<i>Asset Class</i>	<i>Target Allocation</i>	<i>Projected Returns/Risk</i>	
		<i>One Year Arithmetic</i>	<i>Ten Year Geometric</i>
Equities	34.50 %	6.35 %	5.00 %
International equities	18.00 %	8.00 %	6.35 %
Fixed income	24.50 %	4.85 %	4.75 %
Real estate	10.50 %	7.20 %	6.30 %
Alternatives	11.50 %		
Private equity		12.35 %	8.65 %
Hedge funds		-	-
Commodities		7.20 %	6.05 %
Cash equivalents	1.00 %	3.80 %	3.80 %

Discount Rate. The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability for IMRF was 7.25%, the same rate as the prior valuation. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that member contributions will be made at the current contribution rate and that District contributions will be made at rates equal to the difference between actuarially determined contribution rates and the member rate. Based on those assumptions, the 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 benefits payments to determine the total pension liability.

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NOTE 10 - RETIREMENT SYSTEMS - (CONTINUED)

Discount Rate Sensitivity. The following is a sensitivity analysis of the net pension liability/(asset) to changes in the discount rate. The table below presents the pension liability of the District calculated using the discount rate of 7.25% as well as what the net pension liability/(asset) would be if it were to be calculated using a discount rate that is 1 percentage point lower (6.25%) or 1 percentage point higher (8.25%) than the current rate:

	1% Decrease	Current Discount Rate	1% Increase
Total pension liability	\$ 25,109,041	\$ 22,801,232	\$ 20,910,645
Plan fiduciary net position	21,252,975	21,252,975	21,252,975
Net pension liability/(asset)	<u>\$ 3,856,066</u>	<u>\$ 1,548,257</u>	<u>\$ (342,330)</u>

Changes in Net Pension Liability/(Asset). The District's changes in net pension liability/(asset) for the calendar year ended December 31, 2023 was as follows:

	Increase (Decrease)		
	Total Pension Liability (a)	Plan Fiduciary Net Position (b)	Net Pension Liability/ (Asset) (a) - (b)
Balances at December 31, 2022	\$ 22,013,219	\$ 19,487,027	\$ 2,526,192
Service cost	344,665	-	344,665
Interest on total pension liability	1,556,039	-	1,556,039
Differences between expected and actual experience of the total pension liability	372,097	-	372,097
Change of assumptions	(38,894)	-	(38,894)
Benefit payments, including refunds of employee contributions	(1,445,894)	(1,445,894)	-
Contributions - employer	-	283,398	(283,398)
Contributions - employee	-	160,414	(160,414)
Net investment income	-	2,175,515	(2,175,515)
Other (net transfer)	-	592,515	(592,515)
Balances at December 31, 2023	<u>\$ 22,801,232</u>	<u>\$ 21,252,975</u>	<u>\$ 1,548,257</u>

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AS OF AND FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

NOTE 10 - RETIREMENT SYSTEMS - (CONTINUED)

Pension Expense and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions. For the year ended June 30, 2024, the District recognized pension expense of \$(250,782). The District's deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to pension were from the following sources:

	<i>Deferred Outflows of Resources</i>	<i>Deferred Inflows of Resources</i>
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 233,024	\$ -
Assumption changes	-	21,964
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	1,124,848	-
Contributions subsequent to the measurement date	<u>148,958</u>	<u>-</u>
Total	<u>\$ 1,506,830</u>	<u>\$ 21,964</u>

The amount reported as deferred outflows resulting from contributions subsequent to the measurement date in the above table will be recognized as a reduction in the net pension liability/(asset) for the year ending June 30, 2025. The remaining amounts reported as deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to pensions (\$1,335,908) will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

<i>Year Ending June 30,</i>	<i>Amount</i>
2025	\$ 281,500
2026	420,103
2027	789,817
2028	<u>(155,512)</u>
Total	<u>\$ 1,335,908</u>

NOTE 11 - STATE AND FEDERAL AID CONTINGENCIES

The District has received federal and state grants for specific purposes that are subject to review and audit by the grantor agencies. Such audits could lead to requests for reimbursements to the grantor agency for expenditures disallowed under the terms of the grants. Management believes such disallowance, if any, would be immaterial.

NOTE 12 - EFFECT OF NEW ACCOUNTING STANDARDS ON CURRENT-PERIOD FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) has approved GASB Statement No. 101, *Compensated Absences*, GASB Statement No. 102, *Certain Risk Disclosures*, and GASB Statement No. 103, *Financial Reporting Model Improvements*.

When they become effective, application of these standards may restate portions of these financial statements.

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NOTE 13 - CONSTRUCTION COMMITMENTS

As of June 30, 2024, the District is committed to approximately \$8,843,726 in expenditures in the upcoming years for various construction projects. These expenditures will be paid through the available fund balances and building bonds already issued.

RIVER TRAILS SCHOOL DISTRICT 26
ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT FUND
SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN THE DISTRICT'S NET PENSION LIABILITY/(ASSET)
AND RELATED RATIOS
Ten Most Recent Fiscal Years

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Total pension liability			
Service cost	\$ 344,665	\$ 310,149	\$ 299,625
Interest	1,556,039	1,506,035	1,453,250
Differences between expected and actual experience	372,097	247,543	200,570
Changes of assumptions	(38,894)	-	-
Benefit payments, including refunds of member contributions	<u>(1,445,894)</u>	<u>(1,336,660)</u>	<u>(1,124,620)</u>
Net change in total pension liability	788,013	727,067	828,825
Total pension liability - beginning	<u>22,013,219</u>	<u>21,286,152</u>	<u>20,457,327</u>
Total pension liability - ending (a)	<u>\$ 22,801,232</u>	<u>\$ 22,013,219</u>	<u>\$ 21,286,152</u>
Plan fiduciary net position			
Employer contributions	\$ 283,398	\$ 364,341	\$ 352,398
Employee contributions	160,414	163,756	139,349
Net investment income	2,175,515	(3,062,479)	3,534,455
Benefit payments, including refunds of member contributions	(1,445,894)	(1,336,660)	(1,124,620)
Other (net transfer)	<u>592,515</u>	<u>34</u>	<u>(277,756)</u>
Net change in plan fiduciary net position	1,765,948	(3,871,008)	2,623,826
Plan fiduciary net position - beginning	<u>19,487,027</u>	<u>23,358,035</u>	<u>20,734,209</u>
Plan fiduciary net position - ending (b)	<u>\$ 21,252,975</u>	<u>\$ 19,487,027</u>	<u>\$ 23,358,035</u>
Employer's net pension liability/(asset) - ending (a) - (b)	<u>\$ 1,548,257</u>	<u>\$ 2,526,192</u>	<u>\$ (2,071,883)</u>
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	93.21%	88.52%	109.73%
Covered payroll	\$ 3,564,758	\$ 3,445,064	\$ 3,096,641
Employer's net pension liability/(asset) as a percentage of covered payroll	43.43%	73.33%	-66.91%

Notes to Schedule:

Actuary valuations are as of December 31st, which is 6 months prior to the end of the fiscal year.

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2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
\$ 336,505	\$ 325,969	\$ 316,955	\$ 328,355	\$ 328,269	\$ 335,557	\$ 350,290
1,408,342	1,356,283	1,303,297	1,270,876	1,218,967	1,182,882	1,065,554
152,085	115,069	207,288	273,638	(82,604)	(284,965)	163,382
(116,281)	-	481,040	(551,000)	(57,797)	37,313	709,224
<u>(1,160,952)</u>	<u>(1,008,134)</u>	<u>(957,897)</u>	<u>(809,885)</u>	<u>(750,180)</u>	<u>(733,402)</u>	<u>(657,928)</u>
619,699	789,187	1,350,683	511,984	656,655	537,385	1,630,522
<u>19,837,628</u>	<u>19,048,441</u>	<u>17,697,758</u>	<u>17,185,774</u>	<u>16,529,119</u>	<u>15,991,734</u>	<u>14,361,212</u>
<u>\$ 20,457,327</u>	<u>\$ 19,837,628</u>	<u>\$ 19,048,441</u>	<u>\$ 17,697,758</u>	<u>\$ 17,185,774</u>	<u>\$ 16,529,119</u>	<u>\$ 15,991,734</u>
\$ 374,777	\$ 321,436	\$ 367,359	\$ 354,445	\$ 369,290	\$ 345,582	\$ 355,877
140,132	140,350	136,059	131,384	129,524	161,149	129,672
2,649,697	3,033,431	(915,930)	2,607,714	982,761	72,125	837,841
(1,160,952)	(1,008,134)	(957,897)	(809,885)	(750,180)	(733,402)	(657,928)
<u>50,165</u>	<u>168,726</u>	<u>423,865</u>	<u>(236,666)</u>	<u>(6,829)</u>	<u>(184,153)</u>	<u>51,513</u>
2,053,819	2,655,809	(946,544)	2,046,992	724,566	(338,699)	716,975
<u>18,680,390</u>	<u>16,024,581</u>	<u>16,971,125</u>	<u>14,924,133</u>	<u>14,199,567</u>	<u>14,538,266</u>	<u>13,821,291</u>
<u>\$ 20,734,209</u>	<u>\$ 18,680,390</u>	<u>\$ 16,024,581</u>	<u>\$ 16,971,125</u>	<u>\$ 14,924,133</u>	<u>\$ 14,199,567</u>	<u>\$ 14,538,266</u>
<u>\$ (276,882)</u>	<u>\$ 1,157,238</u>	<u>\$ 3,023,860</u>	<u>\$ 726,633</u>	<u>\$ 2,261,641</u>	<u>\$ 2,329,552</u>	<u>\$ 1,453,468</u>
101.35%	94.17%	84.13%	95.89%	86.84%	85.91%	90.91%
\$ 3,105,207	\$ 3,111,938	\$ 3,023,533	\$ 2,919,641	\$ 2,878,322	\$ 2,844,291	\$ 2,780,300
-8.92%	37.19%	100.01%	24.89%	78.57%	81.90%	52.28%

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RIVER TRAILS SCHOOL DISTRICT 26

**ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT FUND
SCHEDULE OF DISTRICT CONTRIBUTIONS
Ten Most Recent Fiscal Years**

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Actuarially determined contribution	\$ 283,398	\$ 341,406	\$ 352,398	\$ 373,867	\$ 320,841
Contributions in relation to the actuarially determined contribution	<u>(283,398)</u>	<u>(364,341)</u>	<u>(352,398)</u>	<u>(374,777)</u>	<u>(321,436)</u>
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (22,935)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (910)</u>	<u>\$ (595)</u>
Covered payroll	\$ 3,564,758	\$ 3,445,064	\$ 3,096,641	\$ 3,105,207	\$ 3,111,938
Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll	7.95%	10.58%	11.38%	12.07%	10.33%
	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Actuarially determined contribution	\$ 367,359	\$ 354,444	\$ 369,289	\$ 345,581	\$ 343,367
Contributions in relation to the actuarially determined contribution	<u>(367,359)</u>	<u>(354,445)</u>	<u>(369,290)</u>	<u>(345,582)</u>	<u>(355,877)</u>
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (1)</u>	<u>\$ (1)</u>	<u>\$ (1)</u>	<u>\$ (12,510)</u>
Covered payroll	\$ 3,023,533	\$ 2,919,641	\$ 2,878,322	\$ 2,844,291	\$ 2,780,300
Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll	12.15%	12.14%	12.83%	12.15%	12.80%

Notes to Schedule:

Valuation date:

Actuarially determined contribution rates and covered payroll are calculated as of December 31 each year, which are 6 months prior to the beginning of the fiscal year in which contributions are reported.

Methods and assumptions used to determine contribution rates:

Actuarial cost method	Aggregate Entry age normal
Amortization method	Level percentage of payroll, closed
Remaining amortization period	20 years
Asset valuation method	5-Year Smoothed Market, 20% corridor
Wage growth	2.75%
Inflation	2.25%
Salary increases	2.75% to 13.75%, including inflation
Investment rate of return	7.25%
Retirement Age	Experience-based table of rates that are specific to the type of eligibility condition
Mortality	MP-2020

Other information:

There were no benefit changes during the year.

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RIVER TRAILS SCHOOL DISTRICT 26

TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM

SCHEDULE OF THE DISTRICT'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE
COLLECTIVE NET PENSION LIABILITY AND SCHEDULE OF DISTRICT CONTRIBUTIONS
Ten Most Recent Fiscal Years

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
District's proportion of the net pension liability	0.00130438%	0.00127112%	0.00138416%	0.00143999%
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 1,108,471	\$ 1,065,708	\$ 1,079,799	\$ 1,241,487
State's proportionate share of the net pension liability	<u>95,661,579</u>	<u>92,443,141</u>	<u>90,498,605</u>	<u>97,239,746</u>
Total net pension liability	<u>\$ 96,770,050</u>	<u>\$ 93,508,849</u>	<u>\$ 91,578,404</u>	<u>\$ 98,481,233</u>
Covered payroll	\$ 13,881,372	\$ 13,688,633	\$ 12,413,965	\$ 12,103,097
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of covered payroll	7.99%	7.79%	8.70%	10.26%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	43.90%	42.80%	45.10%	37.80%
Contractually required contribution	\$ 96,654	\$ 109,124	\$ 94,426	\$ 89,640
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	<u>(98,115)</u>	<u>(111,642)</u>	<u>(95,080)</u>	<u>(89,718)</u>
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>\$ (1,461)</u>	<u>\$ (2,518)</u>	<u>\$ (654)</u>	<u>\$ (78)</u>
Covered payroll	\$ 13,881,372	\$ 13,688,633	\$ 13,005,787	\$ 12,413,965
Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll	0.7068%	0.8156%	0.7311%	0.7227%

Notes to Schedule:

Actuary valuations are as of June 30 of the fiscal year prior to the fiscal year in which the net pension liability is reported.

Key Assumptions:

Long-term expected rate of return	7.00%	7.00%	7.00%	7.00%
Municipal bond index	3.65%	3.54%	2.16%	2.21%
Single equivalent discount rate	7.00%	7.00%	7.00%	7.00%
Inflation rate	2.25%	2.50%	2.25%	2.50%
Projected salary increases	3.50% to 8.50%	3.75% to 8.75%	3.50% to 8.50%	4.00% to 9.50%
	varying by service	varying by service	varying by service	varying by service

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<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
0.00151619%	0.00176105%	0.00300499%	0.00320040%	0.00306752%	0.00298845%
\$ 1,229,757	\$ 1,372,644	\$ 2,295,755	\$ 2,526,266	\$ 2,009,537	\$ 1,818,717
<u>87,520,453</u>	<u>94,031,884</u>	<u>92,475,530</u>	<u>97,820,158</u>	<u>75,959,356</u>	<u>70,888,778</u>
<u>\$ 88,750,210</u>	<u>\$ 95,404,528</u>	<u>\$ 94,771,285</u>	<u>\$ 100,346,424</u>	<u>\$ 77,968,893</u>	<u>\$ 72,707,495</u>
\$ 11,838,446	\$ 12,615,477	\$ 12,489,371	\$ 12,326,474	\$ 11,731,758	\$ 11,490,982
10.39%	10.88%	18.38%	20.49%	17.13%	15.83%
39.60%	40.00%	39.30%	36.40%	41.50%	43.00%
\$ 87,081	\$ 88,797	\$ 91,631	\$ 123,503	\$ 125,591	\$ 108,515
<u>(75,737)</u>	<u>(72,106)</u>	<u>(91,631)</u>	<u>(123,503)</u>	<u>(125,591)</u>	<u>(108,515)</u>
<u>\$ 11,344</u>	<u>\$ 16,691</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
\$ 12,103,097	\$ 11,838,446	\$ 12,615,477	\$ 12,489,371	\$ 12,326,474	\$ 11,731,758
0.6258%	0.6091%	0.7263%	0.9889%	1.0189%	0.9250%
7.00%	7.00%	7.00%	7.00%	7.50%	7.50%
3.50%	3.87%	3.58%	2.85%	3.73%	N/A
7.00%	7.00%	7.00%	6.83%	7.47%	7.50%
2.50%	2.50%	2.50%	2.50%	3.00%	3.00%
4.00% to 9.50%	4.00% to 9.50%	3.25% to 9.25%	3.25% to 9.25%	3.75% to 9.75%	5.75%
varying by service	varying by service	varying by service	varying by service	varying by service	

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RIVER TRAILS SCHOOL DISTRICT 26
RETIREE'S HEALTH PLAN
SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN THE DISTRICT'S TOTAL OPEB LIABILITY
AND RELATED RATIOS
Seven Most Recent Fiscal Years

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Total OPEB liability				
Service cost	\$ 80,073	\$ 78,521	\$ 147,568	\$ 146,474
Interest	48,173	45,621	41,741	40,844
Differences between expected and actual experience	94,631	-	(552,679)	-
Changes of assumptions	16,123	9,959	(161,540)	6,086
Benefit payments, including refunds of member contributions	<u>(84,600)</u>	<u>(121,510)</u>	<u>(116,094)</u>	<u>(102,135)</u>
Net change in total OPEB liability	154,400	12,591	(641,004)	91,269
Total OPEB liability - beginning	<u>1,362,100</u>	<u>1,349,509</u>	<u>1,990,513</u>	<u>1,899,244</u>
Total OPEB liability - ending (a)	<u>\$ 1,516,500</u>	<u>\$ 1,362,100</u>	<u>\$ 1,349,509</u>	<u>\$ 1,990,513</u>
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total OPEB liability	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Covered-employee payroll	\$ 17,207,282	\$ 16,787,953	\$ 16,405,348	\$ 15,785,074
District's total OPEB liability as a percentage of covered payroll	8.81%	8.11%	8.23%	12.61%

Notes to Schedule:

The District implemented GASB Statement No. 75 in fiscal year 2018. Information prior to fiscal year 2018 is not available. There are no assets accumulated in a trust that meets the criteria of GASB codification P52.101 to pay related benefits for the OPEB plan.

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2020	2019	2018
\$ 138,169	\$ 154,706	\$ 148,942
114,331	112,264	105,755
(1,680,359)	8,146	-
112,635	193,058	-
<u>(102,135)</u>	<u>(96,774)</u>	<u>(84,409)</u>
(1,417,359)	371,400	170,288
<u>3,316,603</u>	<u>2,945,203</u>	<u>2,774,915</u>
<u>\$ 1,899,244</u>	<u>\$ 3,316,603</u>	<u>\$ 2,945,203</u>
0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
\$ 15,400,072	\$ 15,123,270	\$ 15,757,076
12.33%	21.93%	18.69%

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RIVER TRAILS SCHOOL DISTRICT 26
TEACHERS' HEALTH INSURANCE SECURITY FUND
SCHEDULE OF THE DISTRICT'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE
COLLECTIVE NET OPEB LIABILITY AND SCHEDULE OF DISTRICT CONTRIBUTIONS
Seven Most Recent Fiscal Years

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
District's proportion of the net OPEB liability	0.048954%	0.047123%	0.047824%	0.047844%
District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability	\$ 3,514,072	\$ 3,197,493	\$ 10,547,758	\$ 12,795,324
State's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability	<u>4,752,145</u>	<u>4,349,875</u>	<u>14,301,220</u>	<u>17,334,179</u>
Total net OPEB liability	<u>\$ 8,266,217</u>	<u>\$ 7,547,368</u>	<u>\$ 24,848,978</u>	<u>\$ 30,129,503</u>
Covered payroll	\$ 13,688,633	\$ 13,005,787	\$ 12,413,965	\$ 12,103,097
District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability as a percentage of covered payroll	25.67%	24.59%	84.97%	105.72%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	6.21%	5.24%	1.40%	0.70%
Contractually required contribution	\$ 93,005	\$ 91,714	\$ 87,139	\$ 114,208
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	<u>(93,005)</u>	<u>(91,714)</u>	<u>(87,139)</u>	<u>(114,208)</u>
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Covered payroll	\$ 13,881,372	\$ 13,688,633	\$ 13,005,787	\$ 12,413,965
Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll	0.6794%	0.7052%	0.7019%	0.9436%

Notes to Schedule:

The District implemented GASB 75 in fiscal year 2018. Information for fiscal years prior to 2018 is not applicable.

Actuary valuations are as of June 30 of the fiscal year prior to the fiscal year in which the net OPEB liability is reported.

Key Assumptions:

Long-term expected rate of return	2.75%	2.75%	2.75%	0.00%
Municipal bond index	3.86%	3.69%	1.92%	2.45%
Single equivalent discount rate	3.86%	3.69%	1.92%	2.45%
Inflation rate	2.25%	2.25%	2.50%	2.50%
Healthcare cost trend rates - initial	Medicare and Non-Medicare - 8.00%	Medicare and Non-Medicare - 8.00%	Medicare and Non-Medicare - 8.00%	Medicare and Non-Medicare - 8.25%
Healthcare cost trend rates - ultimate	4.25%	4.25%	4.25%	4.25%
Mortality	PubT-2010	PubT-2010	RP-2014 Tables	RP-2014 Tables

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<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
0.048146%	0.053217%	0.054295%
\$ 13,325,576	\$ 14,021,346	\$ 14,089,133
<u>18,044,530</u>	<u>18,827,644</u>	<u>18,502,533</u>
<u>\$ 31,370,106</u>	<u>\$ 32,848,990</u>	<u>\$ 32,591,666</u>
\$ 11,838,446	\$ 12,615,477	\$ 12,489,371
112.56%	111.14%	112.81%
0.25%	-0.07%	-0.17%
\$ 111,348	\$ 108,906	\$ 111,016
<u>(111,348)</u>	<u>(108,906)</u>	<u>(111,016)</u>
<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
\$ 12,103,097	\$ 11,838,446	\$ 12,615,477
0.9406%	0.8633%	0.8889%
0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
3.13%	3.62%	3.56%
3.13%	3.62%	3.56%
2.50%	2.75%	2.75%
Medicare - 9.00%	Medicare - 9.00%	Medicare - 9.00%
Non-Medicare - 8.00%	Non-Medicare - 8.00%	Non-Medicare - 8.00%
4.50%	4.50%	4.50%
RP-2014 Tables	RP-2014 Tables	RP-2014 Tables

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RIVER TRAILS SCHOOL DISTRICT 26
GENERAL FUND

SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET TO ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024
WITH COMPARATIVE ACTUAL AMOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

	2024		VARIANCE WITH FINAL BUDGET	2023 ACTUAL
	ORIGINAL AND FINAL BUDGET	ACTUAL		
Revenues				
Local sources				
General levy	\$ 18,077,640	\$ 19,059,060	\$ 981,420	\$ 17,531,026
Special education levy	1,977,254	2,028,257	51,003	1,878,242
Corporate personal property replacement taxes	750,000	721,141	(28,859)	1,216,543
Regular tuition from pupils or parents (in state)	40,000	-	(40,000)	-
Regular tuition from other sources (in state)	-	35,268	35,268	35,774
Summer school tuition from pupils or parents (in state)	7,500	9,960	2,460	7,375
Investment income	330,000	957,373	627,373	521,802
Sales to pupils - lunch	200,000	243,572	43,572	228,463
Student activities	50,000	95,386	45,386	67,790
Rentals - regular textbook	195,000	229,994	34,994	213,555
Proceeds from vendor contracts	18,500	20,921	2,421	20,326
Other local fees	32,900	35,594	2,694	66,015
Other	-	86,042	86,042	26,261
Total local sources	<u>21,678,794</u>	<u>23,522,568</u>	<u>1,843,774</u>	<u>21,813,172</u>
State sources				
Evidence based funding	500,000	500,000	-	484,820
CTE - Other	-	1,196	1,196	1,115
State free lunch & breakfast	-	3,624	3,624	930
Technology - learning technology centers	-	1,256	1,256	1,137
On behalf payment to TRS from the state	<u>7,000,000</u>	<u>6,482,415</u>	<u>(517,585)</u>	<u>6,709,057</u>
Total state sources	<u>7,500,000</u>	<u>6,988,491</u>	<u>(511,509)</u>	<u>7,197,059</u>
Federal sources				
National school lunch program	265,000	266,946	1,946	284,271
School breakfast program	55,000	46,618	(8,382)	32,908
Fresh fruits & vegetables	70,000	71,861	1,861	84,530
Food service - other	-	30,635	30,635	-
Title I - Low income	129,245	163,962	34,717	152,102
Title IV - Safe & drug free schools - formula	10,000	15,958	5,958	11,638
Federal - special education - preschool flow-through	14,806	18,380	3,574	14,876
Federal - special education - IDEA - flow-through	425,783	489,591	63,808	478,213
Emergency immigrant assistance	-	3,000	3,000	-
Title III - English language acquisition	30,000	33,300	3,300	40,129
Title II - Teacher quality	27,826	37,955	10,129	33,484
Medicaid matching funds - administrative outreach	10,000	44,094	34,094	48,629
Medicaid matching funds - fee-for-service program	40,000	10,829	(29,171)	22,208

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WITH COMPARATIVE ACTUAL AMOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

	2024			2023 ACTUAL
	ORIGINAL AND FINAL BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE WITH FINAL BUDGET	
Other restricted revenue from federal sources	\$ -	\$ 70,448	\$ 70,448	\$ 323,305
Total federal sources	<u>1,077,660</u>	<u>1,303,577</u>	<u>225,917</u>	<u>1,526,293</u>
Total revenues	<u>30,256,454</u>	<u>31,814,636</u>	<u>1,558,182</u>	<u>30,536,524</u>
Expenditures				
Instruction				
Regular programs				
Salaries	8,122,611	8,083,870	38,741	8,001,241
Employee benefits	1,196,257	1,041,859	154,398	1,065,483
On-behalf payments to TRS from the state	7,000,000	6,482,415	517,585	6,709,057
Purchased services	6,000	7,767	(1,767)	5,456
Supplies and materials	586,304	643,217	(56,913)	559,784
Capital outlay	150,000	113,279	36,721	228,450
Other objects	1,850	1,362	488	1,778
Non-capitalized equipment	<u>160,300</u>	<u>199,817</u>	<u>(39,517)</u>	<u>164,103</u>
Total	<u>17,223,322</u>	<u>16,573,586</u>	<u>649,736</u>	<u>16,735,352</u>
Special education programs				
Salaries	1,609,098	1,607,002	2,096	1,479,050
Employee benefits	316,647	292,090	24,557	254,641
Purchased services	8,375	10,378	(2,003)	5,246
Supplies and materials	29,620	98,136	(68,516)	45,260
Other objects	700	250	450	-
Non-capitalized equipment	<u>1,200</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,200</u>	<u>1,150</u>
Total	<u>1,965,640</u>	<u>2,007,856</u>	<u>(42,216)</u>	<u>1,785,347</u>
Special education programs Pre-K				
Salaries	346,232	314,670	31,562	324,538
Employee benefits	66,740	67,039	(299)	71,322
Purchased services	1,200	40	1,160	-
Supplies and materials	1,050	864	186	7,361
Capital outlay	20,000	-	20,000	-
Non-capitalized equipment	<u>750</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>750</u>	<u>-</u>
Total	<u>435,972</u>	<u>382,613</u>	<u>53,359</u>	<u>403,221</u>

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GENERAL FUND

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WITH COMPARATIVE ACTUAL AMOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

	2024			2023 ACTUAL
	ORIGINAL AND FINAL BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE WITH FINAL BUDGET	
Remedial and supplemental programs K - 12				
Salaries	\$ 587,576	\$ 613,676	\$ (26,100)	\$ 674,185
Employee benefits	102,206	109,142	(6,936)	110,590
Purchased services	2,000	537	1,463	2,086
Supplies and materials	<u>3,380</u>	<u>445</u>	<u>2,935</u>	<u>494</u>
Total	<u>695,162</u>	<u>723,800</u>	<u>(28,638)</u>	<u>787,355</u>
Remedial and supplemental programs Pre - K				
Salaries	1,179	-	1,179	41,803
Employee benefits	-	-	-	8,095
Supplies and materials	-	-	-	<u>378</u>
Total	<u>1,179</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,179</u>	<u>50,276</u>
CTE programs				
Other objects	3,000	-	3,000	-
Non-capitalized equipment	<u>1,410</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,410</u>	<u>-</u>
Total	<u>4,410</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,410</u>	<u>-</u>
Interscholastic programs				
Purchased services	3,500	3,820	(320)	2,670
Supplies and materials	2,905	2,082	823	3,559
Other objects	26,142	4,046	22,096	3,434
Non-capitalized equipment	<u>-</u>	<u>1,410</u>	<u>(1,410)</u>	<u>-</u>
Total	<u>32,547</u>	<u>11,358</u>	<u>21,189</u>	<u>9,663</u>
Summer school programs				
Salaries	52,823	53,188	(365)	52,648
Employee benefits	3,419	123	3,296	546
Supplies and materials	5,000	2,339	2,661	334
Other objects	<u>600</u>	<u>2,898</u>	<u>(2,298)</u>	<u>59,689</u>
Total	<u>61,842</u>	<u>58,548</u>	<u>3,294</u>	<u>113,217</u>
Gifted programs				
Salaries	156,346	156,346	-	150,332
Employee benefits	24,283	21,753	2,530	21,007
Purchased services	1,200	1,725	(525)	897
Supplies and materials	6,360	2,672	3,688	4,327
Other objects	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>325</u>
Total	<u>188,189</u>	<u>182,496</u>	<u>5,693</u>	<u>176,888</u>
Bilingual programs				
Salaries	944,212	941,321	2,891	910,842
Employee benefits	135,807	111,936	23,871	128,897
Supplies and materials	<u>8,140</u>	<u>8,250</u>	<u>(110)</u>	<u>27,355</u>
Total	<u>1,088,159</u>	<u>1,061,507</u>	<u>26,652</u>	<u>1,067,094</u>

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	2024		VARIANCE WITH FINAL BUDGET	2023 ACTUAL
	ORIGINAL AND FINAL BUDGET	ACTUAL		
Special education programs K -12 - private tuition				
Other objects	\$ 50,000	\$ -	\$ 50,000	\$ -
Total	<u>50,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>50,000</u>	<u>-</u>
Student activities				
Other objects	50,000	91,762	(41,762)	74,474
Total	<u>50,000</u>	<u>91,762</u>	<u>(41,762)</u>	<u>74,474</u>
Total instruction	<u>21,796,422</u>	<u>21,093,526</u>	<u>702,896</u>	<u>21,202,887</u>
Support services				
Pupils				
Attendance and social work services				
Salaries	411,346	411,346	-	394,503
Employee benefits	55,179	43,830	11,349	49,309
Purchased services	-	5,000	(5,000)	1,500
Supplies and materials	<u>10,577</u>	<u>13,581</u>	<u>(3,004)</u>	<u>10,392</u>
Total	<u>477,102</u>	<u>473,757</u>	<u>3,345</u>	<u>455,704</u>
Guidance services				
Purchased services	<u>50</u>	<u>1,196</u>	<u>(1,146)</u>	<u>1,115</u>
Total	<u>50</u>	<u>1,196</u>	<u>(1,146)</u>	<u>1,115</u>
Health services				
Salaries	264,177	275,708	(11,531)	257,544
Employee benefits	37,292	46,736	(9,444)	35,152
Purchased services	2,000	2,117	(117)	670
Supplies and materials	<u>5,500</u>	<u>4,129</u>	<u>1,371</u>	<u>5,107</u>
Total	<u>308,969</u>	<u>328,690</u>	<u>(19,721)</u>	<u>298,473</u>
Psychological services				
Salaries	230,313	217,688	12,625	221,455
Employee benefits	36,622	24,501	12,121	33,050
Supplies and materials	<u>1,500</u>	<u>1,129</u>	<u>371</u>	<u>891</u>
Total	<u>268,435</u>	<u>243,318</u>	<u>25,117</u>	<u>255,396</u>
Speech pathology and audiology services				
Salaries	401,527	346,307	55,220	319,035
Employee benefits	80,087	57,256	22,831	52,194
Supplies and materials	<u>1,745</u>	<u>1,401</u>	<u>344</u>	<u>1,089</u>
Total	<u>483,359</u>	<u>404,964</u>	<u>78,395</u>	<u>372,318</u>
Total pupils	<u>1,537,915</u>	<u>1,451,925</u>	<u>85,990</u>	<u>1,383,006</u>

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	2024			2023 ACTUAL
	ORIGINAL AND FINAL BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE WITH FINAL BUDGET	
Instructional staff				
Improvement of instructional services				
Salaries	\$ 225,828	\$ 212,852	\$ 12,976	\$ 218,817
Employee benefits	88,330	102,818	(14,488)	77,428
Purchased services	100,916	48,350	52,566	66,346
Supplies and materials	21,300	12,200	9,100	19,990
Capital outlay	-	-	-	7,095
Other objects	-	65	(65)	32
Non-capitalized equipment	-	-	-	9,839
Termination benefits	117,500	42,772	74,728	105,836
Total	<u>553,874</u>	<u>419,057</u>	<u>134,817</u>	<u>505,383</u>
Educational media services				
Salaries	783,655	806,815	(23,160)	724,638
Employee benefits	157,434	127,925	29,509	133,655
Purchased services	26,200	13,130	13,070	11,715
Supplies and materials	16,650	18,007	(1,357)	19,030
Other objects	500	350	150	-
Total	<u>984,439</u>	<u>966,227</u>	<u>18,212</u>	<u>889,038</u>
Assessment and testing				
Purchased services	3,000	-	3,000	1,750
Supplies and materials	40,750	50,742	(9,992)	28,567
Total	<u>43,750</u>	<u>50,742</u>	<u>(6,992)</u>	<u>30,317</u>
Total instructional staff	<u>1,582,063</u>	<u>1,436,026</u>	<u>146,037</u>	<u>1,424,738</u>
General administration				
Board of education services				
Purchased services	118,580	112,810	5,770	104,154
Supplies and materials	12,275	9,730	2,545	10,518
Other objects	9,900	10,010	(110)	13,627
Non-capitalized equipment	2,000	-	2,000	-
Total	<u>142,755</u>	<u>132,550</u>	<u>10,205</u>	<u>128,299</u>
Executive administration services				
Salaries	283,382	284,489	(1,107)	271,000
Employee benefits	67,526	66,514	1,012	69,739
Purchased services	11,425	8,975	2,450	9,345
Supplies and materials	2,800	2,410	390	2,690
Other objects	2,999	2,849	150	2,382
Total	<u>368,132</u>	<u>365,237</u>	<u>2,895</u>	<u>355,156</u>

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024
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	2024			2023 ACTUAL
	ORIGINAL AND FINAL BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE WITH FINAL BUDGET	
Special area administration services				
Salaries	\$ 195,985	\$ 137,138	\$ 58,847	\$ 219,483
Employee benefits	45,116	36,997	8,119	46,464
Purchased services	2,675	2,705	(30)	3,687
Supplies and materials	1,350	314	1,036	475
Other objects	<u>750</u>	<u>361</u>	<u>389</u>	<u>340</u>
Total	<u>245,876</u>	<u>177,515</u>	<u>68,361</u>	<u>270,449</u>
Tort immunity services				
Purchased services	<u>171,886</u>	<u>145,435</u>	<u>26,451</u>	<u>125,240</u>
Total	<u>171,886</u>	<u>145,435</u>	<u>26,451</u>	<u>125,240</u>
Total general administration	<u>928,649</u>	<u>820,737</u>	<u>107,912</u>	<u>879,144</u>
School administration				
Office of the principal services				
Salaries	1,263,459	1,204,334	59,125	1,117,959
Employee benefits	298,416	293,816	4,600	279,993
Purchased services	8,360	6,339	2,021	3,942
Supplies and materials	26,200	21,846	4,354	23,909
Other objects	4,300	2,702	1,598	1,504
Non-capitalized equipment	<u>2,000</u>	<u>665</u>	<u>1,335</u>	<u>-</u>
Total	<u>1,602,735</u>	<u>1,529,702</u>	<u>73,033</u>	<u>1,427,307</u>
Total school administration	<u>1,602,735</u>	<u>1,529,702</u>	<u>73,033</u>	<u>1,427,307</u>
Business				
Direction of business support services				
Salaries	218,951	218,951	-	208,525
Employee benefits	37,234	41,649	(4,415)	40,606
Purchased services	7,500	4,910	2,590	4,398
Supplies and materials	200	169	31	263
Other objects	1,300	940	360	1,100
Non-capitalized equipment	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>617</u>
Total	<u>265,185</u>	<u>266,619</u>	<u>(1,434)</u>	<u>255,509</u>
Fiscal services				
Salaries	297,312	341,306	(43,994)	268,396
Employee benefits	41,905	35,570	6,335	39,238
Purchased services	379,397	299,744	79,653	336,243
Supplies and materials	28,900	12,969	15,931	14,285
Capital outlay	-	-	-	28,026
Other objects	3,925	4,918	(993)	4,599
Non-capitalized equipment	66,000	55,749	10,251	39,862
Termination benefits	<u>90,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>90,000</u>	<u>-</u>
Total	<u>907,439</u>	<u>750,256</u>	<u>157,183</u>	<u>730,649</u>

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	2024			2023 ACTUAL
	ORIGINAL AND FINAL BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE WITH FINAL BUDGET	
Food services				
Salaries	\$ 278,939	\$ 261,850	\$ 17,089	\$ 285,621
Employee benefits	81,916	68,037	13,879	64,501
Purchased services	7,254	5,112	2,142	6,394
Supplies and materials	355,841	284,083	71,758	271,257
Capital outlay	-	46,638	(46,638)	-
Other objects	1,400	1,741	(341)	916
Non-capitalized equipment	2,500	7,546	(5,046)	1,475
Total	<u>727,850</u>	<u>675,007</u>	<u>52,843</u>	<u>630,164</u>
Internal services				
Purchased services	<u>30,000</u>	<u>19,714</u>	<u>10,286</u>	<u>45,930</u>
Total	<u>30,000</u>	<u>19,714</u>	<u>10,286</u>	<u>45,930</u>
Total business	<u>1,930,474</u>	<u>1,711,596</u>	<u>218,878</u>	<u>1,662,252</u>
Central				
Information services				
Salaries	58,741	58,000	741	65,068
Employee benefits	10,969	9,609	1,360	8,996
Purchased services	1,000	695	305	-
Supplies and materials	800	27	773	155
Other objects	500	415	85	-
Non-capitalized equipment	1,000	-	1,000	-
Total	<u>73,010</u>	<u>68,746</u>	<u>4,264</u>	<u>74,219</u>
Staff services				
Salaries	15,000	19,800	(4,800)	16,250
Employee benefits	17,500	14,004	3,496	17,929
Supplies and materials	-	2,892	(2,892)	-
Total	<u>32,500</u>	<u>36,696</u>	<u>(4,196)</u>	<u>34,179</u>
Total central	<u>105,510</u>	<u>105,442</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>108,398</u>
Total support services	<u>7,687,346</u>	<u>7,055,428</u>	<u>631,918</u>	<u>6,884,845</u>
Community services				
Salaries	3,600	26	3,574	1,204
Employee benefits	-	426	(426)	573
Purchased services	6,225	4,721	1,504	6,582
Supplies and materials	1,553	1,784	(231)	1,886
Total community services	<u>11,378</u>	<u>6,957</u>	<u>4,421</u>	<u>10,245</u>

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GENERAL FUND

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024
WITH COMPARATIVE ACTUAL AMOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

	2024		VARIANCE WITH FINAL BUDGET	2023 ACTUAL
	ORIGINAL AND FINAL BUDGET	ACTUAL		
Payments to other districts and governmental units				
Payments for special education programs				
Purchased services	\$ 389,777	\$ 401,903	\$ (12,126)	\$ 365,841
Other objects	<u>803,012</u>	<u>840,721</u>	<u>(37,709)</u>	<u>617,604</u>
Total	<u>1,192,789</u>	<u>1,242,624</u>	<u>(49,835)</u>	<u>983,445</u>
Total payments to other districts and governmental units	<u>1,192,789</u>	<u>1,242,624</u>	<u>(49,835)</u>	<u>983,445</u>
Total expenditures	<u>30,687,935</u>	<u>29,398,535</u>	<u>1,289,400</u>	<u>29,081,422</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	<u>(431,481)</u>	<u>2,416,101</u>	<u>2,847,582</u>	<u>1,455,102</u>
Other financing sources (uses)				
Installment contracts payable issuance	-	-	-	85,446
Transfer for principal on installment contracts payable	(17,090)	(15,425)	1,665	(18,839)
Transfer for interest on installment contracts payable	<u>(1,750)</u>	<u>(3,415)</u>	<u>(1,665)</u>	<u>-</u>
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>(18,840)</u>	<u>(18,840)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>66,607</u>
Net change in fund balance	<u>\$ (450,321)</u>	2,397,261	<u>\$ 2,847,582</u>	1,521,709
Fund balance, beginning of year		<u>22,910,909</u>		<u>21,389,200</u>
Fund balance, end of year		<u>\$ 25,308,170</u>		<u>\$ 22,910,909</u>

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**RIVER TRAILS SCHOOL DISTRICT 26
OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE FUND**

SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET TO ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024
WITH COMPARATIVE ACTUAL AMOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

	2024		VARIANCE WITH FINAL BUDGET	2023 ACTUAL
	ORIGINAL AND FINAL BUDGET	ACTUAL		
Revenues				
Local sources				
General levy	\$ 3,138,336	\$ 3,096,684	\$ (41,652)	\$ 3,403,404
Investment income	40,000	66,013	26,013	52,633
Rentals	-	-	-	40,000
Total local sources	<u>3,178,336</u>	<u>3,162,697</u>	<u>(15,639)</u>	<u>3,496,037</u>
State sources				
Evidence based funding	<u>1,023,718</u>	<u>1,025,104</u>	<u>1,386</u>	<u>1,038,898</u>
Total state sources	<u>1,023,718</u>	<u>1,025,104</u>	<u>1,386</u>	<u>1,038,898</u>
Federal sources				
Other restricted revenue from federal sources	-	-	-	145,597
Total federal sources	-	-	-	145,597
Total revenues	<u>4,202,054</u>	<u>4,187,801</u>	<u>(14,253)</u>	<u>4,680,532</u>
Expenditures				
Support services				
Business				
Facilities acquisition and construction service				
Purchased services	20,000	-	20,000	6,756
Supplies and materials	16,750	1,046	15,704	3,594
Capital outlay	10,917	15,026	(4,109)	5,995
Non-capitalized equipment	<u>21,500</u>	<u>16,491</u>	<u>5,009</u>	<u>41,994</u>
Total	<u>69,167</u>	<u>32,563</u>	<u>36,604</u>	<u>58,339</u>
Operation and maintenance of plant services				
Salaries	1,052,862	1,051,561	1,301	996,565
Employee benefits	208,552	200,889	7,663	183,470
Purchased services	469,904	423,596	46,308	352,770
Supplies and materials	559,800	404,776	155,024	363,836
Capital outlay	-	23,728	(23,728)	51,635
Other objects	1,200	450	750	450
Non-capitalized equipment	<u>34,997</u>	<u>33,937</u>	<u>1,060</u>	<u>29,970</u>
Total	<u>2,327,315</u>	<u>2,138,937</u>	<u>188,378</u>	<u>1,978,696</u>
Total business	<u>2,396,482</u>	<u>2,171,500</u>	<u>224,982</u>	<u>2,037,035</u>
Total support services	<u>2,396,482</u>	<u>2,171,500</u>	<u>224,982</u>	<u>2,037,035</u>

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RIVER TRAILS SCHOOL DISTRICT 26
OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE FUND

SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET TO ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024
WITH COMPARATIVE ACTUAL AMOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

	2024			2023 ACTUAL
	ORIGINAL AND FINAL BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE WITH FINAL BUDGET	
Total expenditures	\$ 2,396,482	\$ 2,171,500	\$ 224,982	\$ 2,037,035
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	<u>1,805,572</u>	<u>2,016,301</u>	<u>210,729</u>	<u>2,643,497</u>
Other financing sources (uses)				
Transfer to pay principal on revenue bonds	(490,000)	(490,000)	-	(415,000)
Transfer to pay interest on revenue bonds	(28,127)	(28,078)	49	(52,903)
Transfer to capital projects fund	<u>(2,000,000)</u>	<u>(2,000,000)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(3,316,650)</u>
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>(2,518,127)</u>	<u>(2,518,078)</u>	<u>49</u>	<u>(3,784,553)</u>
Net change in fund balance	<u>\$ (712,555)</u>	(501,777)	<u>\$ 210,778</u>	(1,141,056)
Fund balance, beginning of year		<u>936,388</u>		<u>2,077,444</u>
Fund balance, end of year		<u>\$ 434,611</u>		<u>\$ 936,388</u>

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**RIVER TRAILS SCHOOL DISTRICT 26
TRANSPORTATION FUND**

SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET TO ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024
WITH COMPARATIVE ACTUAL AMOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

	2024		VARIANCE WITH FINAL BUDGET	2023 ACTUAL
	ORIGINAL AND FINAL BUDGET	ACTUAL		
Revenues				
Local sources				
General levy	\$ 688,901	\$ 719,005	\$ 30,104	\$ 646,725
Regular transportation fees from pupils or parents	110,000	119,865	9,865	118,462
Investment income	<u>25,000</u>	<u>53,046</u>	<u>28,046</u>	<u>32,841</u>
Total local sources	<u>823,901</u>	<u>891,916</u>	<u>68,015</u>	<u>798,028</u>
State sources				
Transportation - regular/vocational	10,000	188,184	178,184	54,432
Transportation - special education	125,000	120,365	(4,635)	117,267
Other restricted revenue from state sources	<u>-</u>	<u>282,700</u>	<u>282,700</u>	<u>-</u>
Total state sources	<u>135,000</u>	<u>591,249</u>	<u>456,249</u>	<u>171,699</u>
Total revenues	<u>958,901</u>	<u>1,483,165</u>	<u>524,264</u>	<u>969,727</u>
Expenditures				
Support Services				
Business				
Pupil transportation services				
Salaries	59,131	48,154	10,977	69,483
Employee benefits	10,969	6,837	4,132	10,292
Purchased services	980,000	971,241	8,759	930,468
Supplies and materials	70,250	49,887	20,363	67,987
Capital outlay	-	3,195	(3,195)	342,133
Non-capitalized equipment	<u>-</u>	<u>1,907</u>	<u>(1,907)</u>	<u>-</u>
Total	<u>1,120,350</u>	<u>1,081,221</u>	<u>39,129</u>	<u>1,420,363</u>
Total business	<u>1,120,350</u>	<u>1,081,221</u>	<u>39,129</u>	<u>1,420,363</u>
Total support services	<u>1,120,350</u>	<u>1,081,221</u>	<u>39,129</u>	<u>1,420,363</u>
Total expenditures	<u>1,120,350</u>	<u>1,081,221</u>	<u>39,129</u>	<u>1,420,363</u>
Net change in fund balance	<u>\$ (161,449)</u>	401,944	<u>\$ 563,393</u>	(450,636)
Fund balance, beginning of year		<u>1,045,836</u>		<u>1,496,472</u>
Fund balance, end of year		<u>\$ 1,447,780</u>		<u>\$ 1,045,836</u>

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RIVER TRAILS SCHOOL DISTRICT 26
MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT/SOCIAL SECURITY FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET TO ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024
WITH COMPARATIVE ACTUAL AMOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

	2024		VARIANCE WITH FINAL BUDGET	2023 ACTUAL
	ORIGINAL AND FINAL BUDGET	ACTUAL		
Revenues				
Local sources				
General levy	\$ 571,631	\$ 498,916	\$ (72,715)	\$ 585,509
Social security/Medicare only levy	571,631	498,916	(72,715)	585,509
Corporate personal property replacement taxes	30,000	30,000	-	30,000
Investment income	<u>3,000</u>	<u>29,166</u>	<u>26,166</u>	<u>6,846</u>
Total local sources	<u>1,176,262</u>	<u>1,056,998</u>	<u>(119,264)</u>	<u>1,207,864</u>
Total revenues	<u>1,176,262</u>	<u>1,056,998</u>	<u>(119,264)</u>	<u>1,207,864</u>
Expenditures				
Instruction				
Regular programs	177,984	161,939	16,045	161,782
Special education programs	90,661	72,193	18,468	71,774
Special education programs Pre-K	13,832	11,928	1,904	15,419
Remedial and supplemental programs K - 12	8,482	8,244	238	9,328
Remedial and supplemental programs Pre - K	-	-	-	596
Summer school programs	2,802	2,944	(142)	2,472
Gifted programs	2,267	2,180	87	2,106
Bilingual programs	<u>17,432</u>	<u>16,413</u>	<u>1,019</u>	<u>17,781</u>
Total instruction	<u>313,460</u>	<u>275,841</u>	<u>37,619</u>	<u>281,258</u>
Support services				
Pupils				
Attendance and social work services	5,965	5,874	91	5,559
Health services	36,756	41,107	(4,351)	39,768
Psychological services	3,340	3,087	253	3,123
Speech pathology and audiology services	<u>5,822</u>	<u>4,872</u>	<u>950</u>	<u>4,579</u>
Total pupils	<u>51,883</u>	<u>54,940</u>	<u>(3,057)</u>	<u>53,029</u>
Instructional staff				
Improvement of instructional staff	21,383	3,387	17,996	4,187
Educational media services	<u>55,321</u>	<u>70,255</u>	<u>(14,934)</u>	<u>68,206</u>
Total instructional staff	<u>76,704</u>	<u>73,642</u>	<u>3,062</u>	<u>72,393</u>
General administration				
Executive administration services	15,912	15,525	387	15,667
Special area administration services	<u>1,951</u>	<u>1,978</u>	<u>(27)</u>	<u>15,873</u>
Total general administration	<u>17,863</u>	<u>17,503</u>	<u>360</u>	<u>31,540</u>
School administration				
Office of the principal services	<u>62,339</u>	<u>69,147</u>	<u>(6,808)</u>	<u>63,154</u>
Total school administration	<u>62,339</u>	<u>69,147</u>	<u>(6,808)</u>	<u>63,154</u>

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RIVER TRAILS SCHOOL DISTRICT 26
MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT/SOCIAL SECURITY FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET TO ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024
WITH COMPARATIVE ACTUAL AMOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

	2024		VARIANCE WITH FINAL BUDGET	2023 ACTUAL
	ORIGINAL AND FINAL BUDGET	ACTUAL		
Business				
Direction of business support services	\$ 3,175	\$ 3,167	\$ 8	\$ 3,044
Fiscal services	47,653	48,777	(1,124)	42,783
Operations and maintenance of plant services	175,251	171,584	3,667	170,815
Pupil transportation services	9,393	7,489	1,904	11,313
Food services	<u>43,998</u>	<u>40,091</u>	<u>3,907</u>	<u>45,259</u>
Total business	<u>279,470</u>	<u>271,108</u>	<u>8,362</u>	<u>273,214</u>
Central				
Information services	9,616	9,010	606	10,758
Staff services	<u>-</u>	<u>1,155</u>	<u>(1,155)</u>	<u>914</u>
Total central	<u>9,616</u>	<u>10,165</u>	<u>(549)</u>	<u>11,672</u>
Total support services	<u>497,875</u>	<u>496,505</u>	<u>1,370</u>	<u>505,002</u>
Community services				
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>17</u>
Total expenditures	<u>811,335</u>	<u>772,346</u>	<u>38,989</u>	<u>786,277</u>
Net change in fund balance	<u>\$ 364,927</u>	284,652	<u>\$ (80,275)</u>	421,587
Fund balance, beginning of year		<u>706,879</u>		<u>285,292</u>
Fund balance, end of year		<u>\$ 991,531</u>		<u>\$ 706,879</u>

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RIVER TRAILS SCHOOL DISTRICT 26
NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
AS OF AND FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Budgetary Data

The budgeted amounts for the Governmental Funds are adopted on the modified accrual basis, which is consistent with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The Board of Education follows these procedures in establishing the budgetary data reflected in the general purpose financial statements:

1. The Administration submits to the Board of Education a proposed operating budget for the fiscal year commencing July 1. The operating budget includes proposed expenditures and the means of financing them.
2. Public hearings are conducted and the proposed budget is available for inspection to obtain taxpayer comments.
3. Prior to September 30, the budget is legally adopted through passage of a resolution. By the last Tuesday in December, a tax levy resolution is filed with the county clerk to obtain tax revenues.
4. Management is authorized to transfer budget amounts, provided funds are transferred between the same function and object codes. The Board of Education is authorized to transfer up to a legal level of 10% of the total budget between functions within any fund; however, any revisions that alter the total expenditures of any fund must be approved by the Board of Education, after following the public hearing process mandated by law.
5. Formal budgetary integration is employed as a management control device during the year for all governmental funds.
6. All budget appropriations lapse at the end of the fiscal year.

The budget amounts shown in the financial statements are as originally adopted because there were no amendments during the past fiscal year.

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RIVER TRAILS SCHOOL DISTRICT 26
DEBT SERVICE FUND

SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET TO ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024
WITH COMPARATIVE ACTUAL AMOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

	2024		VARIANCE WITH FINAL BUDGET	2023 ACTUAL
	ORIGINAL AND FINAL BUDGET	ACTUAL		
Revenues				
Local sources				
General levy	\$ 1,262,465	\$ 1,337,581	\$ 75,116	\$ 1,284,401
Investment income	<u>10,000</u>	<u>96,046</u>	<u>86,046</u>	<u>17,551</u>
Total local sources	<u>1,272,465</u>	<u>1,433,627</u>	<u>161,162</u>	<u>1,301,952</u>
Total revenues	<u>1,272,465</u>	<u>1,433,627</u>	<u>161,162</u>	<u>1,301,952</u>
Expenditures				
Debt services				
Payments on long term debt				
Interest on long term debt	415,777	417,394	(1,617)	453,498
Principal payments on long term debt	<u>1,362,090</u>	<u>1,360,425</u>	<u>1,665</u>	<u>1,243,839</u>
Total	<u>1,777,867</u>	<u>1,777,819</u>	<u>48</u>	<u>1,697,337</u>
Other debt service				
Other objects	<u>5,000</u>	<u>156,754</u>	<u>(151,754)</u>	<u>4,795</u>
Total	<u>5,000</u>	<u>156,754</u>	<u>(151,754)</u>	<u>4,795</u>
Total debt services	<u>1,782,867</u>	<u>1,934,573</u>	<u>(151,706)</u>	<u>1,702,132</u>
Total expenditures	<u>1,782,867</u>	<u>1,934,573</u>	<u>(151,706)</u>	<u>1,702,132</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	<u>(510,402)</u>	<u>(500,946)</u>	<u>9,456</u>	<u>(400,180)</u>
Other financing sources (uses)				
Principal on bonds sold	-	152,629	152,629	-
Transfer for principal on installment contracts payable	17,090	15,425	(1,665)	18,839
Transfer for interest on installment contracts payable	1,750	3,415	1,665	-
Transfer to pay principal on revenue bonds	490,000	490,000	-	415,000
Transfer to pay interest on revenue bonds	<u>28,127</u>	<u>28,078</u>	<u>(49)</u>	<u>52,903</u>
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>536,967</u>	<u>689,547</u>	<u>152,580</u>	<u>486,742</u>
Net change in fund balance	<u>\$ 26,565</u>	188,601	<u>\$ 162,036</u>	86,562
Fund balance, beginning of year		<u>893,923</u>		<u>807,361</u>
Fund balance, end of year		<u>\$ 1,082,524</u>		<u>\$ 893,923</u>

RIVER TRAILS SCHOOL DISTRICT 26
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND

SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET TO ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024
WITH COMPARATIVE ACTUAL AMOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

	2024		VARIANCE WITH FINAL BUDGET	2023 ACTUAL
	ORIGINAL AND FINAL BUDGET	ACTUAL		
Revenues				
Local sources				
Investment income	\$ 25,000	\$ 204,825	\$ 179,825	\$ 91,383
Other	-	221,347	221,347	1,446,713
Total local sources	<u>25,000</u>	<u>426,172</u>	<u>401,172</u>	<u>1,538,096</u>
State sources				
School infrastructure - maintenance projects	<u>50,000</u>	<u>50,000</u>	-	<u>50,000</u>
Total state sources	<u>50,000</u>	<u>50,000</u>	-	<u>50,000</u>
Federal sources				
Other restricted revenue from federal sources	<u>707,117</u>	<u>765,833</u>	<u>58,716</u>	-
Total federal sources	<u>707,117</u>	<u>765,833</u>	<u>58,716</u>	-
Total revenues	<u>782,117</u>	<u>1,242,005</u>	<u>459,888</u>	<u>1,588,096</u>
Expenditures				
Support services				
Business				
Facilities acquisition and construction service				
Purchased services	2,423,069	1,702,015	721,054	1,559,573
Capital outlay	8,770,878	7,689,924	1,080,954	2,369,196
Non-capitalized equipment	-	2,780	(2,780)	-
Total	<u>11,193,947</u>	<u>9,394,719</u>	<u>1,799,228</u>	<u>3,928,769</u>
Total business	<u>11,193,947</u>	<u>9,394,719</u>	<u>1,799,228</u>	<u>3,928,769</u>
Total support services	<u>11,193,947</u>	<u>9,394,719</u>	<u>1,799,228</u>	<u>3,928,769</u>
Total expenditures	<u>11,193,947</u>	<u>9,394,719</u>	<u>1,799,228</u>	<u>3,928,769</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	<u>(10,411,830)</u>	<u>(8,152,714)</u>	<u>2,259,116</u>	<u>(2,340,673)</u>
Other financing sources (uses)				
Principal on bonds sold	10,000,000	9,292,371	(707,629)	-
Premium on bonds sold	-	710,055	710,055	-
Sale or compensation for capital assets	-	-	-	3,021,888
Transfer to capital projects fund	<u>2,000,000</u>	<u>2,000,000</u>	-	<u>3,316,650</u>
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>12,000,000</u>	<u>12,002,426</u>	<u>2,426</u>	<u>6,338,538</u>
Net change in fund balance	<u>\$ 1,588,170</u>	3,849,712	<u>\$ 2,261,542</u>	3,997,865
Fund balance, beginning of year		<u>7,228,830</u>		<u>3,230,965</u>
Fund balance, end of year		<u>\$ 11,078,542</u>		<u>\$ 7,228,830</u>

RIVER TRAILS SCHOOL DISTRICT 26
GENERAL FUND
COMBINING BALANCE SHEET
AS OF JUNE 30, 2024

	EDUCATIONAL ACCOUNTS	WORKING CASH ACCOUNTS	TOTAL
Assets			
Cash and investments	\$ 24,729,354	\$ 1,859,393	\$ 26,588,747
Student activities cash and investments	68,143	-	68,143
Receivables (net allowance for uncollectibles):			
Property taxes	10,662,871	-	10,662,871
Replacement taxes	127,218	-	127,218
Intergovernmental	60,714	-	60,714
Prepaid items	<u>15,514</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>15,514</u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 35,663,814</u>	<u>\$ 1,859,393</u>	<u>\$ 37,523,207</u>
Liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, and fund balance			
Liabilities			
Accounts payable	\$ 218,186	\$ -	\$ 218,186
Salaries and wages payable	1,112,887	-	1,112,887
Deferred revenue	<u>221,093</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>221,093</u>
Total liabilities	<u>1,552,166</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,552,166</u>
Deferred inflows of resources			
Property taxes levied for a future period	<u>10,662,871</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,662,871</u>
Total deferred inflows of resources	<u>10,662,871</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,662,871</u>
Fund balance			
Nonspendable	15,514	-	15,514
Assigned	68,143	-	68,143
Unassigned	<u>23,365,120</u>	<u>1,859,393</u>	<u>25,224,513</u>
Total fund balance	<u>23,448,777</u>	<u>1,859,393</u>	<u>25,308,170</u>
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, and fund balance	<u>\$ 35,663,814</u>	<u>\$ 1,859,393</u>	<u>\$ 37,523,207</u>

RIVER TRAILS SCHOOL DISTRICT 26
GENERAL FUND

COMBINING SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	EDUCATIONAL ACCOUNTS	WORKING CASH ACCOUNTS	TOTAL
Revenues			
Property taxes	\$ 21,087,317	\$ -	\$ 21,087,317
Corporate personal property replacement taxes	721,141	-	721,141
State aid	6,988,491	-	6,988,491
Federal aid	1,303,577	-	1,303,577
Investment income	886,251	71,122	957,373
Student activities	95,386	-	95,386
Other	<u>661,351</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>661,351</u>
Total revenues	<u>31,743,514</u>	<u>71,122</u>	<u>31,814,636</u>
Expenditures			
Current:			
Instruction:			
Regular programs	9,977,892	-	9,977,892
Special programs	3,114,269	-	3,114,269
Other instructional programs	1,313,909	-	1,313,909
Student activities	91,762	-	91,762
State retirement contributions	6,482,415	-	6,482,415
Support Services:			
Pupils	1,451,925	-	1,451,925
Instructional staff	1,436,026	-	1,436,026
General administration	820,737	-	820,737
School administration	1,529,702	-	1,529,702
Business	1,664,958	-	1,664,958
Central	105,442	-	105,442
Community services	6,957	-	6,957
Payments to other districts and gov't units	1,242,624	-	1,242,624
Capital outlay	<u>159,917</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>159,917</u>
Total expenditures	<u>29,398,535</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>29,398,535</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	<u>2,344,979</u>	<u>71,122</u>	<u>2,416,101</u>
Other financing sources (uses)			
Transfers (out)	<u>(18,840)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(18,840)</u>
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>(18,840)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(18,840)</u>
Net change in fund balance	2,326,139	71,122	2,397,261
Fund balance, beginning of year	<u>21,122,638</u>	<u>1,788,271</u>	<u>22,910,909</u>
Fund balance, end of year	<u>\$ 23,448,777</u>	<u>\$ 1,859,393</u>	<u>\$ 25,308,170</u>

RIVER TRAILS SCHOOL DISTRICT 26
EDUCATIONAL ACCOUNTS

SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET TO ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024
WITH COMPARATIVE ACTUAL AMOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

	2024		VARIANCE WITH FINAL BUDGET	2023 ACTUAL
	ORIGINAL AND FINAL BUDGET	ACTUAL		
Revenues				
Local sources				
General levy	\$ 18,077,640	\$ 19,059,060	\$ 981,420	\$ 17,531,026
Special education levy	1,977,254	2,028,257	51,003	1,878,242
Corporate personal property replacement taxes	750,000	721,141	(28,859)	1,216,543
Regular tuition from pupils or parents (in state)	40,000	-	(40,000)	-
Regular tuition from other sources (in state)	-	35,268	35,268	35,774
Summer school tuition from pupils or parents (in state)	7,500	9,960	2,460	7,375
Investment income	300,000	886,251	586,251	481,187
Sales to pupils - lunch	200,000	243,572	43,572	228,463
Student activities	50,000	95,386	45,386	67,790
Rentals - regular textbook	195,000	229,994	34,994	213,555
Proceeds from vendor contracts	18,500	20,921	2,421	20,326
Other local fees	32,900	35,594	2,694	66,015
Other	-	86,042	86,042	26,261
Total local sources	<u>21,648,794</u>	<u>23,451,446</u>	<u>1,802,652</u>	<u>21,772,557</u>
State sources				
Evidence based funding	500,000	500,000	-	484,820
CTE - Other	-	1,196	1,196	1,115
State free lunch & breakfast	-	3,624	3,624	930
Technology - learning technology centers	-	1,256	1,256	1,137
On behalf payment to TRS from the state	<u>7,000,000</u>	<u>6,482,415</u>	<u>(517,585)</u>	<u>6,709,057</u>
Total state sources	<u>7,500,000</u>	<u>6,988,491</u>	<u>(511,509)</u>	<u>7,197,059</u>
Federal sources				
National school lunch program	265,000	266,946	1,946	284,271
School breakfast program	55,000	46,618	(8,382)	32,908
Fresh fruits & vegetables	70,000	71,861	1,861	84,530
Food service - other	-	30,635	30,635	-
Title I - Low income	129,245	163,962	34,717	152,102
Title IV - Safe & drug free schools - formula	10,000	15,958	5,958	11,638
Federal - special education - preschool flow-through	14,806	18,380	3,574	14,876
Federal - special education - IDEA - flow-through	425,783	489,591	63,808	478,213
Emergency immigrant assistance	-	3,000	3,000	-
Title III - English language acquisition	30,000	33,300	3,300	40,129
Title II - Teacher quality	27,826	37,955	10,129	33,484
Medicaid matching funds - administrative outreach	10,000	44,094	34,094	48,629
Medicaid matching funds - fee-for-service program	40,000	10,829	(29,171)	22,208

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	2024			2023 ACTUAL
	ORIGINAL AND FINAL BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE WITH FINAL BUDGET	
Other restricted revenue from federal sources	\$ -	\$ 70,448	\$ 70,448	\$ 323,305
Total federal sources	<u>1,077,660</u>	<u>1,303,577</u>	<u>225,917</u>	<u>1,526,293</u>
Total revenues	<u>30,226,454</u>	<u>31,743,514</u>	<u>1,517,060</u>	<u>30,495,909</u>
Expenditures				
Instruction				
Regular programs				
Salaries	8,122,611	8,083,870	38,741	8,001,241
Employee benefits	1,196,257	1,041,859	154,398	1,065,483
On-behalf payments to TRS from the state	7,000,000	6,482,415	517,585	6,709,057
Purchased services	6,000	7,767	(1,767)	5,456
Supplies and materials	586,304	643,217	(56,913)	559,784
Capital outlay	150,000	113,279	36,721	228,450
Other objects	1,850	1,362	488	1,778
Non-capitalized equipment	<u>160,300</u>	<u>199,817</u>	<u>(39,517)</u>	<u>164,103</u>
Total	<u>17,223,322</u>	<u>16,573,586</u>	<u>649,736</u>	<u>16,735,352</u>
Special education programs				
Salaries	1,609,098	1,607,002	2,096	1,479,050
Employee benefits	316,647	292,090	24,557	254,641
Purchased services	8,375	10,378	(2,003)	5,246
Supplies and materials	29,620	98,136	(68,516)	45,260
Other objects	700	250	450	-
Non-capitalized equipment	<u>1,200</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,200</u>	<u>1,150</u>
Total	<u>1,965,640</u>	<u>2,007,856</u>	<u>(42,216)</u>	<u>1,785,347</u>
Special education programs Pre-K				
Salaries	346,232	314,670	31,562	324,538
Employee benefits	66,740	67,039	(299)	71,322
Purchased services	1,200	40	1,160	-
Supplies and materials	1,050	864	186	7,361
Capital outlay	20,000	-	20,000	-
Non-capitalized equipment	<u>750</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>750</u>	<u>-</u>
Total	<u>435,972</u>	<u>382,613</u>	<u>53,359</u>	<u>403,221</u>

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	2024			2023 ACTUAL
	ORIGINAL AND FINAL BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE WITH FINAL BUDGET	
Remedial and supplemental programs K - 12				
Salaries	\$ 587,576	\$ 613,676	\$ (26,100)	\$ 674,185
Employee benefits	102,206	109,142	(6,936)	110,590
Purchased services	2,000	537	1,463	2,086
Supplies and materials	<u>3,380</u>	<u>445</u>	<u>2,935</u>	<u>494</u>
Total	<u>695,162</u>	<u>723,800</u>	<u>(28,638)</u>	<u>787,355</u>
Remedial and supplemental programs Pre - K				
Salaries	1,179	-	1,179	41,803
Employee benefits	-	-	-	8,095
Supplies and materials	-	-	-	<u>378</u>
Total	<u>1,179</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,179</u>	<u>50,276</u>
CTE programs				
Other objects	3,000	-	3,000	-
Non-capitalized equipment	<u>1,410</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,410</u>	<u>-</u>
Total	<u>4,410</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,410</u>	<u>-</u>
Interscholastic programs				
Purchased services	3,500	3,820	(320)	2,670
Supplies and materials	2,905	2,082	823	3,559
Other objects	26,142	4,046	22,096	3,434
Non-capitalized equipment	<u>-</u>	<u>1,410</u>	<u>(1,410)</u>	<u>-</u>
Total	<u>32,547</u>	<u>11,358</u>	<u>21,189</u>	<u>9,663</u>
Summer school programs				
Salaries	52,823	53,188	(365)	52,648
Employee benefits	3,419	123	3,296	546
Supplies and materials	5,000	2,339	2,661	334
Other objects	<u>600</u>	<u>2,898</u>	<u>(2,298)</u>	<u>59,689</u>
Total	<u>61,842</u>	<u>58,548</u>	<u>3,294</u>	<u>113,217</u>
Gifted programs				
Salaries	156,346	156,346	-	150,332
Employee benefits	24,283	21,753	2,530	21,007
Purchased services	1,200	1,725	(525)	897
Supplies and materials	6,360	2,672	3,688	4,327
Other objects	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>325</u>
Total	<u>188,189</u>	<u>182,496</u>	<u>5,693</u>	<u>176,888</u>
Bilingual programs				
Salaries	944,212	941,321	2,891	910,842
Employee benefits	135,807	111,936	23,871	128,897
Supplies and materials	<u>8,140</u>	<u>8,250</u>	<u>(110)</u>	<u>27,355</u>
Total	<u>1,088,159</u>	<u>1,061,507</u>	<u>26,652</u>	<u>1,067,094</u>

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	2024		VARIANCE WITH FINAL BUDGET	2023 ACTUAL
	ORIGINAL AND FINAL BUDGET	ACTUAL		
Special education programs K -12 - private tuition				
Other objects	\$ 50,000	\$ -	\$ 50,000	\$ -
Total	<u>50,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>50,000</u>	<u>-</u>
Student activities				
Other objects	<u>50,000</u>	<u>91,762</u>	<u>(41,762)</u>	<u>74,474</u>
Total	<u>50,000</u>	<u>91,762</u>	<u>(41,762)</u>	<u>74,474</u>
Total instruction	<u>21,796,422</u>	<u>21,093,526</u>	<u>702,896</u>	<u>21,202,887</u>
Support services				
Pupils				
Attendance and social work services				
Salaries	411,346	411,346	-	394,503
Employee benefits	55,179	43,830	11,349	49,309
Purchased services	-	5,000	(5,000)	1,500
Supplies and materials	<u>10,577</u>	<u>13,581</u>	<u>(3,004)</u>	<u>10,392</u>
Total	<u>477,102</u>	<u>473,757</u>	<u>3,345</u>	<u>455,704</u>
Guidance services				
Purchased services	<u>50</u>	<u>1,196</u>	<u>(1,146)</u>	<u>1,115</u>
Total	<u>50</u>	<u>1,196</u>	<u>(1,146)</u>	<u>1,115</u>
Health services				
Salaries	264,177	275,708	(11,531)	257,544
Employee benefits	37,292	46,736	(9,444)	35,152
Purchased services	2,000	2,117	(117)	670
Supplies and materials	<u>5,500</u>	<u>4,129</u>	<u>1,371</u>	<u>5,107</u>
Total	<u>308,969</u>	<u>328,690</u>	<u>(19,721)</u>	<u>298,473</u>
Psychological services				
Salaries	230,313	217,688	12,625	221,455
Employee benefits	36,622	24,501	12,121	33,050
Supplies and materials	<u>1,500</u>	<u>1,129</u>	<u>371</u>	<u>891</u>
Total	<u>268,435</u>	<u>243,318</u>	<u>25,117</u>	<u>255,396</u>
Speech pathology and audiology services				
Salaries	401,527	346,307	55,220	319,035
Employee benefits	80,087	57,256	22,831	52,194
Supplies and materials	<u>1,745</u>	<u>1,401</u>	<u>344</u>	<u>1,089</u>
Total	<u>483,359</u>	<u>404,964</u>	<u>78,395</u>	<u>372,318</u>
Total pupils	<u>1,537,915</u>	<u>1,451,925</u>	<u>85,990</u>	<u>1,383,006</u>

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	2024			2023 ACTUAL
	ORIGINAL AND FINAL BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE WITH FINAL BUDGET	
Instructional staff				
Improvement of instructional services				
Salaries	\$ 225,828	\$ 212,852	\$ 12,976	\$ 218,817
Employee benefits	88,330	102,818	(14,488)	77,428
Purchased services	100,916	48,350	52,566	66,346
Supplies and materials	21,300	12,200	9,100	19,990
Capital outlay	-	-	-	7,095
Other objects	-	65	(65)	32
Non-capitalized equipment	-	-	-	9,839
Termination benefits	117,500	42,772	74,728	105,836
Total	<u>553,874</u>	<u>419,057</u>	<u>134,817</u>	<u>505,383</u>
Educational media services				
Salaries	783,655	806,815	(23,160)	724,638
Employee benefits	157,434	127,925	29,509	133,655
Purchased services	26,200	13,130	13,070	11,715
Supplies and materials	16,650	18,007	(1,357)	19,030
Other objects	500	350	150	-
Total	<u>984,439</u>	<u>966,227</u>	<u>18,212</u>	<u>889,038</u>
Assessment and testing				
Purchased services	3,000	-	3,000	1,750
Supplies and materials	40,750	50,742	(9,992)	28,567
Total	<u>43,750</u>	<u>50,742</u>	<u>(6,992)</u>	<u>30,317</u>
Total instructional staff	<u>1,582,063</u>	<u>1,436,026</u>	<u>146,037</u>	<u>1,424,738</u>
General administration				
Board of education services				
Purchased services	118,580	112,810	5,770	104,154
Supplies and materials	12,275	9,730	2,545	10,518
Other objects	9,900	10,010	(110)	13,627
Non-capitalized equipment	2,000	-	2,000	-
Total	<u>142,755</u>	<u>132,550</u>	<u>10,205</u>	<u>128,299</u>
Executive administration services				
Salaries	283,382	284,489	(1,107)	271,000
Employee benefits	67,526	66,514	1,012	69,739
Purchased services	11,425	8,975	2,450	9,345
Supplies and materials	2,800	2,410	390	2,690
Other objects	2,999	2,849	150	2,382
Total	<u>368,132</u>	<u>365,237</u>	<u>2,895</u>	<u>355,156</u>

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	2024			2023 ACTUAL
	ORIGINAL AND FINAL BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE WITH FINAL BUDGET	
Special area administration services				
Salaries	\$ 195,985	\$ 137,138	\$ 58,847	\$ 219,483
Employee benefits	45,116	36,997	8,119	46,464
Purchased services	2,675	2,705	(30)	3,687
Supplies and materials	1,350	314	1,036	475
Other objects	750	361	389	340
Total	<u>245,876</u>	<u>177,515</u>	<u>68,361</u>	<u>270,449</u>
Tort immunity services				
Purchased services	<u>171,886</u>	<u>145,435</u>	<u>26,451</u>	<u>125,240</u>
Total	<u>171,886</u>	<u>145,435</u>	<u>26,451</u>	<u>125,240</u>
Total general administration	<u>928,649</u>	<u>820,737</u>	<u>107,912</u>	<u>879,144</u>
School administration				
Office of the principal services				
Salaries	1,263,459	1,204,334	59,125	1,117,959
Employee benefits	298,416	293,816	4,600	279,993
Purchased services	8,360	6,339	2,021	3,942
Supplies and materials	26,200	21,846	4,354	23,909
Other objects	4,300	2,702	1,598	1,504
Non-capitalized equipment	2,000	665	1,335	-
Total	<u>1,602,735</u>	<u>1,529,702</u>	<u>73,033</u>	<u>1,427,307</u>
Total school administration	<u>1,602,735</u>	<u>1,529,702</u>	<u>73,033</u>	<u>1,427,307</u>
Business				
Direction of business support services				
Salaries	218,951	218,951	-	208,525
Employee benefits	37,234	41,649	(4,415)	40,606
Purchased services	7,500	4,910	2,590	4,398
Supplies and materials	200	169	31	263
Other objects	1,300	940	360	1,100
Non-capitalized equipment	-	-	-	617
Total	<u>265,185</u>	<u>266,619</u>	<u>(1,434)</u>	<u>255,509</u>
Fiscal services				
Salaries	297,312	341,306	(43,994)	268,396
Employee benefits	41,905	35,570	6,335	39,238
Purchased services	379,397	299,744	79,653	336,243
Supplies and materials	28,900	12,969	15,931	14,285
Capital outlay	-	-	-	28,026
Other objects	3,925	4,918	(993)	4,599
Non-capitalized equipment	66,000	55,749	10,251	39,862
Termination benefits	90,000	-	90,000	-
Total	<u>907,439</u>	<u>750,256</u>	<u>157,183</u>	<u>730,649</u>

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	2024		VARIANCE WITH FINAL BUDGET	2023 ACTUAL
	ORIGINAL AND FINAL BUDGET	ACTUAL		
Food services				
Salaries	\$ 278,939	\$ 261,850	\$ 17,089	\$ 285,621
Employee benefits	81,916	68,037	13,879	64,501
Purchased services	7,254	5,112	2,142	6,394
Supplies and materials	355,841	284,083	71,758	271,257
Capital outlay	-	46,638	(46,638)	-
Other objects	1,400	1,741	(341)	916
Non-capitalized equipment	2,500	7,546	(5,046)	1,475
Total	<u>727,850</u>	<u>675,007</u>	<u>52,843</u>	<u>630,164</u>
Internal services				
Purchased services	<u>30,000</u>	<u>19,714</u>	<u>10,286</u>	<u>45,930</u>
Total	<u>30,000</u>	<u>19,714</u>	<u>10,286</u>	<u>45,930</u>
Total business	<u>1,930,474</u>	<u>1,711,596</u>	<u>218,878</u>	<u>1,662,252</u>
Central				
Information services				
Salaries	58,741	58,000	741	65,068
Employee benefits	10,969	9,609	1,360	8,996
Purchased services	1,000	695	305	-
Supplies and materials	800	27	773	155
Other objects	500	415	85	-
Non-capitalized equipment	1,000	-	1,000	-
Total	<u>73,010</u>	<u>68,746</u>	<u>4,264</u>	<u>74,219</u>
Staff services				
Salaries	15,000	19,800	(4,800)	16,250
Employee benefits	17,500	14,004	3,496	17,929
Supplies and materials	-	2,892	(2,892)	-
Total	<u>32,500</u>	<u>36,696</u>	<u>(4,196)</u>	<u>34,179</u>
Total central	<u>105,510</u>	<u>105,442</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>108,398</u>
Total support services	<u>7,687,346</u>	<u>7,055,428</u>	<u>631,918</u>	<u>6,884,845</u>
Community services				
Salaries	3,600	26	3,574	1,204
Employee benefits	-	426	(426)	573
Purchased services	6,225	4,721	1,504	6,582
Supplies and materials	1,553	1,784	(231)	1,886
Total community services	<u>11,378</u>	<u>6,957</u>	<u>4,421</u>	<u>10,245</u>

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	2024		VARIANCE WITH FINAL BUDGET	2023 ACTUAL
	ORIGINAL AND FINAL BUDGET	ACTUAL		
Payments to other districts and governmental units				
Payments for special education programs				
Purchased services	\$ 389,777	\$ 401,903	\$ (12,126)	\$ 365,841
Other objects	<u>803,012</u>	<u>840,721</u>	<u>(37,709)</u>	<u>617,604</u>
Total	<u>1,192,789</u>	<u>1,242,624</u>	<u>(49,835)</u>	<u>983,445</u>
Total payments to other districts and governmental units	<u>1,192,789</u>	<u>1,242,624</u>	<u>(49,835)</u>	<u>983,445</u>
Total expenditures	<u>30,687,935</u>	<u>29,398,535</u>	<u>1,289,400</u>	<u>29,081,422</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	<u>(461,481)</u>	<u>2,344,979</u>	<u>2,806,460</u>	<u>1,414,487</u>
Other financing sources (uses)				
Installment contracts payable issuance	-	-	-	85,446
Transfer for principal on installment contracts payable	(17,090)	(15,425)	1,665	(18,839)
Transfer for interest on installment contracts payable	<u>(1,750)</u>	<u>(3,415)</u>	<u>(1,665)</u>	<u>-</u>
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>(18,840)</u>	<u>(18,840)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>66,607</u>
Net change in fund balance	<u>\$ (480,321)</u>	2,326,139	<u>\$ 2,806,460</u>	1,481,094
Fund balance, beginning of year		<u>21,122,638</u>		<u>19,641,544</u>
Fund balance, end of year		<u>\$ 23,448,777</u>		<u>\$ 21,122,638</u>

**RIVER TRAILS SCHOOL DISTRICT 26
WORKING CASH ACCOUNTS**

SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET TO ACTUAL
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WITH COMPARATIVE ACTUAL AMOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

	2024		VARIANCE WITH FINAL BUDGET	2023 ACTUAL
	ORIGINAL AND FINAL BUDGET	ACTUAL		
Revenues				
Local sources				
Investment income	\$ 30,000	\$ 71,122	\$ 41,122	\$ 40,615
Total local sources	<u>30,000</u>	<u>71,122</u>	<u>41,122</u>	<u>40,615</u>
Total revenues	<u>30,000</u>	<u>71,122</u>	<u>41,122</u>	<u>40,615</u>
Expenditures				
Total expenditures	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net change in fund balance	<u>\$ 30,000</u>	71,122	<u>\$ 41,122</u>	40,615
Fund balance, beginning of year		<u>1,788,271</u>		<u>1,747,656</u>
Fund balance, end of year		<u>\$ 1,859,393</u>		<u>\$ 1,788,271</u>

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

River Trails School District 26
NET POSITION BY COMPONENT
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Governmental Activities				
Net investment in capital assets	\$ 16,657,253	\$ 12,289,363	\$ 8,160,301	\$ 8,001,241
Restricted	1,136,524	2,947,058	5,130,232	3,218,732
Unrestricted	<u>17,165,180</u>	<u>11,692,575</u>	<u>3,153,565</u>	<u>657,596</u>
Total governmental activities net position	<u>\$ 34,958,957</u>	<u>26,928,996</u>	<u>\$ 16,444,098</u>	<u>\$ 11,877,569</u>

Source of Information: Audited financial statements

Note: The District implemented GASB 75 in 2018. Prior year's balances are as previously reported.

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
\$	5,260,145	\$ 4,212,902	\$ 5,282,319	\$ 6,459,653	\$ 6,410,682	\$ 3,760,097
	985,183	1,119,241	1,208,165	696,402	512,425	2,057,368
	<u>(22,116)</u>	<u>(1,290,325)</u>	<u>(4,144,940)</u>	<u>12,780,798</u>	<u>13,053,915</u>	<u>11,414,144</u>
\$	<u><u>6,223,212</u></u>	<u><u>4,041,818</u></u>	<u><u>2,345,544</u></u>	<u><u>19,936,853</u></u>	<u><u>19,977,022</u></u>	<u><u>17,231,609</u></u>

River Trails School District 26

CHANGE IN NET POSITION LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS

	2024	2023	2022	2021
Expenses				
Instruction	\$ 19,983,881	\$ 18,703,796	\$ 20,227,102	\$ 24,575,254
Pupil personnel services	1,464,674	1,447,836	1,204,966	1,112,788
Instructional staff	1,422,916	1,508,440	1,293,067	1,428,391
General administration	795,614	862,334	893,715	841,253
School administration	1,520,786	1,452,140	1,314,316	1,194,970
Business	1,695,668	1,729,569	2,007,867	2,537,753
Transportation	1,083,537	1,209,767	1,065,625	463,892
Operations and maintenance	3,911,366	3,728,968	3,641,025	3,620,793
Central	106,164	123,182	121,324	58,934
Community services	6,260	10,956	(668)	6,770
Interest and fees	519,527	360,809	396,457	548,727
Total Expenses	<u>32,510,393</u>	<u>31,137,797</u>	<u>32,164,796</u>	<u>36,389,525</u>
Program Revenues				
Charges for Services				
Instruction	713,591	416,770	1,090,636	938,761
Support services	363,437	386,925	349,033	490,133
Operating Grants and Contributions				
Instruction	6,923,293	6,013,146	7,273,692	11,747,912
Support services	782,146	858,794	1,430,038	2,933,162
Capital Grants and Contributions				
Support services	50,000	50,000	-	-
Operations and maintenance	765,833	1,446,713	-	-
Total Program Revenues	<u>9,598,300</u>	<u>9,172,348</u>	<u>10,143,399</u>	<u>16,109,968</u>
Net (Expense)/Revenue	<u>(22,912,093)</u>	<u>(21,965,449)</u>	<u>(22,021,397)</u>	<u>(20,279,557)</u>
General Revenues				
Taxes:				
Real estate taxes, levied for general purposes	21,087,317	19,409,268	18,651,003	18,808,305
Real estate taxes, levied for special purposes	4,813,521	5,221,147	3,893,576	3,634,139
Real estate taxes, levied for debt service	1,337,581	1,284,401	1,240,196	1,227,576
Personal property replacement taxes	751,141	1,246,543	1,194,502	552,453
Miscellaneous	20,921	20,326	18,895	19,796
State aid - formula grants - unrestricted	1,525,104	1,523,718	1,522,060	1,478,847
Gain on sale of capital assets	-	3,021,888	-	-
Investment earnings	1,406,469	723,056	67,694	147,065
Total General Revenues	<u>30,942,054</u>	<u>32,450,347</u>	<u>26,587,926</u>	<u>25,868,181</u>
Change in Net Position	<u>\$ 8,029,961</u>	<u>\$ 10,484,898</u>	<u>\$ 4,566,529</u>	<u>\$ 5,588,624</u>

Source of Information: Audited financial statements

	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
\$	24,157,565	\$ 24,404,690	\$ 25,146,300	\$ 24,597,915	\$ 20,762,286	\$ 20,178,411
	1,254,189	756,860	923,717	825,782	932,854	889,950
	1,508,356	1,482,083	1,890,556	1,574,221	1,637,431	1,606,197
	924,817	983,061	998,303	1,029,224	958,140	896,736
	1,361,995	1,414,866	1,519,984	1,419,476	1,413,537	1,412,162
	2,117,884	1,683,321	1,779,425	1,694,560	1,589,077	1,525,247
	733,065	829,074	882,160	774,658	711,763	731,849
	3,490,030	3,512,914	4,007,286	4,040,324	1,552,556	2,853,142
	22,467	29,892	26,175	25,488	17,296	7,196
	12,006	20,554	6,844	31,589	13,532	23,525
	672,864	478,482	516,792	556,767	519,387	538,933
	<u>36,255,238</u>	<u>35,595,797</u>	<u>37,697,542</u>	<u>36,570,004</u>	<u>30,107,859</u>	<u>30,663,348</u>
	383,355	486,462	523,114	505,438	418,518	393,027
	769,321	756,631	721,935	879,770	863,608	832,878
	10,861,885	10,456,966	9,959,937	11,223,275	8,019,866	7,419,988
	1,386,690	657,311	628,541	599,836	553,837	527,441
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>13,401,251</u>	<u>12,357,370</u>	<u>11,833,527</u>	<u>13,208,319</u>	<u>9,855,829</u>	<u>9,173,334</u>
	<u>(22,853,987)</u>	<u>(23,238,427)</u>	<u>(25,864,015)</u>	<u>(23,361,685)</u>	<u>(20,252,030)</u>	<u>(21,490,014)</u>
	18,004,112	18,124,111	16,927,822	15,879,161	15,379,439	15,134,682
	3,380,976	3,197,755	3,938,777	4,778,868	5,170,501	4,124,070
	1,174,401	1,169,247	1,159,052	1,146,547	1,137,457	1,081,874
	396,508	366,702	375,634	400,312	316,348	395,913
	19,530	20,150	20,626	57,913.00	61,489.00	-
	1,478,847	1,476,947	1,475,138	872,947	818,112	792,692
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	581,007	579,789	363,375	185,768	114,097	62,708
	<u>25,035,381</u>	<u>24,934,701</u>	<u>24,260,424</u>	<u>23,321,516</u>	<u>22,997,443</u>	<u>21,591,939</u>
\$	<u>2,181,394</u>	<u>\$ 1,696,274</u>	<u>\$ (1,603,591)</u>	<u>\$ (40,169)</u>	<u>\$ 2,745,413</u>	<u>\$ 101,925</u>

River Trails School District 26
GOVERNMENT-WIDE REVENUES
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS

	<u>2024</u>		<u>2023</u>		<u>2022</u>		<u>2021</u>		<u>2020</u>		<u>2019</u>
Program Revenue											
Charges for services	\$ 1,077,028	\$	803,695	\$	1,439,669		1,428,894	\$	1,152,676	\$	1,243,093
Operating grants	7,705,439		6,871,940		8,703,730		14,681,074		12,248,575		11,114,277
Capital grants	815,833		1,496,713		-		-		-		-
Total program revenues	<u>9,598,300</u>		<u>9,172,348</u>		<u>10,143,399</u>		<u>16,109,968</u>		<u>13,401,251</u>		<u>12,357,370</u>
General Revenues											
Taxes	27,989,560		27,161,359		24,979,277		24,222,473		22,955,997		22,857,815
Investment income	1,406,469		723,056		67,694		147,065		581,007		579,789
Sale of capital assets	-		3,021,888		-		-		-		-
Miscellaneous	1,546,025		1,544,044		1,540,685		1,498,643		1,498,377		1,497,097
Total general revenues	<u>30,942,054</u>		<u>32,450,347</u>		<u>26,587,656</u>		<u>25,868,181</u>		<u>25,035,381</u>		<u>24,934,701</u>
Total revenues	<u>\$ 40,540,354</u>		<u>41,622,695</u>	\$	<u>36,731,055</u>		<u>41,978,149</u>	\$	<u>38,436,632</u>	\$	<u>37,292,071</u>

Source of information: Audited financial statements

	2018	2017	2016	2015
\$	1,245,049	\$ 1,385,208	\$ 1,282,126	\$ 1,225,905
	10,588,478	11,823,111	8,573,703	7,947,429
	-	-	-	-
	<u>11,833,527</u>	<u>13,208,319</u>	<u>9,855,829</u>	<u>9,173,334</u>
	22,401,285	22,204,888	22,003,745	20,736,539
	363,375	185,768	114,097	62,708
	-	-	-	-
	<u>1,495,764</u>	<u>930,860</u>	<u>879,601</u>	<u>792,692</u>
	<u>24,260,424</u>	<u>23,321,516</u>	<u>22,997,443</u>	<u>21,591,939</u>
\$	<u><u>36,093,951</u></u>	<u><u>36,529,835</u></u>	<u><u>32,853,272</u></u>	<u><u>30,765,273</u></u>

River Trails School District 26
FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
General Fund				
Nonspendable	\$ 15,514	\$ 13,560	\$ 8,534	\$ 8,855
Restricted	-	360,305	714,172	1,420,091
Assigned	68,143	64,519	71,203	77,231
Unassigned	<u>25,224,513</u>	<u>22,472,525</u>	<u>20,595,291</u>	<u>18,122,629</u>
Total General Fund	<u>\$ 25,308,170</u>	<u>22,910,909</u>	<u>\$ 21,389,200</u>	<u>\$ 19,628,806</u>
All Other Governmental Funds				
Restricted	\$ 7,524,366	\$ 3,302,405	\$ 2,426,929	\$ 1,610,769
Assigned	<u>7,510,622</u>	<u>7,509,451</u>	<u>5,470,605</u>	<u>4,915,411</u>
Total All Other Governmental Funds	<u>\$ 15,034,988</u>	<u>10,811,856</u>	<u>\$ 7,897,534</u>	<u>\$ 6,526,180</u>
Total Governmental Funds	<u>\$ 40,343,158</u>	<u>33,722,765</u>	<u>\$ 29,286,734</u>	<u>\$ 26,154,986</u>

Source of Information: Audited financial statements

	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
\$	-	\$ 9,764	\$ 9,443	\$ 8,645	\$ 7,740	\$ 8,060
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	15,563,218	17,701,534	15,184,996	15,284,176	15,278,506	13,263,347
\$	<u>15,563,218</u>	<u>\$ 17,711,298</u>	<u>\$ 15,194,439</u>	<u>\$ 15,292,821</u>	<u>\$ 15,286,246</u>	<u>\$ 13,271,407</u>
\$	1,299,067	\$ 1,916,679	\$ 3,622,696	\$ 1,695,350	\$ 4,157,668	\$ 2,821,588
	14,221,465	3,575,881	2,999,547	2,538,889	2,790,849	2,413,399
\$	<u>15,520,532</u>	<u>\$ 5,492,560</u>	<u>\$ 6,622,243</u>	<u>\$ 4,234,239</u>	<u>\$ 6,951,058</u>	<u>\$ 5,237,528</u>
\$	<u>31,083,750</u>	<u>\$ 23,203,858</u>	<u>\$ 21,816,682</u>	<u>\$ 19,527,060</u>	<u>\$ 22,237,304</u>	<u>\$ 18,508,935</u>

River Trails School District 26
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS

	2024	2023	2022	2021
Revenues				
Taxes	\$ 27,989,560	\$ 27,161,359	\$ 24,979,277	\$ 24,222,473
Interest	1,406,469	723,056	67,694	147,065
Other local sources	1,002,563	2,202,944	1,416,395	1,433,050
Student activities	95,386	67,790	42,169	15,640
State aid	8,654,844	8,457,656	8,372,646	7,519,365
Federal aid	2,069,410	1,671,890	2,535,352	3,873,790
Total revenues	41,218,232	40,284,695	37,413,533	37,211,383
Expenditures				
Instruction	21,256,088	21,255,695	20,704,820	19,109,428
Pupil services	1,506,865	1,436,035	1,261,482	1,149,540
Instructional staff	1,509,668	1,490,036	1,320,575	1,536,948
General administration	838,240	910,684	946,032	889,506
School administration	1,598,849	1,490,461	1,409,791	1,305,601
Business	1,756,993	1,725,312	2,131,498	2,555,362
Pupil transportation services	1,085,515	1,089,543	944,597	474,019
Operation and maintenance	4,009,125	3,709,793	2,183,527	2,826,161
Central services	115,607	120,070	124,768	66,585
Community services	6,957	10,262	10,426	7,798
Nonprogrammed charges	1,242,624	983,445	797,863	838,545
Capital outlay	7,891,790	3,032,530	642,624	10,656,452
Debt service				
Principal	1,360,425	1,243,839	1,310,000	1,313,825
Interest and other charges	574,148	458,293	493,782	564,264
Total expenditures	44,752,894	38,955,998	34,281,785	43,294,034
Excess of revenues over (under) expenditures	(3,534,662)	1,328,697	3,131,748	(6,082,651)
Other financing sources	12,691,973	6,910,726	3,503,584	8,928,898
Other financing uses	(2,536,918)	(3,803,392)	(3,503,584)	(7,840,744)
Total other financing sources (uses)	10,155,055	3,107,334	-	1,088,154
Net change in fund balance	\$ 6,620,393	\$ 4,436,031	\$ 3,131,748	\$ (4,994,497)
Debt Service as a Percentage of Noncapital Direct Expenditures	5.44%	4.93%	5.39%	5.94%

	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
\$	22,955,997	\$ 22,857,815	\$ 22,401,285	\$ 22,204,888	\$ 22,003,745	\$ 20,736,539
	581,007	579,789	363,375	185,768	114,097	62,708
	1,172,206	1,263,243	1,265,675	1,443,121	1,343,615	1,225,905
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	7,370,980	6,997,489	11,143,750	11,567,378	8,166,001	7,659,776
	1,906,256	1,097,709	1,110,058	1,067,302	1,041,271	1,080,345
	<u>33,986,446</u>	<u>32,796,045</u>	<u>36,284,143</u>	<u>36,468,457</u>	<u>32,668,729</u>	<u>30,765,273</u>
	18,513,751	18,215,825	22,943,186	23,387,760	19,896,255	19,084,720
	1,226,513	777,150	902,666	821,303	905,524	878,229
	1,493,280	1,511,402	1,872,160	1,553,001	1,560,460	1,561,067
	944,926	969,114	1,002,819	1,000,317	944,646	877,758
	1,402,090	1,442,652	1,455,380	1,401,402	1,383,400	1,375,042
	2,082,730	1,677,057	1,746,479	1,640,305	1,532,699	1,472,266
	729,584	829,035	882,362	769,203	700,933	727,933
	2,718,290	2,436,135	2,045,053	2,866,230	2,655,756	2,034,939
	22,017	29,892	26,175	25,488	17,296	7,196
	12,745	20,791	16,818	28,373	17,910	22,874
	818,302	828,850	1,018,415	838,119	791,105	696,907
	302,651	952,047	1,179,905	3,244,869	1,280,458	483,725
	1,298,137	1,237,032	1,190,957	1,173,269	798,056	813,456
	662,890	481,887	522,146	569,660	504,115	532,428
	<u>32,227,906</u>	<u>31,408,869</u>	<u>36,804,521</u>	<u>39,319,299</u>	<u>32,988,613</u>	<u>30,568,540</u>
	1,758,540	1,387,176	(520,378)	(2,850,842)	(319,884)	196,733
	30,469,501	592,697	3,408,300	1,765,716	7,567,392	259,961
	(24,348,149)	(592,697)	(598,300)	(1,625,118)	(3,519,139)	(259,961)
	<u>6,121,352</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,810,000</u>	<u>140,598</u>	<u>4,048,253</u>	<u>-</u>
\$	<u>7,879,892</u>	<u>1,387,176</u>	<u>2,289,622</u>	<u>(2,710,244)</u>	<u>3,728,369</u>	<u>196,733</u>
	6.31%	5.74%	5.15%	4.88%	4.11%	4.47%

River Trails School District 26
GENERAL SCHOOL SYSTEM REVENUES BY SOURCE
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Federal sources:					
Federal grants	\$ 2,069,410	\$ 1,671,890	\$ 2,535,352	\$ 3,873,790	\$ 1,906,256
State sources:					
State education finance program	1,525,104	1,523,718	1,525,104	1,478,847	1,478,847
State grants and other	<u>7,129,740</u>	<u>6,933,938</u>	<u>6,847,542</u>	<u>6,040,518</u>	<u>5,892,133</u>
Total state sources	<u>8,654,844</u>	<u>8,457,656</u>	<u>8,372,646</u>	<u>7,519,365</u>	<u>7,370,980</u>
Local sources:					
Taxes	27,989,560	27,161,359	24,979,277	24,222,473	22,955,997
Interest	1,406,469	723,056	67,694	147,065	581,007
Other revenues	<u>1,097,949</u>	<u>2,270,734</u>	<u>1,458,564</u>	<u>1,448,690</u>	<u>1,172,206</u>
Total local sources	<u>30,493,978</u>	<u>30,155,149</u>	<u>26,505,535</u>	<u>25,818,228</u>	<u>24,709,210</u>
Total revenues	<u>\$ 41,218,232</u>	<u>\$ 40,284,695</u>	<u>\$ 37,413,533</u>	<u>\$ 37,211,383</u>	<u>\$ 33,986,446</u>

Source of Information: Annual financial reports

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
\$	<u>1,097,709</u>	<u>\$ 1,110,058</u>	<u>\$ 1,067,302</u>	<u>\$ 1,041,271</u>	<u>\$ 1,080,345</u>
	<u>1,476,947</u>	<u>1,475,138</u>	<u>872,947</u>	<u>818,112</u>	<u>792,692</u>
	<u>5,520,542</u>	<u>9,668,612</u>	<u>10,694,431</u>	<u>7,347,889</u>	<u>6,867,084</u>
	<u>6,997,489</u>	<u>11,143,750</u>	<u>11,567,378</u>	<u>8,166,001</u>	<u>7,659,776</u>
	<u>22,857,815</u>	<u>22,401,285</u>	<u>22,204,888</u>	<u>22,003,745</u>	<u>20,736,539</u>
	<u>579,789</u>	<u>363,375</u>	<u>185,768</u>	<u>114,097</u>	<u>62,708</u>
	<u>1,263,243</u>	<u>1,265,675</u>	<u>1,443,121</u>	<u>1,343,615</u>	<u>1,225,905</u>
	<u>24,700,847</u>	<u>24,030,335</u>	<u>23,833,777</u>	<u>23,461,457</u>	<u>22,025,152</u>
\$	<u><u>32,796,045</u></u>	<u><u>36,284,143</u></u>	<u><u>36,468,457</u></u>	<u><u>32,668,729</u></u>	<u><u>30,765,273</u></u>

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River Trails School District 26
 EQUALIZED ASSESSED VALUATION AND ESTIMATED
 ACTUAL VALUE OF TAXABLE PROPERTY
 LAST TEN TAX LEVY YEARS

Tax Levy Year	Equalized Assessed Valuation	Total Direct Tax Rate	Actual Estimated Value**	Assessed Value as a Percentage of Actual Value
2023	\$ 669,518,355	\$ 4.1470	\$ 2,008,555,065	33.33 %
2022	652,566,269	4.0580	1,957,698,807	33.33
2021	566,995,717	4.5270	1,700,987,151	33.33
2020	613,203,438	3.9910	1,839,610,314	33.33
2019	610,320,457	3.9160	1,830,961,371	33.33
2018	535,576,393	4.3650	1,606,729,179	33.33
2017	543,220,243	4.1980	1,629,660,729	33.33
2016	538,376,766	4.1400	1,615,130,298	33.33
2015	464,277,410	4.7420	1,392,832,230	33.33
2014	474,571,433	4.5720	1,423,714,299	33.33

Source of information: Cook County Levy, Rate, and Extension Reports.

**Represents three times the Equalized Assessed Valuation.

Note: Major components of Equalized Assessed Valuation were not available at time of printing.

River Trails School District 26
PROPERTY TAX RATES - ALL DIRECT AND OVERLAPPING GOVERNMENTS*
LAST TEN TAX LEVY YEARS

Taxing District	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Overlapping					
Cook County	\$ 0.386	\$ 0.431	\$ 0.446	\$ 0.453	\$ 0.454
Cook County Forest Preserve	0.075	0.081	0.058	0.058	0.059
Consolidated Elections	0.032	0.000	0.019	0.000	0.030
Wheeling Township	0.037	0.036	0.041	0.037	0.038
Wheeling Township General Assistance	0.007	0.007	0.008	0.008	0.008
Wheeling Township Road and Bridge	0.012	0.012	0.015	0.013	0.014
Village of Mount Prospect	0.883	0.942	1.055	0.978	0.988
Village of Mount Prospect Library Fund	0.502	0.495	0.647	0.593	0.599
Township High School District No. 214	2.445	2.352	2.664	2.382	2.356
Harper Community College District No. 512	0.413	0.410	0.457	0.409	0.403
River Trails Park District	0.659	0.645	0.721	0.637	0.626
Metropolitan Water Reclamation District	0.345	0.374	0.382	0.378	0.389
Northwest Mosquito Abatement District	0.010	0.009	0.011	0.010	0.010
Direct					
River Trails School District 26 (Note 1)	4.058	4.058	4.527	3.991	3.916
Total direct and overlapping rates	<u>\$9.864</u>	<u>\$9.852</u>	<u>\$ 11.051</u>	<u>\$ 9.947</u>	<u>\$ 9.890</u>

Note 1 - See the following schedule for the components of the total direct rate.

*Tax Rates are expressed in dollars per \$100 of assessed valuations.

Source of Information: Cook County Clerk's Office - Department of Tax Extension

	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
\$	0.489	\$ 0.496	\$ 0.533	\$ 0.552	\$ 0.568
	0.060	0.062	0.063	0.069	0.069
	0.000	0.031	0.000	0.034	0.000
	0.043	0.043	0.041	0.055	0.052
	0.009	0.009	0.008	0.010	0.010
	0.016	0.015	0.014	0.020	0.019
	1.143	1.143	1.157	1.352	1.276
	0.696	0.681	0.687	0.801	0.758
	2.669	2.563	2.527	2.881	2.776
	0.443	0.425	0.416	0.466	0.451
	0.708	0.681	0.665	0.769	0.748
	0.396	0.402	0.406	0.426	0.430
	0.011	0.010	0.010	0.011	0.013
	4.365	4.198	4.140	4.742	4.572
\$	11.048	\$ 10.759	\$ 10.667	\$ 12.188	\$ 11.742

River Trails School District 26
PROPERTY TAX RATES - LEVIES AND COLLECTIONS
LAST TEN TAX LEVY YEARS

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Rates Extended				
Educational	2.9396	2.8034	3.0953	2.8465
Special Education	0.3088	0.3022	0.3288	0.2982
Operations and Maintenance	0.4461	0.3884	0.4371	0.4098
Transportation	0.1113	0.1053	0.1117	0.0985
Illinois Municipal Retirement	0.0468	0.1025	0.0919	0.0651
Social Security	0.0468	0.1025	0.0919	0.0651
Debt Service	0.2006	0.2024	0.2298	0.2074
Revenue Recapture	0.0470	0.0513	0.1398	-
Total rates extended	<u>4.1470</u>	<u>4.0580</u>	<u>4.5263</u>	<u>3.9906</u>
Levies Extended				
Educational	\$ 19,681,287	\$ 18,293,943	\$ 17,550,300	\$ 17,454,877
Special Education	2,067,247	1,971,768	1,864,460	1,828,571
Operations and Maintenance	2,987,000	2,534,822	2,478,235	2,512,654
Transportation	745,186	686,989	633,067	604,192
Illinois Municipal Retirement	313,213	668,575	521,183	399,109
Social Security	313,213	668,575	521,183	399,109
Debt Service	1,342,740	1,320,900	1,302,735	1,272,086
Revenue Recapture	314,986	334,949	792,932	-
Total levies extended	<u>\$ 27,764,872</u>	<u>\$ 26,480,521</u>	<u>\$ 25,664,095</u>	<u>\$ 24,470,598</u>
Current Year Collections	<u>\$ 13,586,480</u>	<u>\$ 12,975,455</u>	<u>\$ 13,189,399</u>	<u>\$ 11,990,593</u>
Subsequent collection	<u>N/A</u>	<u>\$ 13,574,692</u>	<u>\$ 12,360,419</u>	<u>\$ 12,343,828</u>
Total Collections	<u>\$ 13,586,480</u>	<u>\$ 26,550,147</u>	<u>\$ 25,549,818</u>	<u>\$ 24,334,421</u>
Percentage of extensions collected	<u>48.93%</u>	<u>100.26%</u>	<u>99.55%</u>	<u>99.44%</u>

Source of information: Cook County Levy, Rate and Extension Reports.

Note: Tax Rates are expressed in dollars per \$100 of assessed valuation.

	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
	2.8200	3.1749	3.0772	2.5898	3.0810	2.8589
	0.2915	0.3248	0.3034	0.2933	0.3372	0.3364
	0.4135	0.4567	0.4266	0.3997	0.4770	0.4645
	0.0937	0.1015	0.0948	0.4783	0.4215	0.4992
	0.0459	0.0406	0.0379	0.0797	0.0887	0.0857
	0.0459	0.0406	0.0379	0.0797	0.0887	0.0857
	0.2052	0.2257	0.2195	0.2192	0.2476	0.2410
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>3.9157</u>	<u>4.3648</u>	<u>4.1973</u>	<u>4.1397</u>	<u>4.7417</u>	<u>4.5714</u>
\$	17,211,275	\$ 17,003,790	\$ 16,715,974	\$ 13,942,766	\$ 14,304,392	\$ 13,567,407
	1,778,810	1,739,303	1,648,000	1,579,119	1,565,600	1,596,500
	2,523,500	2,445,895	2,317,500	2,151,967	2,214,500	2,204,200
	571,650	543,532	515,000	2,575,000	1,957,000	2,369,000
	280,160	217,412	206,000	429,110	412,000	406,850
	280,160	217,412	206,000	429,110	412,000	406,850
	1,252,317	1,208,771	1,192,595	1,180,310	1,149,440	1,143,560
	-	-	-	-	-	-
\$	<u>23,897,872</u>	<u>23,376,115</u>	<u>22,801,069</u>	<u>22,287,382</u>	<u>22,014,932</u>	<u>21,694,367</u>
\$	<u>11,454,296</u>	<u>11,454,296</u>	<u>11,172,524</u>	<u>10,920,817</u>	<u>10,787,317</u>	<u>10,465,289</u>
\$	<u>12,171,879</u>	<u>11,037,075</u>	<u>11,026,362</u>	<u>10,721,792</u>	<u>10,646,115</u>	<u>10,665,869</u>
\$	<u>23,626,175</u>	<u>22,491,371</u>	<u>22,198,886</u>	<u>21,642,609</u>	<u>21,433,432</u>	<u>21,131,158</u>
	<u>98.86%</u>	<u>96.22%</u>	<u>97.36%</u>	<u>97.11%</u>	<u>97.36%</u>	<u>97.40%</u>

River Trails School District 26
PRINCIPAL TAXPAYERS IN THE DISTRICT
CURRENT TAX LEVY YEAR AND EIGHT YEARS AGO

Name of Taxpayer	2023 Equalized Assessed Valuation	Percentage of Total 2023 Equalized Assessed Valuation
# 1 DLC Management Corp	\$ 36,572,268	5.46%
# 2 LBX Mount Prospect LLC	19,099,248	2.85%
# 3 Walgreens	10,328,052	1.54%
# 4 Costco Prop Tax 779	10,137,802	1.51%
# 5 The Home Depot	7,912,961	1.18%
# 6 HDDA Mt Prospect LLC	6,317,200	0.94%
# 7 FSC Care Mt Prospect	6,157,095	0.92%
# 8 NTN USA Corporation	5,532,890	0.83%
# 9 AK Sukhumvit Assets SE	5,250,148	0.78%
#10 1661 Feehanville LP	<u>5,158,226</u>	<u>0.77%</u>
Total	<u>\$ 112,465,890</u>	<u>16.80%</u>

Source: Cook County Clerk

Type of Business, Property	2015 Equalized Assessed Valuation	Percentage of Total 2015 Equalized Assessed Valuation
# 1 Rouse Corporation	\$ 73,461,991	18.16%
# 2 Insignia ESG	16,202,668	4.01%
# 3 James Campbell	12,887,873	3.19%
# 4 Stomad Centers	10,743,066	2.66%
# 5 Cabot Partners	9,478,029	2.34%
# 6 Manulife Financial	8,798,805	2.18%
# 7 Great Lakes REIT	4,939,494	1.22%
# 8 NTN USA Corporation	4,872,002	1.20%
# 9 St. Paul Federal	1,407,428	1.02%
# 10 Monsanto	<u>3,595,403</u>	<u>0.89%</u>
Total	<u>\$ 146,386,759</u>	<u>36.87%</u>

Source of information: Cook County Assessor's Office

Note: 2014 information is not available.

River Trails School District 26
RATIO OF OUTSTANDING DEBT BY TYPE
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS

Fiscal Year	Governmental Activities				ISBE Tech Loan	Total Primary Government	Percentage of Personal Income *	Total Outstanding Debt per Capita*
	General Obligation Bonds	Installment Contracts Payable	Debt Certificates					
2024	\$ 21,085,623	\$ 51,182	\$ 3,610,000	\$ -	\$ 24,746,805	N/A	\$ N/A	
2023	11,906,178	66,607	4,100,000	-	16,072,785	2.19%	1,093	
2022	12,826,190	-	4,515,000	-	17,341,190	2.63%	1,185	
2021	13,786,202	-	4,975,000	-	18,761,202	3.29%	1,345	
2020	13,260,877	28,825	5,605,000	-	18,894,702	3.06%	1,256	
2019	7,951,575	66,962	6,085,000	-	14,103,537	2.33%	917	
2018	8,665,000	103,994	6,550,000	-	15,318,994	2.85%	1,005	
2017	9,360,000	139,951	4,200,000	-	13,699,951	2.83%	879	
2016	10,000,000	65,264	4,630,000	37,358	14,732,622	3.13%	953	
2015	10,610,000	56,459	705,000	110,966	11,482,425	2.46%	743	

Source of Information: Annual Financial Reports

* See the Schedule of Demographic and Economic Statistics for personal income and population data.

N/A - Information not available.

River Trails School District 26
RATIO OF NET GENERAL BONDED DEBT TO ASSESSED
VALUE AND NET GENERAL BONDED DEBT PER CAPITA
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS

Fiscal Year Ended June 30,	Tax Levy Year	General Bonded Debt	Equalized Assessed Valuation	Ratio of Net Bonded Debt to Equalized Assessed Valuation	Amounts Available to Repay Principal	Estimated Population	Net General Bonded Debt Per Capita
2024	2023	\$ 21,085,623	\$ 669,518,355	3.04	\$ 765,333	N/A	\$ N/A
2023	2022	11,906,178	652,566,269	1.71	719,822	14,711	760
2022	2021	12,826,190	566,995,717	2.15	644,394	14,629	833
2021	2020	13,786,202	613,203,438	2.13	698,138	13,949	938
2020	2019	13,260,877	610,320,457	2.08	539,227	15,045	846
2019	2018	7,951,575	535,576,393	1.36	645,986	15,385	475
2018	2017	8,665,000	543,220,243	1.48	598,802	15,239	529
2017	2016	9,360,000	538,376,766	1.64	550,989	15,589	565
2016	2015	10,000,000	464,277,410	2.04	512,425	15,458	614
2015	2014	10,610,000	474,571,433	2.13	513,479	15,458	653

Source of Information: Annual Financial Reports

N/A - Information not available.

River Trails School District 26
 COMPUTATION OF DIRECT AND OVERLAPPING BONDED DEBT
 June 30, 2024

Governmental Jurisdiction	Debt Outstanding	Percent Applicable to Overlapping Debt	Net Direct and Overlapping Debt
<u>Overlapping bonded debt</u>			
Cook County	\$ 2,093,131,750	0.336%	\$ 7,032,923
Cook County Forest Preserve	87,340,000	0.336%	293,462
Metropolitan Water Reclamation District	2,548,156,218 (1)	0.342%	8,714,694
City of Des Plaines	0 (2)	1.600%	0
Village of Mount Prospect	96,755,000	23.792%	23,019,950
City of Prospect Heights	3,585,000 (4)	13.645%	489,173
Prospect Heights Special Service Area #6	985,000	5.955%	58,657
Des Plaines Park District	5,025,105 (3)	3.310%	166,331
Mount Prospect Park District	5,621,170 (3)(4)	3.866%	217,314
Prospect Heights Park District	669,640 (3)	1.493%	9,998
River Trails Park District	985,245 (3)	73.491%	724,066
Prospect Heights Fire Protection District	6,100,000	13.268%	809,348
Maine High School District #207	151,240,000	0.729%	1,102,540
Arlington Heights High School District #214	19,405,000	5.417%	1,051,169
Harper Community College District #512	222,130,000	2.635%	5,853,126
Oakton Community College District #535	54,930,000	0.243%	133,480
Total overlapping bonded debt			49,676,230
 Direct bonded debt			
River Trails School District 26	19,545,000 (3)(4)	100.000%	19,545,000
Total direct and overlapping general obligation bonded debt			\$ <u>69,221,230</u>

- (1) Includes IEPA Revolving Loan Fund Bonds
- (2) Excludes self-supporting bonds for which abatements are filed annually.
- (3) Excludes principal amounts of outstanding General Obligation Alternate Revenue Source Bonds which are expected to be paid from sources other than general taxation.
- (4) Excludes outstanding Debt Certificates

Note: Most recent information available at time of audit
 Source of Information: Cook County Clerk's Office, Department of Tax Extension

River Trails School District 26
 LEGAL DEBT MARGIN
 LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Debt Limit	\$ 46,196,766	\$ 45,027,073	\$ 42,311,037	\$ 42,311,037	\$ 42,112,112
Total Net Debt Applicable to Limit	<u>23,206,182</u>	<u>15,121,607</u>	<u>16,280,000</u>	<u>17,590,000</u>	<u>18,503,825</u>
Legal Debt Margin	\$ <u>22,990,584</u>	\$ <u>29,905,466</u>	\$ <u>26,031,037</u>	\$ <u>24,721,037</u>	\$ <u>23,608,287</u>
Total Net Debt Applicable to the Limit as a Percentage of Debt Limit	50%	34%	38%	42%	44%
2023 Equalized Assessed Valuation	\$ <u>669,518,355</u>				
Voted and Unvoted Debt Limit - 6.9% of Equalized Assessed Valuation	\$ <u>46,196,766</u>				

Source of Information: Annual Financial Reports

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
\$	36,954,771	\$ 37,482,197	\$ 37,147,997	\$ 32,035,141	\$ 32,745,429
	<u>14,103,537</u>	<u>15,318,994</u>	<u>13,699,951</u>	<u>14,732,622</u>	<u>11,482,425</u>
\$	<u>22,851,234</u>	<u>22,163,203</u>	<u>23,448,046</u>	<u>17,302,519</u>	<u>21,263,004</u>
	38%	41%	37%	46%	35%

River Trails School District 26
PRINCIPAL EMPLOYERS
CURRENT YEAR AND NINE YEARS AGO

<u>2024</u>			
Employer	Type of Business or Property	Employees	Percentage of Total Village Employment
High School District 214	Public High Schools	1,700	20.1%
Rivers Casino	Casino	1,500	17.7%
UOP Honeywell	Research & Development for the Petroleum Industry	1,300	15.4%
Presence Health Holy Family Medical Center	Hospital & Medical Center	1,000	11.8%
Oakton Community College (FTE)	2 Year College	860	10.2%
Sysco	Selling, Marketing and Distributing Food Products	730	8.6%
CVS Caremark	Mail Order Pharmaceutical Products	725	8.6%
Juno Lighting (Acuity Brands)	HQ and Lighting Fixtures	700	8.3%
Robert Bosch Tool Corp.	Hand & Power Tools	650	7.7%
Abbott Molecular Diagnostics	Molecular Diagnostics	500	5.9%
City of Des Plaines (FTE)	Local Government	421	5.0%
Cummins-Allison (CPI)	Automated Payment Systems	390	4.6%
Village of Mount Prospect (FTE)	Local Government	330	3.9%

Data Sources

Illinois Department of Employment Security
City, Village and School District Records
Official Employer Website
Data Axle Reference Solutions

<u>2015</u>			
Employer	Type of Business or Property	Employees	Percentage of Total Employment
High School District 214	Public High Schools	1,670	17.9%
UOP, LLC (Division HQ)	Research & Development for the Petroleum Industry	1,500	16.1%
Oakton Community College	2 Year College	990	10.6%
CVS Caremark	Mail Order Pharmaceutical Products	850	9.1%
Mt Prospect Park District	Parks, Fitness, Recreation	657	7.0%
Robert Bosch Tool Corp.	Hand & Power Tools	600	6.4%
Cummins-Allison Corp. (HQ)	Money Handling Equipment	500	5.4%
Walmart Supercenter	Department Store	363	3.9%
Carson Pirie Scott	Department Store	350	3.7%
Mount Prospect School District 57	Public School Grades Pre-K through 8	318	3.4%
Village of Mount Prospect	Government, Police, Fire & Public Works (FTE)	310	3.3%
Rauland-Borg Corp.	Corp HQ; Communication Systems & Sound Equipment	300	3.2%
River Trails School District 26	K-8 Public Schools Joints.	265	2.8%
Home Depot	Home Center & Hardware Store	250	2.7%
Costco	Club Store	200	2.1%
Jewel-Osco	24 hour Grocery and Pharmacy	200	2.1%
Siemens Building Technologies	Fire Safety Division-Temperature Control & Security Sys	200	2.1%
Suzu-Happ Controls	Equ	200	2.1%

Data Sources

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River Trails School District 26
 DEMOGRAPHIC AND ECONOMIC STATISTICS
 LAST TEN YEARS

Year	(a) Population	(b) *Per Capita Income	(a) x (b) Personal Income	*Unemployment Rate
2024 **	N.A.	\$ N.A.	\$ N.A.	4.60%
2023	14,711	49,917	734,328,987	3.4%
2022	14,629	45,033	658,787,757	3.8%
2021	13,949	40,933	570,974,417	4.8%
2020	15,045	41,061	617,762,745	8.5%
2019	15,385	39,315	604,861,275	2.9%
2018	15,239	35,270	537,479,530	3.1%
2017	15,154	34,522	523,146,388	4.0%
2016	15,589	31,013	483,461,657	6.2%
2015	15,458	30,468	470,974,344	6.1%

Source of information: U.S. Census Bureau -
 2009-2016 Bureau of Economic Analysis: Regional Economic Accounts
 Illinois Dept. of Commerce and Economic Opportunity
 2009-2016 Per Capita Income and Unemployment Rate Data shown is for Cook County.

River Trail 2017-- 2023

National Center for Educational Statistics:
 5 Year Average Estimates reported by US Census Bureau's

** American Community Survey's 2018-2022 Profile
 (Income in 2022 dollars), most recent information available
 as of the date of this report

* Illinois Department of Employment Security -
 SD 26 Estimated Rate - Average of three communities in District

River Trails School District 26
SCHOOL BUILDING INFORMATION
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
RIVER TRAILS MIDDLE SCHOOL										
Square Feet	108,795	108,795	108,795	108,795	108,795	108,795	108,795	108,795	108,795	108,795
Capacity (Students)	660	660	660	660	660	660	660	660	660	660
Enrollment	499	499	492	531	503	506	475	467	496	488
INDIAN GROVE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL										
Square Feet	54,182	54,182	54,182	54,182	54,182	54,182	54,182	54,182	54,182	54,182
Capacity (Students)	540	540	540	540	540	540	540	540	540	540
Enrollment	458	458	461	537	562	535	512	557	489	460
EUCLID ELEMENTARY SCHOOL										
Square Feet	56,819	56,819	56,819	56,819	56,819	56,819	56,819	56,819	56,819	56,819
Capacity (Students)	540	540	540	540	540	540	540	540	540	540
Enrollment	375	375	350	476	459	468	461	482	487	468
RIVER TRAILS EARLY LEARNING CENTER*										
Square Feet	23,040	23,040	23,040	Under Construction	9,807	9,807	8,585	-	-	-
Capacity (Students)	270	270	270		140	140	120	-	-	-
Enrollment	177	177	201		85	74	90	-	-	-

Source of Information: Architect's Data and Fall Housing Report

*FY 2018 was the first year the school building information was available.

River Trails School District 26
 OPERATING STATISTICS
 LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS

Fiscal Year	Enrollment	Average Daily Attendance	Operating Expenditures	Cost per Pupil	Percentage Change	Teaching Staff	Pupil-Teacher Ratio
2024	1,484	1,341	\$ 25,198,571	\$ 18,791	6.41%	154.30	9.6
2023	1,521	1,383	24,468,607	17,694	3.51%	151.60	10.0
2022	1,518	1,385	23,673,399	17,094	9.47%	149.00	10.2
2021	1,554	1,451	22,659,832	15,615	10.00%	143.50	10.8
2020	1,620	1,586	22,513,075	14,195	-3.15%	143.50	11.3
2019	1,597	1,491	21,852,546	14,656	-7.17%	138.00	11.6
2018	1,551	1,465	23,127,370	15,788	-4.74%	136.00	11.4
2017	1,519	1,396	23,139,153	16,573	1.72%	137.00	11.1
2016	1,484	1,383	22,527,292	16,293	-1.45%	139.50	10.6
2015	1,433	1,309	21,641,022	16,532	3.23%	137.00	10.5

Source of Information: Annual Financial Reports and District Records

River Trails School District 26
NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES BY FUNCTION
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Administration:					
Superintendent	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Assistant Superintendent	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0
District Administrators	3.0	3.0	2.0	3.0	1.0
Principals & Assistants	8.0	7.0	7.0	7.0	6.0
Total administration	15.0	14.0	13.0	14.0	11.0
Teachers;					
K-5, Music, Physical Education	81.0	80.0	79.0	76.0	75.0
Middle School	37.0	36.0	34.0	36.0	35.0
Instrumental Music	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0
Special Education	22.0	21.0	22.0	19.0	21.0
Psychologists	3.3	3.6	4.0	3.0	3.0
Social Workers, Counselors	6.0	6.0	5.0	4.5	4.5
Learning Center	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0
Total instruction	154.3	151.6	149.0	143.5	143.5
Other Supporting Staff					
Library clerks	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0
Clerical 10/12 Month	15.0	15.0	14.0	12.0	12.0
Technology Specialist	5.0	5.0	5.0	4.0	5.0
Teacher Aides	32.5	35.8	40.2	30.5	35.5
Health Aides	3.0	4.0	4.0	3.0	4.0
Maintenance, Custodians	16.0	16.0	16.0	15.0	15.0
Nurses	1.0	-	-	-	-
Food Service	7.8	7.8	6.7	6.6	6.1
Total student services	83.3	86.6	88.9	74.1	80.6
Total staff	252.6	252.2	250.9	231.6	235.1

Source of Information: District Personnel Records

2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0
1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0
11.0	11.0	11.0	11.0	11.0
72.0	72.0	72.0	71.5	68.0
35.0	33.0	33.0	33.0	34.0
2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0
19.0	19.0	20.0	22.0	22.0
3.0	3.0	3.0	2.0	2.0
4.0	4.0	4.0	6.0	6.0
3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0
138.0	136.0	137.0	139.5	137.0
3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0
12.0	12.0	12.0	12.0	12.0
5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
35.6	31.0	29.8	28.2	30.7
4.0	4.0	3.0	3.0	3.0
15.0	15.0	14.0	13.0	14.0
-	-	-	-	-
5.8	5.6	5.2	5.2	5.3
80.4	75.6	72.0	69.4	73.0
229.4	222.6	220.0	219.9	221.0

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OPERATING INDICATORS

June 30, 2024

Function	
Instruction	
Regular and Special student enrollment	1,484
Support Services	
Pupil	
% of student population who speak a language other than English at home	49%
Instructional Staff	
Overall Performance on Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) Performance - Meets/Exceeds Expectations	44% ELA, 52.2% Math
School Administration	
Average daily attendance	1,354
Fiscal	
Purchase Orders Processed	1,697
Maintenance	
District Square Footage Maintained by Custodians and Maintenance Staff	252,936
District Acreage Maintained by Grounds Staff	47
Transportation	
Avg. number of regular pupils transported per year	835
Avg. number of regular bus runs to/from school	27
Extra Curricular Activities	
Number of competitive sports	9
Number of student clubs	78

Note: The student enrollment includes out of district special education students.

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TEACHER BASE SALARIES LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS

Fiscal Year	Minimum Salary	Maximum Salary	District Average Salary*	Statewide Average Salary*
2024	\$ 47,000	\$ 127,527	\$ 78,742	\$ 75,978
2023	46,000	131,352	76,811	73,916
2022	45,000	125,097	74,703	72,351
2021	44,000	120,861	73,448	70,653
2020	44,000	115,441	72,227	68,083
2019	44,000	111,067	72,482	67,049
2018	39,110	122,075	77,780	65,721
2017	39,110	115,165	77,453	64,516
2016	39,110	111,386	74,029	63,450
2015	39,110	105,081	72,028	62,609

Source of Information: District records and State Department of Education

*From State Report Card

Maximum salary includes retiree salaries.

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The Beginnings

In 1882, the Archbishop of Chicago, Patrick Feehan, purchased the River Road Knott farm of 440 acres for the amount of \$30,000. The farm was located approximately three miles north of the City of Des Plaines and was to be a home for dependent boys, St. Mary's Training School, which today is known as the Maryville Academy. St. Mary's was opened in the fall of 1883.

The first public school in the area was built on the east side of River Road near the intersection of Kensington and River Road. Later the site became a part of the forest preserve and a new school was built on land donated by the Drewes family. This school was named after Archbishop Feehan and was called Feehanville. In 1895, the school district was legally organized and the first school board elected. Its members were Mr. Henry Schroeder, Mr. Burmeister, and Mr. John Piepenbrink.

The frame school house stood until 1924 when it was replaced with an all brick building at a cost of approximately \$1,500. The school was a one room schoolhouse typical of rural Illinois. During the 1930's, the building was divided into two rooms and a second teacher was hired. In 1948 inside toilets were installed along with running water. However, this modernization caused a great deal of anger among the local residents because the new plumbing had delayed the opening of the school. Until the mid 1950's upper grade students from the District were sent to neighboring school districts on a tuition basis for their education.

Feehanville School District was a rural school district for the first 70 years of its existence. Nothing more clearly illustrates this fact than what was recorded in the Board minutes of the August 4, 1954 meeting. The Board minutes reported that the major item of business was the relocation of the school's outhouse. The reader again is reminded that this was 1954!

Spectacular Growth in the 1960's

The fall enrollment for 1959 was 238 students. In 1971, School District 26's fall enrollment was 3,180 students, a growth of over 1300%. In one brief decade, what once was a one room schoolhouse rural district, was transformed into a modern public school district consisting of seven buildings. The District even changed its name from Feehanville to River Trails. School buildings and subsequent additions were built in rapid succession.

The State Capital Development Board provided funds for some of the new buildings. However, the majority of the buildings were built with revenue from bond issues approved by the voters. Below is a list of the buildings and the year they were built, along with their additions:

<u>School Building</u>	<u>Original</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Closed</u>	<u>Reopened</u>
Feehanville	1924	1955, 1959, 1968	1981	
Euclid	1961	1962, 1991, 2002		
Indian Grove	1964	1965, 1970, 1991, 1993, 2002, 2012		
River Trails Middle School	1965	1968, 1971, 1991, 2000		
Park View/Prairie Trails School	1966		1976	2017 (one wing for PreK) 2021 as K/PreK School
Bond	1968		1980	
Nipper	1974		1982	

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While much of the farmland was being developed into single family homes, the District would have a significant commercial development that resulted in an increase in the District's Equalized Assessed Valuation. This was Randhurst Shopping Center. Another development was the sale of the Northern Illinois Gas storage field to the Opus Corporation, a commercial developer. Unlike many suburban school districts that experienced the phenomenal growth in the 1960's solely in the area of residential properties, School District 26 enjoyed the benefits of having significant commercial development at the same time homes were being built. As a result, School District 26 enjoyed a favorable tax base during its period of rapid growth.

Decline and Reorganization in the 1970's and 1980's

The decade of the 60's represented a period of unparalleled growth. The decade of the 70's was just the opposite. Student enrollment fell by 60% from a high of 3,180 in 1971 to 1,258 in 1985. Three of the District's school buildings were closed; Park View in 1977, Bond in 1980 and Feehanville in 1981. The decline in student enrollment and the closing of the school buildings were just the tip of the iceberg.

School District 26 experienced all of the negative aspects of a public school system with a sharp decline in enrollment. The District lost significant state aid revenue. From the mid 1970's to 1984 state aid dropped by 77% from a high of \$1.1 million to \$247,000. The loss of state aid revenue was made even worse because the country was experiencing double digit inflation during the late 1970's and early 1980's. Because of the overall status of the economy, five attempts to pass a tax rate increase for the Educational levy failed.

Faced with a significant loss of revenue, the Board of Education was forced to "Reduction in Force" teachers, students were shifted from one school to another as buildings were closed, programs were cut, top administrators retired or left the system, and public confidence in the school system evaporated. The Board of Education was forced to "rob Peter to pay Paul." The Board cut back on the purchase of needed supplies and equipment and postponed maintaining the buildings as they should have been. Within a few years the District's facilities were in bad shape.

In 1981, a change of direction occurred. The Board of Education reorganized the District into two K-5 elementary schools and a 6th, 7th, and 8th grade junior high school. The Board issued \$1.7 million in Fire Prevention and Safety Bonds to bring its buildings up to code. In 1984, the residents approved a 50 cent tax rate increase in the Educational levy. This was the first tax rate increase in almost 13 years. With its passage, the Board was back on solid financial footing. The District has not had a true Educational Fund rate increase since the April 1984 referendum was approved.

Coupled with the passage of the tax rate increase was the sale of two school buildings. In 1983 Bond School was sold for \$925,000. Under the terms of the sales agreement, the Board of Education held the title for the building for 10 years. When the final payment was made, the Board of Education had received \$1.6 million from the sale of Bond School which included the interest payment. Feehanville School was put up for sale at a public auction at a price of \$700,000. Through competitive bidding, the final sale price was \$1.1 million. Finally, in the spring of 1986, the Board of Education sold \$2.4 million in working cash bonds.

During the 1970's, District 26 was faced with another serious problem. In 1971, the teaching order in charge of the educational program at the Maryville Orphanage informed the Archbishop of Chicago that they would no longer teach the children at Maryville. Since the Maryville campus was within School District 26's boundaries, the Board of Education was now responsible for all of the elementary age children residing at Maryville. The most immediate problem facing the Board was to hire staff and to find a suitable school building for the students. Originally, the students were taught at the old River Road School which was destroyed by fire in 1973. Thanks to the efforts of State Representative Eugene Schilckman, a bill was passed calling for the construction of a school on District 26 property, directly adjacent to Maryville. This building, constructed with state funds, was dedicated in 1974 and was

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named after District 26's leading citizen, Miss Thelda Idyl Nipper. The Nipper School was an all-electric facility which was quite an innovation for the time. Under the guidance of the Maryville Director, Father John Smyth, the Maryville program was developed into the state's number one program for serving troubled youngsters. The change in the thrust of the Maryville program posed a new challenge to the Board of Education of River Trails School District 26. Working cooperatively with the Northwest Suburban Special Education Organization (NSSEO), the Board of Education developed a recognized model program delivering special education services to the neediest youngsters. Recent changes to the Maryville program has shifted the majority of students requiring educational services to high school age teens and District 214 has assumed most of the responsibility for student programming costs.

In 1985, the Illinois General Assembly passed a comprehensive education reform bill. The Board of Education of School District 26 had a most positive attitude toward these reform measures and incorporated many of them into its educational program. In 1987, the Board reorganized the District into two K-4 elementary schools and a 5-8 middle school. In doing so, the Board of Education was able to offer a five hour extended kindergarten day program. Including the fifth grade as part of the middle school program provided for greater flexibility in scheduling and in course offerings. River Trails Middle School became a 6-8 school again in 1996/1997. The school maintains many of the middle school concepts and continues to demonstrate high achievement as measured by the Illinois standardized tests.

Renovations and Enhancements in the 1990's and 2000's

There were two significant events in 1990. In March, the voters of the community approved a \$5.5 million building bond referendum. The success of this referendum underscored the community's commitment to quality education. The residents approved the bond issue by a vote of 1,380 to 1,172. The bonds were used to build new classrooms and remodel existing facilities.

The second event that occurred in 1990 was the District's quadrennial reassessment. Actually, it had been five years since the District had been reassessed. The District's equalized assessed valuation (EAV) increased by more than \$71 million. Significant commercial and residential developments finally were placed on the tax rolls. This large increase in the District's equalized assessed valuation boded well for the District's economic future. In February 1995, the Illinois General Assembly passed a tax cap law limiting the amount of taxes that can be levied. Even if the EAV increases, the District is not able to fully access it for taxing purposes.

In 1990, the Board of Education also embarked on a comprehensive, district-wide technology program. The Board created a Task Force Committee composed of representatives from all of its employee groups. The 1991 Task Force Report called for expenditures in excess of \$2.5 million in both hardware and software to introduce technology in all of the schools. Funds for this technology came from the final Bond School payment and the Education Fund.

In January 1995, the District sold \$5.3 million in Tort Bonds to help fund the District's Tort Management Plan and provide funding for District liabilities. Although the monies raised through bonds have been used for facilities and building operations, the increased enrollment felt by the District again caused concerns about available facilities. The Board conducted a Facilities Study, including a Life/Safety Plan, to determine how to provide for the increasing enrollment.

In November 1998, local residents approved a referendum to increase the local limitation on the Education Fund from \$2.10 to \$2.60 per \$100 assessed valuation by a 2 to 1 margin. This tax rate increase provided the Board of Education with the necessary funds to maintain the desired educational program. At the same time, the Board of Education reduced the Bond tax rate by moving \$6,166,850 of cash from the Education Fund into the Bond and Interest Fund in order to offset the Education Fund rate increase.

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In 1998, all schools in the District were rewired, both for electricity and for Internet connections, and a new telephone system was installed providing telephone access for all classrooms. The District has continued to improve the technology infrastructure and purchase new technology in the form of hardware for teachers and students that includes Windows laptop computers, Chromebooks, iPads and iPod Touches, interactive whiteboards, and document cameras. The District owns and operates a wide-area network, local-area network, a wireless network and maintains a system of over 2000 computers throughout the buildings. In 2009, a fiber optic internet connection, network management, and a Voice over IP phone system were implemented. In 2020, we began working toward upgrading the Internet connections within the district, moving toward a 10 GB connection.

In 1999, following passage of the referendum, the Board of Education undertook upgrading all of the buildings. This included the replacement of the heating systems, the installation of air conditioning systems, new doors and windows, the implementation of a security plan throughout the District, and the addition of new science laboratories at River Trails Middle School.

With the issuance of long-term debt, renovations to the facilities continued during the summers of 2006 through 2018. Projects included Life Safety and infrastructure improvements; tile floors in all schools; renovations to the Family and Consumer Science room, the Learning Center and the gymnasium locker room, a new fitness room and a new STEM lab at the middle school; renovations to the Administrative Center; District-wide washroom renovations, upgraded security system, energy efficient lighting with occupancy sensors, and improved HVAC energy efficiencies; and secure front entrances at all schools. In the fall of 2017, the newly renovated east wing of Park View School was reopened as the River Trails Early Learning Center to house the District's five preschool classrooms.

In 2018 the Board began addressing the infrastructure needs of the district's aging schools with a life safety and facilities assessment study. During the 2020/21 school year, renovations transformed Park View School into a state-of-the-art Preschool and Kindergarten Early Learning center renamed Prairie Trails School. It is Mount Prospect's first net-zero energy building and the first renovated net-zero energy school in Illinois. Additional environmentally friendly features include a permeable paver parking lot and a natural playground.

In 2022 Nipper School was sold for \$3 million providing a start for funding of major infrastructure improvements at the district's other 3 schools.

In 2004, the River Trails School District, in partnership with parents and community members, accepted the responsibility to begin creating a challenging, yet attainable, future for the students. A 26-member Strategic Planning Team met over a period of three days to envision a future for the School District. After reviewing the District's strengths and weaknesses and the impact of external factors, such as social and economic trends, technological needs, and political dynamics, they arrived at consensus in identifying common beliefs, creating a mission for the school system, setting parameters, and developing objectives and far-reaching strategies for accomplishing this mission.

As part of the implementation of the strategic plan and in order to more effectively use resources, the administrative position of curriculum director was reinstated and, as a result, the process of implementing new and creative ways to restore its effort for high academic achievement began. The District also outsourced transportation and food service management in 2008 and network management in 2009.

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The Strategic Plan continues to serve as the blueprint used to guide the District. Community members, staff, students and school board members came together to help develop the new 2019-2024 Strategic Plan. The team reaffirmed the existing Mission Statement and redefined Belief Statements and set two Strategic Goals:

- 1) Head Ready students grow academically, problem solve creatively and learn how to learn.
- 2) Heart Ready students are respectful, resourceful and resilient citizens.

The District continues to evaluate its instructional program and to make necessary adjustments. Assessments are integrated into the District with the use of AIMSWEB+ literacy and math assessments and NWEA MAP. All academic subjects are aligned with Illinois Learning Standards in order to better prepare students for college and career readiness. The language arts program is designed to expose students to multiple genres in order to engage students in high quality reading, writing, and technological literacy learning experiences. There is also a major emphasis on excellence on phonemic awareness, phonics, words study, vocabulary, and writing at all grade levels with a focus on providing students with skills and knowledge on how to produce written work of the highest quality regardless of writing genre. Science takes a 3-dimensional approach to instruction integrating grade level disciplinary core content, science and engineering principles and cross-cutting concepts. The middle school continues to refine our science curriculum and teaches science through an interdisciplinary approach. Students experience hands-on learning in STEM courses at the middle school including Design and Modeling, Coding, Robotics, and Energy and the Environment.

Technology is embedded in all areas of instruction. Students and teachers are fluent users of technology to help enhance learning while providing access to engaging, interactive resources. COVID-19 pushed us to become more fluent users of technology. In doing so, we raised the bar with technological innovation in the classrooms. Our Director of Innovation continuously partners with teachers across the district to seamlessly integrate technology into instruction.

The 2023-24 school year proved to be a productive period for both students and staff in our district as we worked diligently to navigate a return to normalcy in the aftermath of the pandemic. As educators, we delved deeply into data to inform our instructional strategies, striving to bridge the learning gaps created by the pandemic and fragmented years of education.

The community of School District 26 is a desirable area in which to live and raise a family. In 2008, Mount Prospect was chosen by *Business Week* out of thousands of other communities around the U.S. as the best, most affordable place to raise kids. The homes are well maintained. There is much open space. The park district's program is one of the best in the area. Its facilities include a swimming pool, miniature golf, driving range, nature trail, and a 9-hole golf course. The residents of the community have easy access to major transportation via O'Hare International Airport, Chicago Executive Airport, and the Northwestern Rail and Metra lines. Outstanding medical facilities, AMITA Health, Northwest Community Hospital, and Advocate Lutheran General Hospital, are nearby. The community also has Randhurst Village and Kensington Business Center in its tax base.

District 26 has a well-trained and dedicated staff. 73% percent of teachers have a minimum of a Master's degree. Student achievement continues to rank among the highest in the northwest suburban area.

Excellence remains a standard in River Trails School District 26. River Trails Middle School has been designated as a *2007 No Child Left Behind – Blue Ribbon School* by the U.S. Secretary of Education. The school was chosen for this award because of a significant increase in State test scores in reading and mathematics over multiple years. River Trails was one of only 31 middle schools nation-wide to receive the award. In 2023, Prairie Trails School and in 2015, River Trails Middle School were named *U.S. Department of Education Green Ribbon Schools*. The award recognizes schools that strive for 21st century excellence by 1) reducing environmental impact, 2) improving health

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and wellness, and 3) providing environmental education. Additionally, the staff has and continues to ensure that the educational needs of all children are addressed with great success. It is a national model of excellence from which others can learn.

In summary, River Trails Elementary School District 26 is a source of community pride.

Future Challenges

It is important for the District to continue being fiscally prudent. Key areas of concern are property tax refunds, the State of Illinois' large budget deficit and ability to make educational payments, the academic impact of COVID-19, potential property tax freeze, unfunded mandates, increasing health care costs and pension costs, increasing student enrollment, and aging facilities. Also, the number of children speaking a first language other than English continues to grow. On the positive side, a redevelopment of Randhurst Village and the Kensington Business Center is bringing an increase in tax revenues to the District. The District will continue to explore reducing expenditures where possible while maintaining the high standard of education to which the community has become accustomed.

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APPENDIX B-1

PROPOSED FORM OF OPINION OF BOND COUNSEL – THE SERIES 2025A BONDS

[LETTERHEAD OF CHAPMAN AND CUTLER LLP]

[TO BE DATED CLOSING DATE]

School District Number 26
Cook County, Illinois

We hereby certify that we have examined certified copy of the proceedings (the “*Proceedings*”) of the Board of Education of School District Number 26, Cook County, Illinois (the “*District*”), passed preliminary to the issue by the District of its fully registered General Obligation Limited Tax School Bonds, Series 2025A (the “*Bonds*”), to the amount of \$ _____, dated _____, 2025, due serially on December 15 of the years and in the amounts and bearing interest as follows:

2026	\$	%
2027		%
2028		%
2029		%
2030		%
2031		%
2032		%
2033		%
2034		%
2035		%

the Bonds due on or after December 15, 20__, being subject to redemption prior to maturity at the option of the District as a whole or in part in any order of their maturity as determined by the District (less than all of the Bonds of a single maturity to be selected by the Bond Registrar), on December 15, 20__, or on any date thereafter, at the redemption price of par plus accrued interest to the redemption date, as provided in the Proceedings, and we are of the opinion that the Proceedings show lawful authority for said issue under the laws of the State of Illinois now in force.

We further certify that we have examined the form of bond prescribed for said issue and find the same in due form of law, and in our opinion said issue, to the amount named, is valid and legally binding upon the District, is payable from any funds of the District legally available for such purpose, and all taxable property in the District is subject to the levy of taxes to pay the same without limitation as to rate, except that the rights of the owners of the Bonds and the enforceability of the Bonds may be limited by bankruptcy, insolvency, moratorium, reorganization and other similar laws affecting creditors’ rights and by equitable principles, whether considered at law or in equity, including the exercise of judicial discretion. The amount of said taxes that may be

extended to pay the Bonds is limited as provided by the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law of the State of Illinois, as amended (the "*Law*"). The Law provides that the annual amount of said taxes to be extended to pay the Bonds and all other limited bonds (as defined in the Local Government Debt Reform Act of the State of Illinois, as amended) heretofore and hereafter issued by the District shall not exceed the debt service extension base (as defined in the Law) of the District, as more fully described in the Proceedings.

It is our opinion that, subject to the District's compliance with certain covenants, under present law, interest on the Bonds is excludible from gross income of the owners thereof for federal income tax purposes and is not includible as an item of tax preference in computing the alternative minimum tax for individuals under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. Interest on the Bonds may affect the corporate alternative minimum tax for certain corporations. Failure to comply with certain of such District covenants could cause interest on the Bonds to be includible in gross income for federal income tax purposes retroactively to the date of issuance of the Bonds. Ownership of the Bonds may result in other federal tax consequences to certain taxpayers, and we express no opinion regarding any such collateral consequences arising with respect to the Bonds.

We express no opinion herein as to the accuracy, adequacy or completeness of any information furnished to any person in connection with any offer or sale of the Bonds.

In rendering this opinion, we have relied upon certifications of the District with respect to certain material facts within the District's knowledge. Our opinion represents our legal judgment based upon our review of the law and the facts that we deem relevant to render such opinion and is not a guarantee of a result. This opinion is given as of the date hereof and we assume no obligation to revise or supplement this opinion to reflect any facts or circumstances that may hereafter come to our attention or any changes in law that may hereafter occur.

APPENDIX B-2

PROPOSED FORM OF OPINION OF BOND COUNSEL – THE SERIES 2025B BONDS

[LETTERHEAD OF CHAPMAN AND CUTLER LLP]

[TO BE DATED CLOSING DATE]

School District Number 26
Cook County, Illinois

We hereby certify that we have examined certified copy of the proceedings (the “*Proceedings*”) of the Board of Education of School District Number 26, Cook County, Illinois (the “*District*”), passed preliminary to the issue by the District of its fully registered General Obligation School Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2025B (the “*Bonds*”), to the amount of \$_____, dated _____, 2025, due serially on December 15 of the years and in the amounts and bearing interest as follows:

2025	\$	%
2026		%
2027		%
2028		%
2029		%
2030		%
2031		%
2032		%
2033		%
2034		%
2035		%
2036		%
2037		%
2038		%
2039		%
2040		%
2041		%
2042		%
2043		%
2044		%

the Bonds due on or after December 15, 20__, being subject to redemption prior to maturity at the option of the District as a whole or in part in any order of their maturity as determined by the District (less than all of the Bonds of a single maturity to be selected by the Bond Registrar), on December 15, 20__, or on any date thereafter, at the redemption price of par plus accrued interest to the redemption date, as provided in the Proceedings, and we are of the opinion that the

Proceedings show lawful authority for said issue under the laws of the State of Illinois now in force.

We further certify that we have examined the form of bond prescribed for said issue and find the same in due form of law, and in our opinion said issue, to the amount named, is valid and legally binding upon the District, and is payable (i) together with the District's outstanding General Obligation School Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2024, from taxes, grants, state aid, including amounts distributed to the District pursuant to Section 18-8.15 of the School Code of the State of Illinois, as amended, and substitute distributions therefor as provided by the State of Illinois in the future, interest earnings and other revenues received by the District and available to be expended for the improvement, maintenance, repair and benefit of school and administrative buildings and property and (ii) from ad valorem property taxes levied against all of the taxable property in the District without limitation as to rate or amount, except that the rights of the owners of the Bonds and the enforceability of the Bonds may be limited by bankruptcy, insolvency, moratorium, reorganization and other similar laws affecting creditors' rights and by equitable principles, whether considered at law or in equity, including the exercise of judicial discretion.

It is our opinion that, subject to the District's compliance with certain covenants, under present law, interest on the Bonds is excludible from gross income of the owners thereof for federal income tax purposes and is not includible as an item of tax preference in computing the alternative minimum tax for individuals under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. Interest on the Bonds may affect the corporate alternative minimum tax for certain corporations. Failure to comply with certain of such District covenants could cause interest on the Bonds to be includible in gross income for federal income tax purposes retroactively to the date of issuance of the Bonds. Ownership of the Bonds may result in other federal tax consequences to certain taxpayers, and we express no opinion regarding any such collateral consequences arising with respect to the Bonds.

We express no opinion herein as to the accuracy, adequacy or completeness of any information furnished to any person in connection with any offer or sale of the Bonds.

In rendering this opinion, we have relied upon certifications of the District with respect to certain material facts within the District's knowledge. Our opinion represents our legal judgment based upon our review of the law and the facts that we deem relevant to render such opinion and is not a guarantee of a result. This opinion is given as of the date hereof and we assume no obligation to revise or supplement this opinion to reflect any facts or circumstances that may hereafter come to our attention or any changes in law that may hereafter occur.

APPENDIX C

PROPOSED FORM OF CONTINUING DISCLOSURE UNDERTAKING FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING CONTINUING DISCLOSURE INFORMATION UNDER SECTION (b)(5) OF RULE 15c2-12

This Continuing Disclosure Undertaking (this “*Agreement*”) is executed and delivered by School District Number 26, Cook County, Illinois (the “*District*”), in connection with the issuance of \$_____ General Obligation Limited Tax School Bonds, Series 2025A, and \$_____ General Obligation School Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2025B (together, the “*Bonds*”). The Bonds are being issued pursuant to separate resolutions adopted by the Board of Education of the District on the 11th day of February, 2025 (each as supplemented by a notification of sale, collectively, the “*Resolution*”).

In consideration of the issuance of the Bonds by the District and the purchase of such Bonds by the beneficial owners thereof, the District covenants and agrees as follows:

1. PURPOSE OF THIS AGREEMENT. This Agreement is executed and delivered by the District as of the date set forth below, for the benefit of the beneficial owners of the Bonds and in order to assist the Participating Underwriters in complying with the requirements of the Rule (as defined below). The District represents that it will be the only obligated person with respect to the Bonds at the time the Bonds are delivered to the Participating Underwriters and that no other person is expected to become so committed at any time after issuance of the Bonds.

2. DEFINITIONS. The terms set forth below shall have the following meanings in this Agreement, unless the context clearly otherwise requires.

Annual Financial Information means information of the type contained under the following headings and subheadings of, and in the following appendices and exhibits to, the Official Statement:

SECURITY—Debt Service Extension Base Availability after Issuance of the Series 2025A Bonds
SECURITY—Alternate Revenue Bonds (Debt Service Coverage)

FINANCIAL INFORMATION AND ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS OF THE DISTRICT

- Direct General Obligation Bonds (Principal Only)
- Direct General Obligation Bonds (Principal and Interest)
- Debt Certificates (Principal Only)
- Alternate Revenue Bonds (Principal Only)
- Selected Financial Information (only as it relates to direct debt)
- Composition of EAV
- Trend of EAV
- Taxes Extended and Collected
- School District Tax Rates by Purpose

WORKING CASH FUND—Working Cash Fund Summary

Exhibit A—Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance

Exhibit C—General Fund Revenue Sources

Annual Financial Information Disclosure means the dissemination of disclosure concerning Annual Financial Information and the dissemination of the Audited Financial Statements as set forth in Section 4.

Audited Financial Statements means the audited financial statements of the District prepared pursuant to the principles and as described in *Exhibit I*.

Commission means the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Dissemination Agent means any agent designated as such in writing by the District and which has filed with the District a written acceptance of such designation, and such agent's successors and assigns.

EMMA means the MSRB through its Electronic Municipal Market Access system for municipal securities disclosure or through any other electronic format or system prescribed by the MSRB for purposes of the Rule.

Exchange Act means the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

Financial Obligation of the District means a (a) debt obligation; (b) derivative instrument entered into in connection with, or pledged as security or a source of payment for, an existing or planned debt obligation; or (c) guarantee of a debt obligation or any such derivative instrument; provided that “financial obligation” shall not include municipal securities as to which a final official statement (as defined in the Rule) has been provided to the MSRB consistent with the Rule.

MSRB means the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board.

Official Statement means the Final Official Statement, dated _____, 2025, and relating to the Bonds.

Participating Underwriter means each broker, dealer or municipal securities dealer acting as an underwriter in the primary offering of the Bonds.

Reportable Event means the occurrence of any of the Events with respect to the Bonds set forth in *Exhibit II*.

Reportable Events Disclosure means dissemination of a notice of a Reportable Event as set forth in Section 5.

Rule means Rule 15c2-12 adopted by the Commission under the Exchange Act, as the same may be amended from time to time.

State means the State of Illinois.

Undertaking means the obligations of the District pursuant to Sections 4 and 5.

3. CUSIP NUMBERS. The CUSIP Numbers of the Bonds are set forth in *Exhibit III*. All filings required under this Agreement will be filed on EMMA under these CUSIP Numbers. If the Bonds are refunded after the date hereof, the District will also make all filings required under this Agreement under any new CUSIP Numbers assigned to the Bonds as a result of such refunding, to the extent the District remains legally liable for the payment of such Bonds; provided, however, that the District will not be required to make such filings under new CUSIP Numbers unless the District has been notified in writing by the Participating Underwriter or the District's financial advisor that new CUSIP Numbers have been assigned to the Bonds. The District will not make any filings pursuant to this Agreement under new CUSIP Numbers assigned to any of the Bonds after the date hereof for any reason other than a refunding, as described in the previous sentence, including, but not limited to, new CUSIP Numbers assigned to the Bonds as a result of a holder of the Bonds obtaining a bond insurance policy or other credit enhancement with respect to some or all of the outstanding Bonds in the secondary market.

4. ANNUAL FINANCIAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE. Subject to Section 8 of this Agreement, the District hereby covenants that it will disseminate its Annual Financial Information and its Audited Financial Statements (in the form and by the dates set forth in *Exhibit I*) to EMMA in such manner and format and accompanied by identifying information as is prescribed by the MSRB or the Commission at the time of delivery of such information and by such time so that such entities receive the information by the dates specified. MSRB Rule G-32 requires all EMMA filings to be in word-searchable PDF format. This requirement extends to all documents to be filed with EMMA, including financial statements and other externally prepared reports.

If any part of the Annual Financial Information can no longer be generated because the operations to which it is related have been materially changed or discontinued, the District will disseminate a statement to such effect as part of its Annual Financial Information for the year in which such event first occurs.

If any amendment or waiver is made to this Agreement, the Annual Financial Information for the year in which such amendment or waiver is made (or in any notice or supplement provided

to EMMA) shall contain a narrative description of the reasons for such amendment or waiver and its impact on the type of information being provided.

5. REPORTABLE EVENTS DISCLOSURE. Subject to Section 8 of this Agreement, the District hereby covenants that it will disseminate in a timely manner (not in excess of ten business days after the occurrence of the Reportable Event) Reportable Events Disclosure to EMMA in such manner and format and accompanied by identifying information as is prescribed by the MSRB or the Commission at the time of delivery of such information. References to “material” in *Exhibit II* refer to materiality as it is interpreted under the Exchange Act. MSRB Rule G-32 requires all EMMA filings to be in word-searchable PDF format. This requirement extends to all documents to be filed with EMMA, including financial statements and other externally prepared reports. Notwithstanding the foregoing, notice of optional or unscheduled redemption of any Bonds or defeasance of any Bonds need not be given under this Agreement any earlier than the notice (if any) of such redemption or defeasance is given to the Bondholders pursuant to the Resolution.

6. CONSEQUENCES OF FAILURE OF THE DISTRICT TO PROVIDE INFORMATION. The District shall give notice in a timely manner to EMMA of any failure to provide Annual Financial Information Disclosure when the same is due hereunder.

In the event of a failure of the District to comply with any provision of this Agreement, the beneficial owner of any Bond may seek mandamus or specific performance by court order, to cause the District to comply with its obligations under this Agreement. A default under this Agreement shall not be deemed a default under the Resolution, and the sole remedy under this Agreement in the event of any failure of the District to comply with this Agreement shall be an action to compel performance.

7. AMENDMENTS; WAIVER. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, the District by resolution authorizing such amendment or waiver, may amend this Agreement, and any provision of this Agreement may be waived, if:

(a) (i) The amendment or waiver is made in connection with a change in circumstances that arises from a change in legal requirements, including without limitation, pursuant to a “no-action” letter issued by the Commission, a change in law, or a change in the identity, nature, or status of the District, or type of business conducted; or

(ii) This Agreement, as amended, or the provision, as waived, would have complied with the requirements of the Rule at the time of the primary offering, after taking into account any amendments or interpretations of the Rule, as well as any change in circumstances; and

(b) The amendment or waiver does not materially impair the interests of the beneficial owners of the Bonds, as determined by parties unaffiliated with the District (such as Bond Counsel).

In the event that the Commission or the MSRB or other regulatory authority shall approve or require Annual Financial Information Disclosure or Reportable Events Disclosure to be made to a central post office, governmental agency or similar entity other than EMMA or in lieu of EMMA, the District shall, if required, make such dissemination to such central post office, governmental agency or similar entity without the necessity of amending this Agreement.

8. **TERMINATION OF UNDERTAKING.** The Undertaking of the District shall be terminated hereunder if the District shall no longer have any legal liability for any obligation on or relating to repayment of the Bonds under the Resolution.

9. **FUTURE CHANGES TO THE RULE.** As set forth in Section 1 of this Agreement, the District has executed and delivered this Agreement solely and only to assist the Participating Underwriters in complying with the requirements of the Rule. Therefore, notwithstanding anything in this Agreement to the contrary, in the event the Commission, the MSRB or other regulatory authority shall approve or require changes to the requirements of the Rule, the District shall be permitted, but shall not be required, to unilaterally modify the covenants in this Agreement, without complying with the requirements of Section 7 of this Agreement, in order to comply with, or conform to, such changes. In the event of any such modification of this Agreement, the District shall file a copy of this Agreement, as revised, on EMMA in a timely manner.

10. **DISSEMINATION AGENT.** The District may, from time to time, appoint or engage a Dissemination Agent to assist it in carrying out its obligations under this Agreement, and may discharge any such Dissemination Agent, with or without appointing a successor Dissemination Agent.

11. **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.** Nothing in this Agreement shall be deemed to prevent the District from disseminating any other information, using the means of dissemination set forth in this Agreement or any other means of communication, or including any other information in any Annual Financial Information Disclosure or notice of occurrence of a Reportable Event, in addition to that which is required by this Agreement. If the District chooses to include any information from any document or notice of occurrence of a Reportable Event in addition to that which is specifically required by this Agreement, the District shall have no obligation under this Agreement to update such information or include it in any future disclosure or notice of occurrence of a Reportable Event.

12. **BENEFICIARIES.** This Agreement has been executed in order to assist the Participating Underwriters in complying with the Rule; however, this Agreement shall inure solely to the benefit of the District, the Dissemination Agent, if any, and the beneficial owners of the Bonds, and shall create no rights in any other person or entity.

13. **RECORDKEEPING.** The District shall maintain records of all Annual Financial Information Disclosure and Reportable Events Disclosure, including the content of such disclosure, the names of the entities with whom such disclosure was filed and the date of filing such disclosure.

14. ASSIGNMENT. The District shall not transfer its obligations under the Resolution unless the transferee agrees to assume all obligations of the District under this Agreement or to execute an Undertaking under the Rule.

15. GOVERNING LAW. This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State.

SCHOOL DISTRICT NUMBER 26, COOK COUNTY,
ILLINOIS

By: _____
President, Board of Education

Date: _____, 2025

EXHIBIT I

ANNUAL FINANCIAL INFORMATION AND TIMING AND AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

All or a portion of the Annual Financial Information and the Audited Financial Statements as set forth below may be included by reference to other documents which have been submitted to EMMA or filed with the Commission. If the information included by reference is contained in a Final Official Statement, the Final Official Statement must be available on EMMA; the Final Official Statement need not be available from the Commission. The District shall clearly identify each such item of information included by reference.

Annual Financial Information exclusive of Audited Financial Statements will be submitted to EMMA by 210 days after the last day of the District's fiscal year (currently June 30), beginning with the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025. Audited Financial Statements as described below should be filed at the same time as the Annual Financial Information. If Audited Financial Statements are not available when the Annual Financial Information is filed, Audited Financial Statements will be submitted to EMMA within 30 days after availability to the District.

Audited Financial Statements will be prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

If any change is made to the Annual Financial Information as permitted by Section 4 of the Agreement, the District will disseminate a notice of such change as required by Section 4.

EXHIBIT II
EVENTS WITH RESPECT TO THE BONDS FOR WHICH
REPORTABLE EVENTS DISCLOSURE IS REQUIRED

1. Principal and interest payment delinquencies
2. Non-payment related defaults, if material
3. Unscheduled draws on debt service reserves reflecting financial difficulties
4. Unscheduled draws on credit enhancements reflecting financial difficulties
5. Substitution of credit or liquidity providers, or their failure to perform
6. Adverse tax opinions, the issuance by the Internal Revenue Service of proposed or final determinations of taxability, Notices of Proposed Issue (IRS Form 5701-TEB) or other material notices or determinations with respect to the tax status of the security, or other material events affecting the tax status of the security
7. Modifications to the rights of security holders, if material
8. Bond calls, if material, and tender offers
9. Defeasances
10. Release, substitution or sale of property securing repayment of the securities, if material
11. Rating changes
12. Bankruptcy, insolvency, receivership or similar event of the District*
13. The consummation of a merger, consolidation, or acquisition involving the District or the sale of all or substantially all of the assets of the District, other than in the ordinary course of business, the entry into a definitive agreement to undertake such an action or the termination of a definitive agreement relating to any such actions, other than pursuant to its terms, if material
14. Appointment of a successor or additional trustee or the change of name of a trustee, if material
15. Incurrence of a Financial Obligation, if material, or agreement to covenants, events of default, remedies, priority rights, or other similar terms of a Financial Obligation, any of which affect security holders, if material
16. Default, event of acceleration, termination event, modification of terms, or other similar events under the terms of a Financial Obligation, any of which reflect financial difficulties

* This event is considered to occur when any of the following occur: the appointment of a receiver, fiscal agent or similar officer for the District in a proceeding under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code or in any other proceeding under state or federal law in which a court or governmental authority has assumed jurisdiction over substantially all of the assets or business of the District, or if such jurisdiction has been assumed by leaving the existing governing body and officials or officers in possession but subject to the supervision and orders of a court or governmental authority, or the entry of an order confirming a plan of reorganization, arrangement or liquidation by a court or governmental authority having supervision or jurisdiction over substantially all of the assets or business of the District.

**EXHIBIT III
CUSIP NUMBERS**

Series 2025A Bonds

YEAR OF MATURITY	CUSIP NUMBER (213345)
2026	
2027	
2028	
2029	
2030	
2031	
2032	
2033	
2034	
2035	

Series 2025B Bonds

YEAR OF MATURITY	CUSIP NUMBER (213345)
2025	
2026	
2027	
2028	
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