
PRELIMINARY OFFICIAL STATEMENT DATED MARCH 6, 2025

BOOK-ENTRY ONLY

Rating: S&P: Underlying: "A+" (Stable Outlook)
Insured: See "Ratings" herein
BAM Insured

In the opinion of Stevens & Lee, P.C., Reading, Pennsylvania, Bond Counsel, assuming continuing compliance by the Antietam School District, Berks County, Pennsylvania with certain covenants to comply with provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code") and any applicable regulations thereunder, interest on the Bonds is not includable in gross income under Section 103(a) of the Code and interest on the Bonds is not an item of tax preference for purposes of the federal alternative minimum taxes on individuals and corporations; however interest on the Bonds may be subject to the Federal alternative minimum tax on "applicable corporations" as defined in Section 59(k) of the Code. See "Tax MATTERS" in this Official Statement. Other provisions of the Code may affect purchasers and holders of the Bonds. See "Tax MATTERS" herein for a brief description of these provisions. Under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the Bonds and interest on the Bonds shall be free from taxation for State and local purposes within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, but this exemption does not extend to gift, estate, succession or inheritance taxes or any other taxes not levied or assessed directly on the Bonds or the interest thereon. Under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, profits, gains or income derived from the sale, exchange or other disposition of the Bonds shall be subject to State and local taxation within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

\$15,000,000*
ANTIETAM SCHOOL DISTRICT
Berks County, Pennsylvania
General Obligation Bonds, Series of 2025

Dated: Date of Delivery

Due: April 1, as shown on inside cover

Denomination: Integral multiples of \$5,000

Interest Payable: April 1 and October 1

First Interest Payment: October 1, 2025

Form: Book-Entry Only

Legal Investment for Fiduciaries in Pennsylvania: The Bonds (hereinafter defined) are a legal investment for fiduciaries in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania under the Probate, Estate and Fiduciaries Code, Act of June 30, 1972, No. 164, P.L. 508 as amended and supplemented.

Payable: The General Obligation Bonds, Series of 2025, in the aggregate amount of \$15,000,000* (the "Bonds") will be issued as fully registered bonds and when issued, will be registered in the name of and held by Cede & Co., as nominee for The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York ("DTC"). DTC will act as securities depository for the Bonds. Purchases of the Bonds will be made only in book-entry form, and purchasers will not receive certificates representing their interests in the Bonds. So long as DTC, or its nominee, Cede & Co., is the registered owner of the Bonds, payments of the principal of and interest on the Bonds will be made by the Paying Agent directly to Cede & Co. Disbursement of such payments to the DTC Participants is the responsibility of DTC, and disbursement of such payments to Beneficial Owners of the Bonds is the responsibility of the DTC Participants and the Indirect Participants. See "BOOK-ENTRY ONLY SYSTEM" herein.

Optional Redemption: The Bonds are subject to redemption prior to maturity as described herein.

Purpose: Proceeds of the Bonds will be used to provide funds to: (1) fund various capital projects, and (2) pay the costs of issuing and insuring the Bonds.

Security: The Bonds are payable from tax and other general revenues of the Antietam School District, Berks County, Pennsylvania, (the "School District"). The School District has, subject to statutory restrictions and limitations, covenanted that it will provide in its budget in each year, and will appropriate from its general revenues in each such year, the amount of the debt service on the Bonds for such year and will duly and punctually pay or cause to be paid from funds in the sinking fund established in the Resolution or from any other revenues or funds of the School District, and for such budgeting, appropriation and payment the School District irrevocably has, subject to statutory restrictions and limitations, pledged its full faith, credit and taxing power, which taxing power includes the power to levy *ad valorem* taxes on all taxable property with the School District, within limitations provided by law (see "Security for the Bonds" and "Act 1 of Special Session 2006 ("Taxpayer Relief Act") herein).

Bond Insurance: The scheduled payment of principal of and interest on the Bonds when due will be guaranteed under a municipal bond insurance policy to be issued concurrently with the delivery of the Bonds by **Build America Mutual Assurance Company ("BAM")**.



The Bonds are offered for delivery when, as and if issued by the School District and received by the Underwriter and subject to the approving legal opinions of Stevens & Lee, P.C., Reading, Pennsylvania, Pennsylvania, Bond Counsel, to be furnished upon delivery of the Bonds. Certain legal matters will be passed upon by Kozloff Stoudt, Professional Corporation, Wyomissing, Pennsylvania, Solicitor to the School District. FSL Public Finance, LLC, of Reading, Pennsylvania, serves as Financial Advisor to the School District in connection with the issuance of the Bonds. It is expected that the Bonds will be available for delivery through the facilities of DTC, on or about _____, 2025.

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The date of this Official Statement is _____, 2025.

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This Preliminary Official Statement and the information contained herein are subject to completion, amendment or other changes without notice. The Bonds may not be sold nor may offers to buy be accepted prior to the time the Official Statement is delivered in final form. Under no circumstances shall this Preliminary Official Statement constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy, nor shall there be any sale of the Bonds in any jurisdiction in which such offer, solicitation or sale would be unlawful prior to registration or qualification under the applicable securities laws of any such jurisdiction. The Borough has deemed this Preliminary Official Statement to be final for purposes of Rule 15c2-12(b)(1) of the Securities and Exchange Commission, except for certain information which has been omitted in accordance with such Rule and which will be provided in the final Official Statement.

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Maturity Schedule

<u>Payment Date</u>	<u>Principal Amount</u>	<u>Coupon</u>	<u>Yield</u>	<u>Price</u>	<u>CUSIP</u> ⁽¹⁾
2026					037028
2027					037028
2028					037028
2029					037028
2030					037028
2031					037028
2032					037028
2033					037028
2034					037028
2035					037028
2036					037028
2037					037028
2038					037028
2039					037028
2040					037028
2041					037028
2042					037028
2043					037028
2044					037028
2045					037028
2046					037028
2047					037028
2048					037028
2049					037028
2050					037028

(1) The above CUSIP (Committee on Uniform Securities Identification Procedures) numbers have been assigned by an organization not affiliated with the School District and the School District is not responsible for the selection or use of the CUSIP numbers. The CUSIP numbers are included solely for the convenience of bondholders and no representation is made as to the correctness of such CUSIP numbers. CUSIP numbers assigned to securities may be changed during the term of such securities based on a number of factors including, but not limited to, the refunding or defeasance of such issue or the use of secondary market financial products. The School District has not agreed to, and there is no duty or obligation to, update this Official Statement to reflect any change or correction in the CUSIP numbers set forth above.

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No dealer, broker, salesman or other person has been authorized by the School District or the Underwriter to give any information or to make any representation, other than that given or made in this Official Statement, and if given or made, any such other information or representation may not be relied upon as having been authorized by the School District or the Underwriter. This Official Statement does not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy, nor shall there be any sale of the Bonds by any person in any jurisdiction in which it is unlawful for such person to make such offer, solicitation or sale. This Official Statement has been approved by the School District and, while the information set forth in this Official Statement has been furnished by the School District and other sources which are believed to be reliable, such information is not guaranteed as to accuracy or completeness, and is not to be construed as a representation by the Underwriter or, as to information obtained from other sources, by the School District. The information and expressions of opinion set forth in this Official Statement are subject to change without notice and neither the delivery of this Official Statement nor any sale made under this Official Statement shall, under any circumstances, create any implication that the affairs of the School District have remained unchanged since the date of this Official Statement.

IN CONNECTION WITH THIS OFFERING, THE UNDERWRITER MAY OVER-ALLOT OR EFFECT TRANSACTIONS WHICH STABILIZE OR MAINTAIN THE MARKET PRICE OF THE BONDS AND NOTES AT A LEVEL ABOVE THAT WHICH MIGHT OTHERWISE PREVAIL IN THE OPEN MARKET. SUCH STABILIZING, IF COMMENCED, MAY BE DISCONTINUED AT ANY TIME.

THE ORDER AND PLACEMENT OF MATERIALS IN THIS OFFICIAL STATEMENT, INCLUDING THE APPENDICES, ARE NOT TO BE DEEMED A DETERMINATION OF RELEVANCE, MATERIALITY OR IMPORTANCE, AND THIS OFFICIAL STATEMENT, INCLUDING THE APPENDICES MUST BE CONSIDERED IN ITS ENTIRETY. THE OFFERING OF THE BONDS AND NOTES ARE MADE ONLY BY THE MEANS OF THIS ENTIRE OFFICIAL STATEMENT.

THE UNDERWRITER HAS PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING SENTENCE FOR INCLUSION IN THIS OFFICIAL STATEMENT: THE UNDERWRITER HAS REVIEWED THE INFORMATION IN THIS OFFICIAL STATEMENT PURSUANT TO ITS RESPONSIBILITIES TO INVESTORS UNDER THE FEDERAL SECURITIES LAWS, BUT THE UNDERWRITER DOES NOT GUARANTEE THE ACCURACY OR COMPLETENESS OF SUCH INFORMATION.

Build America Mutual Assurance Company (“BAM”) makes no representation regarding the Bonds or the advisability of investing in the Bonds. In addition, BAM has not independently verified, makes no representation regarding, and does not accept any responsibility for the accuracy or completeness of this Official Statement or any information or disclosure contained herein, or omitted herefrom, other than with respect to the accuracy of the information regarding BAM, supplied by BAM and presented under the heading “Bond Insurance” and “Appendix F - Specimen Municipal Bond Insurance Policy”.

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ANTIETAM SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of School Directors

Kyla Ramsey President
Rebecca DiSarro Vice President
Lorraine Storms Treasurer
Jennifer Reeves Secretary (Non-Member)
Wayne Modeste Member
Christopher Faro Member
David Okonski Member
Michael Roberts Member
Amanda Stief Member
Jennifer Ann Miller Member

Administrative Staff

Dr. Timothy Matlack Superintendent
Stacy Stair Director of Finance and Business Services

Bond Counsel

Stevens & Lee, P.C.
Reading, Pennsylvania

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Brian F. Boland, Esquire
Kozloff Stoudt, Professional Corporation
Wyomissing, Pennsylvania

Financial Advisor

FSL Public Finance, LLC
Reading, Pennsylvania

Underwriter

Raymond James & Associates, Inc.
Lancaster, Pennsylvania

Limited Scope Underwriter’s Counsel

McNees Wallace & Nurick LLC
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Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

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100 Antietam Road
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SUMMARY PAGE

This Summary Statement is subject in all respects to more complete information in this Official Statement. No person is authorized to detach this Summary Statement from this Official Statement or otherwise use it without the entire Official Statement. A full review of the entire Official Statement should be made by potential bond purchasers.

Issuer	Antietam School District, Berks County, Pennsylvania.
Bonds	\$15,000,000* aggregate principal amount of General Obligation Bonds, Series of 2025, dated the date of delivery, maturing in various principal amounts (as herein described) April 1, 2026 through 2041 inclusive, with interest payable April 1 and October 1, beginning October 1, 2025. See "DESCRIPTION OF THE BONDS" herein.
Redemption Provisions	The Bonds maturing on or after April 1, 20__, are subject to redemption prior to maturity in whole or, from time to time, in part, in such order of maturity or portion of a maturity as Antietam School District, Berks County, Pennsylvania, (the "School District") shall select and within a maturity by lot, at any time on or after ____, 20__. See "REDEMPTION PROVISIONS" herein.
Form	Book-Entry Only.
Application of Proceeds	Proceeds of the Bonds will be used to provide funds to: (1) fund various capital projects, and (2) pay the costs of issuing and insuring the Bonds.
Security	The Bonds are general obligations of the Issuer, for the payment of which the Issuer has pledged its full faith, credit and taxing power. See "SECURITY FOR THE BONDS" and "TAXING POWERS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT" herein.
Rating	See "MISCELLANEOUS - Ratings" herein.
Bond Insurance	The Bonds carry a municipal bond insurance commitment from BAM, which assures payment of the respective principal and interest to the registered owners of the Bonds. See "BOND INSURANCE" herein.

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OFFICIAL STATEMENT

15,000,000*
ANTIETAM SCHOOL DISTRICT
Berks County, Pennsylvania
General Obligation Bonds, Series of 2025

INTRODUCTION

This Official Statement is furnished by the Antietam School District, Berks County, Pennsylvania (the "School District"), in connection with the offering of its General Obligation Bonds, Series of 2025 in the aggregate principal amount of \$15,000,000* (the "Bonds").

The Bonds are being issued pursuant to a Resolution of the Board of School Directors of the School District, adopted February 24, 2025 (the "Resolution"), and in accordance with the Local Government Unit Debt Act, 53 Pa.C.S. Chs. 80-82 (the "Act").

The Bonds will be issued as fully registered bonds and when issued, will be registered in the name of and held by Cede & Co., as nominee for The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York ("DTC"). DTC will act as securities depository for the Bonds. Purchases of the Bonds will be made only in book-entry form, and purchasers will not receive certificates representing their interests in the Bonds. So long as DTC, or its nominee, Cede & Co., is the registered owner of the Bonds, payments of the principal of and interest on the Bonds will be made by the Paying Agent directly to Cede & Co. Disbursement of such payments to the DTC Participants is the responsibility of DTC, and disbursement of such payments to Beneficial Owners of the Bonds is the responsibility of the DTC Participants and the Indirect Participants. See "DESCRIPTION OF THE BONDS" and "BOOK-ENTRY ONLY SYSTEM" herein.

The information that follows contains summaries of the Resolution, relevant provisions of State and Federal law, the School District's budget and the School District's financial statements. Such summaries do not purport to be complete and reference is made to the Resolution, the School District's budget and the School District's financial statements, copies of which are on file and available for examination at the offices of the School District. Reference is also made to the Bonds and to the actual cited laws and regulations.

PURPOSE OF THE ISSUE

Proceeds of the Bonds will be used to provide funds to: (1) fund various capital projects, and (2) pay the costs of issuing and insuring the Bonds.

SOURCES AND USES OF FUNDS

	<u>Total</u>
Sources of Funds	
Par Amount of the Bonds.	\$
Plus/Less: Net Original Issue Premium/Discount	_____
Total Sources of Funds	\$
Uses of Funds	
Capital Projects	\$
Costs of Issuance (1)	_____
Total Uses of Funds	\$

(1) Includes bond discount, bond insurance premium, legal, printing, rating, paying agent fees, CUSIP and miscellaneous

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DESCRIPTION OF THE BONDS

The Bonds are issued as fully registered Bonds, without coupons, in the denominations of \$5,000 principal amount or any integral multiple thereof. Principal and interest are payable as set forth below.

When issued, the Bonds will be registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee for the Depository Trust Company (“DTC”), New York, New York. Purchasers of the Bonds (the “Beneficial Owners”) will not receive any physical delivery of bond certificates and beneficial ownership of the Bonds will be evidenced only by book entries. See “Book-Entry Only System” herein.

Payment of Principal and Interest

So long as Cede & Co., as nominee of DTC, is the registered owner of the Bonds, payments of principal of and interest on the Bonds, when due, are to be made to DTC and all such payments shall be valid and effective to satisfy fully and to discharge the obligations of the School District with respect to, and to the extent of, principal and interest so paid.

If the use of the Book-Entry Only System for the Bonds is discontinued for any reason, bond certificates will be issued to the Beneficial Owners of the Bonds and payment of principal and interest on the Bonds shall be made as described in the following paragraphs.

Principal of the Bonds will be paid to the registered owners thereof or assigns, when due, upon surrender of the Bonds at the corporate trust office of the Paying Agent located in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania or Buffalo, New York.

Interest on the Bonds is payable to the registered owner of a Bond from the interest payment date next preceding the date of registration and authentication of the Bond, unless: (a) such Bond is registered and authenticated as of an interest payment date, in which event such Bond shall bear interest from said interest payment date, or (b) such Bond is registered after a Record Date (hereinafter defined) and before the next succeeding interest payment date, in which event such Bond shall bear interest from such interest payment date, or (c) such Bond is registered and authenticated on or prior to the Record Date preceding October 1, 2025, in which event such Bond shall bear interest from the date of delivery or, (d) as shown by the records of the Paying Agent, interest on such Bond shall be in default, in which event such Bond shall bear interest from the date on which interest was last paid on such Bond. Interest shall be paid semiannually on April 1 and October 1 of each year, beginning October 1, 2025, until the principal sum is paid at maturity or prior redemption. Interest on each Bond is payable by check drawn on the Paying Agent, which shall be mailed to the registered owner whose name and address shall appear, at the close of business on the fifteenth day (whether or not a business day) next preceding each interest payment date (the "Record Date"), on the registration books maintained by the Paying Agent, irrespective of any transfer or exchange of the Bond subsequent to such Record Date and prior to such interest payment date, unless the School District shall be in default in payment of interest due on such interest payment date. In the event of any such default, such defaulted interest be payable to the person in whose name the Bond is registered at the close of business on a special record date established for the payment of such defaulted interest by notice mailed by the Paying Agent to the registered owners of Bonds not less than ten (10) days preceding such special record date. Such notice shall be mailed to the person in whose names the Bonds are registered at the Close of business on the fifth (5th) day preceding the date of mailing.

If the date for payment of the principal of or interest on any Bonds shall be a Saturday, Sunday, legal holiday or a day on which banking institutions in the Commonwealth are authorized or required by law or executive order to close, then the date for payment of such principal or interest shall be the next succeeding day which is not a Saturday, Sunday, legal holiday or a day on which such banking institutions are authorized or required to close, and payment on such date shall have the same force and effect as if made on the nominal date established for such payment.

Transfer, Exchange and Registration of Bonds

Subject to the provision described below under “Book-Entry Only System,” Bonds are transferable or exchangeable by the registered owners thereof upon surrender of Bonds to the Paying Agent, at its principal corporate trust office, accompanied by a written instrument or instruments in form, with instructions, and with guaranty of signature satisfactory to the Paying Agent, duly executed by the registered owner of such Bond or his attorney-in-fact or legal representative. The Paying Agent shall enter any transfer of ownership of Bonds in the registration books and shall at the earliest practicable time authenticate and deliver in the name of the transferee or transferees a new fully registered Bond or Bonds of authorized denominations of the

same Series, maturity and interest rate for the aggregate principal amount which the registered owner is entitled to receive. The School District and the Paying Agent may deem and treat the registered owner of any Bond as the absolute owner thereof (whether or not a Bond shall be overdue) for the purpose of receiving payment of or on account of principal and interest and for all other purposes, and the School District and the Paying Agent shall not be affected by any notice to the contrary.

The School District and the Paying Agent shall not be required (a) to register the transfer of or exchange any Bonds then considered for redemption during a period beginning at the close of business on the fifteenth (15th) day next preceding any date of selection of Bonds to be redeemed and ending at the close of business on the day on which the applicable notice of redemption is mailed or (b) to register the transfer of or exchange any portion of any Bond selected for redemption until after the redemption date. Bonds may be exchanged for a like aggregate principal amount of Bonds of other authorized denominations of the same series, maturity and interest rate.

BOOK-ENTRY ONLY SYSTEM

The information under this heading has been obtained from materials provided by DTC for such purpose. The School District (herein referred to as the "Issuer") and the Underwriter do not guaranty the accuracy or completeness of such information and such information is not to be construed as a representation of the School District or the Underwriter.

DTC, New York, New York, will act as securities depository for the Bonds. The Bonds will be issued as fully-registered Bonds 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 certificate will be issued for the Bonds of each separate maturity and interest rate, in the aggregate principal amount of such maturity and interest rate, and will be deposited with DTC.

DTC, the world's largest 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 Securities Exchange Act of 1934. 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 registered 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 a Standard & Poor's rating: AA+. The DTC Rules applicable to its Participants are on file with the Securities and Exchange Commission. More information about DTC can be found at www.dtcc.com.

Purchases of the 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 the 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.

Redemption notices will be sent to DTC. If less than all of the Bonds of a maturity are being redeemed, DTC's practice is to determine by lot the amount of the interest of each Direct Participant in such maturity 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 Issuer 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).

Payments of principal, premium, if any, and interest 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 detail information from the Issuer or the Trustee, 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 Issuer or the Trustee, subject to any statutory or regulatory requirements as may be in effect from time to time. Payments of principal, premium, if any, and interest on the Bonds to Cede & Co. (or such other nominee as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC) is the responsibility of the Issuer or the Trustee, 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 Issuer or the Trustee. Under such circumstances, in the event that a successor depository is not obtained, Bond certificates are required to be printed and delivered.

The Issuer may decide to discontinue use of the system of book-entry-only 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 sources that Issuer believes to be reliable, but Issuer takes no responsibility for the accuracy thereof.

Disclaimer of Liability for Failures of DTC

The School District and the Underwriter cannot and do not give any assurances that DTC, the Direct and Indirect Participants or others will distribute payments of principal, interest or premium with respect to the Bonds paid to DTC or its nominee as the owner of Bonds, or will distribute any redemption or other notices, to the Beneficial Owners, or that they will do so on a timely basis or will serve and act in the manner described in this Official Statement. The School District and the Underwriter are not responsible or liable for the failure of DTC or any Participant to make any payment or give any notice to a Beneficial Owner with respect to the Bonds, or any error or delay relating thereto.

REDEMPTION PROVISIONS

Optional Redemption

The Bonds stated to mature on and after April 1, 20__, shall be subject to redemption, prior to maturity, at the option of the School District, in whole or in part, in any order of maturities, at any time on or after _____, _____, at a price equal to 100% of the principal amount of the Bonds to be redeemed and accrued interest thereon to the date fixed for such optional redemption. In the event that less than all of the Bonds of a particular maturity are to be redeemed, the Bonds of such maturity to be redeemed shall be drawn by lot by the Paying Agent.

Mandatory Redemption

The Bonds maturing on April 1, 20__ are term bonds subject to mandatory redemption prior to maturity, drawn by lot by the Trustee, at a redemption price equal to 100% of the principal amount thereof together with accrued interest thereon to the date fixed for redemption, on April 1 of each of the years and in the principal amounts as follows:

<u>Term Bonds Maturing April 1, 20__</u>	
<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>
*	\$

*Principal maturity

In lieu of such Mandatory Redemption, the Paying Agent, on behalf of the School District, may purchase from money in the Sinking Fund, at a price not to exceed the principal amount plus accrued interest, or the School District may tender to the Paying Agent, all or part of the Bonds subject to being drawn for redemption in any such year.

Notice of Redemption

So long as Cede & Co., as nominee of DTC, is the registered owner of the Bonds, however, the School District and the Paying Agent shall send redemption notices only to Cede & Co. See "BOOK-ENTRY ONLY SYSTEM" herein for further information regarding conveyance of notices and Beneficial Owners.

If at the time of mailing of a notice of redemption the School District has not deposited with the Paying Agent (or, in the case of a refunding, with another bank or depository acting as refunding escrow agent) money sufficient to redeem all Bonds called for redemption, the notice of redemption may state that it is conditional, *i.e.*, that it is subject to the deposit of sufficient redemption money with the Paying Agent not later than the opening of business on the redemption date, and such notice shall be of no effect unless such money is so deposited.

Notice of any redemption shall be given by depositing a copy of the redemption notice in first class mail not less than thirty (30) days nor more than sixty (60) days prior to the date fixed for redemption, addressed to each of the registered owners of any certificated Bonds to be redeemed, at the addresses shown on the registration books kept by the Paying Agent as of the date such Bonds are selected for redemption; provided, however, that failure to give such notice by mailing, or any defect therein or in the mailing thereof, shall not affect the validity of any proceeding for redemption of other Bonds so called for redemption as to which proper notice has been given.

On the date designated for redemption, notice having been provided as aforesaid, and money for payment of the principal and interest being held by the Paying Agent, interest on the Bonds or portions thereof so called for redemption shall cease to accrue and such Bonds or portions thereof shall cease to be entitled to any benefit or security under the Resolution, and registered owners of such Bonds or portions thereof so called for redemption shall have no rights with respect thereto, except to receive payment of the principal to be redeemed and accrued interest thereon to the date fixed for redemption.

Manner of Redemption

So long as Cede & Co., nominee of DTC, is the registered owner of the Bonds, however, payment of the redemption price shall be made by Cede & Co. in accordance with the existing arrangements by and among the School District, the Paying Agent and DTC and, if less than all of the Bonds in a particular maturity are to be redeemed, the amount of the interest of each DTC Participant, Indirect Participant and Beneficial Owner on such Bonds to be redeemed shall be determined by the governing arrangements among them, subject to any statutory or regulatory requirements as may be in effect from time to time. See "BOOK-ENTRY ONLY SYSTEM" herein for further information regarding redemption of Bonds registered in the name of Cede & Co.

If a Bond is of a denomination larger than \$5,000, a portion of such Bond may be redeemed. For the purposes of redemption, a Bond shall be treated as representing the number of Bonds that is equal to the principal amount thereof divided by \$5,000, each \$5,000 portion of such Bond being subject to redemption. In the case of partial redemption of a certificated Bond, payment of the redemption price shall be made only upon surrender of such Bond in exchange for certificated Bonds of authorized denominations in an aggregate principal amount equal to the unredeemed portion of the principal amount thereof.

If the redemption date for any Bonds shall be a Saturday, Sunday, legal holiday or on a day on which banking institutions in the Commonwealth are authorized or required by law or executive order to close, then the date for payment of such principal, premium, if any, and interest upon such redemption shall be the next succeeding day which is not a Saturday, Sunday, legal holiday or a day on which such banking institutions are authorized or required to close, and payment on such date shall have the same force and effect as if made on the nominal date of redemption.

SECURITY FOR THE BONDS

The Bonds are general obligations of the School District and are payable from the general taxes and revenues of the School District. The taxing powers of the School District are described more fully herein. The School District has covenanted in the Resolution that it (i) shall include the amount of the debt service to be paid on the Bonds, for each fiscal year of the School District in which such sums are payable, in its budget for that fiscal year, (ii) shall appropriate such amounts from its general revenues for the payment of such debt service, and (iii) shall duly and punctually pay, or cause to be paid from its Sinking Fund (hereinafter defined) or any other of its revenues or funds, the principal of each of the Bonds and the interest thereon on the dates, at the place and in the manner stated in the Bonds, and for such budgeting, appropriation and payment, the School District has irrevocably pledged its full faith, credit and taxing power.

Actions in the Event of Default

In the event the School District defaults in the payment of the principal of or the interest on any of the Bonds after the same shall become due, whether at the stated maturity or upon call for prior redemption, and such default shall continue for thirty days, or if the School District fails to comply with any material provision of the Bonds or the Resolution, the Act provides that the holders of 25% in aggregate principal amount of the Bonds then outstanding may, upon appropriate action, appoint a trustee to represent the Bondholders. The trustee may, and upon request of the holders of 25% in principal amount of the Bonds then outstanding and upon being provided with indemnity satisfactory to it shall, take such action on behalf of the Bondholders as is more specifically set forth in the Act. Such representation by the trustee shall be exclusive.

Security for General Obligation Bonds Under Section 633 of the Public School Code of 1949

Section 633 of the Public School Code of 1949 (Act of March 10, 1949, P.L. 30, as amended by Act 150 of 1975) (the "School Code") presently provides that if any school district fails to pay or to provide for the payment of any indebtedness, at the date of maturity or mandatory redemption, or any interest due on such indebtedness, in accordance with the schedule under which the bonds or notes were issued, the Secretary of Education of the Commonwealth shall notify the board of school directors of its obligation and shall withhold from any Commonwealth appropriation due such school district an amount equal to the sum of such principal amount and shall pay over such amount directly to the bank acting as sinking fund depository for the bond issue.

The withholding provisions of Section 633 are not part of any contract with the registered owners of the Bonds and may be amended or repealed by future legislation. The effectiveness of Section 633 may be limited by the application of other withholding provisions contained in the Public School Code, such as provisions for withholding and paying over of appropriations for payment of unpaid teachers' salaries. Enforcement may also be limited by bankruptcy, insolvency, or other laws or equitable principles affecting the enforcement of creditors' rights generally.

BOND INSURANCE

BOND INSURANCE POLICY

Concurrently with the issuance of the Bonds, Build America Mutual Assurance Company ("BAM") will issue its Municipal Bond Insurance Policy for the Bonds (the "Policy"). The Policy guarantees the scheduled payment of principal of and interest on the Bonds when due as set forth in the form of the Policy included as an exhibit to this Official Statement.

The Policy is not covered by any insurance security or guaranty fund established under New York, California, Connecticut or Florida insurance law.

BUILD AMERICA MUTUAL ASSURANCE COMPANY

BAM is a New York domiciled mutual insurance corporation and is licensed to conduct financial guaranty insurance business in all fifty states of the United States and the District of Columbia. BAM provides credit enhancement products to issuers in the U.S. public finance markets. BAM will only insure municipal bonds, as defined in Section 6901 of the New York Insurance Law, which are most often issued by states, political subdivisions, integral parts of states or political subdivisions or entities otherwise eligible for the exclusion of income under section 115 of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. No member of BAM is liable for the obligations of BAM.

The address of the principal executive offices of BAM is: 200 Liberty Street, 27th Floor, New York, New York 10281, its telephone number is: 212-235-2500, and its website is located at: www.bambonds.com.

BAM is licensed and subject to regulation as a financial guaranty insurance corporation under the laws of the State of New York and in particular Articles 41 and 69 of the New York Insurance Law.

BAM's financial strength is rated "AA/Stable" by S&P Global Ratings, a business unit of Standard & Poor's Financial Services LLC ("S&P"). An explanation of the significance of the rating and current reports may be obtained from S&P at <https://www.spglobal.com/en/>. The rating of BAM should be evaluated independently. The rating reflects S&P's current assessment of the creditworthiness of BAM and its ability to pay claims on its policies of insurance. The above rating is not a recommendation to buy, sell or hold the Bonds, and such rating is subject to revision or withdrawal at any time by S&P, including withdrawal initiated at the request of BAM in its sole discretion. Any downward revision or withdrawal of the above rating may have an adverse effect on the market price of the Bonds. BAM only guarantees scheduled principal and scheduled interest payments payable by the issuer of the Bonds on the date(s) when such amounts were initially scheduled to become due and payable (subject to and in accordance with the terms of the Policy), and BAM does not guarantee the market price or liquidity of the Bonds, nor does it guarantee that the rating on the Bonds will not be revised or withdrawn.

Capitalization of BAM

BAM's total admitted assets, total liabilities, and total capital and surplus, as of December 31, 2024 and as prepared in accordance with statutory accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the New York State Department of Financial Services were \$498.6 million, \$253.4 million and \$245.2 million, respectively.

BAM is party to a first loss reinsurance treaty that provides first loss protection up to a maximum of 15% of the par amount outstanding for each policy issued by BAM, subject to certain limitations and restrictions.

BAM's most recent Statutory Annual Statement, which has been filed with the New York State Insurance Department and posted on BAM's website at www.bambonds.com, is incorporated herein by reference and may be obtained, without charge, upon request to BAM at its address provided above (Attention: Finance Department). Future financial statements will similarly be made available when published.

BAM makes no representation regarding the Bonds or the advisability of investing in the Bonds. In addition, BAM has not independently verified, makes no representation regarding, and does not accept any responsibility for the accuracy or completeness of this Official Statement or any information or disclosure contained herein, or omitted herefrom, other than with respect to the accuracy of the information regarding BAM, supplied by BAM and presented under the heading "BOND INSURANCE".

Additional Information Available from BAM

Credit Insights Videos. For certain BAM-insured issues, BAM produces and posts a brief Credit Insights video that provides a discussion of the obligor and some of the key factors BAM's analysts and credit committee considered when approving the credit for insurance. The Credit Insights videos are easily accessible on BAM's website at <https://bambonds.com/insights/#video>. (The preceding website address is provided for convenience of reference only. Information available at such address is not incorporated herein by reference.)

Credit Profiles. Prior to the pricing of bonds that BAM has been selected to insure, BAM may prepare a pre-sale Credit Profile for those bonds. These pre-sale Credit Profiles provide information about the sector designation (e.g. general obligation, sales tax); a preliminary summary of financial information and key ratios; and demographic and economic data relevant to the obligor, if available. Subsequent to closing, for any offering that includes bonds insured by BAM, any pre-sale Credit Profile will be updated and superseded by a final Credit Profile to include information about the gross par insured by CUSIP, maturity and coupon. BAM pre-sale and final Credit Profiles are easily accessible on BAM's website at <https://bambonds.com/credit-profiles>. BAM will produce a Credit Profile for all bonds insured by BAM, whether or not a pre-sale Credit Profile has been prepared for such bonds. (The preceding website address is provided for convenience of reference only. Information available at such address is not incorporated herein by reference.)

Disclaimers. The Credit Profiles and the Credit Insights videos and the information contained therein are not recommendations to purchase, hold or sell securities or to make any investment decisions. Credit-related and other analyses and statements in the Credit Profiles and the Credit Insights videos are statements of opinion as of the date expressed, and BAM assumes no responsibility to update the content of such material. The Credit Profiles and Credit Insight videos are prepared by BAM; they have not been reviewed or approved by the issuer of or the underwriter for the Bonds, and the issuer and underwriter assume no responsibility for their content.

BAM receives compensation (an insurance premium) for the insurance that it is providing with respect to the Bonds. Neither BAM nor any affiliate of BAM has purchased, or committed to purchase, any of the Bonds, whether at the initial offering or otherwise.

BONDHOLDER CONSIDERATIONS

The Bonds, like all investment securities, carry a risk of loss of the investment, in whole or in part. This Official Statement does not purport to describe all of the risks of an investment in the Bonds; both the School District and the Underwriter disclaims any responsibility to advise prospective investors of such risks either as they may exist at the date of dissemination of this Official Statement or as they may appear or change from time to time in the future. Prospective purchasers of the Bonds should consult their own legal and tax advisors as to the risks associated with an investment in the Bonds, their ability to bear a loss from an investment in the Bonds and the suitability of investing in the Bonds, in light of their particular, individual circumstances. Prospective purchasers should carefully consider the matters described below, as well as all the information contained within this entire Official Statement inclusive of its Appendices.

Bond Insurance Risk Factors

In the event of default of the payment of principal or interest with respect to the Bonds when all or some becomes due, any owner of the Bonds shall have a claim under the applicable Bond Insurance Policy (the "Policy") for such payments. However, in the event of any acceleration of the due date of such principal by reason of mandatory or optional redemption or acceleration resulting from default or otherwise, other than any advancement of maturity pursuant to a mandatory sinking fund payment, the payments are to be made in such amounts and at such times as such payments would have been due had there not been any such acceleration. The Policy does not insure against redemption premium, if any. The payment of principal and interest in connection with mandatory or optional prepayment of the Bonds by the School District which is recovered by the School District from the bond owner as a voidable preference under applicable bankruptcy law is covered by the insurance policy, however, such payments will be made by the Insurer at such time and in such amounts as would have been due absent such prepayment by the School District unless the Bond Insurer chooses to pay such amounts at an earlier date.

Under most circumstances, default of payment of principal and interest does not obligate acceleration of the obligations of the Bond Insurer without appropriate consent. The Bond Insurer may direct and must consent to any remedies that the Paying Agent exercises and the Bond Insurer's consent may be required in connection with amendments to the applicable agreements.

In the event the Bond Insurer is unable to make payment of principal and interest as such payments become due under the Policy, the Bonds are payable solely from the moneys received by the Paying Agent pursuant to the applicable agreements. In the event the Bond Insurer becomes obligated to make payments with respect to the Bonds, no assurance is given that such event will not adversely affect the market price of the Bonds or the marketability (liquidity) for the Bonds.

The long-term ratings on the Bonds are dependent in part on the financial strength of the Bond Insurer and its claim paying ability. The Bond Insurer's financial strength and claims paying ability are predicated upon a number of factors which could change over time. No assurance is given that the long-term ratings of the Bond Insurer and of the ratings on the Bonds insured by the Bond Insurer will not be subject to downgrade and such event could adversely affect the market price of the Bonds or the marketability (liquidity) for the Bonds. See description under "**RATINGS**" herein.

The obligations of the Bond Insurer are general obligations of the Bond Insurer and in an event of default by the Bond Insurer, the remedies available to the Paying Agent may be limited by applicable bankruptcy law or other similar laws related to insolvency.

Neither the School District or Underwriter has made independent investigation into the claims paying ability of the Bond Insurer and no assurance or representation regarding the financial strength or projected financial strength of the Bond Insurer is given.

Cybersecurity

The School District, like other public and private entities, relies on computer and other digital networks and systems to conduct its operations. As a recipient and provider of personal, private or other electronic sensitive information, the School District may be the subject of cyber threats including, but not limited to, hacking, viruses, malware and other attacks on computer and other sensitive digital networks and systems. Entities or individuals may attempt to gain unauthorized remote access to the School District's systems for the purposes of misappropriating assets or information or causing operational disruption or damage, or demanding ransom for restored access to files or information. The School District has never had a material cyber breach or a cyber breach that resulted in a financial loss. No assurance can be given that the School District's current efforts to manage cyber threats and security will, in all cases, be successful. The School District cannot predict what future cyber security events may occur and what impact said events could have on its operations or finances. In addition to the various processes in place to safeguard against cyber security attacks, the School District also maintains a comprehensive insurance policy which includes privacy liability, cyber incident response, data breach, network security, internet media and network extortion coverages.

The School District relies on other entities and service providers in the course of operating the School District, including its accountants, attorneys, the trustee, and banks, as well as vendors with respect to outsourced critical digital network operations and functions. No assurance can be given that future cyber threats and attacks against other third party entities or service providers will not impact the School District, including the possibility of impacting the timely payments of debt service on the Bonds or timely filings pursuant to the Continuing Disclosure Certificate.

Climate Change

Numerous scientific studies have detailed changing global weather patterns and the potential for increasing extreme weather events across the world. The School District cannot predict the timing, extent, or severity of climate change and its impact on its operations and finances. The School District has not experienced increases in extreme weather events, but has established reserves to address severe weather disasters and maintains a comprehensive insurance policy.

Risk of Audit by Internal Revenue Service

The Internal Revenue Service has an ongoing program of auditing tax-exempt obligations to determine whether, in the view of the Internal Revenue Service, interest on such tax-exempt obligations is includible in the gross income of the owners thereof for federal income tax purposes. No assurances can be given as to whether or not the Internal Revenue Service will commence an audit of the Bonds. If an audit is commenced, under current procedures the Internal Revenue Service is likely to treat the School District as the taxpayer and Bond purchasers may have no right to participate in such procedure. None of the School District, the Underwriter or Bond Counsel is obligated to defend the tax-exempt status of the Bonds on behalf of the Bond purchasers, nor to pay or reimburse the cost of any Bond purchaser with respect to any audit or litigation relating to the Bonds. See "**TAX MATTERS**" herein.

TAX EXEMPTION

Federal Tax Matters

Numerous provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “Code”), affect the issuers of state and local government bonds, such as the School District, and impair or restrict the ability of the School District to finance projects on a tax-exempt basis. Failure on the part of the School District to comply with any one or more of such provisions of the Code, or any regulations under the Code, could render interest on the Bonds includable in the gross income of the owners thereof for purposes of federal income tax retroactively to the date of issuance of the Bonds. Among these provisions are more restrictive rules relating to: (a) investment of funds treated as proceeds of the Bonds; (b) the prohibition on advance refunding of tax-exempt bonds; and (c) the use of proceeds of the Bonds to benefit private activities. In addition, under the Code, the School District is required to file an information return with respect to the Bonds and, if applicable, to “rebate” to the federal government certain arbitrage profits on an ongoing basis throughout the term of the issue constituting the Bonds. Bond Counsel has not undertaken to determine (or to inform any person) whether any action taken (or not taken) or events occurring (or not occurring) after the date of issuance of the Bonds may affect the tax status of interest on the Bonds.

Other provisions of the Code affect the purchasers and holders of certain state and local government bonds such as the Bonds. Prospective purchasers of the Bonds should be aware that: (i) Section 265 of the Code denies a deduction for interest on indebtedness incurred or continued to purchase or carry certain state or local government bonds, such as the Bonds, or, in the case of a financial institution, that portion of a financial institution’s interest expense allocated to interest on certain state or local government bonds, such as the Bonds, unless the issuer of the state or local government bonds designates the bonds as “qualified tax-exempt obligations” for the purpose and effect contemplated by Section 265(b)(3)(B) of the Code (the School District has designated the Bonds as “qualified tax exempt obligations” under Section 265(b)(3)(B) of the Code, as such phrase is defined in the Code); (ii) with respect to insurance companies subject to the tax imposed by Section 831 of the Code, Section 832(b)(5)(B)(i) of the Code reduces the deduction for loss reserves by 15% of the sum of certain items, including interest and amounts treated as such on certain state or local government bonds, such as the Bonds; (iii) interest on certain state or local government bonds, such as the Bonds, earned by certain foreign corporations doing business in the United States could be subject to a branch profits tax imposed by Section 884 of the Code, (iv) if a Subchapter S corporation has passive investment income (which passive investment income will include interest on state and local government bonds such as the Bonds) exceeding 25% of such Subchapter S corporation’s gross receipts and if such Subchapter S corporation has Subchapter “C” earnings and profits, then interest income derived from state and local government bonds, such as the Bonds, may be subject to federal income tax under the Code; and (v) Section 86 of the Code requires recipients of certain Social Security and certain Railroad Retirement benefits to take into account, in determining gross income, receipts or accruals of interest on certain state or local government bonds such as the Bonds.

From time to time, there are legislative proposals in Congress that, if enacted, could alter or amend the federal tax matters referred to above or adversely affect the market value of the Bonds. Various legislative proposals have been submitted to Congress during the last several years, which if enacted, would limit for certain individual taxpayers the value of certain deductions and exclusions, including the exclusion for tax exempt interest. If enacted into law, such proposals may cause interest on the Bonds to be subject, directly or indirectly, to federal income taxation or otherwise prevent owners of the Bonds from realizing the full current benefit of the tax status of such interest. The introduction or enactment of any such legislative proposals may also affect the market price for, or marketability of, the Bonds.

No prediction is made whether these provisions will be enacted as proposed or concerning other future legislation which if passed might have the effect on the tax treatment of interest on the Bonds. Bond Counsel expresses no opinion regarding any pending or proposed federal tax legislation. Bond Counsel will render its opinion as of the issue date, and will assume no obligation to update its opinions after the issue date to reflect any future facts or circumstances, or any future changes in law or interpretation, or otherwise. Moreover, the opinion of Bond Counsel is only an opinion and not a warranty or guaranty of the matters discussed. Bond Counsel has no obligation to provide updated information concerning pending or future legislation. The School District does not have any obligation to provide updated information concerning pending or future legislation. Each purchaser of the Bonds should consult his or her own tax advisor regarding any pending or proposed federal tax legislation. **PROSPECTIVE PURCHASERS OF THE BONDS SHOULD CONSULT THEIR OWN TAX ADVISERS REGARDING ANY PROPOSED FEDERAL TAX LEGISLATION, AS TO WHICH BOND COUNSEL EXPRESSES NO OPINION.**

The opinion of Bond Counsel is based on current legal authority, covers certain matters not directly addressed by such authorities, and represents Bond Counsel's judgment as to the proper treatment of the Bonds for federal income tax purposes. It is not binding on the Internal Revenue Service or the courts.

Bond Counsel's engagement with respect to the Bonds ends with the issuance of the Bonds.

Tax Exemption

In the opinion of Bond Counsel, assuming continuing compliance by the School District with certain certifications and agreements relating to the use of Bond proceeds and covenants to comply with provisions of the Code and any applicable regulations thereunder, now or hereafter enacted, interest on the Bonds is not includable in the gross income of the holders of the Bonds under Section 103(a) of the Code and interest on the Bonds is not an item of tax preference for purposes of the federal alternative minimum taxes on individuals and corporations; however such interest is taken into account in determining the annual adjusted financial statement income of applicable corporations (as defined in Section 59(k) of the Code) for the purpose of computing the alternative minimum tax imposed on corporations. Other provisions of the Code will affect certain purchasers and holders of the Bonds. See "Federal Tax Laws" above.

The School District has designated and determined under and for purposes of Section 265(b)(3)(B) of the Code to qualify each of the Bonds as a "qualified tax-exempt obligation" as such phrase is defined in the Code.

In the opinion of Bond Counsel under the laws of the Commonwealth, the Bonds and interest on the Bonds shall be free from taxation for State and local purposes within the Commonwealth, but this exemption shall not extend to gift, estate, succession or inheritance taxes or any other taxes not levied directly on the Bonds or the interest thereon. Under the laws of the Commonwealth, profits, gains or income derived from the sale, exchange or other disposition of the Bonds are subject to State and local taxation within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

The School District will issue its certificate regarding the facts, estimates and circumstances in existence on the date of delivery of the Bonds and regarding the anticipated use of the proceeds of the Bonds. The School District will certify that, on the basis of the facts, estimates and circumstances in existence on the date of issuance of the Bonds, the School District does not reasonably expect to use the proceeds of the Bonds in a manner that would cause the Bonds to be or become "arbitrage bonds" or "private activity bonds" as those terms are defined in Section 148 and Section 141 of the Code.

THE ABOVE SUMMARY OF POSSIBLE TAX CONSEQUENCES IS NOT EXHAUSTIVE OR COMPLETE. ALL PURCHASERS OF THE BONDS SHOULD CONSULT THEIR TAX ADVISORS REGARDING THE POSSIBLE FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL INCOME TAX CONSEQUENCES OF OWNERSHIP OF THE BONDS. ANY STATEMENTS REGARDING TAX MATTERS HEREIN CANNOT BE RELIED UPON BY ANY PERSON TO AVOID TAX PENALTIES.

CONTINUING DISCLOSURE UNDERTAKING

In accordance with the requirement of Rule 15c2-12 (the "Rule") of the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC"), the School District (being an "obligated person" with respect to the Bonds, within the meaning of the Rule), will agree to provide certain financial information and operating data to the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board (the "MSRB") in an electronic format as prescribed by the MSRB, either directly, or indirectly through a designated agent, as set forth in its Continuing Disclosure Certificate substantially in the form attached hereto as Appendix E.

With respect to the filing of annual financial information and operating data, the School District reserves the right to modify from time to time the specific types of information and data provided or the format of the presentation of such information to the extent necessary or appropriate as a result of a change in legal requirements or a change in the nature of the School District or its operations or financial reporting, but the School District will agree that any such modification will be done in a manner consistent with the Rule.

The School District is required to give notice of certain events as set forth in the Continuing Disclosure Certificate (not all of which will be relevant to the School District). The School District may from time to time choose to file notice of other events in addition to those specified in the Continuing Disclosure Certificate.

The School District acknowledges that its undertaking pursuant to the Rule described herein and in the Continuing Disclosure Certificate is intended to be for the benefit of the holders and beneficial owners of the Bonds and shall be enforceable by the holder and beneficial owner of the Bonds, but the right of the holders and beneficial owners of the Bonds to enforce the provisions of the School District’s continuing disclosure undertaking shall be limited to a right to obtain specific enforcement, and any failure by the School District to comply with the provisions of the undertaking shall not be an event of default with respect to the Bonds.

The School District’s obligations with respect to continuing disclosure described herein shall terminate upon the prior defeasance, redemption or payment in full of all of the Bonds or if and when the School District is no longer an “obligated person” with respect to the Bonds, within the meaning of the Rule.

The MSRB has been designated by the SEC to be the central and sole repository for continuing disclosure information filed by issuers of municipal securities since July 1, 2009. Information and notices filed by municipal issuers (and other defined “obligated persons”) with respect to municipal securities issues) are made available through the MSRB’s Electronic Municipal Market Access (EMMA) System, which may be accessed on the internet at <http://www.emma.msrb.org>.

The School District has previously entered into Continuing Disclosure Agreements with respect to each one of its previously issued bond issues that are currently outstanding. The School District’s filing history of its annual financial and operating information during the past five (5) years is outlined in the following table.

Fiscal Year	Filing	Filing Dates		
		Audit	Operating Data	Budget
<u>Ending</u> 6/30/2024	<u>Due Date</u> 2/25/2025	2/26/2025 ⁽¹⁾	1/14/2025	1/14/2025
6/30/2023	2/25/2024	3/13/2024 ⁽²⁾	2/06/2024	2/06/2024
6/30/2022	2/25/2023	3/27/2023	3/22/2023 ⁽³⁾	3/22/2023 ⁽³⁾
6/30/2021	2/25/2022	2/08/2022	2/08/2022	2/08/2022
6/30/2020	12/27/2020	1/27/2021 ⁽⁴⁾	2/3/2021 ⁽⁴⁾	2/16/2021 ⁽⁵⁾

⁽¹⁾The School District failed to timely file, a "Failure to Timely File Notice" was filed to EMMA on 2/26/2025.

⁽²⁾The School District failed to timely file, a "Failure to Timely File Notice" was filed to EMMA on 4/16/2024.

⁽³⁾The School District failed to timely file, a "Failure to Timely File Notice" was filed to EMMA on 4/16/2024.

⁽⁴⁾The School District failed to timely file its Audits, the 2020 Budget and a portion of its operating data, the missing operating data was fulfilled in the 2020 & 2021 operating data filings. A "Failure to Timely File Notice" was filed to EMMA on 2/9/2021.

⁽⁵⁾The School District failed to timely file, a "Failure to Timely File Notice" was filed to EMMA on 4/16/2024.

The School District has reasonable procedures in place designed to ensure ongoing timely filings of its material continuing disclosure requirements.

MISCELLANEOUS

No Litigation

As a condition of settlement for the Bonds, the School District and its Solicitor will deliver a certificate stating that there is no litigation, of any nature, pending or threatened against the School District to restrain or enjoin the issuance, sale, execution or delivery of the Bonds, or if any such litigation is pending or threatened, an opinion of counsel satisfactory to the Underwriter that any such litigation is without merit.

Legal Opinion

The issuance and delivery of the Bonds is subject to delivery of the unqualified approving legal opinion of Stevens & Lee, P.C., Reading, Pennsylvania, Pennsylvania, Bond Counsel. Certain other legal matters will be passed upon for the School District by Kozloff Stoudt, Professional Corporation, Wyomissing, Pennsylvania, Pennsylvania, Solicitor to the School District.

Rating

S&P Global Ratings, a business unit of Standard & Poor's Financial Services LLC ("S&P") is expected to assign its municipal Bond rating to this issue of Bonds with the understanding that upon delivery of the Bonds, a municipal Bond insurance policy insuring the payment when due of the principal of and interest on the Bonds will be issued by BAM. Currently, BAM's financial strength is rated "AA" (stable outlook) by S&P. S&P has also assigned the School District an underlying rating of "A+" (stable outlook). This underlying rating may be changed, suspended or withdrawn as a result in, or unavailability of, information.

The above rating are not recommendations to buy, sell or hold the Bonds, and such rating may be subject to revision or withdrawal at any time by the rating agencies. Any downward revision or withdrawal of any of the above ratings may have an adverse effect on the market price of the Bonds. See "**BOND INSURANCE**" herein.

Bond Insurance Risk Factors

The Issuer has applied for bond insurance policy to guarantee the scheduled payment of principal and interest on the Bonds. The Issuer has yet to determine whether an insurance policy will be purchased with the Bonds. If an insurance policy is purchased, the following are risk factors relating to bond insurance.

In the event of default of the payment of principal or interest with respect to the Bonds when all or some becomes due, any owner of the Bonds shall have a claim under the applicable bond insurance policy (the "Policy") for such payments. However, in the event of any acceleration of the due date of such principal by reason of mandatory or optional redemption or acceleration resulting from default or otherwise, other than any advancement of maturity pursuant to a mandatory sinking fund payment, the payments are to be made in such amounts and at such times as such payments would have been due had there not been any such acceleration. The Policy does not insure against redemption premium, if any. The payment of principal and interest in connection with mandatory or optional prepayment of the Bonds by the School District which is recovered by the School District from the bond owner as a voidable preference under applicable bankruptcy law is covered by the Policy, however, such payments will be made by the Insurer at such time and in such amounts as would have been due absent such prepayment by the School District unless the bond insurer chooses to pay such amounts at an earlier date.

Under most circumstances, default of payment of principal and interest does not obligate acceleration of the obligations of the bond insurer without appropriate consent. The bond insurer may direct and must consent to any remedies that the Paying Agent exercises and the bond insurer's consent may be required in connection with amendments to the applicable Agreements or Resolution.

In the event the bond insurer is unable to make payment of principal and interest as such payments become due under the Policy, the Bonds are payable solely from the moneys received by the Paying Agent pursuant to the applicable agreements. In the event the bond insurer becomes obligated to make payments with respect to the Bonds, no assurance is given that such event will not adversely affect the market price of the Bonds or the marketability (liquidity) for the Bonds.

The long-term ratings on the Bonds are dependent in part on the financial strength of the bond insurer and its claim paying ability. The bond insurer's financial strength and claims paying ability are predicated upon a number of factors which could change over time. No assurance is given that the long-term ratings of the bond insurer and of the ratings on the Bonds insured by the bond insurer will not be subject to downgrade and such event could adversely affect the market price of the Bonds or the marketability (liquidity) for the Bonds. See description of RATING herein.

The obligations of the bond insurer are general obligations of the bond insurer and in an event of default by the bond insurer, the remedies available to the Paying Agent may be limited by applicable bankruptcy law or other similar laws related to insolvency.

Neither the School District or Underwriter have made independent investigation into the claims paying ability of the bond insurer and no assurance or representation regarding the financial strength or projected financial strength of the bond insurer is given.

Underwriting

Raymond James & Associates, Inc., Lancaster, Pennsylvania (the “Underwriter”) subject to certain conditions, has purchased the Bonds from the School District at a purchase price of \$ _____ (representing the par amount of the Bonds of \$ _____, [plus/minus] an original issue premium [discount] of \$ _____, less an underwriting discount of \$ _____). The Underwriter's obligations are subject to certain conditions precedent; however, the Underwriter will be obligated to purchase all such Bonds on the Delivery Date if any such Bonds are purchased. The Bonds may be offered and sold to certain dealers (including dealers depositing such bonds into investment trusts) at prices lower than such public offering prices, and such public offering prices may be changed, from time to time, by the Underwriter.

The Underwriter and its respective affiliates are full-service financial institutions engaged in various activities that may include securities trading, commercial and investment banking, municipal advisory, brokerage, and asset management. In the ordinary course of business, the Underwriter and its respective affiliates may actively trade debt and, if applicable, equity securities (or related derivative securities) and provide financial instruments (which may include bank loans, credit support or interest rate swaps). The Underwriter and its respective affiliates may engage in transactions for their own accounts involving the securities and instruments made the subject of this securities offering or other offering of the School District. The Underwriter and its respective affiliates may also communicate independent investment recommendations, market color or trading ideas and publish independent research views in respect of this securities offering or other offerings of the School District. The Underwriter and its respective affiliates may make a market in credit default swaps with respect to municipal securities in the future.

Financial Advisor

FSL Public Finance, LLC, Reading, Pennsylvania, has served as financial advisor (the “Financial Advisor”) to the School District in connection with the issuance and sale of the Bonds. The Financial Advisor is not obligated to undertake, and has not undertaken to make, an independent verification, or to assume responsibility for the accuracy, completeness, or fairness of the information contained in this Official Statement. FSL Public Finance, LLC is an independent financial advisory firm and is not engaged in the business of underwriting, trading or distributing municipal securities or other public securities.

Paying Agent

The principal of the Bonds will be payable, when due, upon presentation and surrender of the Bonds at the principal corporate trust office of Manufacturers and Traders Trust Company, located in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. Interest on the Bonds will be paid by check mailed by the Paying Agent to the registered owners of the Bonds. (See "DESCRIPTION OF THE BONDS" supra.)

Certain Relationships Among The Parties

In this transaction, Stevens & Lee, P.C., is serving as Bond Counsel to the School District. Stevens & Lee, P.C., from time to time has been engaged by Raymond James & Associates, Inc. to act as counsel in transactions that are unrelated to the Bonds (and may be so engaged currently or in the future).

FSL Public Finance, LLC, an affiliated business of Stevens & Lee, P.C., Bond Counsel, is serving as financial advisor to the School District in connection with the authorization and issuance of the Bonds.

Other

All references to the provisions of the Act, the Bonds, the Resolution and legal opinions and all documents and certificates delivered at settlement for the Bonds described in this Official Statement are made subject to all the specific provisions thereof, to which reference is hereby made for further information, and this Official Statement does not purport to be a complete statement of any or all such provisions.

All information, estimates and assumptions herein have been obtained from officials of the School District, other governmental bodies, trade and statistical services, and other sources that are believed to be reliable; but no representations whatsoever are made that such estimates or assumptions are correct or will be realized. So far as any statements herein involve matters of opinion, whether or not expressly so stated, they are intended as such and not representations of fact.

Use of the words “shall,” “will,” “must,” or other words of similar import or meaning in summaries of documents or law in this Official Statement to describe future events of continuing obligations is not intended as a representation that such event will occur or such obligations will be fulfilled, but only that the document or law requires or contemplates such event to occur or such obligation to be fulfilled.

The School District has authorized the distribution of this Official Statement.

ANTIETAM SCHOOL DISTRICT
Berks County, Pennsylvania

By: _____
Kyla Ramsey, President of the
Board of School Directors

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APPENDIX A

**Summaries of
Financial Factors of
The School District**

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

The following Exhibit on page A-3 is a summary only and is not intended to be a complete report. For more complete information, the individual financial statements and the 2024 and 2025 Budgets of the School District should be reviewed at the School District's Business Office, Reading, Pennsylvania.

Review of Recent General Fund Audited Financial Statements and Budgets

The exhibit on page A-3 is a summary of the School District's 2018-19 through 2023-24 General Fund audited statements of revenues and expenditures and budgets for the 2023-24 and 2024-25 fiscal years. The figures have been arranged in a form believed to be convenient for the purposes of this Official Statement.

Accounting Method

The School District keeps its books and prepares its financial reports according to a modified accrual basis. Major accrual items are payroll taxes and pension fund contributions payable, loans receivable from other funds, and revenues receivable from other governmental units. Its financial statements are audited annually by a firm of independent certified public accountants, as required by State law. The firm of Herbein+Company, Inc., Certified Public Accountants, Reading, Pennsylvania serves as the School District auditor.

Budgeting Process in School Districts under the Taxpayer Relief Act

In General. School districts budget and expend funds according to procedures mandated by the Pennsylvania Department of Education. An annual operating budget is prepared by school district administrative officials on a uniform form furnished by such Department and submitted to the board of school directors for approval prior to the beginning of the fiscal year on July 1.

Procedures for Adoption of the Annual Budget. Under the Taxpayer Relief Act, all school districts of the first class A, second class, third class and fourth class (except as described below) must adopt a preliminary budget proposal (which must include estimated revenues and expenditures and proposed tax rates) no later than 90 days prior to the date of the election immediately preceding the fiscal year. The preliminary budget proposal must be printed and made available for public inspection at least 20 days prior to its adoption; the board of school directors may hold a public hearing on the budget; and the board must give at least 10 days' public notice of its intent to adopt the final budget.

If the adopted preliminary budget includes an increase in the rate of any tax levy, the preliminary budget must be submitted to the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) no later than 85 days prior to the date of the election immediately preceding the fiscal year. PDE is to compare the proposed percentage increase in the rate of any tax with the school district's Index (*see* "**The Taxpayer Relief Act**" herein) and within 10 days, but not later than 75 days prior to the upcoming election, inform the school district whether the proposed percentage increase is less than or equal to the Index. If PDE determines that a proposed tax increase will exceed the Index, the school district must reduce the proposed tax increase, seek voter approval for the tax increase at the upcoming election, or seek approval to utilize one of the referendum exceptions authorized under The Taxpayer Relief Act.

With respect to the utilization of any of the Taxpayer Relief Act referendum exceptions for which PDE approval is required (*see* "**The Taxpayer Relief Act**" herein), the school district must publish notice of its intent to seek PDE approval not less than one week before submitting its request for approval to PDE and, if PDE determines to schedule a public hearing on the request, a notice of the date, time and place of such hearing. PDE is required by the Taxpayer Relief Act to rule on the school district's request and inform the school district of its decision no later than 55 days prior to the upcoming election so that, if PDE denies the school district's request, the school district may submit a referendum question to the local election officials at least 50 days before the upcoming election, if it so chooses.

To use any of the referendum exceptions for which court approval is required under the Taxpayer Relief Act, the school district must petition the court of common pleas no later than 75 days prior to the upcoming election, after giving one week's public notice of the intent to file such petition. The court may schedule a hearing on the petition, and the school district must prove by clear and convincing evidence that it qualifies for the exception sought. The Taxpayer Relief Act requires that the court rule on the petition and inform the school district of its decision no later than 55 days prior to the upcoming election.

Such Act provides that the court in approving the petition shall determine the dollar amount for which the exception is granted, the tax rate increase required to fund the exception and the appropriate duration of the tax increase. If the court denies the school district's petition, such Act permits the school district to submit a referendum question to the local election officials at least 50 days before the upcoming election, if it so chooses.

If a school district seeks voter approval to increase taxes at a rate higher than the applicable Index, whether or not it first seeks approval to utilize one of the referendum exceptions available under the Taxpayer Relief Act, and the referendum question is not approved by a majority of the voters voting on the question, the board of school directors may not approve an increase in the tax rate greater than the applicable Index.

Simplified Procedures in Certain Cases. The above budgetary procedures will not apply to a school district if the board of school directors adopts a resolution no later than 110 days prior to the election immediately preceding the upcoming fiscal year declaring that it will not increase any tax at a rate that exceeds the Index and that a tax increase at or below the rate of the Index will be sufficient to balance its budget. In that case, the Taxpayer Relief Act requires only that the proposed annual budget be prepared at least 30 days, and made available for public inspection at least 20 days, prior to its adoption, and that at least ten (10) days' public notice be given of the board's intent to adopt the annual budget. No referendum exceptions are available to a school district adopting such a resolution.

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ANTIETAM SCHOOL DISTRICT

**Audited Financial Statements
Budget and Estimated Actual Revenues and Expenditures
(Years ending June 30)**

	For the Year Ending June 30,						
	Audited 2019	Audited 2020	Audited 2021	Audited 2022	Audited 2023	Audited 2024	Budget 2025
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES:							
Revenues							
Local Sources	\$ 11,264,805	\$ 11,517,815	\$ 11,926,938	\$ 12,332,253	\$ 13,114,067	\$ 13,731,117	\$ 13,584,717
State Sources	7,358,582	8,998,763	7,661,590	7,942,014	9,912,597	10,929,890	11,257,159
Federal Sources	402,967	358,240	864,853	1,334,316	2,247,130	1,813,897	739,634
Other	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Revenues	\$ 19,026,354	\$ 20,874,818	\$ 20,453,381	\$ 21,608,583	\$ 25,273,794	\$ 26,474,904	\$ 25,581,510
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES (SOURCES):							
Expenditures							
Instruction	\$ 11,839,001	\$ 12,032,898	\$ 11,839,930	\$ 12,417,538	\$ 12,790,851	\$ 14,990,072	\$ 17,812,496
Support Services	5,785,144	5,692,530	6,091,458	6,283,676	7,399,412	8,175,298	8,257,502
Non Instructional Services	401,673	396,011	335,081	435,727	473,817	506,829	566,359
Debt Service	1,784,717	1,881,811	1,493,383	1,721,822	1,721,797	1,648,738	1,898,722
Capital outlay	0	0	0	0	578,045	806,051	
Principal Paid on Refunded Debt	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Proceeds from Capital Lease	(223,544)	(224,760)	(224,300)	0	0	(50,241)	
Other	<u>75</u>	<u>21,966</u>	<u>6,676</u>	<u>30,409</u>	<u>76,210</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>100,000</u>
Total Expenditures	\$ 19,587,066	\$ 19,800,456	\$ 19,542,228	\$ 20,889,172	\$ 23,040,132	\$ 26,076,747	\$ 28,635,079
Revenues & Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Financing Uses	\$ (560,712)	\$ 1,074,362	\$ 911,153	\$ 719,411	\$ 2,233,662	\$ 398,157	\$ (3,053,569)
FUND BALANCE, BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>4,633,527</u>	<u>4,072,815</u>	<u>5,147,177</u>	<u>6,058,330</u>	<u>6,777,741</u>	<u>9,011,403</u>	<u>10,444,781</u>
INSURANCE RECOVERIES	-	-	-	-	-	5,000,000	-
FUND BALANCE, END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 4,072,815</u>	<u>\$ 5,147,177</u>	<u>\$ 6,058,330</u>	<u>\$ 6,777,741</u>	<u>\$ 9,011,403</u>	<u>\$ 14,409,560</u>	<u>\$ 7,391,212</u>

REVENUE FROM STATE SOURCES

School districts in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania receive, annually, financial assistance from the Pennsylvania Department of Education. The amount of such assistance is based upon (i) the market value of real estate per weighted average daily membership, (ii) income per weighted average daily membership and (iii) the school district's tax effort, all as compared with such figures on a state-wide basis. The basic instructional subsidy received by a School District is calculated by multiplying the number of students in weighted average daily membership by the District's Market Value/Personal Income Aid Ratio and by the factor for educational expense.

Rental and sinking fund reimbursement from the Commonwealth for school projects is determined by the "Reimbursable Percentage" assigned to the school building project and by the school district's "Market Value Aid Ratio" or "Capital Account Reimbursement Factor" ("CARF") whichever is higher. The School District's 2024-25 Market Value Aid Ratio is currently higher at .7460. Most school building projects in Pennsylvania are eligible for state reimbursement. Certain school building projects, such as school administration buildings and vehicle maintenance buildings, are ineligible for reimbursement. A reimbursable percentage, based upon the rated pupil capacity of the new or renovated structure and certain other costs, is assigned to the building project. This reimbursement percentage multiplied by the School District's appropriate Aid Ratio determines the Commonwealth's share of the annual lease rental or debt service for that school year.

SCHOOL DISTRICT PENSION PROGRAM

School Districts in Pennsylvania are required to participate in a statewide pension program administered by the Public School Employees Retirement System (PSERS). All of the School District's full-time employees, par-time employees who work more than 80 days in a school year, and hourly employees who work over 500 hours a year participate in the program. However, please note a Pennsylvania Supreme Court decision has removed the hourly de minimis requirement for current members of PSERS regarding the purchase of credit for their part-time school service rendered prior to their being members of PSERS, for purposes of increasing their pension benefits.

Beginning July 1, 1976, certain revisions were made in the pension program. The Retirement Board, previously under the Department of Education of the Commonwealth, became an independent agency. However, the program is still guaranteed by the Commonwealth. Currently, each party to the program contributes a fixed percentage of the employee's salary. Employees belonging to the Public School Employees Retirement System ("PSERS") prior to July 22, 1983 contribute 5.25% of their salary, and employees who joined the PSERS on or after July 22, 1983 contribute 6.25% of their salary. On February 17, 2002, Governor Ridge signed Act 9 which created a new membership class that sets the employee contribution rate at 7.50% of the employee's salary for those employees hired on or after July 1, 2001. Act 9 also provides an option for those employees hired prior to July 1, 2001 to elect a contribution rate of 6.50%, if they were hired before July 22, 1983, or 7.50% if they were hired on or after July 22, 1983. Act 120 of 2010 was passed by the General Assembly on November 15 and signed by Governor Rendell on November 23, 2010. The benefit reductions contained in this legislation will only impact individuals who become new members of PSERS on or after July 1, 2011. New members will have the option of selecting one of 2 new classes. The members selecting class T-E will contribute a base rate of 7.5% with "shared risk" contribution levels between 7.5% and 9.5% and a pension multiplier of 2.0%. Members selecting class T-F will contribute a base rate of 10.3% with shared risk contribution levels between 10.3% and 12.3% and a pension multiplier of 2.5%. The PSERS Board certified employer rate to be paid by the School District is 33.90% for the 2024-25 fiscal year and 34.00% for the 2025-26 fiscal year. According to Act 120 of 2010 the employer contribution rate is suppressed for future years by using rate caps to keep the rate from rising too high, too fast. Both the School District and the Commonwealth are responsible for paying a portion of the employer's share. School entities are responsible for paying 100% of the employer share of contributions to PSERS. The Commonwealth reimburses the employer for one-half the payment for employees. The School District contributions are made on a quarterly basis and employee contributions are deducted monthly for each paycheck and remitted quarterly. Recent School District payments, net of reimbursement, have been as follows:

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>School District Contribution</u>
2019-20	\$2,514,055
2020-21	2,446,514
2021-22	2,634,755
2022-23	2,781,752
2023-24	2,856,597

The School District is current in all payments.

As of June 30, 2023, the PSERS plan was 63.6% funded, with an unfunded liability of approximately \$42.3 billion. For more information, visit the PSERS website at www.psers.pa.gov, which is not incorporated by specific reference into this Official Statement.

The PSERS financial statements in the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (“CAFR”) are presented in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America as promulgated by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. The Fund’s complete report is available on the PSERS website on the Internet: www.psers.pa.gov.

Source: School District Audit and PSERS

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OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

The School District provides certain health care benefits for its retirees (commonly referred to as “other post-employment benefits” or “OPEB”). The School District annually appropriates funds to meet its obligation to pay such benefits on a “pay-as-you-go” basis, and has not established any fund or irrevocable trust for the accumulation of assets with which to pay such benefits in future years. The School District’s recent annual OPEB costs and net OPEB obligations are shown below:

<u>Fiscal</u> <u>Year</u>	<u>Annual</u> <u>OPEB</u> <u>Cost</u>	<u>Net OPEB</u> <u>Obligation</u>
2019-20	\$119,290	\$1,081,210
2020-21	\$129,841	\$1,291,492
2021-22	\$139,182	\$1,186,682
2022-23	\$117,439	\$940,332
2023-24	\$72,682	\$951,435

There are presently 140 full-time employees of the School District, including 112 teachers and administrators, and 28 full-time support personnel including secretaries, maintenance staff, and cafeteria staff.

The School District’s teachers are represented by the Antietam Education Association, an affiliate of the Pennsylvania State Education Association (PSEA), under a contract with the School District that expires June 30, 2028. Labor relations are currently considered good by School District officials.

SCHOOL DISTRICT FINANCIAL HISTORY

The School District and its predecessors have never defaulted on the payment of lease rentals or debt service.

The status of the School District's present indebtedness is shown in the table entitled "Summary of Long Term Debt, Financial Factors and Pertinent Ratios," in Appendix A.

FUTURE FINANCING

At this time, the School District does anticipate the need for additional financings for capital projects over the next three years.

SCHOOL DISTRICT BORROWING CAPACITY

The borrowing capacity of the School District is calculated in accordance with provisions of the Act, which describes the applicable debt limits for local government units, including school districts and municipalities. Under the Act, the School District may incur electoral debt, which is debt that is approved by a majority of the School District's voters at either a general or special election, in an unlimited amount. Net nonelectoral debt, or debt not approved by the School District's electorate, net of state aid, may not exceed 225% of the School District's "Borrowing Base". The Borrowing Base is calculated as the annual arithmetic average of Total Revenues (as defined in the Act), for the three full fiscal years next preceding the date of incurring debt. Combined net nonelectoral debt and net lease rental debt (debt represented by capital leases and other forms of agreement net of state aid), incurred on behalf of the School District may not exceed 225% of the School District's Borrowing Base. The Borrowing Base and borrowing capacity of the School District are as follows:

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>
Total Revenues	\$ 21,608,583	\$ 25,273,794	\$ 26,732,913
Less: Required Deductions			
(a) Rental and Sinking Fund Reimbursement.....	28,978	144,135	53,699
(b) Revenues for Self-Liquidating Debt.....	0	0	0
(c) Interest Earned on Sinking Funds.....	0	0	0
(d) Grant and Gifts for Capital Projects.....	0	0	0
(e) Sale of Equipment and Non-Recurring Items.....			
Total Deductions.....	<u>\$ 28,978</u>	<u>\$ 144,135</u>	<u>\$ 53,699</u>
Total Revenues	\$ 21,579,605	\$ 25,129,659	\$ 26,679,214
Total Net Revenues for Three Years.....	\$ 73,388,478		
Borrowing Base—Average Net Revenues for Three-Year Period	\$ 24,462,826		

Source: School District Officials.

**DEBT STATEMENT AND BORROWING CAPACITY
(Upon Adoption of Resolution)**

A. ELECTORAL DEBT	\$	0
B. NON-ELECTORAL DEBT		
Computation of Net Non-Electoral Debt		
a. Outstanding Principal		
(including the Bonds).....	\$39,355,000	
b. Less: Deductions (described in the Act)*	<u>0</u>	
c. Net Non-Electoral Debt	\$39,355,000	
C. LEASE RENTAL DEBT		
Computation of Net Lease Rental Debt		
a. Outstanding Principal under Leases	\$	0
b. Less: Deductions (described in the Act)*	<u>0</u>	
c. Net Lease Rental Debt	\$	0
Computation of Non-Electoral Borrowing Capacity		
a. Debt Limit - 225% of Borrowing Base	\$55,041,359	
b. Less: Net Non-Electoral Debt.....	<u>39,355,000</u>	
c. Remaining Borrowing Capacity	\$15,686,359	

*The School District may, at any time, claim a credit against the gross principal of debt outstanding equal to the amount estimated to be reimbursed by State sources.

TAXING POWERS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Subject to certain limitations imposed by the Taxpayer Relief Act, Act No. 1 of the Special Session of 2006 as amended by Act 25 of 2011 (see below), the School District, being a school district of the Third Class, is empowered by the School Code and other statutes to levy the following taxes:

1. An ad valorem tax on all property taxable for school purposes, not to exceed 25 mills on each dollar of assessed valuation, to be used for general school purposes.
2. An unlimited ad valorem which taxing power includes the power to levy ad valorem taxes on all taxable property within the School District, present limited as to rate or amount for such purpose:
 - (a) salaries and increments of the teaching and supervisory staff;
 - (b) rentals due any municipal authority, or non-profit corporation or due the State Public School Building Authority;
 - (c) interest and principal on any indebtedness under the Act or any prior or subsequent act governing the incurrence of indebtedness of the School District; and
 - (d) amortization of bonds to finance construction of school facilities, if issued prior to the first Monday of July, 1959.
3. An annual per capita tax, not to exceed \$5.00, on each resident over 18 years of age.
4. Additional taxes subject to division with other political subdivisions authorized to levy similar taxes on the same person, subject, business, transaction or privilege, under Act No. 511, enacted December 31, 1965, as amended (“The Local Tax Enabling Act”). These taxes, which may include, among others, an additional per capita tax, a wage and other earned income tax, a real estate transfer tax, a gross receipts tax, a local services tax and an occupation tax, shall not exceed, in the aggregate, an amount equal to the product of the market valuation of real estate in the School District (as certified by the State Tax Equalization Board of the Commonwealth – “STEB”) multiplied by twelve mills. All local taxing authorities are required by the Local Tax Enabling Act to exempt disabled veterans and members of the armed forces reserve who are called to active duty at any time during the tax year from any local services tax and to exempt from any local services tax levied at a rate in excess of \$10 those persons whose total income and net profits from all sources within the political subdivision is less than \$12,000 for the tax year. The Local Tax Enabling Act also authorizes, but does not require, taxing authorities to exempt from per capita, occupation, and earned income taxes and any local services tax levied at a rate of \$10 or less per year, any person whose total income from all sources is less than \$12,000 per year.

PENNSYLVANIA ACTS AFFECTING CERTAIN LOCAL TAXING POWERS OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Act 1 of Special Session 2006 (“Taxpayer Relief Act”)

Pennsylvania Act No. 1 of the Special Session of 2006 (“Act 1”), which became effective June 27, 2006 provides, inter alia, that a school district may not, in fiscal year 2007-2008 or in any subsequent fiscal year, levy any tax for the support of the public schools which was not levied in the 2006-2007 fiscal year, raise the rate of any earned income and net profits tax if already imposed under the authority of the Local Tax Enabling Act (Act 511), or increase the rate of any tax for school purposes by more than the Index (defined below), unless in each case either (a) such increase is approved by the voters in the school district at a public referendum or (b) one of the exceptions provided therein. On June 30, 2011, the General Assembly adopted legislation (Act 25 of 2011) amending Act 1 eliminating several exceptions previously permitted under Act 1 and providing for the rescission of certain prior approved referendum exceptions for disaster/emergency costs, implementation of a court order, school construction and non-academic school construction (effective after the last payment of principal and interest on debt incurred to finance same). (Act 1 together with Act 25 of 2011 will hereinafter be referred to as the “Taxpayer Relief Act”). The exceptions available under The Taxpayer Relief Act are summarized as follows:

1. to pay interest and principal on indebtedness incurred (i) prior to September 4, 2004, in the case of a school district which had elected to become subject to the provisions of the prior Homeowner Tax Relief Act, Act 72 of 2004, or (ii) prior to June 27, 2006, in the case of a school district which had not elected to become subject to Act 72 of 2004 (the School District did not so elect); to pay interest and principal on any indebtedness approved by the voters at referendum;

2. to pay costs incurred in providing special education programs and services to students with disabilities, under specified circumstances;
3. To make payments into the State Public School Employees' Retirement System when the increase in the actual dollar amount of estimated payments between the current year and the upcoming year is greater than the Index.

A school district intending to utilize the foregoing exceptions is entitled to apply to the Pennsylvania Department of Education ("PDE") for approval thereof, if and to the extent a tax increase greater than the Index is needed in any particular fiscal year. The Taxpayer Relief Act provides that PDE shall approve a school district's request if a review of the data demonstrates that the school district qualifies for the exception sought and the sum of the dollar amounts of all exceptions for which the school district qualifies is not more than what is necessary to balance the budget after giving effect to the revenue to be raised by the allowable increase under the Index. There can be no assurance, however, that approval will be given by PDE to utilize a referendum exception in any future fiscal year or years.

Any revenue derived from an increase in the rate of any tax allowed under the exception numbered 1 above may not exceed the anticipated dollar amount of the expenditure, and any revenue derived from an increase in the rate of any tax allowed pursuant to any other exception enumerated above may not exceed the rate increase required, as determined by the court or PDE, as the case may be. If a school district's petition or request to increase taxes by more than the Index pursuant to one or more of the allowable exceptions is not approved, the school district may submit the proposed tax increase to a referendum.

The Index (to be determined and reported by PDE by September of each year for application to the following fiscal year) is the average of the percentage increase in the statewide average weekly wage, as determined by the State Department of Labor and Industry for the preceding calendar year, and the employment cost index for elementary and secondary schools, as reported by the federal Bureau of Labor Statistics for the preceding 12-month period beginning July 1 and ending June 30. If and when a school district has a Market Value/Income Aid Ratio greater than 0.40 for the prior school year, however, the Index is adjusted upward by multiplying the unadjusted Index by the sum of 0.75 and such Aid Ratio.

The Index applicable to the School District for the future, current and previous fiscal years is as follows:

2025-26 (Budgeted)	5.9%
2024-25 (Current)	7.8%
2023-24	6.0%
2022-23	5.0%
2021-22	4.4%
2020-21	3.8%

In accordance with the Taxpayer Relief Act, the Board of School Directors of the School District placed a referendum on the ballot for the May 15, 2007 primary election seeking voter approval to levy (or increase the rate of) an earned income tax or personal income tax and use the proceeds to reduce local real estate taxes by a homestead and farmstead exclusion. The referendum was not approved by a majority of the voters at the primary election

A board of school directors may submit, but is not required to submit, a further referendum question to the voters at the municipal election in 2009 or any later year seeking approval to levy or increase the rate of an EIT or a PIT for the purpose of further funding homestead and farmstead exclusions, but the proposed rate of the EIT or PIT shall not exceed the rate which, when combined with any tax rate authorized at the 2007 primary election, is required to provide the maximum homestead and farmstead exclusions allowable under law.

Act 1 also provides for gaming revenues received by the Commonwealth to be accumulated in the Property Tax Relief Reserve Fund ("Fund"). When the Fund has sufficient money according to a formula, the Secretary of the Commonwealth announces that funds are available for distribution to school districts. The money received by school districts from the Fund may only be used to provide a reduction in real estate taxes to qualified homestead/farmstead properties. To qualify for a homestead and/or farmstead tax reduction, the property must be owner-occupied and used for residential purposes. The money received by the local school district from the Fund are offset on a dollar for dollar basis by reductions in the local real estate tax payments from owners of qualified homestead and farmstead properties.

SET FORTH ABOVE IS A SUMMARY OF PORTIONS OF ACT 1. THIS SUMMARY IS NOT INTENDED TO BE AN EXHAUSTIVE DISCUSSION OF THE PROVISIONS OF ACT 1 NOR A LEGAL INTERPRETATION OF ANY PROVISION OF ACT 1. A PROSPECTIVE PURCHASER OF THE BONDS SHOULD REVIEW THE FULL TEXT OF ACT 1 AS A PART OF ANY DECISION TO PURCHASE THE BONDS.

Status of the Bonds Under Act 1

The Bonds described in this Official Statement do not represent debt that was approved (“incurred”) by the Board of School Directors prior to the effective date of Act 1, therefore the Board of School Directors may not apply to PDE to use the Act 1 referendum exception for previously incurred debt if a tax increase greater than the Index is needed to provide for payment of principal or interest on the Bonds. The School District, however, included sufficient new millage in its current year budget to cover the full amount of the debt service on the Bonds without exceeding the Act I Index (although the actual tax increase may have exceeded the Index as a result of the application of other approved exceptions to the Index).

Act 130 of 2008

Act 130 of 2008 of the Commonwealth amended the Local Tax Enabling Act so as to authorize school districts levying an occupation tax to replace that occupation tax with an increased earned income tax or, if the school district has implemented a personal income tax in accordance with the Taxpayer Relief Act, an increased personal income tax, in a revenue neutral manner. To so replace an occupation tax, the board of school directors must first hold at least one public hearing on the matter and then place a binding referendum question on the ballot at a general or municipal election for approval by the voters.

The School District has not scheduled a public hearing or taken other action to conduct a referendum under Act 130 of 2008.

Act 48 of 2003 – Limitation on Fund Balances

Pennsylvania Act No. 2003-48 (enacted December 23, 2003) prohibits a school district from increasing real property taxes for the school year 2005-2006 or any subsequent school year, unless the school district has adopted a budget for such school year that includes an estimated ending unassigned fund balance which is not more than a specified percentage of the total budgeted expenditures, as set forth below:

<u>Total Budgeted Expenditures:</u>	<u>Estimated Ending Unassigned Fund Balance as a Percentage of Total Budgeted Expenditures:</u>
Less than or equal to \$11,999,999	12.0%
Between \$12,000,000 and \$12,999,999	11.5%
Between \$13,000,000 and \$13,999,999	11.0%
Between \$14,000,000 and \$14,999,999	10.5%
Between \$15,000,000 and \$15,999,999	10.0%
Between \$16,000,000 and \$16,999,999	9.5%
Between \$17,000,000 and \$17,999,999	9.0%
Between \$18,000,000 and \$18,999,999	8.5%
Greater than or equal to \$19,000,000	8.0%

“Estimated ending unreserved fund balance” is defined in Act 2003-48 as that portion of the fund balance which is appropriable for expenditure or not legally or otherwise segregated for a specific or tentative future use, projected for the close of the school year for which a school district’s budget was adopted and held in the general fund accounts of the school district.

The total budgeted expenditures in the School District’s budget for the 2024-25 fiscal year including fund transfers and budgeted reserves are \$28,635,079, and the School District’s estimated ending unassigned fund balance as a percentage of total budgeted expenditures for the 2024-25 fiscal year is 7.99%.

SET FORTH ABOVE IS A SUMMARY OF PORTIONS OF ACT 48. THIS SUMMARY IS NOT INTENDED TO BE AN EXHAUSTIVE DISCUSSION OF THE PROVISIONS OF ACT 48 NOR A LEGAL INTERPRETATION OF

ANY PROVISIONS OF ACT 48. A PROSPECTIVE PURCHASER OF THE BONDS SHOULD REVIEW THE FULL TEXT OF ACT 48 AS A PART OF ANY DECISION TO PURCHASE THE BONDS.

Ten Largest Real Estate Taxpayers in the School District

The ten largest real estate taxpayers in the School District and the 2024-25 assessed valuation of their real estate are as follows:

<u>Taxpayer</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>2024-25 Assessed Valuation</u>
Antietam Arms Assoc.	Apartments	\$2,911,200
Carsonia Manor Assoc. LP	Apartments	2,053,900
Reading Pharmacy Dst.	Pharmacy	1,222,800
Church Lane LLC	Apartments	1,025,600
Pennside Zeke 717 LLC	Apartments	1,020,600
Mount Penn Sgh LLC	Shopping Center	701,000
Stokesay Real Estate LLC	Restaurant/Catering	579,110
Antietam Academy Inc.	Child Care Facility	542,700
Mt. Penn Manor Associates	Apartments	508,500
601 Carsonia Avenue LLC	Apartments	<u>476,200</u>
Total		\$11,019,700

Percentage of Total 2024-2025 School District’s Estimated Assessed Value, \$256,529,900: 4.3%

Source: School District

REAL ESTATE PROPERTY VALUES

Market and Assessed Valuation of Real Estate

<u>Year</u>	<u>Assessed Valuation</u>	<u>Current Market Value</u>	<u>Common Level Ratio</u>
2014	\$260,274,800	\$325,802,289	79.9%
2015	257,592,800	332,880,924	79.8
2016	257,056,300	318,245,954	80.8
2017	256,691,400	317,827,188	80.8
2018	256,217,200	322,975,451	79.7
2019	256,155,800	322,965,058	79.7
2020	256,167,300	341,945,568	74.9
2021	256,254,600	342,131,880	75.0
2022	255,344,200	381,499,039	66.9
2023	255,649,900	382,090,574	66.9

Source: The Tax Equalization Division (formerly Pennsylvania State Tax Equalization Board) and School District Officials.

Tax Collection Record

Tax notices are due for mailing to taxpayers at the beginning of July each year. A discount of 2% is allowed on all property taxes paid within two months from the date tax bills are mailed. After the discount period expires a two-month period is allowed for payment of taxes at par. Taxes paid after this time are subject to a 10% penalty. Local tax collectors submit a list of names of all taxpayers who have not paid their current real estate taxes to the Tax Claim Bureau of Berks County in Reading on January 15 of the following calendar year. All delinquent real estate taxes are subsequently paid to this office, which in turn remits a monthly list of delinquent collections to the School District.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Assessed Millage</u>	<u>Adjusted Levy⁽¹⁾</u>	<u>Collected in Year of Levy</u>		<u>Total Collections</u>	
			<u>Amount</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>Amount⁽¹⁾</u>	<u>%</u>
2013-14	34.56	8,551,519	7,981,059	93.33	8,473,388	99.09
2014-15	35.86	8,809,693	8,358,727	94.88	8,746,913	99.28
2015-16	36.79	9,038,332	8,611,375	95.28	8,962,236	99.10
2016-17	37.79	9,268,504	8,831,548	95.29	9,205,745	99.32
2017-18	39.15	9,584,072	9,160,538	95.58	9,611,623	100.28
2018-19	39.74	9,730,170	9,268,241	95.25	9,620,335	98.87
2019-20	40.99	10,054,969	9,499,742	94.48	9,874,474	98.20
2020-21	42.54	10,445,846	9,840,961	94.21	10,389,351	99.46
2021-22	43.82	10,772,572	10,211,932	94.80	10,607,902	98.47
2022-23	45.31	11,008,971	10,611,882	96.39	10,882,572	98.85
2023-24	46.31	11,369,653	10,709,325	95.06	11,137,556	97.96

(1) Adjusted levy includes interim assessments, discounts and exoneration returned to Commissioners.

Note: Beginning in 2008-09 the amount of the Adjusted Levy is reduced by the amount of the Homestead/Farmstead Exemptions. The Adjusted levy shown excludes the amount payable from the Property Tax and Rent Rebate Program funded pursuant to Act 1 of the Commonwealth.

Source: School District

2024-25 Tax Rates

Realty Tax Rates

<u>Municipality</u>	<u>Real Estate (Mills)</u>				<u>Total</u>
	<u>School District</u>	<u>Municipal⁽¹⁾</u>	<u>County</u>		
Lower Alsace Township	48.76	10.35	8.345		67.455
Mount Penn Borough	48.76	14.85	8.345		71.955

Source: School District Officials; PA Department of Community and Economic Development.

(1) Tax rates as of January 1, 2025. Includes millage for debt service and fire equipment & fire houses.

Non-Realty Tax Rates

<u>Municipality</u>	<u>Local Services</u>		<u>Real Estate Transfer</u>		<u>Earned Income</u>		<u>Per Capita</u>	
	<u>Municipal</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Municipal</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Municipal</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Municipal</u>	<u>School⁽¹⁾</u>
Lower Alsace Township	\$52.00	\$0.00	0.5%	0.5%	0.5%	0.5%	\$10.00	\$0.00
Mount Penn Borough	52.00	0.00	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	10.00	0.00

Source: School District Officials; PA Department of Community and Economic Development.

(1) The School District also levies a Section 679 School Code per capita tax of \$5.00.

**SUMMARY OF LONG-TERM DEBT, FINANCIAL FACTORS
AND PERTINENT RATIOS
(As of Issuance of the Bonds)**

Current Long-Term Financing

<u>Date of Issue</u>	<u>Long-Term Debt Outstanding</u>	<u>Percent Reimburs-able%</u>	<u>Effective Reimburse-ment⁽¹⁾</u>	<u>State Share</u>	<u>Local Share</u>
G.O. Bonds 2025	\$15,000,000 ⁽²⁾	0.00%	0.00%	\$0	\$15,000,000 ⁽²⁾
G.O. Bonds 2024	7,355,000	0.00%	0.00%	0	7,355,000
G.O. Bonds 2021	10,225,000	4.48%	3.34%	341,728	9,883,272
G.O. Bonds 2020	6,775,000	4.37%	3.26%	220,866	6,554,134
TOTALS	\$39,355,000⁽²⁾			\$562,594	\$38,792,406⁽²⁾

(1) Preceding column multiplied by 2024-25 Ratio (MVAR) of 74.60%.

(2) Preliminary, subject to change

Property Values and Population Data

STEB Market Valuation of Real Estate (2023)	\$ 382,090,574
STEB Assessed Valuation of Real Estate (2023)	\$ 255,649,900
Common Level Ratio	66.9%

Population: 2022 ACS 5-year estimates	7,999
Market Valuation of Real Estate Per Capita	\$47,767
Assessed Valuation of Real Estate Per Capita	\$31,960

Bonded Indebtedness

Obligations of the Residents of the School District	
School District General Obligation	\$39,355,000
Berks County ⁽¹⁾	1,408,398
Municipalities ⁽²⁾	<u>1,004,964</u>
Total Obligations	\$41,768,362

Ratio of Total Obligations to:

Market Valuation of Real Estate	10.93%
Assessed Valuation of Real Estate	16.34%
Population	\$5,222

Obligations of the Residents after State Reimbursement

School District General Obligations	\$38,792,406
Berks County ⁽¹⁾	1,408,398
Municipalities ⁽²⁾	<u>1,004,964</u>
Total Obligations After State Reimbursement	\$41,205,768

Ratio of Total Obligations after State Reimbursement to:

Market Valuation of Real Estate	10.78%
Assessed Valuation of Real Estate	16.12%
Population	\$5,151

(1) According to the most recent data available from the DCED (December 2, 2024), the Net Direct Debt of Berks County totaled \$109,268,000. The School District's proportionate share, 1.29%, is determined by dividing the School District's 2023 assessed value by the total 2023 assessed valuations of all municipalities within Berks County.

(2) The general obligation debt outstanding of the municipalities within the School District as reported by DCED as of December 2, 2024.

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APPENDIX B

**Audited Financial Statement of the School District
Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024**

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ANTIETAM SCHOOL DISTRICT

FINANCIAL AND COMPLIANCE REPORT

Year Ended June 30, 2024

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

**To the Board of School Directors
Antietam School District
Reading, Pennsylvania**

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

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

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Antietam School District, as of June 30, 2024, and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows 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 and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of Antietam School 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 Antietam School 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.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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

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

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Antietam School 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 Antietam School 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 management's discussion and analysis, budgetary comparison schedule for the general fund, and pension and other postemployment benefit information on pages 76 through 80, be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise Antietam School District's basic financial statements. The accompanying combining nonmajor governmental funds financial statements and the schedule of expenditures of federal awards, as required by Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Guidance, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards*, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the combining nonmajor governmental funds financial statements and the schedule of expenditures of federal awards are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated February 24, 2025, on our consideration of Antietam School 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 Antietam School 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 Antietam School District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Herbein + Company, Inc.

**Reading, Pennsylvania
February 24, 2025**

ANTIETAM SCHOOL DISTRICT
Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A)

June 30, 2024

The discussion and analysis of Antietam School District's financial performance provides an overall review of the District's financial activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024. The intent of this discussion and analysis is to look at the financial performance as a whole. Readers should also review the notes to the basic financial statements and the financial statements to enhance their understanding of the District's financial performance.

The Management Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) is an element of the reporting model adopted by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) in their Statement No. 34 Basic Financial Statements - and Management's Discussion and Analysis - for State and Local Governments issued June 1999. Certain comparative information between the current year and the prior year is required to be presented in the MD&A.

The District and Its Facilities

The Antietam School District serves an area of approximately 5.3 square miles. It is located in Berks County and consists of Lower Alsace Township and Mount Penn Borough. The population of this area is approximately 7,500.

The School District is comprised of three buildings. The Stony Creek Elementary Center soon to be under construction near the site of the former Middle/Senior High School, which was structurally damaged in the flood of July 9, 2023 and had to be removed, will house grades K to 3. Grades K-3 are currently being housed in modular units located on the property at 100 Antietam Road. The Kerry C. Hoffman Intermediate School (formerly the Mount Penn Elementary Center) houses grades 4 to 8, and the Antietam High School (formerly the Mount Penn Primary Center), houses grades 9 to 12.

The enrollment at Antietam School District for the 2023-2024 school year was 1,191 students, which was higher than the 1,170 enrolled for the 2022-2023 school year. Potential growth has been partially addressed with the 2024 restructuring of the grade levels in each building; the 2024 renovations to the former Mt. Penn Primary Center making it the Antietam High School and the future construction of a new elementary center to house K-3.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

In the last few years, GASB 68, 71 and 75 were implemented resulting in a deficit net position for Governmental activities and Business-Type activities. In the current year, the change in net position was a change of \$2,828,761 and (\$31,028), respectively.

Taxes, which include property taxes, public utility realty, and earned income taxes, accounted for 47% of the District's total revenues, and program specific revenue in the form of grants, entitlements and investment earnings accounted for 53% of total revenues.

General fund expenditures totaled \$26.1 million, of which \$15.0 million was spent on instructional services, \$8.2 million was spent on support services, \$0.5 million was spent on non-instructional services, and \$2.4 million was spent on debt service and capital outlay.

On July 9, 2023, the District suffered a devastating flood at the Antietam Middle-Senior High School. Water filled the bottom floor of the building and destroyed classrooms and the mechanical room. Insurance claims were filed, but the building was deemed uninhabitable due to the extensive damage and lack of utilities. As a result, the District recognized an impairment loss of \$2,038,419 on the statement of activities for the year ended June 30, 2024. The impairment loss is composed of \$5,038,419 of capital assets to be demolished offset by \$3,000,000 of related insurance proceeds. The District will use the remaining \$2,000,000 of insurance proceeds in future years for modular classrooms. The impairment loss and insurance proceeds are shown as an extraordinary item on the financial statements because the event was unusual in nature and infrequent in occurrence.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The financial statements consist of three parts: Management Discussion and Analysis, the basic financial statements, and required supplementary information. The basic financial statements include two kinds of statements that present different views of the Antietam School District. The first two statements are government-wide financial statements - the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities. These provide both long-term and short-term information about the District's overall financial status.

The remaining statements are fund financial statements that focus on individual parts of the District's operations in more detail than the government-wide statements. The governmental funds statements tell how the District's services were financed in the short term as well as what remains for future spending. Proprietary fund statements offer short- and long-term financial information about the activities that the District operates like a business. For Antietam, this is our Food Service Fund. Fiduciary fund statements provide information about financial relationships where the District acts solely as a trustee or agent for the benefit of others, to whom the resources in question belong. The District currently does not have any fiduciary funds.

The financial statements also include notes that explain some of the information in the financial statements and provide more detailed data. The statements are followed by a section of required supplementary information that further explains and reports the financial statements with the comparison of Antietam School District's budget for the year.

Figure A-1 shows how the required parts of the Financial Section are arranged and relate to one another:

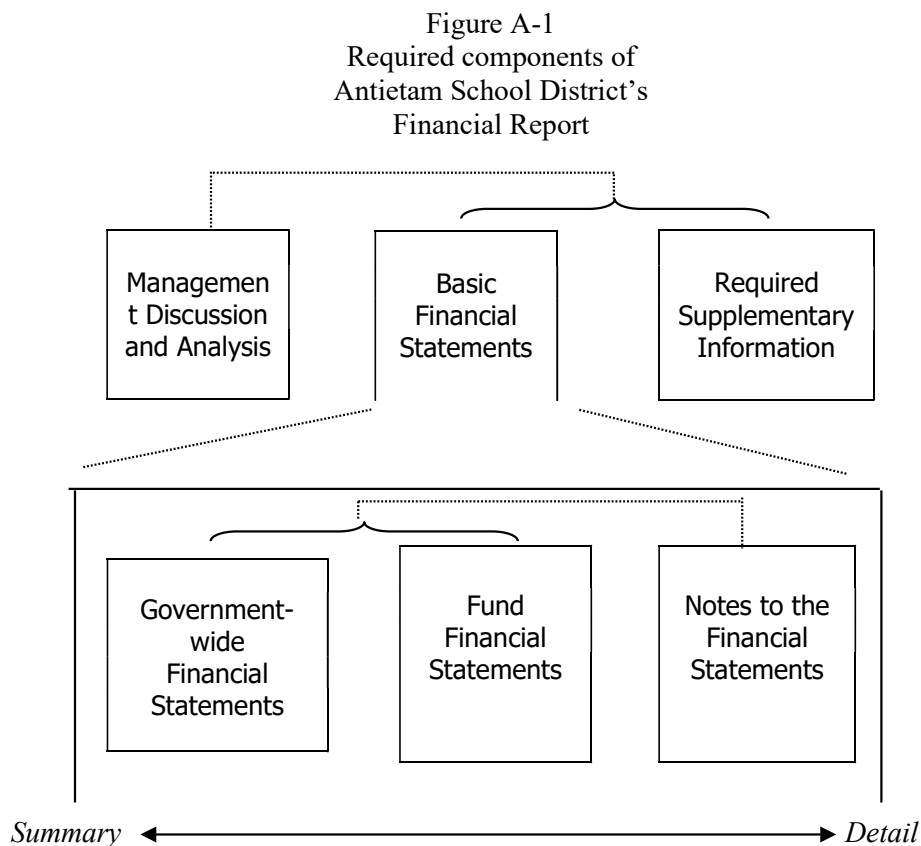


Figure A-2 summarizes the major features of the financial statements, including the portion of the Program they cover and the types of information they contain. The remainder of this overview section of management discussion and analysis explains the structure and contents of each of the statements.

Figure A-2
 Major Features of Antietam School District's
 Government-wide and Fund Financial Statements
 Fund Statements

	Government- Wide Statements	Governmental Funds	Proprietary Funds	Fiduciary Funds
Scope	Entire District (except fiduciary funds).	The activities of the District that are not proprietary or fiduciary, such as education, administration and community services.	Activities the District operates similar to private business - Food Services.	Instances in which the District is the trustee or agent to someone else's resources.
Required financial statements.	Statement of net position Statement of activities.	Balance Sheet Statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balance.	Statement of net position Statement of revenues, expenses and changes in net position Statement of cash flows.	Statement of fiduciary net position Statement of changes in fiduciary net position.
Accounting basis and measurement focus.	Accrual accounting and economic resources focus.	Modified accrual accounting and current financial resources focus.	Accrual accounting and economic resources focus.	Accrual accounting and economic resources focus.
Type of asset/liability information.	All assets and liabilities, both financial and capital, and current and noncurrent	Only assets expected to be used up and liabilities that come due during the year or soon thereafter; no capital assets included.	All assets and liabilities, both financial and capital, and current and noncurrent	All assets and liabilities, both current and noncurrent
Type of inflow-outflow information.	All revenues and expenses during year, regardless of when cash is received or paid.	Revenues for which cash is received during or soon after the end of the year; expenditures when goods or services have been received and payment is due during the year or soon thereafter.	All revenues and expenses during year, regardless of when cash is received or paid.	All revenues and expenses during year, regardless of when cash is received or paid.

OVERVIEW OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Government-Wide Statements

The government-wide statements report information about the District as a whole using accounting methods similar to those used by private-sector companies. The statement of net position includes all of the District's assets, deferred outflows, liabilities, and deferred inflows. All of the current year's revenues and expenses are accounted for in the statement of activities, regardless of when cash is received or paid. The government-wide statements report the District's net position and how they have changed. Net position, the difference between the District's assets, deferred outflows, liabilities and deferred inflows, is one way to measure the District's financial health or position. Over time, increases or decreases in the District's net position are an indication of whether its financial health is improving or deteriorating, respectively. To assess the overall health of the District, you need to consider additional factors, such as changes in the projected enrollment of the students.

The government-wide financial statements of the District are divided into two categories:

- Governmental activities - Most of the District's basic services are included here, such as instruction, administration and community services. Taxes, state and federal subsidies and grants finance most of these activities.
- Business type activities - The District operates a food service operation and charges fees to staff and students to help it cover the costs of the food service operation.

Fund Financial Statements

The District's financial statements provide detailed information about the most significant funds - not the District as a whole. Some funds are required by state law and by bond requirements.

- Governmental funds - Most of the District's activities are reported in governmental funds, which focus on the determination of financial position and change in financial position, not on income determination. They are reported using an accounting method called modified accrual accounting, which measures cash and all other financial assets that can readily be converted to cash. The governmental fund statements provide a detailed short-term view of the School operations and the services it provides. Governmental fund information helps the reader determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance the District's programs. The relationship (or differences) between governmental activities (reported in the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities) and governmental funds is reconciled in the financial statements.
- Proprietary funds - These funds are used to account for the District's activities that are similar to business operations in the private sector; or where the reporting is on determining net income, financial position, changes in financial position, and a significant portion of funding through user charges. When the District charges customers for services it provides - whether to outside customers or to other units in the District - these services are generally reported in proprietary funds. The Food Service Fund is the District's proprietary fund and is the same as the business-type activities reported in the government-wide statements, but provide more detail and additional information, such as cash flows.
- Fiduciary funds - The District is the trustee, or fiduciary, for assets that belong to others. The District is responsible for ensuring that the assets reported in these funds are used only for their intended purposes and by those to whom the assets belong. The District excludes these activities from the District-wide financial statements because it cannot use these assets to finance its operations. The District currently has no fiduciary funds.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE SCHOOL AS A WHOLE

The District's total net position (deficit) was (\$12,913,611) at June 30, 2024.

Table A-1
 Fiscal Years ended June 30, 2023 and June 30, 2024
 Condensed Statement of Net Position

	Governmental Activities		Business-Type Activities		Total	
	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024
Current assets	\$ 14,505,657	\$ 26,951,855	\$ 408,374	\$ 402,010	\$ 14,914,031	\$ 27,353,865
Capital assets	<u>13,953,584</u>	<u>10,273,498</u>	<u>240,224</u>	<u>215,456</u>	<u>14,193,808</u>	<u>10,488,954</u>
Total Assets	\$ 28,459,241	\$ 37,225,353	\$ 648,598	\$ 617,466	\$ 29,107,839	\$ 37,842,819
Deferred Outflows	5,376,546	5,343,081	0	0	5,376,546	5,343,081
Current liabilities	\$ 4,302,055	\$ 5,344,595	\$ 9,603	\$ 9,499	\$ 4,311,658	\$ 5,354,094
Long-term liabilities	<u>43,457,119</u>	<u>48,824,653</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>43,457,119</u>	<u>48,824,653</u>
Total Liabilities	\$ 47,759,174	\$ 54,169,248	\$ 9,603	\$ 9,499	\$ 47,768,777	\$ 54,178,747
Deferred Inflows	2,426,952	1,920,764	0	0	2,426,952	1,920,764
Net Position						
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	\$ (2,605,322)	\$ (6,791,859)	\$ 240,224	\$ 215,456	\$ (2,365,098)	\$ (6,576,403)
Restricted for capital projects	514,409	541,913	0	0	514,409	541,913
Restricted other	93,188	85,195	0	0	93,188	85,195
Unrestricted	<u>(14,352,614)</u>	<u>(7,356,827)</u>	<u>398,771</u>	<u>392,511</u>	<u>(13,953,843)</u>	<u>(6,964,316)</u>
Total Net Position (Deficit)	<u>\$ (16,350,339)</u>	<u>\$(13,521,578)</u>	<u>\$ 638,995</u>	<u>\$ 607,967</u>	<u>\$ (15,711,344)</u>	<u>\$ (12,913,611)</u>

A portion of the District's net position is invested in or restricted for capital assets (buildings, land, and equipment) or other purposes. The unrestricted portion of the District's net position at June 30, 2024 is (\$6,964,316).

The results of this year's operations as a whole are reported in the Statement of Activities. All expenses are reported in the first column. Specific charges, grants, revenues and subsidies that directly relate to specific expense categories are represented to determine the final amount of the District's activities that are supported by other general revenues. The largest general revenue category is taxes.

Table A-2 takes the information from that Statement and rearranges it slightly so you can see our total revenues for the year.

Table A-2
 Fiscal Years ended June 30, 2023 and June 30, 2024
 Changes in Net Position from Operating Results

	Governmental Activities		Business-Type Activities		Total	
	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024
Revenues						
Program Revenue						
Charges for services	\$ 17,289	\$ 13,240	\$ 82,259	\$ 2,581	\$ 99,548	\$ 15,821
Operating grants & contributions	6,846,847	5,832,846	735,865	833,355	7,582,712	6,666,201
Capital grants and contributions	144,135	868,589	0	0	144,135	868,589
General revenues	<u>18,197,312</u>	<u>20,018,238</u>	<u>13,888</u>	<u>17,050</u>	<u>18,211,200</u>	<u>20,035,288</u>
Total Revenues	\$ 25,205,583	\$ 26,732,913	\$ 832,012	\$ 852,986	\$ 26,037,595	\$ 27,585,899
Expenses						
Instruction	\$ 12,449,825	\$ 14,856,047	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 12,449,825	\$ 14,856,047
Instructional student support	1,526,485	1,626,530	0	0	1,526,485	1,626,530
Administrative and financial support services	2,324,122	3,763,247	0	0	2,324,122	3,763,247
Operation & Maintenance of Plant Services	2,356,831	2,037,283	0	0	2,356,831	2,037,283
Pupil Transportation	283,122	421,974	0	0	283,122	421,974
Student Activities	490,558	561,548	0	0	490,558	561,548
Community Services	23,309	38,022	0	0	23,309	38,022
Interest on Long-Term Debt	553,654	561,082	0	0	553,654	561,082
Food Services	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>743,672</u>	<u>884,014</u>	<u>743,672</u>	<u>884,014</u>
Total Expenses	\$ 20,007,906	\$ 23,865,733	\$ 743,672	\$ 884,014	\$ 20,751,578	\$ 24,749,747
Extraordinary Items						
Insurance recoveries	0	2,000,000	0	0	0	2,000,000
Impairment loss	<u>0</u>	<u>(2,038,419)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(2,038,419)</u>
Total Extraordinary Items	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>(38,419)</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>(38,419)</u>
Increase (Decrease)						
in Net Position	\$ 5,197,677	\$ 2,828,761	\$ 88,340	\$ (31,028)	\$ 5,286,017	\$ 2,797,733
Net Position (Deficit) - Beginning of Year	<u>(21,548,016)</u>	<u>(16,350,339)</u>	<u>550,655</u>	<u>638,995</u>	<u>(20,997,361)</u>	<u>(15,711,344)</u>
Net Position (Deficit) - End of Year	\$ <u>(16,350,339)</u>	\$ <u>(13,521,578)</u>	\$ <u>638,995</u>	\$ <u>607,967</u>	\$ <u>(15,711,344)</u>	\$ <u>(12,913,611)</u>

The tables below present the expenses of both the Governmental Activities and the Business-type Activities of the District.

Table A-3 shows the District's total cost of services and net cost (total cost less revenues generated by the activities) for each function. This table also shows the net costs offset by the other unrestricted grants, subsidies, and contributions to show the remaining financial needs supported by local revenue and other miscellaneous revenues.

Table A-3
 Fiscal Years ended June 30, 2023 and June 30, 2024
 Net Cost of Governmental Activities

	Total Cost Of Services		Percentage Change	Net Cost of Services		Percentage Change
	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>
Instruction	\$ 12,449,825	\$ 14,856,047	19.33%	\$ 7,979,096	\$ 10,405,503	30.41%
Instructional						
Student Support	1,526,485	1,626,530	6.55%	1,193,048	1,349,478	13.11%
Administrative and						
Financial Support Services	2,324,122	3,763,247	61.92%	1,954,027	3,310,907	69.44%
Operation & Maintenance						
of Plant Services	2,356,831	2,037,283	-13.56%	998,170	916,920	-8.14%
Pupil Transportation	283,122	421,974	49.04%	102,068	226,744	122.15%
Student Activities	490,558	561,548	14.47%	350,465	399,862	14.09%
Community Services	23,309	38,022	63.12%	13,242	34,261	158.73%
Interest on Long-Term Debt	<u>553,654</u>	<u>561,082</u>	<u>1.34%</u>	<u>409,519</u>	<u>507,383</u>	<u>23.90%</u>
	<u>\$ 20,007,906</u>	<u>\$ 23,865,733</u>	<u>19.28%</u>	<u>\$ 12,999,635</u>	<u>\$ 17,151,058</u>	<u>31.93%</u>

Table A-4 reflects the activities of the Food Service program, the only Business-type activity of the District.

Table A-4
 Fiscal Years ended June 30, 2023 and June 30, 2024
 Net Cost of Business-type Activities

	Total Cost of Services		Percentage Change	Net Cost (Income) of Services		Percentage Change
	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>
Food Services	<u>\$ 743,672</u>	<u>\$ 884,014</u>	<u>18.87%</u>	<u>\$ (74,452)</u>	<u>\$ 48,078</u>	<u>-164.58%</u>

The Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Change in Net Position for this proprietary fund will further detail the actual results of operations.

Fund Balances

At June 30, 2024, the District's governmental funds reported a combined fund balance of \$22,904,463, which is an increase of \$11,596,823 from June 30, 2023. This increase was due to actual General Fund revenues and expenses netting an increase to the fund balance of \$398,157 and insurance recoveries of \$5 million while the Capital Projects Fund netted a increase of \$6.2 million due to the issuance of bonds in the amount of 7.3 million. The District received an increase in Real Estate Taxes, Earned Income Tax, Real Estate Transfer Tax, Investment Earnings, federal and State Subsidies. Federal ARP ESSER Funds were fully expended and revenue due accounted for in the 2023-2024 fiscal year.

General Fund:

The unassigned fund balance of \$2,290,800 is 8% of the 2024-2025 budgeted general fund expenditures. The committed fund balance of \$5,131,082 will be used for future retirement costs, which have increased significantly over the last several years. The assigned fund balance of \$6,260,585 will be used for 2024-2025 budgeted expenditures and capital projects.

Capital Projects Fund:

The restricted fund balance of \$8,409,708 will be used for the repair, maintenance, and replacement of the District's capital assets on a prioritized basis, as approved by the Board of School Directors.

General Fund Budget

During the fiscal year the Board of School Directors authorizes revisions to the original budget to accommodate differences from the original budget to the actual expenditures of the District. A schedule showing the District's original and final budget amounts compared with amounts actually paid and received is provided.

The Budgetary Reserve includes amounts that may be transferred into expenditure accounts for unplanned expenditures. These amounts will only be appropriated into expenditure categories when the expenditure is necessary for the operation of the District. Any budget reserve amount not appropriated during the year will become part of the unreserved fund balance and available for future years' budgeting.

For the current year, revenue exceeded budget by \$2.3 million as a result of earned income taxes, interest revenue, and state funding exceeding projections. Additionally, the District received \$5 million in insurance proceeds which were not budgeted and are shown as an extraordinary item.

CAPITAL ASSET AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

Capital Assets

At June 30, 2024, the District had \$10,273,498 in governmental activities and \$215,456 in business-type activities invested in a broad range of capital assets, including land, buildings, and furniture and equipment.

Table A-5
 Governmental and Business-Type Activities
 Fiscal years ended June 30, 2023 and June 30, 2024
 Capital Assets (net of depreciation/amortization)

	Governmental Activities		Business-Type Activities		Total	
	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>
Land	\$310,056	\$310,056	\$0	\$0	\$310,056	\$310,056
Land Improvements	60,904	51,748	0	0	60,904	51,748
Buildings and Building Improvements	10,462,115	5,258,662	0	0	10,462,115	5,258,662
Fixtures and Equipment	1,340,433	1,364,551	240,224	215,456	1,580,657	1,580,007
Construction in Progress	1,763,987	3,242,150	0	0	1,763,987	3,242,150
Right-to-use Lease Equipment	<u>16,089</u>	<u>46,331</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>16,089</u>	<u>46,331</u>
	<u>\$13,953,584</u>	<u>\$10,273,498</u>	<u>\$240,224</u>	<u>\$215,456</u>	<u>\$14,193,808</u>	<u>\$10,488,954</u>

The decrease in capital assets can be attributed to an impairment loss as a result of the flooding in July 2023. See Note 7 for additional information.

Debt Administration

Bond Obligations - As of June 30, 2023 and June 30, 2024 the Antietam School District had outstanding bond obligations of \$18,145,000 and \$24,355,000, respectively.

Leases - The two capital leases for technology equipment the District had entered into have been closed. In 2023-2024 the District entered into a three (3) year lease agreement for modular classrooms. The only other remaining leases are four operating leases for copiers.

Other obligations include accrued vacation pay and sick leave for specific employees of the District.

See Note 8 for more information on Debt of the District.

FACTORS BEARING ON ANTIETAM SCHOOL DISTRICT'S FUTURE

Factors that will affect the future finances of the District are employee health benefits, PSERS retirement rates (2024-2025 actual: 33.9%; and 2025-2026 projected: 34%), special education costs, cyber-charter school costs, collective bargaining agreements with the Education Association, and future funding by the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

Another major factor bearing on the District's future is the continued recovery from a devastating flood that occurred on July 9, 2023 that severely damaged the bottom floor of the Antietam Middle-Senior High School building and destroyed the buildings infrastructure. The District has reconfigured its building structure as follows: Mount Penn Primary Center is now the Antietam High School and houses grades 9-12; Mount Penn Elementary Center is now the Kerry C. Hoffman Intermediate School and houses grades 4-8 and a new building will be constructed near the site of the former MS/HS out of the flood plain area and will become the Stony Creek Elementary Center and house grades K-3. Grades K-3 are currently located on the site at Antietam Road and are housed in temporary modular classrooms until the completion of the new elementary center. Many different funding avenues are being explored to finance the new elementary center with 11.3 million dollars being secured so far in grants from the Commonwealth. Discussion on this topic occurs monthly at the advertised School board meetings.

CONTACTING THE SCHOOL FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

This financial report is designed to provide citizens, taxpayers, parents, students, investors and creditors with a general overview of the District's finances and to show the Board of School Director's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or wish to request additional financial information, please contact the Business Office, Antietam School District, 100 Antietam Road, Reading, PA 19606.

ANTIETAM SCHOOL DISTRICT

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION

June 30, 2024

	Governmental Activities	Business- Type Activities	Total
ASSETS			
Cash and investments	\$ 22,158,328	\$ 363,683	\$ 22,522,011
Taxes receivable, net	426,057	-	426,057
Internal balances	(14,565)	14,565	-
Intergovernmental receivables	1,638,261	3,821	1,642,082
Other receivables	2,016,681	413	2,017,094
Inventories	-	19,528	19,528
Prepaid expenses	727,093	-	727,093
Capital assets:			
Capital assets not being depreciated	3,552,206	-	3,552,206
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	6,674,961	215,456	6,890,417
Right-to-use assets, net of accumulated amortization	46,331	-	46,331
TOTAL ASSETS	37,225,353	617,466	37,842,819
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Deferred charge on bond refunding	543,713	-	543,713
Deferred outflows of resources for pension	4,428,097	-	4,428,097
Deferred outflows of resources for other postemployment benefits	371,271	-	371,271
TOTAL DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	5,343,081	-	5,343,081
LIABILITIES			
Intergovernmental payables	313,138	-	313,138
Accounts payable	1,245,214	3,834	1,249,048
Accrued interest	154,138	-	154,138
Accrued salaries and benefits	1,670,030	-	1,670,030
Unearned revenues	609,627	5,665	615,292
Other current liabilities	56,031	-	56,031
Noncurrent liabilities, due within one year	1,296,417	-	1,296,417
Noncurrent liabilities:			
Bonds payable, net	23,450,659	-	23,450,659
Leases payable	22,022	-	22,022
Long-term portion of compensated absences	143,537	-	143,537
Net pension liability	23,311,000	-	23,311,000
Net other postemployment benefit liabilities	1,897,435	-	1,897,435
TOTAL LIABILITIES	54,169,248	9,499	54,178,747
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Deferred inflows of resources for pension	1,060,000	-	1,060,000
Deferred inflows of resources for other postemployment benefits	860,764	-	860,764
TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	1,920,764	-	1,920,764
NET POSITION			
Net investment in capital assets	(6,791,859)	215,456	(6,576,403)
Restricted for capital projects	541,913	-	541,913
Restricted for purpose by donor	85,195	-	85,195
Unrestricted (deficit)	(7,356,827)	392,511	(6,964,316)
TOTAL NET POSITION (DEFICIT)	\$ (13,521,578)	\$ 607,967	\$ (12,913,611)

See accompanying notes.

ANTIETAM SCHOOL DISTRICT

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

Functions/Programs	Expenses	Program Revenue		Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position			
		Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	Total
Governmental Activities							
Instruction	\$ 14,856,047	\$ -	\$ 4,450,544	\$ -	\$ (10,405,503)	\$ -	\$ (10,405,503)
Instructional student support	1,626,530	-	277,052	-	(1,349,478)	-	(1,349,478)
Administrative and financial support services	3,763,247	-	452,340	-	(3,310,907)	-	(3,310,907)
Operation and maintenance of plant services	2,037,283	210	305,263	814,890	(916,920)	-	(916,920)
Pupil transportation	421,974	-	195,230	-	(226,744)	-	(226,744)
Student activities	561,548	13,030	148,656	-	(399,862)	-	(399,862)
Community services	38,022	-	3,761	-	(34,261)	-	(34,261)
Interest on long-term debt	561,082	-	-	53,699	(507,383)	-	(507,383)
Total Governmental Activities	23,865,733	13,240	5,832,846	868,589	(17,151,058)	-	(17,151,058)
Business-Type Activities							
Food services	884,014	2,581	833,355	-	-	(48,078)	(48,078)
Total Primary Government	\$ 24,749,747	\$ 15,821	\$ 6,666,201	\$ 868,589	(17,151,058)	(48,078)	(17,199,136)
General Revenues							
Taxes:							
Property taxes					11,139,685	-	11,139,685
Public utility realty, earned income and mercantile taxes					1,383,094	-	1,383,094
Grants, subsidies, and contributions not restricted for specific programs					6,449,758	-	6,449,758
Investment earnings					986,224	17,050	1,003,274
Miscellaneous revenue					59,477	-	59,477
Total General Revenues					20,018,238	17,050	20,035,288
Extraordinary Items							
Insurance recoveries					2,000,000	-	2,000,000
Impairment loss					(2,038,419)	-	(2,038,419)
Total Extraordinary Items					(38,419)	-	(38,419)
Change in Net Position					2,828,761	(31,028)	2,797,733
Net Position (Deficit) - Beginning of year					(16,350,339)	638,995	(15,711,344)
Net Position (Deficit) - End of Year					\$ (13,521,578)	\$ 607,967	\$ (12,913,611)

See accompanying notes.

ANTIETAM SCHOOL DISTRICT

**BALANCE SHEET
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**

June 30, 2024

	<u>General</u>	<u>Capital Projects</u>	<u>Nonmajor Special Revenue Funds</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
ASSETS				
Cash and investments	\$ 12,926,361	\$ 9,145,773	\$ 86,194	\$ 22,158,328
Taxes receivable	431,780	-	-	431,780
Interfund receivable	1,224,123	482,218	-	1,706,341
Intergovernmental receivables	1,638,261	-	-	1,638,261
Other receivables	2,016,681	-	-	2,016,681
Prepaid expenditures	727,093	-	-	727,093
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 18,964,299	\$ 9,627,991	\$ 86,194	\$ 28,678,484
LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF OF RESOURCES, AND FUND BALANCES				
LIABILITIES				
Interfund payable	\$ 501,624	\$ 1,218,283	999	\$ 1,720,906
Intergovernmental payables	313,138	-	-	313,138
Accounts payable	441,720	-	-	441,720
Accounts payable - construction	676,427	-	-	676,427
Accrued salaries and benefits	1,670,030	-	-	1,670,030
Unearned revenues	609,627	-	-	609,627
Other liabilities	56,031	-	-	56,031
TOTAL LIABILITIES	4,268,597	1,218,283	999	5,487,879
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES				
Unavailable revenue - property taxes	286,142	-	-	286,142
FUND BALANCES				
Nonspendable	727,093	-	-	727,093
Restricted	-	8,409,708	85,195	8,494,903
Committed	5,131,082	-	-	5,131,082
Assigned	6,260,585	-	-	6,260,585
Unassigned	2,290,800	-	-	2,290,800
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	14,409,560	8,409,708	85,195	22,904,463
TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES, AND FUND BALANCES	\$ 18,964,299	\$ 9,627,991	\$ 86,194	\$ 28,678,484

See accompanying notes.

ANTIETAM SCHOOL DISTRICT

**RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET TO THE
GOVERNMENT-WIDE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION**

June 30, 2024

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

TOTAL FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS	\$	22,904,463
Capital and right-to-use assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported as assets in governmental funds. The cost of the assets is \$36,106,729 and the accumulated depreciation/amortization is \$25,833,231.		10,273,498
Retainage payable is not recorded in governmental funds when it is not going to be paid with current resources, but is reported as payable and included in construction-in-progress in governmental activities.		(127,067)
Property and other taxes receivable will be collected this year, but are not available soon enough to pay for the current period's expenditures and therefore are reported as unavailable revenue in the funds adjusted for allowance for doubtful accounts.		280,419
Long-term liabilities, including bonds payable are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported as liabilities in the funds. Long-term liabilities at year-end consist of:		
Bonds payable	\$ (24,355,000)	
Leases payable	(47,712)	
Accrued interest on bonds and leases	(154,138)	
Unamortized bond premium	(439,368)	
Unamortized bond discount	168,709	
Deferred charge on bond refunding	543,713	
Compensated absences	<u>(239,264)</u>	(24,523,060)
The net pension liability and related deferred outflows and inflows of resources for pensions are not reflected on the fund financial statements.		(19,942,903)
The net other postemployment benefit liabilities and related deferred outflows and inflows of resources for other postemployment benefits are not reflected on the fund financial statements.		<u>(2,386,928)</u>
TOTAL NET POSITION (DEFICIT) - GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES	\$	<u><u>(13,521,578)</u></u>

ANTIETAM SCHOOL DISTRICT

**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**

For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

	General	Capital Projects	Nonmajor Special Revenue Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES				
Local sources	\$ 13,731,117	\$ 151,417	\$ 106,592	\$ 13,989,126
State sources	10,929,890	-	-	10,929,890
Federal sources	1,813,897	-	-	1,813,897
TOTAL REVENUES	26,474,904	151,417	106,592	26,732,913
EXPENDITURES				
Current:				
Instructional services	14,990,072	-	-	14,990,072
Support services	8,175,298	194,616	-	8,369,914
Operation of noninstructional services	506,829	-	114,585	621,414
Capital outlay	806,051	947,578	-	1,753,629
Debt service:				
Principal	1,164,489	-	-	1,164,489
Interest	484,249	-	-	484,249
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	26,126,988	1,142,194	114,585	27,383,767
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	347,916	(990,777)	(7,993)	(650,854)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Issuance of bonds	-	7,355,000	-	7,355,000
Proceeds from lease issuance	50,241	-	-	50,241
Bond discount	-	(157,564)	-	(157,564)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	50,241	7,197,436	-	7,247,677
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE BEFORE EXTRAORDINARY ITEM	398,157	6,206,659	(7,993)	6,596,823
EXTRAORDINARY ITEM				
Insurance recoveries	5,000,000	-	-	5,000,000
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	5,398,157	6,206,659	(7,993)	11,596,823
FUND BALANCES - BEGINNING OF YEAR	9,011,403	2,203,049	93,188	11,307,640
FUND BALANCES - END OF YEAR	\$ 14,409,560	\$ 8,409,708	\$ 85,195	\$ 22,904,463

See accompanying notes.

ANTIETAM SCHOOL DISTRICT

**RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS STATEMENT OF REVENUES,
EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES TO THE
GOVERNMENT-WIDE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES**

For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

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

NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS \$ 11,596,823

Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation and amortization expense. In addition, impairment expense is reported on the statement of activities net of related insurance proceeds.

Capital outlays	\$ 2,462,501	
Less: impairment loss	(5,038,419)	
Less: depreciation and amortization expense	<u>(1,104,168)</u>	(3,680,086)

Issuance of long-term debt (e.g., bonds) provides current financial resources to governmental funds, while the repayment of the principal of long-term debt consumes the current financial resources of governmental funds.

Issuance of bonds	(7,355,000)	
Repayment of bond principal	1,145,000	
Bond discount incurred	157,564	
Issuance of lease	(50,241)	
Repayment of lease principal	19,489	
Amortization of bond discount	(1,973)	
Amortization of bond premium	34,460	
Amortization of deferred charge on bond refunding	<u>(75,719)</u>	(6,126,420)

Interest expense incurred on long-term debt in the statement of activities differs from the amount reported in the governmental funds because interest is recognized as an expenditure in the funds when it is due and thus requires the use of current financial resources.

(33,601)

Some expenses reported in the statement of activities do not require the use of current financial resources and are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds. The difference in the amount incurred and amount paid of these activities is:

Retainage payable	(127,067)	
Compensated absences	9,783	
Net pension liability and related deferred outflows and inflows	1,179,053	
Net OPEB liability and related deferred outflows and inflows	<u>10,276</u>	<u>1,072,045</u>

CHANGE IN NET POSITION (DEFICIT) OF GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES \$ 2,828,761

ANTIETAM SCHOOL DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
PROPRIETARY FUND

June 30, 2024

	Enterprise Fund Food Service
ASSETS	
CURRENT ASSETS	
Cash and investments	\$ 363,683
Interfund receivable	14,565
Intergovernmental receivables	3,821
Other receivables	413
Inventories	19,528
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	402,010
NONCURRENT ASSETS	
Furniture and equipment, net	215,456
TOTAL ASSETS	617,466
LIABILITIES	
CURRENT LIABILITIES	
Accounts payable	3,834
Unearned revenues	5,665
TOTAL LIABILITIES	9,499
NET POSITION	
Investment in capital assets	215,456
Unrestricted net position	392,511
TOTAL NET POSITION	\$ 607,967

ANTIETAM SCHOOL DISTRICT

**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION
PROPRIETARY FUND**

For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

	<u>Enterprise Fund Food Service</u>
OPERATING REVENUES	
Food service revenue	\$ 2,581
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUES	<u>2,581</u>
OPERATING EXPENSES	
Salaries	18,749
Employee benefits	7,756
Purchased professional and technical services	328,415
Purchased property services	32,536
Supplies	467,959
Depreciation	28,440
Other operating expenses	<u>159</u>
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	<u>884,014</u>
OPERATING LOSS	(881,433)
NONOPERATING REVENUES	
Earnings on investments	17,050
State sources	36,560
Federal sources	<u>796,795</u>
TOTAL NONOPERATING REVENUES	<u>850,405</u>
CHANGE IN NET POSITION	(31,028)
NET POSITION - BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>638,995</u>
NET POSITION - END OF YEAR	<u><u>\$ 607,967</u></u>

ANTIETAM SCHOOL DISTRICT

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
PROPRIETARY FUND

For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

	<u>Enterprise Fund Food Service</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	
Received from users	\$ 7,619
Payments to employees for services	(26,505)
Payments to suppliers for goods and services	<u>(766,439)</u>
NET CASH USED FOR OPERATING ACTIVITIES	(785,325)
CASH FLOWS FROM NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES	
State sources	36,560
Federal sources	<u>733,147</u>
NET CASH PROVIDED BY NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES	769,707
CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES	
Purchases of capital assets	(3,672)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES	
Earnings on investments	<u>17,050</u>
NET DECREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	(2,240)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS - BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>365,923</u>
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS - END OF YEAR	<u><u>\$ 363,683</u></u>

ANTIETAM SCHOOL DISTRICT

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS - CONTINUED
PROPRIETARY FUND

For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

	<u>Enterprise Fund Food Service</u>
<u>Reconciliation of Operating Loss to Net Cash Used for Operating Activities:</u>	
Operating loss	\$ (881,433)
Adjustments to reconcile operating loss to net cash used for operating activities:	
Depreciation	28,440
Donated commodities used	65,318
Changes in assets and liabilities:	
Interfund receivable	3,214
Other receivables	(388)
Inventories	(2,292)
Interfund payable	1,920
Accounts payable	(2,316)
Unearned revenues	2,212
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Total adjustments	96,108
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	NET CASH USED FOR OPERATING ACTIVITIES
	\$ (785,325)
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NONCASH NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES

During the year, the District used \$65,318 of commodities from the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

ANTIETAM SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

June 30, 2024

Antietam School District (the "District") is located in Berks County, Pennsylvania. The District's tax base consists of Lower Alsace Township and the Borough of Mount Penn. Antietam School District is governed by a board of nine school directors who are residents of the District and who are elected every two years, on a staggered basis, for a four-year term.

The board of school directors has the power and duty to establish, equip, furnish, and maintain a sufficient number of elementary, secondary, and other schools necessary to educate every person, residing in such district, between the ages of 6 and 21 years, who may attend.

In order to establish, enlarge, equip, furnish, operate, and maintain any school herein provided, or to pay any school indebtedness which the District is required to pay, or to pay an indebtedness that may at any time hereafter be created by the District, the board of school directors are vested with all the necessary authority and power annually to levy and collect the necessary taxes required and granted by the legislature, in addition to the annual state appropriation, and are vested with all necessary power and authority to comply with and carry out any or all of the provisions of the Public School Code of 1949.

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements of Antietam School District have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) as applied to governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the authoritative standard-setting body for the establishment of governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The more significant of these accounting principles are as follows:

A. Reporting Entity

As required by generally accepted accounting principles, the financial statements of the reporting entity include those of the District and its component units.

The District used guidance contained in generally accepted accounting principles to evaluate the possible inclusion of related entities (authorities, boards, councils, fiduciary activities, etc.) within its reporting entity. Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the reporting entity consists of the primary government and legally separate entities for which the primary government is financially accountable. In addition, the primary government may determine through the exercise of management's professional judgment that the inclusion of a legally separate entity that does not meet the financial accountability criteria is necessary in order to prevent the reporting entity's financial statements from being misleading. In such instances, that legally separate entity should be included as a component unit if the nature and significance of their relationship with the primary government or other component units are such that the exclusion from the financial reporting entity would render the financial reporting entity's financial statements incomplete or misleading. In evaluating how to define the reporting entity, management has considered all potential component units.

Based on the foregoing criteria, the District has determined it has no component units.

ANTIETAM SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

June 30, 2024

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - CONTINUED

A. Reporting Entity - continued

Governments commonly enter into special arrangements with each other to provide or obtain needed services. A common type of such an arrangement is a joint venture. In addition to joint ventures, governments also enter into contracts to plan for and address certain activities for their mutual benefits; i.e., a jointly governed organization. The District has one of each of these relationships:

Joint Venture: The District is a participating member of the Berks Career & Technology Center. See Note 11 for details of involvement and financial information of the joint venture.

Jointly Governed Organizations: The District is a participating member of the Berks County Intermediate Unit (BCIU). The BCIU is run by a joint committee consisting of members from each participating district. No participating district appoints a majority of the joint committee. The board of school directors of each participating district must approve BCIU's annual operating budget.

The BCIU is a self-sustaining organization that provides services for fees to participating districts. As such, the District has no ongoing financial interest or responsibility in the BCIU. The BCIU contracts with participating districts to supply special education services, computer services, and to act as a conduit for certain federal programs.

B. Basis of Presentation - Government-Wide Financial Statements

Government-wide financial statements (i.e., the statement of net position and the statement of activities) display information about the reporting entity, except for its fiduciary activities. All fiduciary activities are reported only in the fund financial statements. The government-wide statements include separate columns for the governmental and business-type activities of the primary government, as well as any discretely presented component units. Governmental activities, which normally are supported by taxes, intergovernmental revenues, and other nonexchange transactions, are reported separately from business-type activities which rely, to a significant extent, on fees and charges for support. Likewise, the primary government is reported separately from the legally separate component units for which the primary government is financially accountable.

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function to the District are offset by the program revenues related to that function. Direct expenses are those that are directly related to and clearly identified with a function. Program revenues include 1) charges to customers or others who purchase, use, or directly benefit from services or goods provided by a given function, or 2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meet the operational or capital requirements of a function. Taxes and other items properly not included in program revenues are reported as general revenues.

ANTIETAM SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

June 30, 2024

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - CONTINUED

B. Basis of Presentation - Government-Wide Financial Statements - continued

As a general rule, the effect of interfund activity has been eliminated from the government-wide financial statements. Exceptions to this general rule are the contributions made to any component units from the District's governmental funds and transfers between governmental funds and business-type and fiduciary funds. Elimination of these contributions would distort the direct costs and program revenues reported for the various functions concerned.

C. Basis of Presentation - Fund Financial Statements

The fund financial statements provide information about the government's funds, including its fiduciary funds. Separate financial statements are provided for governmental funds, proprietary funds, and fiduciary funds. The emphasis of fund financial statements is on major governmental and enterprise funds, each displayed in a separate column. All remaining governmental funds are aggregated and reported as nonmajor funds. Fiduciary funds are reported by fund type. The District does not have any fiduciary funds.

The District Reports the Following Major Governmental Funds:

General Fund: This fund is established to account for resources devoted to financing the general services that the District performs. Intergovernmental revenues and other sources of revenue used to finance the fundamental operations of the District are included in this fund. The fund is charged with all costs of operating the District for which a separate fund has not been established.

Capital Projects Fund: This fund is established to account for financial resources to be used for the acquisition or construction of major capital equipment and facilities (other than those financed by proprietary funds).

Components of the District's Capital Projects Fund consist of:

Capital Reserve Component - This component was created in accordance with Section 1432 of the Municipal Code. The Municipal Code restricts how the resources are spent within this fund.

Construction Component - The District established the construction component with the series 2021 and 2020 General Obligation Bond bond issues, which provided resources to fund various capital projects of the District. The Series 2024 General Obligation Bond issue is also recorded in this component.

ANTIETAM SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

June 30, 2024

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - CONTINUED

C. Basis of Presentation - Fund Financial Statements - continued

The District Reports the Following Nonmajor Governmental Funds:

Special Revenue Funds - These funds are established to account for the cash receipts of specific sources other than expendable trusts or major capital projects that are legally restricted to disbursements for specified purposes. The District has the following nonmajor special revenue funds:

Scholarship Fund: This fund is established to account for financial resources to be used for various scholarship accounts.

Student Activity Fund: This fund is established to account for financial resources to be used for various student activity and athletic clubs.

The District has the Following Major Enterprise Fund:

Food Service Fund: The food service fund is authorized under Section 504 of the Public School Code of 1949 to account for all revenues, food purchases, and costs and expenses for the food service program. The food service fund is the District's only major enterprise fund where the intent of the governing body is that the costs of providing food services are covered by user charges and subsidies received.

During the course of operations, the government has activity between funds for various purposes. Any residual balances outstanding at year end are reported as interfund receivables and payables. While these balances are reported in fund financial statements, certain eliminations are made in the preparation of the government-wide financial statements. Balances between the funds included in governmental activities are eliminated so that only the net amount is included as internal balances in the governmental activities column. Similarly, balances between the funds included in business-type activities (i.e., the enterprise funds) are eliminated so that only the net amount is included as internal balances in the business-type activities column.

Further, certain activity occurs during the year involving transfers of resources between funds. In fund financial statements, these amounts are reported at gross amounts as transfers in/out. While reported in fund financial statements, certain eliminations are made in the preparation of the government-wide financial statements. Transfers between the funds included in governmental activities are eliminated so that only the net amount is included as transfers in the governmental activities column. Similarly, balances between the funds included in business-type activities are eliminated so that only the net amount is included as transfers in the business-type activities column.

ANTIETAM SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

June 30, 2024

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - CONTINUED

D. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

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

The government-wide and proprietary 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 revenue in the year for which they are levied. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

Proprietary funds distinguish operating revenues and expenses from nonoperating items. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services and producing and delivering goods in connection with a proprietary fund's principal ongoing operations. The principal operating revenues of the food service fund are charges to customers for sales and services provided. Operating expenses for proprietary funds include the cost of sales and services, administrative expenses, and depreciation on capital assets. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as nonoperating revenues and expenses. Federal and state subsidies are considered non-operating revenues as no exchange transaction occurs.

The governmental fund financial statements are reported using the *current financial resources measurement focus* and the *modified accrual basis of accounting*. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be available when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the government considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period. Property taxes and interest associated with the current fiscal period is considered to be susceptible to accrual and so has been recognized as revenue of the current fiscal period. Expenditure-driven grants are recognized as revenue when the qualifying expenditures have been incurred and all other eligibility requirements have been met. If time-eligibility requirements are not met, deferred inflows of resources would be recorded. All other revenue items are considered to be measurable and available only when cash is received by the government.

Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, debt service expenditures, as well as expenditures related to compensated absences, and claims and judgments, are recorded only when payment is due. General capital asset acquisitions are reported as expenditures in governmental funds. Issuance of long-term debt, including leases payable, are reported as other financing sources.

ANTIETAM SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

June 30, 2024

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - CONTINUED

E. Budgetary Process

An operating budget is adopted prior to the beginning of each year for the General Fund on the modified accrual basis of accounting. The General Fund is the only fund for which a budget is legally required.

In accordance with Act 1 of 2006, the board shall annually, but not later than 110 days before the primary election, decide the budget option to be used for the following fiscal year. The board shall approve either the Accelerated Budget Process Option or the Board Resolution Option.

Accelerated Budget Process Option

Under this option, a preliminary budget must be adopted 90 days prior to the primary election. The preliminary budget must be available for public inspection at least 20 days prior to the budget adoption. The board shall give public notice of its intent to adopt the preliminary budget at least 10 days prior to the adoption.

If the primary budget exceeds the increase authorized by the Index, an application for an exception may be filed with the Pennsylvania Department of Education and made available for public inspection. The board may opt to forego applying for an exception by submitting a referendum question seeking voter approval for a tax increase in accordance with Act 1.

The final budget shall include any necessary changes from the adopted preliminary budget. Any reduction required as the result of the failure of referendum shall be clearly stated. The final budget shall be made available for public inspection at least 20 days prior to final adoption. The board shall annually adopt the final budget by a majority vote of all members of the board prior to June 30.

Board Resolution Option

Under the Board Resolution Option, the board shall adopt a resolution that it will not raise the rate of any tax for the following fiscal year by more than the Index. Such resolution shall be adopted no later than 110 days prior to the primary election. At least 30 days prior to adoption of the final budget, the board shall prepare a proposed budget. The proposed budget shall be available for public inspection at least 20 days prior to adoption of the budget. The board shall give public notice of its intent to adopt at least 10 days prior to adoption of the proposed budget. The board shall annually adopt the final budget by a majority vote of all members of the board by June 30.

Legal budgetary control is maintained at the sub-function/major object level. The PA School Code allows the school board to make budgetary transfers between major function and major object codes only within the last nine months of the fiscal year, unless there is a two-thirds majority of the board approving the transfer. Appropriations lapse at the end of the fiscal period. Budgetary information reflected in the financial statements is presented at or below the level of budgetary control and includes the effect of approved budget amendments.

ANTIETAM SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

June 30, 2024

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - CONTINUED

F. Financial Position

1. Cash and Cash Equivalents

For purposes of the statement of cash flows, the proprietary fund type considers all highly-liquid investments with a maturity of three months or less when purchased to be cash equivalents.

2. Investments

Investments are stated at fair value in accordance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 72, *Fair Value Measurement and Application*, except for investments in external investment pools, which are valued at amortized costs if required criteria are met as outlined in Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 79, *Certain External Investment Pools and Pool Participants*.

The District categorizes its fair value measurements within the fair value hierarchy established by generally accepted accounting principles. The hierarchy is based on the valuation inputs used to measure fair value of the asset. Level 1 inputs are quoted prices in active markets for identical assets; Level 2 inputs are significant other observable inputs; Level 3 inputs are significant unobservable inputs.

Investments are exposed to various risks such as interest rate, credit, and overall market volatility. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is reasonably possible that changes in the fair value of investments will occur in the near-term and that such changes could materially affect the amounts reported in the statement of net position.

3. Interfund Transactions

Activity between funds that is representative of lending/borrowing arrangements outstanding at the end of the year are referred to as "interfund receivables/payables." Any residual balances outstanding between the governmental and business-type activities are reported in the government-wide financial statements as "internal balances."

ANTIETAM SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

June 30, 2024

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - CONTINUED

F. Financial Position - continued

4. Inventories and Prepaid Items

On government-wide financial statements, inventories are presented at the lower of cost or market on a first-in, first-out basis and are expensed when used.

Inventories of the governmental funds, consisting principally of textbooks and instructional supplies, utilize the purchase method; that is, they are charged to expenditures when purchased.

Inventories of the enterprise fund consisting of food and paper supplies are carried at cost using the first-in, first-out method. Federal donated commodities are valued at their fair market value as determined by the U.S. Department of Agriculture at the date of donation. The inventories on hand at June 30, 2024, consist of the following:

Purchased food/supplies	\$ 18,779
Donated commodities	<u>749</u>
	<u>\$ 19,528</u>

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

ANTIETAM SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

June 30, 2024

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - CONTINUED

F. Financial Position - continued

5. Capital Assets, Depreciation, and Amortization

The District's capital assets, with useful lives of more than one year, are stated at historical cost and comprehensively reported in the government-wide financial statements. Proprietary capital assets are also reported in their respective financial statements. The reported value excludes normal maintenance and repairs which are essentially amounts spent in relation to capital assets that do not increase the capacity or efficiency of the item or extend its useful life beyond the original estimate. Donated capital assets are recorded at the acquisition value at the date of its donation. Right-to-use assets are reported when a qualifying lease liability is incurred.

The District generally capitalizes assets with costs of \$2,500 or more as purchase and construction outlays occur. Management has elected to include certain homogeneous asset categories with individual assets less than \$2,500 as composite groups for financial reporting purposes. Assets purchased or constructed with long-term debt may be capitalized regardless of the threshold established. The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the asset value or materially extend useful lives are not capitalized. Construction in progress is stated at cost and consists primarily of costs incurred on construction projects. No provision for depreciation is made on construction in progress until the assets are complete and placed into service. Capital assets are depreciated using the straight-line method. When capital assets are disposed, the cost and applicable accumulated depreciation or amortization are removed from the respective accounts, and the resulting gain or loss is recorded in operations. If the gain or loss is not within the control of management, unusual in nature, and infrequent in occurrence, the loss is reflected as an extraordinary item.

Estimated useful lives for depreciable and amortizable assets are as follows:

<u>Assets</u>	<u>Years</u>
Buildings	45
Building improvements	7 - 30
Land improvements	15 - 20
Furniture and equipment	3 - 15
Right-to-use assets	3 - 5

ANTIETAM SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

June 30, 2024

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - CONTINUED

F. Financial Position - continued

6. Valuation of Long-Lived Assets

Long-lived assets to be held and used are required to be reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of an asset may not be recoverable. In general, any long-lived assets to be disposed of are reported at the lower of carrying amount or fair value less cost to sell. The District periodically evaluates the recoverability of its long-lived assets, including real estate and improvements and deferred costs, using objective methodologies. Such methodologies include evaluations based on cash flows generated by the underlying assets or other determinants of fair value. See note 7 for further information on impaired assets during the current year.

7. Unearned Revenues

Revenues that are received but not earned are reported as unearned revenues in the government-wide, governmental, and proprietary fund financial statements. Unearned revenues arise when resources are received prior to the incurrence of qualifying expenditures. In subsequent periods, when both revenue recognition criteria are met, or when the District has legal claim to the resources, the liability for unearned revenue is removed from the respective financial statements and revenue is recognized.

8. Compensated Absences

District policies permit employees to accumulate earned but unused vacation, personal, and sick days based on employment agreements. Payments for vacation, sick pay, and personal leave are expensed as paid in the governmental fund statements. Accumulated vacation, personal, and sick leave that is expected to be liquidated with expendable available financial resources and that has matured is reported as an expenditure and a fund liability in the governmental fund that will pay it. Accumulated vacation, personal, or sick leave that is not expected to be liquidated with expendable available financial resources and that has not matured is reported as a long-term liability in the government-wide financial statements and is expensed as incurred.

9. Long-Term Obligations

In the government-wide financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the applicable governmental or business-type activity columns in the statement of net position. This same treatment also applies to proprietary fund financial statements. Bond premiums and discounts are deferred and amortized over the life of the bonds using the straight-line method. Bonds payable are reported net of the applicable bond premium or discount. Other bond issuance costs are expensed at the time the debt is issued.

In the fund financial statements, governmental fund types recognized bond premiums and discounts, as well as bond issuance costs, during the current period. The face amount of debt issued and original issue discounts or premiums are reported as other financing sources and uses. Issuance costs and underwriter's discount, whether or not withheld from the actual debt proceeds received, are reported as debt service expenditures.

ANTIETAM SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

June 30, 2024

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - CONTINUED

F. Financial Position - continued

10. Leases

Antietam School District is a lessee for noncancellable leases of equipment. The District recognizes a lease liability and an intangible right-to-use asset (lease asset) in the government-wide financial statements.

At the commencement of a lease, the District initially measures the liability at the present value of payments expected to be made during the lease term. Subsequently, the lease liability is reduced by the principal portion of lease payments made. The lease asset is initially measured as the initial amount of the lease liability, adjusted for lease payments made at or before the lease commencement date, plus certain initial direct costs. Subsequently, the lease asset is amortized on a straight-line basis over its useful life.

Key estimates and judgments related to leases include how the District determines (1) the discount rate it uses to discount the expected lease payments to present value, (2) lease term, and (3) lease payments.

- The District uses the interest rate charged by the lessor as the discount rate. When the interest rate charged by the lessor is not provided, the District generally uses its estimated incremental borrowing rate as the discount rate for leases.
- The lease term includes the noncancellable period of the lease. Also included within the lease term are any qualifying renewals or early termination options that the District is reasonably certain to exercise or not exercise. Lease payments included in the measurement of the lease liability are composed of fixed payments and purchase option price that the District is reasonably certain to exercise.

The District monitors changes in circumstances that would require a remeasurement of its lease and will remeasure the lease asset and liability if certain changes occur that are expected to significantly affect the amount of the liability.

Lease assets are reported with capital assets as right-to-use assets and lease liabilities are reported with noncurrent liabilities on the statement of net position.

ANTIETAM SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

June 30, 2024

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - CONTINUED

F. Financial Position - continued

11. Pension

The District contributes to the Public School Employees Retirement System (PSERS), a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan. The District accounts for the plan under the provisions of GASB Statement No. 68, which establishes standards for the measurement, recognition, and display of pension expense and related liabilities, deferred outflows and deferred inflows of resources related to pension, certain required supplementary information, and note disclosures.

For the purpose of measuring net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources, and deferred inflows of resources related to pension and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the PSERS Plan and additions to/deductions from PSERS's fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by PSERS. For this purpose, benefit payments (including refund of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value.

12. Other Postemployment Benefits (OPEB)

The District's other postemployment benefit plans are accounted for under the provisions of GASB Statement No. 75, which establishes standards for the measurement, recognition, and display of other postemployment benefit expense and related liabilities, deferred outflows and deferred inflows of resources related to other postemployment benefits, certain required supplementary information, and note disclosures. The District provides OPEB under the following two plans:

PSERS OPEB Plan

For purposes of measuring the net OPEB liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB, and OPEB expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the PSERS and additions to/deductions from PSERS' fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by PSERS. For this purpose, benefit payments are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value.

District OPEB Plan

The District sponsors a single-employer defined benefit OPEB plan. For purposes of measuring the total OPEB liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB, and OPEB expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the OPEB plan and additions to/deductions from the plan's fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by the plan. For this purpose, the plan recognizes benefit payments when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. The District OPEB plan is unfunded.

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NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - CONTINUED

F. Financial Position - continued

13. Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources

In addition to assets, the statement of net position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred outflows of resources, represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will *not* be recognized as an outflow of resources (expenses) until then. The District has three items that qualify for reporting in this category:

A deferred charge on bond refunding results from the difference in the carrying value of refunded debt and its reacquisition price. This amount is deferred and amortized over the shorter of the life of the refunded or refunding debt.

Deferred outflows of resources for pension relate to the District's net pension liability and pension expense and arise from changes in assumptions, actual versus expected results, changes in benefits, variances in expected versus actual investment earnings, changes in the employer's proportion, differences between employer contributions and the proportionate share of total contributions reported by the pension plan, or changes in the internal allocation of the net pension liability between governmental and business-type activities or funds. These amounts are deferred and amortized over either a closed 5-year period or the average remaining service life of all employees depending on what gave rise to the deferred outflow. Also included are contributions made to the pension plan subsequent to the measurement date and prior to the District's year end. The contributions will be recognized as a reduction in net pension liability in the following year.

Deferred outflows of resources for other postemployment benefits relate to the District's liability for postemployment benefits other than pensions and related expenses and arise from the changes in assumptions, actual versus expected results, changes in benefits, variances in expected versus actual investment earnings, changes in the employer's proportion, differences between employer contributions and the proportionate share of total contributions reported by the plan, or changes in the internal allocation of the net other postemployment benefit liability between governmental and business-type activities or funds. These amounts are deferred and amortized over either a closed 5-year period or the average remaining service life of all employees depending on what gave rise to the deferred outflow. Also included are contributions or benefit payments made subsequent to the measurement date and prior to the District's year end. These payments will be recognized as a reduction to the net other postemployment benefit liability in the following year.

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NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - CONTINUED

F. Financial Position - continued

13. Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources - continued

In addition to liabilities, the statement of net position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred inflows of resources, represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. The District has three types of items that qualify for reporting in this category:

Unavailable revenue arises only under a modified accrual basis of accounting and is reported only in the governmental funds balance sheet. The governmental funds report unavailable revenues from one source - property taxes. These amounts are deferred and recognized as an inflow of resources in the period that the amounts become available.

Deferred inflows of resources for pension relate to the District's net pension liability and pension expense and arise from changes in assumptions, actual versus expected results, changes in benefits, variances in expected versus actual investment earnings, changes in the employer's proportion, differences between employer contributions and the proportionate share of total contributions reported by the pension plan, or changes in the internal allocation of the net pension liability between governmental and business-type activities or funds. These amounts are deferred and amortized over either a closed 5-year period or the average remaining service life of all employees depending on what gave rise to the deferred inflow.

Deferred inflows of resources for other postemployment benefits relate to the District's liability for postemployment benefits other than pensions and related expenses and arise from changes in assumptions, actual versus expected results, changes in benefits, variances in expected versus actual investment earnings, changes in the employer's proportion, differences between employer contributions and the proportionate share of total contributions reported by the plan, or changes in the internal allocation of the other postemployment benefit liability between governmental and business-type activities or funds. These amounts are deferred and amortized over either a closed 5-year period or the average remaining service life of all employees depending on what gave rise to the deferred inflow.

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NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - CONTINUED

F. Financial Position - continued

14. Net Position and Flow Assumptions

Net position represents the difference between assets and deferred outflows of resources less liabilities and deferred inflows of resources. Net investment in capital assets component of net position is comprised of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation/amortization, reduced by the outstanding balances of any borrowings used for the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets. In addition, any deferred outflows of resources and/or deferred inflows of resources related to such capital assets or liabilities associated with the capital assets should also be added to or deducted from the overall net investment in capital assets. If there are unspent related debt proceeds at year-end, the portion of debt attributed to the unspent bond proceeds is not included in the calculation of net investment in capital assets. The restricted component of net position is used when there are limitations imposed on their use either through the enabling legislation adopted by a higher governmental authority or through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors, or laws or regulations of other governments. The remaining component of net position is unrestricted.

The District applies restricted resources first when an expense is incurred for purposes for which both the restricted and unrestricted components of net position are available.

15. Fund Balance Policies and Flow Assumptions

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

The nonspendable fund balance classification represents assets in nonspendable form and includes items such as prepaid expenditures and inventory.

The restricted fund balance classification represents funds that are limited in use due to constraints for a specific purpose through restrictions by external parties, grant agreements, or enabling legislation.

The committed fund balance classification includes amounts that can be used only for the specific purposes determined by a formal action of the government's highest level of decision-making authority. The board of school directors is the highest level of decision-making authority for the government that can, by adoption of a resolution prior to the end of the fiscal year, commit fund balance. Once adopted, the limitation imposed by the resolution remains in place until a similar action is taken (the adoption of another resolution) to remove or revise the limitation.

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NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - CONTINUED

F. Financial Position - continued

15. Fund Balance Policies and Flow Assumptions - continued

Amounts in the assigned fund balance classification are intended to be used by the government for specific purposes but do not meet the criteria to be classified as committed. The Superintendent and Director of Finance and Business Services may assign fund balance. Unlike commitments, assignments generally only exist temporarily. In other words, an additional action does not normally have to be taken for the removal of an assignment. Conversely, as discussed above, an additional action is essential to either remove or revise a commitment.

The District will strive to maintain an unassigned general fund balance of not less than 6% and not more than 8% of the budgeted expenditures for that fiscal year set by board resolution.

Sometimes the government will fund outlays for a particular purpose from both restricted and unrestricted resources (the total of committed, assigned, and unassigned fund balance). In order to calculate the amounts to report as restricted, committed, assigned, and unassigned fund balance in the governmental fund financial statements, a flow assumption must be made about the order in which the resources are considered to be applied. The District's policy does not dictate whether restricted or unrestricted is spent first when resources are available in both categories. As such, in these circumstances, restricted will be assumed to have been spent first, followed by the unrestricted categories. The District's policy also places no restrictions on the order of the unrestricted fund balances used. As such, committed amounts will be reduced first, followed by assigned amounts, and then unassigned amounts.

G. Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

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June 30, 2024

NOTE 2 - STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE, AND ACCOUNTABILITY

A. Compliance with Finance Related Legal and Contractual Provisions

The District had no material violations of finance related legal and contractual provisions.

B. Deficit Fund Balance or Net Position of Individual Funds

No individual funds had a deficit fund balance or net position.

C. Excess of Expenditures Over Appropriations in Individual Funds

For the year ended June 30, 2024, the general fund had excess expenditures over appropriations of \$198,520. The excess expenditures were covered by excess revenues and other financing sources.

NOTE 3 - CASH AND INVESTMENTS

Under Section 440.1 of the Public School Code of 1949, as amended, the District is permitted to invest funds in the following types of investments:

Obligations of (a) the United States of America or any of its agencies or instrumentalities backed by the full faith and credit of the United States of America, (b) the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania or any of its agencies or instrumentalities backed by the full faith and credit of the Commonwealth, or (c) any political subdivision of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania or any of its agencies or instrumentalities backed by the full faith and credit of the political subdivision.

Deposits in savings accounts, time deposits, or share accounts of institutions insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation to the extent that such accounts are so insured and, for any amounts above the insured maximum, provided that approved collateral as provided by law, therefore, shall be pledged by the depository.

Pennsylvania Act 10 of 2016 became effective May 25, 2016, and expanded the permitted investment types to include commercial paper, bankers' acceptances, negotiable certificates of deposit, and insured bank deposit reciprocals as long as certain safeguards related to credit quality and maturity are met.

The deposit and investment policy of the District adheres to state statutes. There were no deposits or investment transactions during the year that were in violation of either the state statutes or the policy of the District.

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June 30, 2024

NOTE 3 - CASH AND INVESTMENTS - CONTINUED

The breakdown of total cash and investments at June 30, 2024, is as follows:

Petty cash	\$ 450
Demand deposit accounts	34,051
Investments	1,560,181
Pooled cash and investments	<u>20,927,329</u>
	<u><u>\$ 22,522,011</u></u>

Deposits

Custodial Credit Risk

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the government’s deposits may not be returned. The District does not have a policy for custodial credit risk. As of June 30, 2024, the carrying amount of the District’s deposits was \$34,051 and the bank balance was \$34,051. The entire bank balance of \$34,051 was covered by federal depository insurance.

Pooled Cash and Investments

As of June 30, 2024, the District had the following pooled cash and investments:

	<u>Fair Value</u>	<u>Carrying Value</u>
PA School District Liquid Asset Fund (PSDLAF):		
MAX Account Balance	\$ 2,024,752	\$ 2,024,752
PA Local Government Investment Trust (PLGIT):		
PLGIT - Class	2,688,153	2,688,153
PLGIT/Reserve - Class	17,161,166	<u>17,161,166</u>
Total		21,874,071
Less: reconciling items		<u>(946,742)</u>
Total Pooled Cash and Investments		<u><u>\$ 20,927,329</u></u>

Certain external investments held by the District, based on portfolio maturity, quality, diversification, and liquidity measures, qualify for measurement at amortized cost at both the pool and participating government level consistent with GASB Statement No. 79. The District measures those investments, which include \$21,874,071 (PLGIT and PSDLAF) at amortized cost. All investments in external investment pools that are not registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission are subject to oversight by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

ANTIETAM SCHOOL DISTRICT

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NOTE 3 - CASH AND INVESTMENTS - CONTINUED

Pooled Cash and Investments - continued

A portion of the District's deposits are in the Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust and the Pennsylvania School District Liquid Asset Fund. PSDLAF acts like a money market mutual fund in that their objective is to maintain a stable net asset value of \$1 per share, is rated by a nationally recognized statistical rating organization, and is subject to an independent annual audit.

The PSDMAX fund invests in U.S. treasury securities, U.S. government securities, its agencies and instrumentalities, and repurchase agreements, collateralized by such securities and contracted with highly-rated counterparties. Weighted average portfolio maturity for the fund is expected to be kept at or below 60 days. PSDMAX does not have limitations or restrictions on withdrawals.

PLGIT invests primarily in U.S. Treasury and federal agency securities and repurchase agreements secured by such obligations, as well as certain municipal obligations and collateralized or insured certificates of deposit. The fund manager intends to comply with guidelines similar to those mandated for money-market funds as contained in Rule 2a-7 of the Investment Company Act of 1940.

PLGIT - Class Shares are a flexible option within the PLGIT fund which requires no minimum balance, no minimum initial investment, and a one-day minimum investment period. Dividends are paid monthly.

PLGIT/Reserve - Class Shares are an option which requires a minimum investment of \$50,000, a one day minimum investment period, and limits redemptions or exchanges to two per calendar month. However, there is no minimum investment period and dividends are paid monthly.

As of June 30, 2024, the entire PLGIT and PSDLAF book balance of \$20,927,329 is considered to be a cash equivalent for presentation on the government-wide and fund financial statements.

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

Investment Type	Fair Market Value	Fair Value Level
U.S. Government Issues:		
U.S. Treasury Security - State and Local Government Series	\$ 1,560,181	2

Level 2 securities are valued using a matrix pricing technique or comparable securities. Matrix pricing is used to value securities based on the securities' relationship to benchmark quoted prices. The State and Local government series securities are non-marketable Treasury Securities that are available for purchase only by issuers of tax-advantaged securities.

Interest Rate Risk

The District has an investment policy that would limit its exposure to fair value losses arising from increasing interest rates. The District limits its interest rate risk through participation in investment pools.

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NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

June 30, 2024

NOTE 3 - CASH AND INVESTMENTS - CONTINUED

Credit Risk

The District has an investment policy that would limit its investment choices to certain credit ratings. As of June 30, 2024, the District's investments were rated as:

<u>Investment</u>	<u>Standard & Poor's</u>
PA School District Liquid Asset Fund	AAAm
PA Local Government Investment Trust	AAAm
U.S. Treasury Securities	AA+

Concentration of Credit Risk

The District places no limit on the amount the District may invest in any one issuer. District investments in authorized instruments not backed by the federal or state government shall be limited to the two highest applicable credit ratings. All other investments require board notification.

Custodial Credit Risk

For an investment, custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of the failure of the counterparty, the District will not be able to recover the value of its investments or collateral security that are in the possession of an outside party. The District has no investment subject to custodial credit risk.

NOTE 4 - TAXES RECEIVABLE AND UNAVAILABLE REVENUE

Property taxes are levied on July 1 on the assessed value listed as of that date for all taxable real property located in the District. Assessed values are established by the County Board of Assessments. All taxable real property was assessed at \$255,652,000. In accordance with Act 1 of 2006, the District received \$572,853 in property tax reduction funds for the 2023/2024 fiscal year. The District's tax rate for the year ended June 30, 2024, was \$46.31 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. The schedule for real estate taxes levied for each fiscal year is as follows:

July 1	- Full year tax assessed for current year.
July 1 - August 31	- Discount period during which a 2% discount is allowed.
September 1 - October 31	- Face amount of tax is due.
November 1 - January 14	- A 10% penalty is added to all payments.
January 15	- All taxes unpaid become delinquent and are turned over to the County Tax Claim Bureau for collection.

Installment payments of the face amount of the property tax can be made by the following dates - July 31, September 15, October 31, and December 15.

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NOTE 4 - TAXES RECEIVABLE AND UNAVAILABLE REVENUE - CONTINUED

The District, in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, recognized the delinquent and unpaid taxes receivable reduced by an allowance for uncollectible taxes as determined by administration. A portion of the net amount estimated to be collectible which was measurable and available within 60 days was recognized as revenue and the balance unavailable in the fund financial statements.

The balances at June 30, 2024, are as follows:

	Gross Taxes Receivable	Allowance for Uncollectible Taxes	Net Estimated to be Collectible	Tax Revenue Recognized	Unavailable Revenue
Real estate	\$ 346,141	\$ 5,723	\$ 340,418	\$ 59,999	\$ 286,142
Transfer tax	13,478	-	13,478	13,478	-
Earned income tax	72,161	-	72,161	72,161	-
	<u>\$ 431,780</u>	<u>\$ 5,723</u>	<u>\$ 426,057</u>	<u>\$ 145,638</u>	<u>\$ 286,142</u>

NOTE 5 - INTERFUND RECEIVABLES/PAYABLES

The following schedule represents the interfund receivables and payables at June 30, 2024:

	Interfund Receivables	Interfund Payables
General Fund	\$ 1,224,123	\$ 501,624
Capital Projects Fund	482,218	1,218,283
Nonmajor Special Revenue Fund		
Student Activities Fund	-	999
Enterprise Fund - Food Service	14,565	-
	<u>\$ 1,720,906</u>	<u>\$ 1,720,906</u>

Interfund receivables and payables resulted from the time lag between dates that interfund goods and services were provided and when payments between funds are made. All will be paid within one year.

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NOTE 6 - INTERGOVERNMENTAL RECEIVABLES AND PAYABLES

The following schedule represents intergovernmental receivables and payables at June 30, 2024:

<u>Name of Government Unit</u>	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Enterprise Fund Food Service</u>
Receivables		
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:		
Retirement	\$ 562,475	\$ -
Social Security	117,342	-
Transportation Subsidy	31,509	-
PCCD Grant	35,647	-
Berks County Intermediate Unit - Special Education	268,437	-
Lancaster-Lebanon Intermediate Unit - Special Education	19,085	-
Other Local Education Agencies	15,727	-
Federal Subsidies:		
Title I - Grants to Local Educational Agencies	215,931	-
Supporting Effective Instruction State Grant	28,109	-
Student Support and Academic Enrichment Program	13,483	-
Twenty - First Century Community Learning Centers Grant	39,309	-
COVID-19 - Education Stabilization Fund	291,207	-
National School Lunch/Breakfast Program	-	3,821
	<u> -</u>	<u> 3,821</u>
Total Intergovernmental Receivables	<u>\$ 1,638,261</u>	<u>\$ 3,821</u>
Payables		
Berks County Intermediate Unit	\$ 106,959	\$ -
Mount Penn Borough Municipal Authority	8,458	-
Chester County Intermediate Unit	174,357	-
Other Local Education Agencies	23,364	-
	<u> -</u>	<u> -</u>
Total Intergovernmental Payables	<u>\$ 313,138</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

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June 30, 2024

NOTE 7 - CHANGES IN CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital asset balances and activity for the year ended June 30, 2024, were as follows:

	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Reclass/ Decrease</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
Governmental Activities				
Capital assets not being depreciated:				
Land	\$ 310,056	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 310,056
Construction in progress	<u>1,763,987</u>	<u>2,111,993</u>	<u>(633,830)</u>	<u>3,242,150</u>
Totals not being depreciated	<u>2,074,043</u>	<u>2,111,993</u>	<u>(633,830)</u>	<u>3,552,206</u>
Capital assets being depreciated:				
Buildings and building improvements	36,254,290	101,489	(10,242,481)	26,113,298
Land improvements	183,115	-	-	183,115
Furniture and equipment	<u>5,983,576</u>	<u>196,981</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,180,557</u>
Totals being depreciated	<u>42,420,981</u>	<u>298,470</u>	<u>(10,242,481)</u>	<u>32,476,970</u>
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Buildings and building improvements	25,792,175	900,353	(5,837,892)	20,854,636
Land improvements	122,211	9,156	-	131,367
Furniture and equipment	<u>4,643,143</u>	<u>172,863</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,816,006</u>
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>30,557,529</u>	<u>1,082,372</u>	<u>(5,837,892)</u>	<u>25,802,009</u>
Total capital assets being depreciated, net	11,863,452	(783,902)	(4,404,589)	6,674,961
Right-to-use assets being amortized:				
Leased equipment	42,627	52,038	(17,112)	77,553
Less accumulated amortization for:				
Leased equipment	<u>26,538</u>	<u>21,796</u>	<u>(17,112)</u>	<u>31,222</u>
Total right-to-use assets being amortized, net	<u>16,089</u>	<u>30,242</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>46,331</u>
GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES, CAPITAL ASSETS, NET	<u>\$ 13,953,584</u>	<u>\$ 1,358,333</u>	<u>\$ (5,038,419)</u>	<u>\$ 10,273,498</u>
Business-Type Activities				
Capital assets being depreciated:				
Furniture and equipment	\$ 584,717	\$ 3,672	\$ -	\$ 588,389
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Furniture and equipment	<u>344,493</u>	<u>28,440</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>372,933</u>
BUSINESS-TYPE ACTIVITIES CAPITAL ASSETS, NET	<u>\$ 240,224</u>	<u>\$ (24,768)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 215,456</u>

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NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

June 30, 2024

NOTE 7 - CHANGES IN CAPITAL ASSETS - CONTINUED

Depreciation and amortization expense was charged to functions/programs of the governmental activities of the primary government as follows:

Instruction	\$ 666,511
Instructional student support	23,390
Administrative and financial support services	49,005
Operation and maintenance of plant services	357,676
Pupil transportation	5,416
Student activities	<u>2,170</u>
TOTAL DEPRECIATION AND AMORTIZATION EXPENSE - GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES	<u><u>\$ 1,104,168</u></u>

Capital Asset Impairment

On July 9, 2023, the District suffered a devastating flood at the Antietam Middle-Senior High School. Water filled the bottom floor of the building and destroyed classrooms and the mechanical room. Insurance claims were filed, but the building was deemed uninhabitable due to the extensive damage and lack of utilities.

As a result, the District recognized an impairment loss of \$2,038,419 on the statement of activities for the year ended June 30, 2024. The impairment loss is composed of \$5,038,419 of capital assets to be demolished offset by \$3,000,000 of related insurance proceeds. The District will use the remaining \$2,000,000 of insurance proceeds in future years for modular classrooms. The impairment loss and insurance proceeds are shown as an extraordinary item on the financial statements because the event was unusual in nature and infrequent in occurrence.

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NOTE 8 - LONG-TERM LIABILITIES

Bonds Payable

The District issues general obligation bonds to provide resources for major capital improvements and equipment financed purchases. The bonds are issued on a pledge of the full faith and credit of the District as well as their general taxing authority.

Bonds payable are as follows at June 30, 2024:

General Obligation Bonds, Series of 2020

The General Obligation Bonds, Series of 2020, aggregate principal of \$9,410,000, were issued July 6, 2020, for the purpose of providing funds to: (1) currently refund the outstanding General Obligation Bonds, Series of 2015 and General Obligation Note, Series of 2016, (2) fund various capital projects, and (3) pay bond issuance costs. The bonds mature from April 2021 to April 2037. Interest is payable semi-annually on April 1 and October 1. Interest rates vary from 1.00% to 4.00%. The District realized a net present value savings of \$101,596 as a result of the refunding.

\$ 6,775,000

General Obligation Bonds, Series of 2021

The General Obligation Bonds, Series of 2021, aggregate principal of \$11,195,000, were issued March 30, 2021, for the purpose of providing funds to: (1) advance refund the outstanding General Obligation Bonds, Series of 2017 and General Obligation Bonds, Series of 2018 and (2) pay bond issuance costs. The bonds mature from April 2022 to April 2035. Interest is payable semi-annually on April 1 and October 1. Interest rates vary from 0.56% to 2.799%. The District realized a net present value savings of \$356,398 as a result of the refunding.

10,225,000

General Obligation Bonds, Series of 2024

The General Obligation Bonds, Series of 2024, aggregate principal of \$7,355,000, were issued May 21, 2024, for the purpose of providing funds to: (1) fund various capital projects and (2) pay bond issuance costs. The bonds mature from April 2025 to April 2041. Interest is payable semi-annually on April 1 and October 1. Interest rates vary from 3.375% to 4.000%.

7,355,000

Total bonds payable

\$ 24,355,000

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NOTE 8 - LONG-TERM LIABILITIES - CONTINUED

The future annual payments required to amortize all outstanding bonds payable are as follows:

	General Obligation Bonds				
	Series of 2020	Series of 2021	Series of 2024	Total Bonds Payable	Total Interest
2025	\$ 845,000	\$ 325,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 1,175,000	\$ 698,721
2026	880,000	330,000	5,000	1,215,000	707,679
2027	895,000	340,000	5,000	1,240,000	679,735
2028	885,000	385,000	5,000	1,275,000	647,617
2029	700,000	610,000	5,000	1,315,000	614,160
2030 - 2034	135,000	6,795,000	180,000	7,110,000	2,558,109
2035 - 2039	2,435,000	1,440,000	3,850,000	7,725,000	1,511,656
2040 - 2041	-	-	3,300,000	3,300,000	199,200
	<u>\$ 6,775,000</u>	<u>\$ 10,225,000</u>	<u>\$ 7,355,000</u>	<u>\$ 24,355,000</u>	<u>\$ 7,616,877</u>

Leases

The District has entered into lease agreements for equipment such as copiers. The leases have various termination dates through April 2026. These leases include monthly payments of principal and interest rates ranging from 5.50% to 6.00%.

Future lease maturities as of June 30 are as follows:

	Principal	Interest	Total
2025	\$ 25,690	\$ 2,021	\$ 27,711
2026	22,022	558	22,580
	<u>\$ 47,712</u>	<u>\$ 2,579</u>	<u>\$ 50,291</u>

During the 2023-2024 fiscal year, the District entered into a lease for modular classrooms with a term beginning September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2027. Total payments under the lease are \$2,650,901.

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NOTE 8 - LONG-TERM LIABILITIES - CONTINUED

Long-term liability balances and activity for the year ended June 30, 2024, are as follows:

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Reductions	Ending Balance	Amounts Due Within One Year
Governmental Activities					
General Obligation Bonds:					
Bonds payable	\$ 18,145,000	\$ 7,355,000	\$ 1,145,000	\$ 24,355,000	\$ 1,175,000
Premiums	473,828	-	34,460	439,368	-
Discounts	(13,118)	(157,564)	(1,973)	(168,709)	-
Total bonds payable, net	<u>18,605,710</u>	<u>7,197,436</u>	<u>1,177,487</u>	<u>24,625,659</u>	<u>1,175,000</u>
Leases payable	16,960	50,241	19,489	47,712	25,690
Compensated absences	249,047	82,637	92,420	239,264	95,727
Net pension liability	23,919,000	2,173,752	2,781,752	23,311,000	-
Net other postemployment benefit liabilities	<u>1,930,322</u>	<u>63,577</u>	<u>96,464</u>	<u>1,897,435</u>	<u>-</u>
Total governmental long-term liabilities	<u>\$ 44,721,039</u>	<u>\$ 9,567,643</u>	<u>\$ 4,167,612</u>	<u>\$ 50,121,070</u>	<u>\$ 1,296,417</u>

Payments on bonds and leases are made by the general fund. Total interest paid during the year ended June 30, 2024, was \$484,249. The compensated absences liability will also be liquidated by the general fund. The net pension and PSERS OPEB Plan portion of the OPEB liability will be liquidated through future contributions to PSERS at the statutory rates; contributions will be made from the general fund. The District OPEB Plan portion of the OPEB liability will be liquidated through future payments from the general fund.

Events of Default

The District's general obligation bonds contain a provision that in the event of default of non-payment of principal and interest, the School Code allows for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to withhold monies from the School District subsidies and pay any past due amounts directly to the paying agent for payment to the bond holders.

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NOTE 9 - EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT PLANS

Employee Defined Benefit Pension Plan

General Information About the Pension Plan

Plan Description

PSERS (the System) is a governmental cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan that provides retirement benefits to public school employees of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania under Title 24, Part IV of the Pennsylvania General Assembly. The members eligible to participate in the System include all full-time public school employees, part-time hourly public school employees who render at least 500 hours of service in the school year, and part-time per diem public school employees who render at least 80 days of service in the school year in any of the reporting entities in Pennsylvania. PSERS issues a publicly available financial report that can be obtained at www.psers.pa.gov.

Benefits Provided

PSERS provides retirement, disability, and death benefits. Members are eligible for monthly retirement benefits upon reaching (a) age 62 with at least 1 year of credited service; (b) age 60 with 30 or more years of credited service; or (c) 35 or more years of service regardless of age. Act 120 of 2010 (Act 120) preserves the benefits of existing members and introduced benefit reductions for individuals who become new members on or after July 1, 2011. Act 120 created two new membership classes, Membership Class T-E (Class T-E) and Membership Class T-F (Class T-F). To qualify for normal retirement, Class T-E and Class T-F members must work until age 65 with a minimum of 3 years of service or attain a total combination of age and service that is equal to or greater than 92 with a minimum of 35 years of service.

Act 5 of 2017 (Act 5) introduced a hybrid benefit plan with two membership classes and a separate defined contribution plan for individuals who become new members on or after July 1, 2019. Act 5 created two new hybrid membership classes, Membership class T-G (Class T-G) and Membership Class T-H (Class T-H) and the separate defined contribution membership class, Membership Class DC (Class DC). To qualify for normal retirement, Class T-G and Class T-H members must work until age 67 with a minimum of 3 years of credited service. Class T-G may also qualify for normal retirement by attaining a total combination of age and service that is equal to or greater than 97 with a minimum of 35 years of credited service.

Benefits are generally equal to 1.0% or 2.5%, depending upon membership class, of the member's final average salary (as defined in the Code) multiplied by the number of years of credited service. For members whose membership started prior to July 1, 2011, after completion of 5 years of service, a member's right to the defined benefits is vested and early retirement benefits may be elected. For Class T-E and Class T-F members, the right to benefits is vested after 10 years of service.

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NOTE 9 - EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT PLANS - CONTINUED

Employee Defined Benefit Pension Plan - continued

General Information About the Pension Plan - continued

Benefits Provided - continued

Participants are eligible for disability retirement benefits after completion of five years of credited service. Such benefits are generally equal to 2.0% or 2.5%, depending upon membership class, of the member’s final average salary (as defined in the Code) multiplied by the number of years of credited service, but not less than one-third of such salary nor greater than the benefit the member would have had at normal retirement age. Members over normal retirement age may apply for disability benefits.

Death benefits are payable upon the death of an active member who has reached age 62 with at least one year of credited service (age 65 with at least three years of credited service for Class T-E and Class T-F members) or who has at least five years of credited service (ten years for Class T-E and Class T-F members). Such benefits are actuarially equivalent to the benefit that would have been effective if the member had retired on the day before death.

Contributions

The contribution policy is set by state statute and requires contributions by active members, employers, and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The contribution rates based on qualified member compensation for virtually all members is presented below:

Member Contribution Rates				
Membership Class	Continuous Employment Since	Defined Benefit (DB) Contribution Rate	DC Contribution Rate	Total Contribution Rate
T-C	Prior to July 22, 1983	5.25%	N/A	5.25%
				6.25%
T-C	On or after July 22, 1983	6.25%	N/A	6.25%
T-D	Prior to July 22, 1983	6.50%	N/A	6.50%
T-D	On or after July 22, 1983	7.50%	N/A	7.50%
T-E	On or after July 1, 2011	7.50% base rate with shared risk provision	N/A	Prior to 7/1/21: 7.50% After 7/1/21: 8.00%
T-F	On or after July 1, 2011	10.30% base rate with shared risk provision	N/A	Prior to 7/1/21: 10.30% After 7/1/21: 10.80%
T-G	On or after July 1, 2019	5.50% base rate with shared risk provision	2.75%	Prior to 7/1/21: 8.25% After 7/1/21: 9.00%
T-H	On or after July 1, 2019	4.50% base rate with shared risk provision	3.00%	Prior to 7/1/21: 7.50% After 7/1/21: 8.25%
DC	On or after July 1, 2019	N/A	7.50%	7.50%

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NOTE 9 - EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT PLANS - CONTINUED

Employee Defined Benefit Pension Plan - continued

General Information About the Pension Plan - continued

Contributions - continued:

Shared Risk Program Summary				
Membership Class	Defined Benefit (DB) Base Rate	Shared Risk Increment	Minimum	Maximum
T-E	7.50%	+/- 0.50%	5.50%	9.50%
T-F	10.30%	+/- 0.50%	8.30%	12.50%
T-G	5.50%	+/- 0.75%	2.50%	8.50%
T-H	4.50%	+/- 0.75%	1.50%	7.50%

Employer Contributions:

The District's contractually required contribution rate for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024 was 33.09% of covered payroll, actuarially determined as an amount that when combined with employee contributions, is expected to finance the costs of benefits earned by employees during the year, with an additional amount to finance any unfunded accrued liability. Contributions to the pension plan from the District were \$2,856,597 for the year ended June 30, 2024. In addition, the District's contribution to the defined contribution plan was \$23,309 for the year ended June 30, 2024.

The District is also required to contribute a percentage of covered payroll to PSERS for healthcare insurance premium assistance. Under the current legislation, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania reimburses the District for no less than one-half of the employer contributions made, including contributions related to pension and OPEB. This arrangement does not meet the criteria of a special funding situation in accordance with GASB Standards. Therefore, the net pension liability and related pension expense represents 100% of the District's share of these amounts. The total reimbursement recognized by the District for the year ended June 30, 2024, for pension and OPEB benefits was \$2,044,036.

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NOTE 9 - EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT PLANS - CONTINUED

Employee Defined Benefit Pension Plan - continued

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

At June 30, 2024, the District reported a liability of \$23,311,000 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2023, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by rolling forward the System’s total pension liability as of June 30, 2022 to June 30, 2023. The District’s proportion of the net pension liability was calculated utilizing the employer’s one-year reported contributions as it relates to the total one-year reported contributions. At June 30, 2024, the District’s proportion was 0.0524% which was a decrease of 0.0014% from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2023.

For the year ended June 30, 2024, the District recognized a pension expense of \$1,677,544. At June 30, 2024, the District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 5,000	\$ 319,000
Net difference between projected and actual investment earnings	659,000	-
Changes in assumptions	348,000	-
Changes in proportion - plan level	553,000	741,000
Changes in proportion - internal	-	-
Difference between employer contributions and proportionate share of total contributions	6,500	-
Contributions made subsequent to the measurement date	2,856,597	-
	\$ 4,428,097	\$ 1,060,000

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NOTE 9 - EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT PLANS - CONTINUED

Employee Defined Benefit Pension Plan - continued

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

The \$2,856,597 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from District contributions made subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ending June 30, 2025. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows for the years ending June 30:

2025	\$ 77,325
2026	(337,740)
2027	543,909
2028	<u>228,006</u>
	<u>\$ 511,500</u>

Actuarial Assumptions

The total pension liability at June 30, 2023, was determined by rolling forward the System's total pension liability at June 30, 2022 to June 30, 2023, using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

- Actuarial valuation date - June 30, 2022.
- Actuarial cost method - Entry Age Normal - level % of pay.
- Investment return - 7.00%, includes inflation at 2.50%.
- Salary growth - Effective average of 4.50%, comprised of inflation of 2.50% and 2.00% for real wage growth and for merit or seniority increases.
- Mortality rates were based on a blend of 50% PubT-2010 and 50% PubG-2010 Retiree Tables for Males and Females, adjusted to reflect PSERS' experience and projected using a modified version of the MP-2020 improvement scale.

The actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2023 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study that was performed for the five-year period ending June 30, 2020.

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NOTE 9 - EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT PLANS - CONTINUED

Employee Defined Benefit Pension Plan - continued

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

Actuarial Assumptions - continued

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 PSERS pension plan’s policy in regard to the allocation of invested plan assets is established and may be amended by the PSERS Board. Plan assets are managed with a long-term objective of achieving and maintaining a fully funded status for the benefits provided through the pension.

The PSERS Board’s adopted asset allocation policy and best estimates of geometric real rates of return for each major asset class as of June 30, 2023 is:

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Target Allocation</u>	<u>Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return</u>
Global public equity	30.0%	5.2%
Private equity	12.0%	7.9%
Fixed income	33.0%	3.2%
Commodities	7.5%	2.7%
Infrastructure/ MLPs	10.0%	5.4%
Real estate	11.0%	5.7%
Absolute return	4.0%	4.1%
Cash	3.0%	1.2%
Leverage	<u>(10.5%)</u>	1.2%
	<u>100.0%</u>	

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NOTE 9 - EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT PLANS - CONTINUED

Employee Defined Benefit Pension Plan - continued

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

Discount Rate

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.00%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from plan members will be made at the current contribution rate and that contributions from employers will be made at contractually required rates, actuarially determined. Based on those assumptions, the pension plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

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

The following presents the net pension liability, calculated using the discount rate of 7.00%, as well as what the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower (6.00%) or one percentage point higher (8.00%) than the current rate:

	<u>1% Decrease</u> 6.00%	<u>Current</u> Discount Rate 7.00%	<u>1% Increase</u> 8.00%
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 30,217,000	\$ 23,311,000	\$ 17,484,000

Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position

Detailed information about PSERS' fiduciary net position is available in PSERS Annual Comprehensive Financial Report which can be found on the System's website at www.psers.pa.gov.

Payables Related to the Plan

At June 30, 2024, the District had an accrued balance due to PSERS, including contributions related to pension and OPEB of \$798,905. This amount represents the District's contractually obligated contributions for wages earned in April 2024 through June 2024.

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NOTE 9 - EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT PLANS - CONTINUED

403(b) Tax Shelter Plan

The District has established a 403(b) tax shelter plan permitting the establishment of accounts for school employees to voluntarily set aside monies to supplement their retirement income. All school employees are eligible to participate. The District does not contribute to the Plan.

NOTE 10 - OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT PLANS

Employee Defined Benefit Other Postemployment Benefit Plans

The District has other postemployment benefits (OPEB) under 2 different plans: (1) a cost-sharing, multiple employer, employee defined benefit other postemployment benefits plan administered through PSERS (PSERS OPEB Plan) and (2) a single employer defined benefit healthcare plan (District OPEB Plan). The District's aggregate net OPEB liability and deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to OPEB at June 30, 2024 are as follows:

<u>Plan</u>	<u>Net OPEB Liability</u>	<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>
PSERS OPEB Plan	\$ 946,000	\$ 184,250	\$ 280,000
District OPEB Plan	951,435	187,021	580,764
Total	<u>\$ 1,897,435</u>	<u>\$ 371,271</u>	<u>\$ 860,764</u>

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NOTE 10 - OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT PLANS - CONTINUED

PSERS OPEB Plan

General Information About the PSERS OPEB Plan

Health Insurance Premium Assistance Program

PSERS (the System) provides Premium Assistance which, is a governmental cost sharing, multiple-employer other postemployment benefit plan (OPEB) for all eligible retirees who qualify and elect to participate. Employer contribution rates for Premium Assistance are established to provide reserves in the Health Insurance Account that are sufficient for the payment of Premium Assistance benefits for each succeeding year. Effective January 1, 2002 under the provisions of Act 9 of 2001, participating eligible retirees are entitled to receive premium assistance payments equal to the lesser of \$100 per month or their out-of-pocket monthly health insurance premium. To receive premium assistance, eligible retirees must obtain their health insurance through either their school employer or the PSERS' Health Options Program. As of June 30, 2023, there were no assumed future benefit increases to participating eligible retirees.

Premium Assistance Eligibility Criteria

Retirees of the System can participate in the Premium Assistance Program if they satisfy the following criteria:

- Have 24 ½ or more years of service, or
- Are a disability retiree, or
- Have 15 or more years of service and retired after reaching superannuation age.

For Class DC members to become eligible for Premium Assistance, they must satisfy the following criteria:

- Attain Medicare eligibility with 24 ½ or more eligibility points, or
- Have 15 or more eligibility points and terminated after age 67, and
- Have received all or part of their distributions.

Pension Plan Description

PSERS is a governmental cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan that provides retirement benefits to public school employees of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The members eligible to participate in the System include all full-time public school employees, part-time hourly public school employees who render at least 500 hours of service in the school year, and part-time per diem public school employees who render at least 80 days of service in the school year in any of the reporting entities in Pennsylvania. PSERS issues a publicly available financial report that can be obtained at www.psers.pa.gov.

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NOTE 10 - OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT PLANS - CONTINUED

PSERS OPEB Plan - continued

General Information About the PSERS OPEB Plan - continued

Benefits Provided

Participating eligible retirees are entitled to receive premium assistance payments equal to the lesser of \$100 per month or their out-of-pocket monthly health insurance premium. To receive premium assistance, eligible retirees must obtain their health insurance through either their school employer or the PSERS' Health Options Program.

Contributions

The contribution policy is set by state statute. A portion of each employer's contribution is set aside for premium assistance. The School District's contractually required contribution rate for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, was 0.64% of covered payroll, actuarially determined as an amount that, when combined with employee contributions, is expected to finance the costs of benefits earned by employees during the year, with an additional amount to finance any unfunded accrued liability. Contributions to the OPEB plan from the District were \$55,250 for the year ended June 30, 2024.

The District is also required to contribute a percentage of covered payroll to PSERS for pension benefits. Under the current legislation, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania reimburses the District for no less than one-half of the employer contributions made, including contributions related to pension and healthcare. This arrangement does not meet the criteria of a special funding situation in accordance with GASB Standards. Therefore, the net PSERS OPEB Plan liability and related expense represents 100% of the District's share of these amounts. The total reimbursement recognized by the District for the year ended June 30, 2024, for pension and OPEB benefits was \$2,044,036.

PSERS OPEB Liability, Expense, and Deferred Outflows and Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB

At June 30, 2024, the District reported a liability of \$946,000 for its proportionate share of the net OPEB liability. The net OPEB liability was measured as of June 30, 2023, and the total OPEB liability used to calculate the net OPEB liability was determined by rolling forward the System's total OPEB liability as of June 30, 2022 to June 30, 2023. The District's proportion of the net OPEB liability was calculated utilizing the employer's one-year reported covered payroll as it relates to the total one-year reported covered payroll. At June 30, 2024, the District's proportion was 0.0523%, which was a decrease of 0.0015% from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2023.

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NOTE 10 - OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT PLANS - CONTINUED

PSERS OPEB Plan - continued

PSERS OPEB Liability, Expense, and Deferred Outflows and Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB - continued

For the year ended June 30, 2024, the District recognized OPEB expense of \$15,808. At June 30, 2024, the District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 6,000	\$ 9,000
Changes in assumptions	82,000	179,000
Net difference between projected and actual investment earnings	2,000	-
Changes in proportion	39,000	92,000
Contributions made subsequent to the measurement date	55,250	-
	\$ 184,250	\$ 280,000

The \$55,250 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB resulting from District contributions made subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net OPEB liability in the year ending June 30, 2025. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB will be recognized in OPEB expense as follows for the years ending June 30:

2025	\$	(31,000)
2026		(40,000)
2027		(39,000)
2028		(34,000)
2029		(7,000)
Total	\$	(151,000)

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NOTE 10 - OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT PLANS - CONTINUED

PSERS OPEB Plan - continued

PSERS OPEB Liability, Expense, and Deferred Outflows and Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB - continued

Actuarial Assumptions

The total OPEB liability as of June 30, 2023, was determined by rolling forward the System's total OPEB liability as of June 30, 2022 to June 30, 2023, using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

- Actuarial valuation date - June 30, 2022.
- Actuarial cost method - Entry Age Normal - level % of pay.
- Investment return - 4.13% - S&P 20 Year Municipal Bond Rate.
- Salary growth - Effective average of 4.50%, comprised of inflation of 2.50% and 2.00% for real wage growth and for merit or seniority increases.
- Premium Assistance reimbursement is capped at \$1,200 per year.
- Assumed Healthcare cost trends were applied to retirees with less than \$1,200 in premium assistance per year.
- Mortality rates were based on a blend of 50% PubT-2010 and 50% PubG-2010 Retiree Tables for Males and Females, adjusted to reflect PSERS' experience and projected using a modified version of the MP-2020 Improvement scale.
- Participation rate:
 - Eligible retirees will elect to participate Pre-age 65 at 50%
 - Eligible retirees will elect to participate Post-age 65 at 70%

The actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2022 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study that was performed for the five-year period ending June 30, 2020.

The following assumptions were used to determine the contribution rate:

- The results of the actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2021 determined the employer contribution rate for fiscal year 2023.
- Cost Method: Amount necessary to assure solvency of Premium Assistance through the third fiscal year after the valuation date.
- Asset valuation method: Market Value.
- Participation rate: The actual data for retirees benefiting under the Plan as of June 30, 2021 was used in lieu of the 63% utilization assumptions for eligible retirees.
- Mortality Tables for Males and Females, adjusted to reflect PSERS' experience and projected using a modified version of the MP-2015 Mortality Improvement Scale.

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NOTE 10 - OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT PLANS - CONTINUED

PSERS OPEB Plan - continued

PSERS OPEB Liability, Expense, and Deferred Outflows and Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB - continued

Actuarial Assumptions - continued

Investments consist primarily of short-term assets designed to protect the principal of the plan assets. The expected rate of return on OPEB plan investments was determined using the OPEB asset allocation policy and best estimates of geometric real rates of return for each asset class.

The OPEB plan's policy in regard to the allocation of invested plan assets is established and may be amended by the PSERS Board. Under the program, as defined in the retirement code employer contribution rates for Premium Assistance are established to provide reserves in the Health Insurance Account that are sufficient for the payment of Premium Assistance benefits for each succeeding year.

The PSERS Board's adopted asset allocation policy and best estimates of geometric real rates of return for each major asset class as of June 30, 2023 is:

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Target Allocation</u>	<u>Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return</u>
Cash	100.0%	1.2%

Discount Rate

The discount rate used to measure the total OPEB liability was 4.13%. Under the plan's funding policy, contributions are structured for short-term funding of Premium Assistance. The funding policy sets contribution rates necessary to assure solvency of Premium Assistance through the third fiscal year after the actuarial valuation date. The Premium Assistance account is funded to establish reserves that are sufficient for the payment of Premium Assistance benefits for each succeeding year. Due to the short-term funding policy, the OPEB plan's fiduciary net position was not projected to be sufficient to meet projected future benefit payments, therefore the plan is considered a "pay-as-you-go" plan. A discount rate of 4.13% which represents the S&P 20-year Municipal Bond Rate at June 30, 2023, was applied to all projected benefit payments to measure the total OPEB liability.

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NOTE 10 - OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT PLANS - CONTINUED

PSERS OPEB Plan - continued

PSERS OPEB Liability, Expense, and Deferred Outflows and Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB - continued

Sensitivity of the District’s Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability to Changes in Healthcare Cost Trend Rates

Healthcare cost trends were applied to retirees receiving less than \$1,200 in annual Premium Assistance. As of June 30, 2023, retirees Premium Assistance benefits are not subject to future healthcare cost increases. The annual Premium Assistance reimbursement for qualifying retirees is capped at a maximum of \$1,200. As of June 30, 2023, 92,677 retirees were receiving the maximum amount allowed of \$1,200 per year. As of June 30, 2023, 522 members were receiving less than the maximum amount allowed of \$1,200 per year. The actual number of retirees receiving less than the \$1,200 per year cap is a small percentage of the total population and has a minimal impact on Healthcare Cost Trends as depicted below.

The following presents the District’s proportionate share of the net OPEB liability for the June 30, 2023 measurement date, calculated using current Healthcare cost trends as well as what the District’s proportionate share of the net OPEB liability would be if the health cost trends were one-percentage point lower or one-percentage point higher than the current rate:

	<u>1% Decrease</u>	<u>Current Trend Rate</u>	<u>1% Increase</u>
District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability	\$ 946,000	\$ 946,000	\$ 946,000

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NOTE 10 - OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT PLANS - CONTINUED

PSERS OPEB Plan - continued

PSERS OPEB Liability, Expense, and Deferred Outflows and Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB - continued

Sensitivity of the District's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate

The following presents the net OPEB liability, calculated using the discount rate of 4.13%, as well as what the net OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one-percentage point lower (3.13%) or one-percentage point higher (5.13%) than the current rate:

	1% Decrease 3.13%	Current Discount Rate 4.13%	1% Increase 5.13%
District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability	\$ 1,070,000	\$ 946,000	\$ 843,000

OPEB Plan Fiduciary Net Position

Detailed information about PSERS' fiduciary net position is available in PSERS Annual Comprehensive Financial Report which can be found on the System's website at www.psers.pa.gov.

Payables Related to the Plan

At June 30, 2024, the District had an accrued balance due to PSERS of \$798,905, including balances related to pension and OPEB. This amount represents the District's contractually obligated contributions for wages earned in April 2024 through June 2024.

ANTIETAM SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

June 30, 2024

NOTE 10 - OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT PLANS - CONTINUED

District OPEB Plan

General Information About the District OPEB Plan

Plan Description

Antietam School District administers a single-employer defined benefit healthcare plan (the OPEB Plan). The District OPEB Plan provides medical, prescription drug, and dental insurance for eligible retirees through the District's health insurance plan, which covers both active and retired members until the member reaches Medicare age. Benefit provisions are established through negotiation with the District and the unions representing the District's employees. The OPEB Plan does not issue a publicly available financial report and no assets are accumulated in a trust that meets the criteria in Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 75 to pay related benefits.

Benefits Provided

The District provides benefits to employees retired after 2007. Contribution requirements are negotiated between the District and union representatives. Below is a summary of the postemployment benefits provided to this group:

<i>ELIGIBILITY</i>	<i>COVERAGE AND PREMIUM SHARING</i>	<i>DURATION</i>
Act 110/43 Requirements	Act 110/43	Coverage provided until the earlier of Retiree Medicare eligibility or Retiree death. Spouse coverage ends at Spouse Medicare eligibility if earlier than above.

Act 110/43 Eligibility: All employees are eligible for this benefit upon retirement with 30 years of PSERS service or upon superannuation retirement.

Act 110/43 Coverage and Premium Sharing: Retired employees are allowed to continue coverage for themselves and their dependents in the employer's group health plan until the retired employee reaches Medicare age. In order to obtain coverage, retired employees must provide payment equal to the premium determined for the purpose of COBRA.

ANTIETAM SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

June 30, 2024

NOTE 10 - OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT PLANS - CONTINUED

District OPEB Plan - continued

General Information About the District OPEB Plan - continued

Benefits Provided - continued

PSERS Superannuation Retirement:

- 1) Pension Class T-C or T-D: An employee is eligible for PSERS retirement if he (or she) is eligible for either PSERS superannuation retirement upon reaching age 60 with 30 years of PSERS service, age 62 with 1 year of PSERS service, or 35 years of PSERS service regardless of age. In general, these pension classes apply to individuals who were members of PSERS prior to July 1, 2011.
- 2) Pension Class T-E or T-F: An employee is eligible for PSERS retirement if he (or she) is eligible for either: PSERS superannuation retirement upon reaching age 65 with 3 years of PSERS service or upon attainment of a total combination of age plus service equal to or greater than 92 with a minimum of 35 years of PSERS service. In general, these pension classes apply to individuals who became members of PSERS on or after July 1, 2011 and prior to July 1, 2019.
- 3) Pension Class T-G: An employee is eligible for PSERS retirement if he (or she) is eligible for either: PSERS superannuation retirement upon reaching age 67 with 3 years of PSERS service or upon attainment of a total combination of age plus service equal to or greater than 97 with a minimum of 35 years of PSERS service. In general, this pension class applies to individuals who became members of PSERS on or after July 1, 2019.
- 4) Pension Class T-H: An employee is eligible for PSERS retirement if he (or she) is eligible for either: PSERS superannuation retirement upon reaching age 67 with 3 years of PSERS. In general, this pension class applies to individuals who became members of PSERS on or after July 1, 2019.

Employees Covered by Benefit Terms

At July 1, 2023, the date of the most recent actuary valuation, the following employees were covered by the benefit terms:

Active participants	129
Retired participants	<u>5</u>
Total	<u><u>134</u></u>

ANTIETAM SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

June 30, 2024

NOTE 10 - OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT PLANS - CONTINUED

District OPEB Plan - continued

OPEB Liability

Actuarial Assumptions and Other Inputs

The total OPEB liability as of July 1, 2023, was determined by rolling forward the District's total OPEB liability as of July 1, 2022 to July 1, 2023, using the following actuarial assumptions and other inputs, applied to all periods included in the measurement, unless otherwise specified:

- Actuarial cost method - Entry Age Normal.
- Salary increases - 2.50% cost of living adjustment, 1.5% real wage growth, and for teachers and administrators a merit increase which varies by age from 2.75% to 0%.
- Discount rate - 4.13% - based on the Standard & Poor's Municipal Bond 20 Year High Grade Rate Index at July 1, 2023.
- Mortality rates - PubT-2010 headcount- weighted mortality table including rates for contingent survivors for teachers. PubG-2010 headcount- weighted mortality table including rates for contingent survivors for all other employees. Incorporated into the tables are rates projected generationally using Scale MP-2021 to reflect mortality improvement.
- Healthcare cost trend rates - 7.0% in 2023 with 0.5% decrease per year 5.5% in 2026. Rates gradually decrease from 5.4% in 2027 to 4.1% in 2075 and later based on the Society of Actuaries Long-Run Medical Cost Trend Model.
- Participation rates - 75% of employees are assumed to elect coverage.

The actuarial assumptions were selected using input from the District based on actual experience.

ANTIETAM SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

June 30, 2024

NOTE 10 - OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT PLANS - CONTINUED

District OPEB Plan - continued

Changes in the Total OPEB Liability

	<u>Total OPEB Liability</u>
Balance at July 1, 2023	\$ 940,322
Changes for the year:	
Service cost	72,682
Interest	40,344
Differences between expected and actual experience	(54,571)
Changes of assumptions	(11,686)
Benefit payments	<u>(35,656)</u>
Net changes	<u>11,113</u>
Balance at June 30, 2024	<u>\$ 951,435</u>

Changes of assumptions or other inputs reflect the following changes: (1) the discount rate changed from 4.06% to 4.13%, (2) the trend assumption was updated, and (3) the marriage assumption was lowered from 40% to 35%.

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 one-percentage point lower (3.13%) or one-percentage point higher (5.13%) than the current discount rate:

	<u>1% Decrease (3.13%)</u>	<u>Current Discount Rate (4.13%)</u>	<u>1% Increase (5.13%)</u>
OPEB Plan - Total OPEB liability	\$ 1,035,575	\$ 951,435	\$ 872,317

ANTIETAM SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

June 30, 2024

NOTE 10 - OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT PLANS - CONTINUED

District OPEB Plan - continued

Changes in the Total OPEB Liability - continued

Sensitivity of the Total OPEB Liability to Changes in the Healthcare Cost Trend Rates

The following presents 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 one-percentage point lower or one-percentage point higher than the current healthcare cost trend rates:

	<u>1% Decrease</u>	<u>Current Healthcare Cost Trend Rate</u>	<u>1% Increase</u>
OPEB Plan - Total OPEB Liability	\$ 832,294	\$ 951,435	\$ 1,093,595

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

For the year ended June 30, 2024, the District recognized OPEB expense of \$79,387. At June 30, 2024, the District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

	<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>
Changes in assumptions	\$ 136,800	\$ 377,106
Differences between expected and actual experience	-	203,658
Benefit payments made subsequent to the measurement date	<u>50,221</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>\$ 187,021</u>	<u>\$ 580,764</u>

ANTIETAM SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

June 30, 2024

NOTE 10 - OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT PLANS - CONTINUED

District OPEB Plan - continued

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

The \$50,221 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB liabilities resulting from benefit payments made subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net OPEB liability in the year ending June 30, 2025. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB will be recognized in OPEB expense as follows for the years ending June 30:

2025	\$ (33,639)
2026	(33,639)
2027	(33,639)
2028	(33,639)
2029	(33,639)
Thereafter	<u>(275,769)</u>
Total	<u>\$ (443,964)</u>

NOTE 11 - JOINT VENTURE

The District is a participating member of the Berks Career & Technology Center. The Berks Career & Technology Center is controlled and governed by a joint board, which is composed of representative school board members of the participating schools. Direct oversight of the Berks Career & Technology Center operations is the responsibility of the joint board. The District's share of annual operating and capital costs for Berks Career & Technology Center fluctuates based on the percentage of enrollment. The District's share for the 2023/2024 year was \$368,897.

Summary financial information as of June 30, 2023 (the most recent information available), is as follows:

<u>Berks Career & Technology Center (Governmental Activities)</u>	
Total assets and deferred outflows of resources	\$ 33,997,081
Total liabilities and deferred inflows of resources	<u>29,608,358</u>
Total net position	<u>\$ 4,388,723</u>

Separate financial statements of the Berks Career & Technology Center have been prepared and are available.

ANTIETAM SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

June 30, 2024

NOTE 12 - RISK MANAGEMENT

The District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. Significant losses are covered by commercial insurance for all major programs except for workers' compensation, for which the District retains risk of loss. For insured programs, there were no significant reductions in insurance coverage for the 2023/2024 year. Settlement amounts have not exceeded insurance coverage for the current year or the three prior years.

The District is involved in various lawsuits that arise in the normal course of business. Although the outcome of these lawsuits is not presently determinable, in the opinion of management, the resolution of these matters will not have a material adverse effect on the financial condition of the District.

NOTE 13 - CONTINGENT LIABILITIES AND COMMITMENTS

The District receives federal, state, and local funding through a number of programs. Payments made by these sources under contractual agreements are provisional and subject to redetermination based on filing reports and audits of those reports. Final settlements due from or to these sources are recorded in the year in which the related services are performed. Any adjustments resulting from subsequent examinations are recognized in the year in which the results of such examinations become known. District officials do not expect any significant adjustments as a result of these examinations.

At June 30, 2024, the District has entered into a number of contracts related to school renovation projects. Commitments outstanding are as follows at June 30, 2024 and will be satisfied through the capital projects fund:

	<u>Commitment Remaining</u>
Mount Penn Primary Center Renovation Project	\$ 6,252,370

NOTE 14 - FUND BALANCE

Details of the District's governmental fund balance reporting and policy can be found in Note 1, *Summary of Significant Accounting Policies*. Fund balance classifications for the year ended June 30, 2024, are as follows:

General Fund

The general fund has a nonspendable fund balance of \$727,093 for prepaid expenditures, committed fund balance of \$5,131,082 for retirement rate increases, assigned fund balance of \$6,260,585 composed of \$3,053,569 to balance the 2024/2025 school budget and \$3,207,016 for capital projects and equipment, and unassigned fund balance of \$2,290,800. The commitment was authorized by the board of school directors' motion to set aside resources to fund anticipated increases in PSERS contributions.

ANTIETAM SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

June 30, 2024

NOTE 14 - FUND BALANCE - CONTINUED

Capital Projects Fund

The capital projects fund has restricted funds of \$8,409,708 consisting of \$7,867,795 of unspent bond funds and \$541,913 comprised of surplus money transferred from the general fund for the acquisition or construction of capital facilities and qualifying capital assets as authorized by Municipal Code P.L. 145 Act of April 30, 1943.

Nonmajor Funds

The nonmajor funds have restricted funds of \$85,195 consisting of \$5,428 for scholarships and \$79,767 for student activities.

NOTE 15 - NEW ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS

The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) has issued the following standards which have not yet been implemented:

- Statement No. 101, *Compensated Absences* - The primary objective of this statement is to better meet the information needs of financial statement users by updating the recognition and measurement guidance for compensated absences. That objective is achieved by aligning the recognition and measurement guidance under a unified model and by amending certain previously required disclosures. The requirements of this statement are effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2023, and all reporting periods thereafter.
- Statement No. 102, *Certain Risk Disclosures* - The primary objective of this statement is to provide users of government financial statements with essential information about risks related to government's vulnerabilities due to certain concentrations or constraints. The requirements of this statement are effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2024, and all reporting periods thereafter.
- Statement No. 103, *Financial Reporting Model Improvements* - The primary objective of this statement is to improve key components of the financial reporting model to enhance its effectiveness in providing information that is essential for decision making and assessing a government's accountability. The requirements of this statement are effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2025, and all reporting periods thereafter.
- Statement No. 104, *Disclosure of Certain Capital Assets* - The primary objective of this statement is to provide users of government financial statements with essential information about certain types of capital assets. The requirements of this statement are effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2025, and all reporting periods thereafter.

The District has not yet completed the analysis necessary to determine the actual financial statement impact of these new pronouncements.

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REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

ANTIETAM SCHOOL DISTRICT
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE FOR THE GENERAL FUND

For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

	BUDGET		ACTUAL	VARIANCE
	Original	Final	(GAAP Basis)	Final to Actual
REVENUES				
Local sources	\$ 12,916,720	\$ 12,916,720	\$ 13,731,117	\$ 814,397
State sources	9,201,018	9,201,018	10,929,890	1,728,872
Federal sources	2,086,658	2,086,658	1,813,897	(272,761)
TOTAL REVENUES	24,204,396	24,204,396	26,474,904	2,270,508
EXPENDITURES				
INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES:				
Regular programs - elementary/secondary	9,605,089	9,605,089	9,742,875	(137,786)
Special programs - elementary/secondary	4,950,067	4,950,067	4,802,464	147,603
Vocational education	395,000	395,000	368,897	26,103
Other instructional programs - elementary/secondary	49,533	49,533	58,678	(9,145)
Nonpublic school programs	30,000	30,000	17,158	12,842
TOTAL INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES	15,029,689	15,029,689	14,990,072	39,617
SUPPORT SERVICES:				
Students	782,135	782,135	714,371	67,764
Instructional staff	921,467	921,467	784,939	136,528
Administration	2,075,054	2,075,054	2,509,522	(434,468)
Pupil health services	250,171	250,171	245,838	4,333
Business services	488,675	488,675	472,942	15,733
Operation and maintenance of plant	2,105,768	2,105,768	2,185,749	(79,981)
Student transportation	289,932	289,932	419,033	(129,101)
Central	739,708	739,708	837,683	(97,975)
Other	9,000	9,000	5,221	3,779
TOTAL SUPPORT SERVICES	7,661,910	7,661,910	8,175,298	(513,388)
OPERATION OF NONINSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES:				
Student activities	505,357	505,357	469,623	35,734
Community services	21,000	21,000	37,206	(16,206)
TOTAL OPERATION OF NONINSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES	526,357	526,357	506,829	19,528
CAPITAL OUTLAY	1,058,700	1,058,700	806,051	252,649
DEBT SERVICE PAYMENTS	1,651,812	1,651,812	1,648,738	3,074
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	25,928,468	25,928,468	26,126,988	(198,520)
(DEFICIENCY) EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	(1,724,072)	(1,724,072)	347,916	2,071,988
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Proceeds from lease issuance	-	-	50,241	50,241
Budgetary reserve	(100,000)	(100,000)	-	100,000
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	(100,000)	(100,000)	50,241	150,241
EXTRAORDINARY ITEM				
Insurance recoveries	-	-	5,000,000	5,000,000
REVENUES, OTHER FINANCING SOURCES AND EXTRAORDINARY ITEM (UNDER) OVER EXPENDITURES AND OTHER FINANCING USES	\$ (1,824,072)	\$ (1,824,072)	5,398,157	\$ 7,222,229
FUND BALANCE - BEGINNING OF YEAR			9,011,403	
FUND BALANCE - END OF YEAR			\$ 14,409,560	

See note to required supplementary information.

ANTIETAM SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOTE TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

June 30, 2024

BUDGETARY DATA

The budget for the general fund is adopted on the modified accrual basis of accounting which is consistent with generally accepted accounting principles.

The amounts reported as the original budgeted amounts in the budgetary statements reflect the amounts in the PDE 2028 when the original appropriations were adopted. The amounts reported as the final budgeted amounts in the budgetary statements reflect the amounts after all 2023/2024 budget transfers.

Excess of Expenditures Over Appropriations in Individual Funds

For the year ended June 30, 2024, the general fund had excess expenditures over appropriations of \$198,520. The excess expenditures were covered by excess revenues and other financial sources.

Budgetary Compliance

The District's only legally adopted budget is for the General Fund. All budgetary transfers were made within the last nine months of the fiscal year. The District cancels all purchase orders open at year end; therefore, it does not have any outstanding encumbrances at June 30, 2024. In addition, the District includes a portion of the prior year's fund balance represented by unappropriated liquid assets remaining in the fund as budgeted revenue in the succeeding year. The results of operations on a GAAP basis does not recognize the fund balance allocation as revenue as it represents prior period's excess of revenues over expenditures.

ANTIETAM SCHOOL DISTRICT

**SCHEDULE OF THE DISTRICT'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET PENSION LIABILITY -
AND RELATED RATIOS - PENSION PLAN**

LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
District's proportion of the collective net pension liability	0.0524%	0.0538%	0.0514%	0.0537%	0.0566%	0.0586%	0.0569%	0.0570%	0.0553%	0.0538%
District's proportionate share of the collective net pension liability	\$ 23,311,000	\$ 23,919,000	\$ 21,103,000	\$ 26,441,000	\$ 26,479,000	\$ 28,131,000	\$ 28,102,000	\$ 28,247,000	\$ 23,953,000	\$ 21,295,000
District's covered payroll	\$ 8,015,950	\$ 7,911,026	\$ 7,285,159	\$ 7,560,304	\$ 7,807,333	\$ 7,897,229	\$ 7,574,938	\$ 7,382,318	\$ 7,118,330	\$ 6,867,209
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of its covered payroll	290.81%	302.35%	289.67%	349.73%	339.16%	356.21%	370.99%	382.63%	336.50%	310.10%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	61.85%	61.34%	63.67%	54.32%	55.66%	54.00%	51.84%	50.14%	54.36%	57.24%

The District's covered payroll noted above is as of the measurement date of the net pension liability, which is one year prior to the fiscal year end.

NOTES TO SCHEDULE

Changes in benefit terms

With the passage of Act 5 on June 12, 2017, class T-E & T-F members are now permitted to elect a lump sum payment of member contributions upon retirement.

Changes in assumptions used in measurement of the Total Pension Liability beginning June 30, 2021

- The Discount Rate decreased from 7.25% to 7.00%. The inflation assumption was decreased from 2.75% to 2.50%. Payroll growth assumption decreased from 3.50% to 3.25%.
- Salary growth changed from an effective average of 5.00%, which was comprised of inflation of 2.75%, real wage growth and for merit or seniority increases of 2.25%, to an effective average of 4.50%, comprised of inflation of 2.50% and 2.00% for real wage growth and for merit or seniority increases.
- Mortality rates were modified from the RP-2014 Mortality Tables for Males and Females to a blended table based on 50% PubT-2010 Employee (Total Teacher dataset) and 50% PubG-2010 (Total General Employees data), adjusted to reflect PSERS' experience and projected using a modified version MP-2020.
- For disabled annuitants the rates were modified from the RP-2014 Mortality Tables for Males and Females to Pub-2010 Disability Mortality Non-Safety Headcount Weighted table, adjusted to reflect PSERS' experience and projected using a modified version of the MP-2020.

Changes in assumptions used in measurement of the Total Pension Liability beginning June 30, 2016

- The Investment Rate of Return was adjusted from 7.50% to 7.25%. The inflation assumption was decreased from 3.00% to 2.75%.
- Salary growth changed from an effective average of 5.50%, which was comprised of inflation of 3.00%, real wage growth and for merit or seniority increases of 2.50%, to an effective average of 5.00%, comprised of inflation of 2.75% and 2.25% for real wage growth and for merit or seniority increases.
- Mortality rates were modified from the RP-2000 Combined Healthy Annuitant Tables (male and female) with age set back 3 years for both males and females to the RP-2014 Mortality Tables for Males and Females, adjusted to reflect PSERS' experience and projected using a modified version of the MP-2015 Mortality Improvement Scale. For disabled annuitants the RP-2000 Combined Disabled Tables (male and female) with age set back 7 years for males and 3 years for females to the RP-2014 Mortality Tables for Males and Females, adjusted to reflect PSERS' experience and projected using a modified version of the MP-2015 Mortality Improvement Scale.

ANTIETAM SCHOOL DISTRICT

SCHEDULE OF DISTRICT CONTRIBUTIONS - PENSION PLAN

LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Contractually required contribution	\$ 2,856,597	\$ 2,781,752	\$ 2,634,755	\$ 2,446,514	\$ 2,514,055	\$ 2,567,503	\$ 2,530,086	\$ 2,221,866	\$ 1,848,991	\$ 1,479,329
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	<u>2,856,597</u>	<u>2,781,752</u>	<u>2,634,755</u>	<u>2,446,514</u>	<u>2,514,055</u>	<u>2,567,503</u>	<u>2,530,086</u>	<u>2,221,866</u>	<u>1,848,991</u>	<u>1,479,329</u>
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
District's covered payroll	\$ 8,557,246	\$ 8,015,950	\$ 7,911,026	\$ 7,285,159	\$ 7,560,304	\$ 7,807,333	\$ 7,897,229	\$ 7,574,938	\$ 7,382,318	\$ 7,118,330
Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll	33.38%	34.70%	33.30%	33.58%	33.25%	32.89%	32.04%	29.33%	25.05%	20.78%

ANTIETAM SCHOOL DISTRICT

**SCHEDULE OF THE DISTRICT'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET OPEB LIABILITY AND RELATED RATIOS -
PSERS OPEB PLAN**

LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
District's proportion of the collective net PSERS OPEB liability	0.0523%	0.0538%	0.0514%	0.0539%	0.0566%	0.0586%	0.0569%	0.0570%
District's proportionate share of the collective net PSERS OPEB liability	\$ 946,000	\$ 990,000	\$ 1,218,000	\$ 1,165,000	\$ 1,204,000	\$ 1,222,000	\$ 1,159,000	\$ 1,228,000
District's covered payroll	\$ 8,015,950	\$ 7,911,026	\$ 7,285,159	\$ 7,560,304	\$ 7,807,333	\$ 7,897,229	\$ 7,574,938	\$ 7,382,318
District's proportionate share of the net PSERS OPEB liability as a percentage of its covered payroll	11.80%	12.51%	16.72%	15.41%	15.42%	15.47%	15.30%	16.63%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total PSERS OPEB liability	7.22%	6.86%	5.30%	5.69%	5.56%	5.56%	5.73%	5.47%

The District's covered payroll noted above is as of the measurement date of the net PSERS OPEB liability, which is one year prior to the fiscal year end.

NOTES TO SCHEDULE

Changes in benefit terms

None.

Changes in assumptions used in measurement of the Total OPEB Liability beginning June 30, 2021

- The inflation assumption was decreased from 2.75% to 2.50%. Payroll growth assumption decreased from 3.50% to 3.25%.
- Salary growth changed from an effective average of 5.00%, which was comprised of inflation of 2.75%, real wage growth and for merit or seniority increases of 2.25%, to an effective average of 4.50%, comprised of inflation of 2.50% and 2.00% for real wage growth and for merit or seniority increases.
- Mortality rates were modified from the RP-2014 Mortality Tables for Males and Females to a blended table based on 50% PubT-2010 Employee (Total Teacher dataset) and 50% PubG-2010 (Total General Employees data), adjusted to reflect PSERS' experience and projected using a modified version MP-2020.
- For disabled annuitants the rates were modified from the RP-2014 Mortality Tables for Males and Females to Pub-2010 Disability Mortality Non-Safety Headcount Weighted table, adjusted to reflect PSERS' experience and projected using a modified version of the MP-2020.

Changes in assumptions used in measurement of the Total OPEB liability beginning June 30, 2016

- Salary growth changed from an effective average of 5.50%, which was comprised of inflation of 3.00%, real wage growth and for merit or seniority increases of 2.50%, to an effective average of 5.00%, comprised of inflation of 2.75% and 2.25% for real wage growth and for merit or seniority increases.
- Mortality rates were modified from the RP-2000 Combined Healthy Annuitant Tables (male and female) with age set back 3 years for both males and females to the RP-2014 Mortality Tables for Males and Females, adjusted to reflect PSERS' experience and projected using a modified version of the MP-2015 Mortality Improvement Scale. For disabled annuitants the RP-2000 Combined Disabled Tables (male and female) with age set back 7 years for males and 3 years for females to the RP-2014 Mortality Tables for Males and Females, adjusted to reflect PSERS' experience and projected using a modified version of the MP-2015 Mortality Improvement Scale.

For each year presented, the discount rate is updated using the S&P 20-year Municipal Bond Rate.

This schedule is presented to illustrate the requirement to show information for 10 years. However, until a full 10-year trend is compiled, information for only those years available is shown.

ANTIETAM SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHEDULE OF DISTRICT CONTRIBUTIONS - PSERS OPEB PLAN

LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Contractually required contribution	\$ 55,250	\$ 60,808	\$ 62,012	\$ 59,866	\$ 63,304	\$ 65,369	\$ 65,043	\$ 62,138	\$ 62,126	\$ 64,946
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	<u>55,250</u>	<u>60,808</u>	<u>62,012</u>	<u>59,866</u>	<u>63,304</u>	<u>65,369</u>	<u>65,043</u>	<u>62,138</u>	<u>62,126</u>	<u>64,946</u>
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
District's covered payroll	\$ 8,557,246	\$ 8,015,950	\$ 7,911,026	\$ 7,285,159	\$ 7,560,304	\$ 7,807,333	\$ 7,897,229	\$ 7,574,938	\$ 7,382,318	\$ 7,118,330
Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll	0.65%	0.76%	0.78%	0.82%	0.84%	0.84%	0.82%	0.82%	0.84%	0.91%

ANTIETAM SCHOOL DISTRICT

**SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN TOTAL OPEB LIABILITY AND RELATED RATIOS -
DISTRICT OPEB PLAN**

LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
Total OPEB liability:							
Service cost	\$ 72,682	\$ 117,439	\$ 119,236	\$ 86,344	\$ 89,570	\$ 84,532	\$ 78,871
Interest	40,344	29,258	25,531	37,882	34,110	33,498	25,097
Differences between expected and actual experience	(54,571)	-	(137,042)	-	(40,627)	-	(25,213)
Changes in assumptions	(11,686)	(354,551)	(42,165)	160,082	(34,346)	(1,747)	31,389
Benefit payments	<u>(35,656)</u>	<u>(38,506)</u>	<u>(70,370)</u>	<u>(74,026)</u>	<u>(49,226)</u>	<u>(44,142)</u>	<u>(64,575)</u>
Net change in total OPEB liability	11,113	(246,360)	(104,810)	210,282	(519)	72,141	45,569
Total OPEB liability, beginning	<u>940,322</u>	<u>1,186,682</u>	<u>1,291,492</u>	<u>1,081,210</u>	<u>1,081,729</u>	<u>1,009,588</u>	<u>964,019</u>
Total OPEB liability, ending	<u>\$ 951,435</u>	<u>\$ 940,322</u>	<u>\$ 1,186,682</u>	<u>\$ 1,291,492</u>	<u>\$ 1,081,210</u>	<u>\$ 1,081,729</u>	<u>\$ 1,009,588</u>
Covered Employee Payroll	<u>\$ 8,224,377</u>	<u>\$ 7,246,372</u>	<u>\$ 7,246,372</u>	<u>\$ 6,842,662</u>	<u>\$ 6,842,662</u>	<u>\$ 7,030,763</u>	<u>\$ 7,030,763</u>
Total OPEB liability as a Percentage of Covered Employee Payroll	11.57%	12.98%	16.38%	18.87%	15.80%	15.39%	14.36%

NOTES TO SCHEDULE

Changes of Benefit Terms

None.

Changes of Assumptions

Significant changes in assumptions for the July 1, 2023 measurement date are as follows:

- The discount rate changed from 4.06% to 4.13%.
- The trend assumption was updated.
- The marriage assumption was lowered from 40% to 35%.

Significant changes in assumptions for prior measurement dates are as follows:

- The discount rate was updated each year based on the S&P Municipal Bond 20-year High Grade Index.
- The healthcare cost trend assumption was updated each year.

This schedule is presented to illustrate the requirement to show information for 10 years. However, until a full 10-year trend is compiled, information for only those years available is shown.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

ANTIETAM SCHOOL DISTRICT
COMBINING BALANCE SHEET -
NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

June 30, 2024

	Scholarships	Student Activities	Totals
ASSETS			
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and investments	\$ 5,428	\$ 80,766	\$ 86,194
LIABILITIES			
Interfund payable	\$ -	\$ 999	\$ 999
FUND BALANCES - restricted	5,428	79,767	85,195
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	\$ 5,428	\$ 80,766	\$ 86,194

ANTIETAM SCHOOL DISTRICT

**COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES -
NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**

For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

	<u>Scholarships</u>	<u>Student Activities</u>	<u>Totals</u>
REVENUE			
Local sources	\$ -	\$ 106,592	\$ 106,592
EXPENDITURES			
Current:			
Operation of noninstructional services	<u>816</u>	<u>113,769</u>	<u>114,585</u>
(DEFICIENCY) EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	(816)	(7,177)	(7,993)
FUND BALANCES, BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>6,244</u>	<u>86,944</u>	<u>93,188</u>
FUND BALANCES, END OF YEAR	<u><u>\$ 5,428</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 79,767</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 85,195</u></u>

ANTIETAM SCHOOL DISTRICT

SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS

For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

<u>Grantor/Program Title</u>	<u>Source Code</u>	<u>Assistance Listing Number (ALN)</u>	<u>Federal Pass-Through Grantor's Number</u>	<u>Grant Period Beginning/Ending Date</u>	<u>Program or Award Amount</u>	<u>Total Received for Year</u>	<u>Accrued or (Deferred) Revenue at June 30, 2023</u>	<u>Revenue Recognized/Expenditures</u>	<u>Accrued or (Unearned) Revenue at June 30, 2024</u>
U. S. Department of Education									
Passed through State Department of Education:									
Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies	I	84.010	013-24-0011	8/29/23-9/30/24	\$ 335,149	\$ 119,218	\$ -	\$ 335,149	\$ 215,931
Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies	I	84.010	013-23-0011	7/27/22-9/30/23	255,636	169,321	169,321	-	-
Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies	I	84.010	013-22-0011	8/18/21-9/30/22	295,402	210,873	210,873	-	-
Subtotal - ALN 84.010						499,412	380,194	335,149	215,931
Supporting Effective Instruction State Grants	I	84.367	020-24-0011	8/29/23-9/30/24	43,525	15,416	-	43,525	28,109
English Language Acquisition State Grants	I	84.365	010-24-0011	8/29/23-9/30/24	17,685	16,422	-	13,932	(2,490)
English Language Acquisition State Grants	I	84.365	010-23-0011	7/27/22-9/30/23	18,625	12,770	7,452	5,318	-
Subtotal - ALN 84.365						29,192	7,452	19,250	(2,490)
Student Support and Academic Enrichment Program	I	84.424	144-24-0011	8/29/23-9/30/24	20,973	7,490	-	20,973	13,483
Student Support and Academic Enrichment Program	I	84.424	144-23-0011	7/27/22-9/30/23	24,286	14,917	14,917	-	-
Subtotal - ALN 84.424						22,407	14,917	20,973	13,483
Twenty-First Century Community Learning Centers	I	84.287	21C-22-0013	10/01/22-9/30/27	324,000	289,054	45,807	282,556	39,309
COVID-19 - Education Stabilization Fund	I	84.425C	224-21-0011	3/13/20-9/30/24	36,247	13,840	13,840	-	-
COVID-19 - Education Stabilization Fund	I	84.425D	200-21-0011	3/13/20-9/30/23	1,217,490	169,882	169,882	-	-
COVID-19 - Education Stabilization Fund	I	84.425U	223-21-0011	3/13/20-9/30/24	2,462,630	1,701,453	910,701	1,038,959	248,207
COVID-19 - Education Stabilization Fund	I	84.425U	225-21-0011	3/13/20-9/30/24	136,716	14,915	996	46,233	32,314
COVID-19 - Education Stabilization Fund	I	84.425U	225-21-0011	3/13/20-9/30/24	27,343	2,983	(6,624)	20,293	10,686
COVID-19 - Education Stabilization Fund	I	84.425U	225-21-0011	3/13/20-9/30/24	27,343	2,983	(10,846)	6,959	(6,870)
Subtotal - ALN 84.425U						1,722,334	894,227	1,112,444	284,337
Total Education Stabilization Fund						1,906,056	1,077,949	1,112,444	284,337
Special Education Cluster (IDEA)									
Passed through the Berks County Intermediate Unit:									
Special Education Preschool Grants	I	84.173	62-24-0014	7/1/23-9/30/24	6,017	-	-	6,017	6,017
Special Education Preschool Grants	I	84.173	62-23-0014	7/1/22-9/30/23	2,240	2,240	2,240	-	-
Subtotal - ALN 84.173						2,240	2,240	6,017	6,017
Special Education Grants to States	I	84.027	62-24-0014	7/1/23-9/30/24	262,420	-	-	262,420	262,420
Special Education Grants to States	I	84.027	62-23-0014	7/1/22-9/30/23	240,307	240,307	240,307	-	-
COVID-19 - Special Education Grants to States	I	84.027X	62-22-0014	7/1/21-9/30/23	56,310	24,686	13,993	10,693	-
Passed through the Lebanon- Lancaster Intermediate Unit:									
Special Education Grants to States	I	84.027	62-24-0033	7/1/23-9/30/24	50,000	-	-	19,085	19,085
Subtotal - ALN 84.027						264,993	254,300	292,198	281,505
Total Special Education Cluster (IDEA)						267,233	256,540	298,215	287,522
TOTAL U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION						3,028,770	1,782,859	2,112,112	866,201

See notes to schedule of expenditures of federal awards.

ANTIETAM SCHOOL DISTRICT

SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS

For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

<u>Grantor/Program Title</u>	<u>Source Code</u>	<u>Assistance Listing Number (ALN)</u>	<u>Federal Pass-Through Grantor's Number</u>	<u>Grant Period Beginning/Ending Date</u>	<u>Program or Award Amount</u>	<u>Total Received for Year</u>	<u>Accrued or (Deferred) Revenue at June 30, 2023</u>	<u>Revenue Recognized/Expenditures</u>	<u>Accrued or (Unearned) Revenue at June 30, 2024</u>
U.S. Department of Agriculture									
Child Nutrition Cluster									
Passed through State Department of Education:									
School Breakfast Program	I	10.553	N/A	7/1/23-6/30/24	N/A	134,777	-	134,777	-
School Breakfast Program	I	10.553	N/A	7/1/22-6/30/23	N/A	1,590	1,590	-	-
Subtotal - ALN 10.553						<u>136,367</u>	<u>1,590</u>	<u>134,777</u>	<u>-</u>
National School Lunch Program	I	10.555	N/A	7/1/23-6/30/24	N/A	530,745	-	530,745	-
National School Lunch Program	I	10.555	N/A	7/1/22-6/30/23	N/A	3,901	3,901	-	-
National School Lunch Program	I	10.555	N/A	7/1/22-6/30/23	N/A	31,768	-	31,768	-
Passed through the PA Department of Agriculture:									
National School Lunch Program	I	10.555	N/A	7/1/23-6/30/24	N/A	65,592	(475)	65,318	(749)
Subtotal - ALN 10.555						<u>632,006</u>	<u>3,426</u>	<u>627,831</u>	<u>(749)</u>
Passed through State Department of Education:									
Summer Food Service Program for Children	I	10.559	N/A	7/1/23-6/30/24	N/A	12,120	-	15,941	3,821
TOTAL CHILD NUTRITION CLUSTER						780,493	5,016	778,549	3,072
Passed through State Department of Education:									
Child and Adult Care Food Program	I	10.558	N/A	7/1/22-6/30/23	N/A	17,593	-	17,593	-
COVID-19- Pandemic EBT Administrative Costs	I	10.649	N/A	7/1/23-6/30/24	N/A	653	-	653	-
TOTAL U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE						798,739	5,016	796,795	3,072
TOTAL FEDERAL AWARDS						\$ 3,827,509	\$ 1,787,875	\$ 2,908,907	\$ 869,273

I = Indirect Source of Funding

Note: No funds were passed through to subrecipients in the year ended June 30, 2024.

ANTIETAM SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOTES TO SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS

For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

NOTE 1 - BASIS OF PRESENTATION

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

NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES

Expenditures reported on the schedule are reported on the accrual basis of accounting. Such expenditures are recognized following the cost principles contained in Uniform Guidance, wherein certain types of expenditures are not allowable or are limited as to the reimbursement. Negative amounts shown on the Schedule represent adjustment or credits made in the normal course of business for amounts reported as expenditures in prior years.

NOTE 3 - DE MINIMIS RATE FOR INDIRECT COSTS

The District did not elect to use the de minimis rate for indirect costs.

NOTE 4 - FOOD COMMODITIES

Nonmonetary assistance is reported in the Schedule at the fair market value of the commodities received and disbursed. At June 30, 2024, the District had \$749 of food commodity inventory.

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER
FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS
BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN
ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS**

**To the Board of School Directors
Antietam School District
Reading, Pennsylvania**

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Antietam School District, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise Antietam School District's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated February 24, 2025.

Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

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

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

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

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

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

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the District's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

Herbein + Company, Inc.

Reading, Pennsylvania
February 24, 2025

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR’S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH
MAJOR PROGRAM AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE
REQUIRED BY THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE**

**To the Board of School Directors
Antietam School District
Reading, Pennsylvania**

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

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

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

Basis for Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

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

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

Responsibilities of Management for Compliance

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether material noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above occurred, whether due to fraud or error, and express an opinion on Antietam School District's compliance based on our audit. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance will always detect material noncompliance when it exists. The risk of not detecting material noncompliance resulting from fraud is higher than for that resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above is considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, it would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user of the report on compliance about Antietam School District's compliance with the requirements of each major federal program as a whole.

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

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

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

Report on Internal Control Over Compliance

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

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

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

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

Herbein + Company, Inc.

Reading, Pennsylvania
February 24, 2025

ANTIETAM SCHOOL DISTRICT

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

Section I - Summary of Auditor's Results

Financial Statements

Type of Auditor's Report Issued: Unmodified
Internal Control Over Financial Reporting:
Material weakness(es) identified? yes X no
Significant deficiency(ies) identified not considered to be
material weaknesses? yes X none reported
Noncompliance material to financial statements noted? yes X no

Federal Awards

Internal Control Over Major Programs:
Material weakness(es) identified? yes X no
Significant deficiency(ies) identified not considered to be
material weaknesses? yes X none reported
Type of Auditor's Report Issued on Compliance for Major Programs: Unmodified
Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be
reported in accordance with 2 CFR Section 200.516(a)? yes X no

Identification of Major Program(s):

<u>Assistance Listing Number(s)</u>	<u>Name of Federal Program or Cluster</u>
Child Nutrition Cluster	
10.553	School Breakfast Program
10.555	National School Lunch Program
10.559	Summer Food Service Program for Children

Dollar threshold used to distinguish between Type A and Type B programs: \$750,000
Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee? X yes no

ANTIETAM SCHOOL DISTRICT

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

Section II - Financial Statement Findings

There were no financial statement findings.

Section III - Federal Awards Findings and Questioned Costs

There were no federal awards findings or questioned costs reported.



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STATUS OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

Section II - Financial Statement Findings

There were no financial statement findings for the year ended June 30, 2023.

Section III - Federal Awards Findings and Questioned Costs

There were no federal awards findings or questioned costs for the year ended June 30, 2023.

APPENDIX C

**Description of the
School District**

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DESCRIPTION OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT

The School District is a residential suburb of the City of Reading located in central Berks County, immediately east of the City of Reading. The School District is comprised of the Borough of Mount Penn and the Township of Lower Alsace, with a combined area of approximately 5.30 square miles.

The School District is a School District of the Third Class, organized and existing under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (the "Commonwealth").

The governing body of the School District is a board of nine school directors who are each elected for a four-year term. The daily operation and management of the School District is carried out by the administrative staff of the School District, headed by the Superintendent of Schools who is appointed by the Board of School Directors.

Demographic Characteristics

The following tables provide population trends, age, wealth and housing indices for the School District, the County and the Commonwealth.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, ACS 2018-2023 5-Year Estimates

Population and Density

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2023</u>
Antietam SD	7,581	7,956	8,049
Berks County	411,442	428,849	429,989
Commonwealth	12,702,379	13,002,700	12,986,518

Age Composition (2023)

	<u>Under 18</u>	<u>65 or Over</u>
Antietam SD	21.5%	19.7%
Berks County	22.1	17.7
Commonwealth	20.6	19.1

Family Income (2023)

	<u>Median Family Income</u>	<u>Families Below Poverty Level</u>
Antietam SD	\$85,195	8.9%
Berks County	95,578	8.3
Commonwealth	97,349	8.1

Occupied Housing (2023)

	<u>Total Units</u>	<u>Occupied</u>	<u>Percent Occupied</u>	<u>Owner Occupied</u>	<u>Percent Owner Occupied</u>
Antietam SD	3,502	3,328	95.0%	2,321	69.7%
Berks County	171,147	161,701	94.5	114,882	71.0
Commonwealth	5,779,663	5,235,339	90.6	3,629,624	69.3

Transportation

Two charter airlines (Millennium and Reading Air Charter) serve the Reading Municipal Airport, and several bus lines and trucking concerns provide extensive freight and passenger services to the region, with terminals in Reading and Allentown. A steadily improving network of local and regional highways and bypasses makes the area accessible to all areas of the eastern seaboard and Harrisburg to the West.

Utilities

Electric service is furnished by the Metropolitan Edison Company. UGI, formerly known as the United Gas Improvement Company, supplies the area with natural gas. Water and sewerage services are provided by local municipal authorities. Septic tanks and wells are utilized in those areas of lesser population not presently served by municipally owned systems.

Higher Education

Reading and Berks County is endowed with a good range of institutions of higher learning. Included are four degree-granting institutions, three hospital schools and a number of business schools. The larger institutions in the area are Kutztown University of Pa., Albright College and Alvernia University. The Reading School District operates the Reading Area Community College with approximately 2,900 students. Also within easy access to County residents is the Penn State University - Berks Campus, situated in Spring Township. In addition, Kutztown University offers Master degrees in Business Administration, Education, Library Education and various science and arts fields.

Medical facilities

There are 2 general acute care hospitals, 2 rehabilitation hospitals, 2 psychiatric hospitals and one specialty hospital that serve Berks County. These hospitals, their licensed bed capacities and number of full-time and part-time employees are as follows:

<u>Institution</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Licensed Beds</u>	<u>Staff</u>	
			<u>Full-Time</u>	<u>Part-Time</u>
<i>Berks County</i>				
Haven Behavioral Hospital of Eastern PA.....	Reading	86	144	102
Reading Hospital & Medical Center	Reading	697	5,611	1,600
Penn State Health St. Joseph Medical Center	Reading	204	1,029	483
Encompass Reading Rehabilitation Hospital	Reading	60	94	29
Surgical Institute of Reading	Wyomissing	15	75	5
Tower Behavioral Health.....	Reading	144	289	75
Wernersville State Hospital	Wernersville	266	479	0

Source: Pennsylvania Department of Health, Bureau of Health Statistics; 2023 reporting period.

ECONOMY

Classification of Employment by Industry Reading Metropolitan Statistical Area

The following is a breakdown of employment in the Reading Metropolitan Statistical Area for October 2024 from the Pennsylvania Department of Labor & Industry.

READING METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA							
(Berks County)							
October 2024							
NONFARM JOBS - NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED							
ESTABLISHMENT DATA	Industry Employment				Net Change From:		
	Oct 2024	Sep 2024	Aug 2024	Oct 2023	Sep 2024	Oct 2023	
TOTAL NONFARM	182,900	182,200	181,000	181,100	700	1,800	
TOTAL PRIVATE	162,300	161,700	162,600	161,000	600	1,300	
GOODS-PRODUCING	40,000	40,000	40,300	39,900	0	100	
Mining, Logging, and Construction	8,400	8,300	8,500	8,300	100	100	
Manufacturing	31,600	31,700	31,800	31,600	-100	0	
Durable Goods	22,200	22,300	22,300	22,100	-100	100	
Non-Durable Goods	9,400	9,400	9,500	9,500	0	-100	
SERVICE-PROVIDING	142,900	142,200	140,700	141,200	700	1,700	
PRIVATE SERVICE-PROVIDING	122,300	121,700	122,300	121,100	600	1,200	
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	34,600	34,100	34,000	34,800	500	-200	
Wholesale Trade	6,400	6,300	6,300	6,500	100	-100	
Retail Trade	18,600	18,300	18,400	18,700	300	-100	
Grocery and convenience retailers	3,600	3,600	3,600	3,600	0	0	
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	9,600	9,500	9,300	9,600	100	0	
Information	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,100	0	-100	
Financial Activities	6,800	6,800	6,800	6,700	0	100	
Credit Intermediation and Related Activities	2,000	2,000	2,300	2,300	0	0	
Professional and Business Services	23,000	23,000	23,000	23,300	0	-300	
Education and Health Services	33,900	33,800	33,400	32,900	100	1,000	
Health care and social assistance	30,400	30,300	30,300	29,400	100	1,000	
Leisure and Hospitality	15,100	15,200	16,100	14,600	-100	500	
Other Services	7,900	7,800	8,000	7,700	100	200	
Government	20,600	20,500	18,400	20,100	100	500	
Federal Government	900	900	900	900	0	0	
State Government	3,800	3,700	3,200	3,800	100	0	
Local Government	15,900	15,900	14,300	15,400	0	500	
Data benchmarked to March 2023	***Data changes of 100 may be due to rounding***						

Source: Pennsylvania Department of Labor & Industry, October 2024 report.

Trends in Berks County Employment and Unemployment

<u>Year</u>	<u>County Civilian Labor Force</u>	<u>Total Employment</u>	<u>Percentage Unemployed</u>		
			<u>County</u>	<u>Pennsylvania</u>	<u>U.S.</u>
2014	210,600	199,200	5.5	5.9	6.2
2015	213,200	203,100	4.8	5.1	5.3
2016	214,100	203,400	5.0	5.4	4.9
2017	212,100	202,300	4.6	4.9	4.4
2018	212,500	203,700	4.2	4.3	3.9
2019	215,800	207,000	4.1	4.3	3.7
2020	222,100	201,900	9.1	8.9	8.1
2021	204,500	191,400	6.4	6.0	5.4
2022	210,600	201,500	4.3	4.4	3.6
2023	215,000	207,600	3.5	3.4	3.6
2024 ⁽¹⁾	213,100	205,800	3.4	3.3	3.9

Source: Pennsylvania Department of Labor & Industry.

(1) Preliminary, as of October 2024, annualized figures are unavailable

Top 10 Employers in Berks County

<u>Employer</u>	<u>Product/Service</u>
East Penn Manufacturing.....	Manufacturer - Batteries
Reading Hospital	Health Care
Carpenter Technology Corporation	Manufacturer – Stainless Steel, etc.
Amazon.com Services Inc	Distribution
Berks County Government.....	County Government
Reading School District.....	Education
Pennsylvania Government.....	State Government Services
Wal-Mart Associates Inc	Retail
Redners Markets Inc.....	Retail
Penske Truck Leasing Co LP	Truck Leasing

Source: Center for Workforce Information and Analysis as of 2nd Quarter 2024. L & I does not report employee numbers due to employer privacy.

SCHOOL FACILITIES AND ENROLLMENTS

The school buildings presently operated by the School District consists of one Middle/Senior High School (grades 7-12), and two elementary schools. The Mt. Penn Primary Center serves grades K-2 and the Mt. Penn Elementary serves grades 3-6.

School Year 2024-25

<u>School Facilities</u>	<u>Grades</u>	<u>Pupil Capacity</u>	<u>2024-25 Enrollment</u>	<u>Renovation/ Addition Date</u>
<u>ELEMENTARY</u>				
Stony Creek Elementary	K-3	450	349	New building to be built In temporary units
<u>INTERMEDIATE</u>				
Kerry C Hoffman Intermediate School	4-8	575	433	1970, 1979, 1988, 1996, 2011
<u>SECONDARY</u>				
High School	9-12	700	359	2005, 2020 2024, 2025
<u>TOTAL ALL SCHOOLS</u>	K-12	1,700	1,141	

Source: School District

Pupil Enrollment - History and Projection

<u>School Year</u>	<u>(K-6) Elementary</u>	<u>(7-12) Secondary</u>	<u>Total</u>
2013-14	575	460	1,035
2014-15	582	467	1,049
2015-16	618	411	1,029
2016-17	608	441	1,049
2017-18	640	471	1,111
2018-19	629	489	1,118
2019-20	624	519	1,143
2020-21	571	519	1,090
2021-22	588	554	1,142
2022-23	609	553	1,162
2023-24	627	564	1,191
2024-25 (Projection)	643	574	1,217

Source: Pennsylvania Department of Education

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APPENDIX D

**Proposed Form of
Bond Opinion**

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_____, 2025

Re: Antietam School District, Berks County, Pennsylvania
\$ _____ General Obligation Bonds, Series of 2025

TO: THE REGISTERED OWNERS OF THE ABOVE-CAPTIONED BONDS

We have served as Bond Counsel in connection with the issuance by the Antietam School District, Berks County, Pennsylvania (the "School District"), of its \$ _____ aggregate principal amount General Obligation Bonds, Series of 2025 (the "Bonds"), dated as of and bearing interest from _____, 2025. The Bonds are being issued, without the assent of the electors, in fully registered form, without coupons, in denominations of \$5,000 each or multiples thereof, pursuant to the provisions of the Local Government Unit Debt Act of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, as reenacted and amended (the "Act"). The Bonds are being issued pursuant to the provisions of a resolution adopted by the Board of School Directors of the School District on February 24, 2025 (the "Resolution").

The Bonds are being issued to provide funds for (1) the design, reconstruction, renovation, installation, furnishing and equipping of the former Junior-Senior High School into a new Elementary School; (2) the design, acquisition, alteration, renovation and construction of additions and improvements to existing facilities and systems of the School District; (3) additional capital projects of the School District to the extent approved by the Board; and (4) the payment of the costs and expenses of issuance of the Bonds, as described more completely in the Resolution.

The School District has covenanted in the Resolution that it will make no use of the proceeds of the Bonds and it has neither done nor suffered and will neither do nor suffer any other action which, if such use or action had been reasonably expected on the date of issue of the Bonds, would cause the Bonds to be "arbitrage bonds" or "private activity bonds," as those terms are defined in the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), and the applicable regulations thereunder. The School District has further covenanted that it will comply with the requirements of Section 148 and Section 141 of the Code and with the applicable regulations thereunder throughout the term of the Bonds.

In the Resolution, the School District has covenanted that (1) it will include in its budget in each fiscal year the amount required to pay debt service on the Bonds for such year, (2) it will appropriate from its general revenues in each such fiscal year the amount required to pay debt service on the Bonds for such year, and (3) it will duly and punctually pay or cause to be paid when due, from its sinking fund or any other of its revenues or funds, the principal of and interest on every Bond at the dates and place and in the manner stated therein, according to the true

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intent and meaning thereof. For such budgeting, appropriation and payment, the School District has irrevocably pledged its full faith, credit and taxing power, subject to such limitations provided by law. In addition, the School District has established with Manufacturers and Traders Trust Company, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania (the “Paying Agent”), as paying agent and sinking fund depository, a sinking fund, and has covenanted to deposit into such sinking fund amounts sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on the Bonds as the same shall become due and payable.

In our capacity as Bond Counsel, we have reviewed: (a) a certified copy of the Resolution; (b) the sworn debt statement and borrowing base certificate of the School District filed with the Department of Community and Economic Development of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (the “Department”) in accordance with the provisions of the Act; (c) the proceedings of the School District and the various proofs of publication in connection with the advertisement of the Resolution, all of which were filed with the Department as required by the provisions of the Act; (d) the approval of the Department; (e) a specimen copy of one of the Bonds; (f) the Nonarbitrage Certificate of the School District executed and delivered pursuant to the provisions of the Code and the regulations applicable thereto; (g) the General Certificate signed by officials of the School District; (h) a completed and executed Form 8038-G to be filed with the Internal Revenue Service; (i) the opinion of Kozloff Stoudt, Professional Corporation, Solicitor to the School District (the “Solicitor’s Opinion”); (j) the Certificate dated the date hereof of Raymond James & Associates, Inc. (the “Purchaser”); (k) the Certificate dated the date hereof of FSL Public Finance, LLC, municipal advisor to the School District; and (l) the other documents, certificates and opinions executed and delivered at the closing held this day.

Based and in reliance upon our review of the foregoing, our attendance at the closing held this day and subject to the qualifications set forth herein, it is our opinion that, as of the date hereof, under existing law:

1. The School District is empowered under provisions of the Constitution and laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to issue the Bonds.
2. The Resolution was duly adopted by the Board of School Directors of the School District and continues to be in full force and effect as of the date hereof.
3. The Bonds have been duly authorized and executed and constitute valid and binding obligations of the School District, enforceable in accordance with their terms, except as the legality, validity, binding nature and enforceability thereof may be limited by (a) applicable bankruptcy, insolvency or other laws or equitable principles now or hereafter affecting the enforcement of creditors’ rights generally or (b) general principles of equity.

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4. Interest on the Bonds is not includable in gross income for federal income tax purposes under Section 103(a) of the Code.

5. Under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the Bonds and interest on the Bonds shall be free from taxation for State and local purposes within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, but this exemption shall not extend to gift, estate, succession or inheritance taxes or other taxes not levied directly on the Bonds or the interest thereon. Under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, profits, gains or income derived from the sale, exchange or other disposition of the Bonds, are subject to State and local taxation within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

6. Under the Code, interest on the Bonds does not constitute an item of tax preference under Section 57 of the Code and thus is not subject to alternative minimum tax on individuals and corporations; however, such interest is taken into account in determining the annual adjusted financial statement income of applicable corporations (as defined in Section 59(k) of the Code) for the purpose of computing the alternative minimum tax imposed on corporations.

In connection with providing the foregoing opinions, we call to your attention the following:

A. As to questions of fact material to our opinion, we have relied upon the certified proceedings and other documents, agreements, instruments, reports and certificates furnished to us at or in connection with the issuance of the Bonds (including, without limitation, certificates and agreements by the School District as to the expected use of proceeds of the Bonds, and as to its continuing compliance with Sections 148 and 141 of the Code to assure that the Bonds do not become “arbitrage bonds” or “private activity bonds”) without undertaking to verify the same by independent investigation. We have also relied upon the accuracy of the representations and warranties and the performance of the covenants and agreements of the School District set forth in the Resolution and the various certificates and other agreements delivered at or in connection with the closing held this day.

B. In providing the opinions set forth in paragraphs 2 and 3 above, we have relied, without independent investigation, on the Solicitor’s Opinion.

C. In providing the opinion set forth in paragraph 4 above, we have assumed continuing compliance by the School District with the requirements of the Code and applicable regulations thereunder which must be met subsequent to the issuance of the Bonds in order that the interest thereon be and remain excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes.

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Failure to comply with such requirements could cause the interest on the Bonds to be included in gross income retroactive to the date of issuance of the Bonds.

D. In providing the opinions set forth in paragraph 6 above, we have assumed continuing compliance by the School District with the requirements of the Code and applicable regulations thereunder which must be met subsequent to the issuance of the Notes in order that the interest thereon not constitute an item of tax preference under Section 57 of the Code. Failure to comply with such requirements could cause the interest on the Bonds to constitute an item of tax preference under Section 57 of the Code retroactive to the date of issuance of the Bonds.

E. Except as specifically set forth above, we express no opinion regarding other federal income tax consequences arising with respect to the Bonds, including, without limitation, the treatment for federal income tax purposes of gain or loss, if any, upon the sale, redemption, or other disposition of the Bonds prior to maturity of the Bonds subject to original issue discount or premium and the effect, if any, of certain other provisions of the Code which could result in collateral federal income tax consequences to certain investors as a result of adjustments in the computation of tax liability dependent on tax-exempt interest.

F. We have not been engaged to verify, nor have we independently verified, the accuracy, completeness or truthfulness of any statements, certifications, information or financial statements set forth in the Preliminary Official Statement _____, 2025 (the "Preliminary Official Statement"), or the Official Statement, dated _____, 2025 (the "Official Statement"), or otherwise used in connection with the offer and sale of the Bonds or set forth in or delivered by School District officials. We express no opinion with respect to whether the School District, in connection with the sale of the Bonds or the preparation of the Preliminary Official Statement or the Official Statement, has made any untrue statement of a material fact or omitted to state a material fact necessary in order to make any statements made not misleading.

G. We have not verified, and express no opinion as to the accuracy of, any "CUSIP" identification number which may be printed on any Bond. We have also assumed the genuineness of the signatures appearing upon all the certificates, documents and instruments executed and delivered at closing.

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H. The opinions expressed herein are based on an analysis of existing laws, regulations, rulings, and court decisions and cover certain matters not directly addressed by such authorities. Such opinions may be affected by actions taken or omitted or events occurring after the date hereof. We have not undertaken to determine, or to inform any person, whether any such actions are taken or omitted or events do occur or any other matters come to our attention after the date hereof. Our engagement as Bond Counsel has concluded with the issuance of the Bonds and we disclaim any obligation to update this letter.

STEVENS & LEE, P.C.

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APPENDIX E

**Proposed Form of
Continuing Disclosure Certificate**

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ANTIETAM SCHOOL DISTRICT
BERKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES OF 2025

CONTINUING DISCLOSURE CERTIFICATE

This Continuing Disclosure Certificate (the “Disclosure Certificate”) is executed and delivered by the Antietam School District, Berks County, Pennsylvania (the “School District”), in connection with the issuance of its \$ _____ aggregate principal amount General Obligation Bonds, Series of 2025 (the “Bonds”). The Bonds are being issued pursuant to a Resolution of the School District, dated February 24, 2025 (the “Resolution”). The School District covenants and agrees as follows:

SECTION 1. Purpose of the Disclosure Certificate. This Disclosure Certificate is being executed and delivered by the School District for the benefit of the Bondholders and in order to assist the Participating Underwriter in complying with the Rule (hereinafter defined).

SECTION 2. Definitions. In addition to the definitions set forth in the Resolution, which apply to any capitalized term used in this Disclosure Certificate unless otherwise defined in this Section, the following capitalized terms shall have the following meanings:

“Annual Report” shall mean any Annual Report provided by the School District pursuant to, and as described in, Sections 3 and 4 of this Disclosure Certificate.

“Bondholders” or “Holders” shall mean the registered owners of the Bonds and, if registered in the name of Cede & Co., through The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York (“DTC”), any Beneficial Owners (as such term is used by DTC to define holders other than nominees) of the Bonds, unless the Rule, or an authoritative interpretation thereof by the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “Commission”) or its staff, does not require this Disclosure Certificate to be for the benefit of such Beneficial Owners.

“Business Day” shall mean a day other than (a) a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday, (b) a day on which banks located in any city in which the principal office or designated payment office of the paying agent or the Dissemination Agent is located are required or authorized by law to remain closed, or (c) a day on which the Securities Depository or the New York Stock Exchange is closed.

“Commission” shall mean the Securities and Exchange Commission.

“Dissemination Agent” shall mean any person or entity designated from time to time in writing by the School District and which has filed with the School District a written acceptance of such designation and of the duties of the Dissemination Agent under this Disclosure Certificate.

“EMMA” shall mean the Electronic Municipal Market Access system as described in 1934 Act Release No. 59062 and maintained by the MSRB for purposes of the Rule as further described in Section 13 hereof.

“Filing” shall mean, as applicable, any Annual Report or Listed Event filing or any other notice or report made public under this Disclosure Certificate made with each NRMSIR or the MSRB and the SID, if any, together with a completed copy of a cover sheet in such form acceptable to each NRMSIR, the MSRB or SID, if applicable, describing the event by checking the box in said form when filing pursuant to the pertinent sections of this Disclosure Certificate.

“Financial Obligation” shall mean a (i) debt obligation; (ii) derivative instrument entered into in connection with, or pledged as security or a source of payment for, an existing or planned debt obligation; or (iii) a guarantee of (i) or (ii). The term Financial Obligation shall not include municipal securities as to which a final official statement has been provided to the MSRB consistent with the Rule.

“Listed Events” shall mean any of the events listed in Section 5(a) of this Disclosure Certificate.

“MSRB” shall mean the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board, or any successor thereto for purposes of the Rule.

“NRMSIR” shall mean any Nationally Recognized Municipal Securities Information Repository recognized for purposes of the Rule and the MSRB, as reflected on the website of the Securities and Exchange Commission at www.sec.gov. **As of the date of this Disclosure Certificate, the sole NRMSIR shall be the MSRB, through the operation of EMMA, as provided in Section 13 hereof.**

“Official Statement” shall mean the School District’s Official Statement dated _____, 2025 related to the Bonds.

“Participating Underwriter” shall mean any of the original underwriters of the Bonds required to comply with the Rule in connection with offering of the Bonds.

“Repository” shall mean each NRMSIR and the SID, if any.

“Rule” shall mean Rule 15c2-12(b)(5) adopted by the Commission under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as the same may be amended from time to time.

“SID” shall mean any public or private state information depository or entity designated by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania as a state information depository for the purpose of the Rule, if any. As of the date of this Disclosure Certificate, no SID has been designated.

SECTION 3. Provision of Annual Reports.

(a) The School District shall not later than 240 days after the end of each fiscal year of the School District, commencing with the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, provide directly or through the Dissemination Agent to each Repository an Annual Report which is consistent with the requirements of Section 4 of this Disclosure Certificate. In connection therewith, not later than fifteen (15) Business Days prior to said date, the School District shall

provide the Annual Report to the Dissemination Agent (if one has been designated by the School District under this Disclosure Certificate). The Annual Report may be submitted as a single document or as separate documents comprising a package, and may cross-reference other information as provided in Section 4 of this Disclosure Certificate; provided that the audited financial statements of the School District may be submitted separately from the remainder of the Annual Report when such audited financial statements are available. If the audited financial statements are not submitted as part of the Annual Filing to each Repository pursuant to this Section 3(a), the School District shall provide to each Repository such audited financial statements when they are available to the School District.

(b) If the School District is unable to provide an Annual Report by the date required in subsection (a), the School District shall send or cause the Dissemination Agent to send, in a timely manner, a notice to each NRMSIR and the SID, if any, in substantially the form attached as Exhibit A.

(c) The School District or the Dissemination Agent, if applicable, shall:

(i) determine each year prior to the date for providing the Annual Report the name and address of each NRMSIR and the SID, if any; and

(ii) if a Dissemination Agent has been designated hereunder, file a report with the School District certifying that the Annual Report has been provided pursuant to this Disclosure Certificate, stating the date it was provided and listing each Repository to which it was provided.

(iii) The School District shall promptly file a notice of any change in its fiscal year and the new annual filing date with each NRMSIR and the SID, if any.

(d) If the Dissemination Agent does not receive the Annual Report from the School District by the fifteenth Business Day specified in Section 3(a) above, the Dissemination Agent shall provide a written reminder notice to the School District with respect to the School District's obligations under Section 3(a) above no later than five (5) Business Days after such fifteenth Business Day.

SECTION 4. Content of Annual Reports. The School District's Annual Report shall contain or incorporate by reference the following:

(a) a copy of the School District's annual financial statements prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles for local government units; and

(b) a summary of the budget for the current fiscal year;

(c) the assessed value and aggregate market value of all taxable real estate for the current fiscal year;

(d) the taxes and millage rates imposed for the current fiscal year;

(e) the real property tax collections results for the most recent fiscal year, including (1) the real estate levy imposed (expressed both as a millage rate and an aggregate dollar amount), (2) the dollar amount of real estate taxes collected that represented current collections (expressed both as a percentage of such fiscal year's levy and as collected that represented current collections (expressed both as a percentage of such fiscal year's levy and as an aggregate dollar amount), (3) the amount of real estate taxes collected that represented taxes levied in prior years (expressed as an aggregate dollar amount), and (4) the total amount of real estate taxes collected (expressed both as a percentage of the current year's levy and as an aggregate dollar amount); and

(f) a list of the ten (10) largest real estate taxpayers and, for each, the total assessed value of real estate for the current fiscal year.

Any or all of the items listed above may be incorporated by reference from other documents, including official statements of debt issues of the School District or related public entities, which have been submitted to each Repository or the Commission. If the document incorporated by reference is a final official statement, it must be available from the MSRB. The School District shall clearly identify each such other document so incorporated by reference. The School District reserves the right to modify from time to time specific types of information provided hereunder or the format of the presentation of such information, to the extent necessary or appropriate; provided, however, that any such modification will be done in a manner consistent with the Rule.

SECTION 5. Reporting of Significant Events.

(a) The occurrence of any of the following events with respect to a particular series of the Bonds constitutes a "Listed Event" only with respect to such series of the Bonds. This Section 5 shall govern the giving of notices of the occurrence of any of the following events:

- (i) Principal and interest payment delinquencies;
- (ii) Nonpayment related defaults, if material;
- (iii) Unscheduled draws on debt service reserves reflecting financial difficulties;
- (iv) Unscheduled draws on credit enhancements reflecting financial difficulties;
- (v) Substitution of credit or liquidity providers, or their failure to perform;
- (vi) 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-exempt status of the Bonds, or other material events affecting the tax status of the Bonds;

- (vii) Modifications to rights of securities holders, if material;
- (viii) Bond calls, if material, and tender offers for the Bonds;
- (ix) Defeasances;
- (x) Release, substitution, or sale of property securing repayment of the securities, if material;
- (xi) Rating changes;
- (xii) Bankruptcy, insolvency, receivership or similar events of the School District;
- (xiii) The consummation of a merger, consolidation, or acquisition involving the School District or the sale of all or substantially all of the assets of the School 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;
- (xiv) Appointment of a successor or additional trustee or paying agent or the change of name of a trustee or paying agent, if material;
- (xv) Incurrence of a Financial Obligation of the School District, if material, or agreement to covenants, events of default, remedies, priority rights, or other similar terms of a Financial Obligation of the School District, any of which affect security holders, if material; and
- (xvi) Default, event of acceleration, termination event, modification of terms, or other similar events under the terms of the Financial Obligation of the School District, any of which reflect financial difficulties.

(b) Whenever the School District obtains knowledge of the occurrence of a Listed Event, the School District shall as soon as possible (with respect to those Listed Events where a determination of materiality by the School District is applicable) determine if such event would constitute material information for Holders of Bonds under applicable federal securities laws.

(c) If (i) a Determination of materiality by the School District is not relevant to the obligation to give notice of a Listed Event or (ii) the School District determines (with respect to those Listed Events where a determination of materiality by the School District is applicable) that knowledge of the occurrence of a Listed Event would be material under applicable federal securities laws, the School District shall promptly file in a timely manner, not in excess of ten (10) Business Days after the occurrence of the Listed Event, or cause the Dissemination Agent to so file (if a Dissemination Agent has been designated hereunder) a notice of such occurrence with each NRMSIR and the SID, if any, with a copy to the Paying Agent.

(d) For purposes of the Listed Events in Section 5(a)(xii), the School District and the Dissemination Agent acknowledge the following interpretive note which the Commission has set forth in the Rule: *“Note: for the purposes of the event identified in subparagraph (b)(5)(i)(C)(12), the event is considered to occur when any of the following occur: the appointment of a receiver, fiscal agent or similar officer for an obligated person 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 obligated person, or if such jurisdiction has been assumed by leaving the existing governmental 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 obligated person;”*

SECTION 6. Termination of Reporting Obligation. The School District’s obligations under this Disclosure Certificate shall terminate upon the defeasance, prior redemption or payment in full of all of the Bonds.

In the event that any person or entity subsequent to the execution hereof becomes an “obligated person,” as such term is defined in the Rule, with respect to the Bonds, the School District covenants to use its best effort to cause such obligated person to enter into a written undertaking to comply with the provisions of the Rule or to cause this Disclosure Certificate to be amended and to cause such obligated person to join in the execution of such amendment.

SECTION 7. Dissemination Agent. The School District may, from time to time, appoint or engage a Dissemination Agent to assist it in carrying out its obligations under this Disclosure Certificate, and may discharge any such Dissemination Agent, with or without appointing a successor Dissemination Agent. The School District shall cause the Dissemination Agent appointed hereunder and any successors to execute and deliver an acknowledgment of acceptance of the designation and duties of Dissemination Agent under this Disclosure Statement.

SECTION 8. Amendment; Waiver. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Disclosure Certificate, the School District may amend this Disclosure Certificate, and any provision of this Disclosure Certificate may be waived, if such amendment or waiver is supported by an opinion of counsel expert in federal securities laws to the effect that such amendment or waiver would not, in and of itself, cause the undertakings herein to violate the Rule if such amendment or waiver had been effective on the date hereof but taking into account any subsequent change in or official interpretation of the Rule, as well as any change in circumstances.

SECTION 9. Additional Information. Nothing in this Disclosure Certificate shall be deemed to prevent the School District from disseminating any other information, using the means of dissemination set forth in this Disclosure Certificate or any other means of communication, or including any other information in any Annual Report or notice of occurrence of a Listed Event, in addition to that which is required by this Disclosure Certificate. If the School District chooses to include any information in any Annual Report or notice of occurrence

of a Listed Event in addition to that which is specifically required by this Disclosure Certificate, the School District shall have no obligation under this Agreement to update such information or include it in any future Annual Report or notice of occurrence of a Listed Event.

SECTION 10. Default. In the event of a failure of the School District to comply with any provision of this Disclosure Certificate, any Bondholder may take such actions as may be necessary and appropriate, including seeking mandate or specific performance by court order, to cause the School District to comply with its obligations under this Disclosure Certificate. A default under this Disclosure Certificate shall not be deemed an event of default under the Bonds or the Resolution, and the sole remedy under this Disclosure Certificate in the event of any failure of the School District to comply with this Disclosure Certificate shall be an action to compel performance.

SECTION 11. Duties, Immunities and Liabilities of Dissemination Agent, if other than the School District. The Dissemination Agent shall have only such duties as are specifically set forth in this Disclosure Certificate, and the School District agrees to indemnify and save the Dissemination Agent, its officers, directors, employees and agents, harmless against any loss, expense and liabilities which it may incur arising out of or in the exercise or performance of its powers and duties hereunder, including the costs and expenses (including attorneys fees) of defending against any claim of liability, but excluding liabilities due to the Dissemination Agent's negligence or willful misconduct. The obligations of the School District under this Section shall survive resignation or removal of the Dissemination Agent and payment of the Bonds.

SECTION 12. Undertaking with Respect to Certain Procedures and Policies. The School District agrees to begin the process of establishing internal policies and procedures for the purpose of continuing disclosure compliance. Without intending to preclude the adoption of other necessary or useful policies and procedures, a single School District official will be designated with ultimate responsibility for continuing disclosure compliance and will oversee the process of informing and training appropriate deputies and other School District employees with respect to the School District's continuing disclosure undertakings.

SECTION 13. EMMA. Filings shall be made to the continuing disclosure service portal provided through EMMA as provided at <http://www.emma.msrb.org>, or any similar system that is acceptable to the Commission.

SECTION 14. Alternative Filing. Notwithstanding the other provisions of this Disclosure Certificate, any filing under this Disclosure Certificate, and any additional supplements hereto, may be made with such depositories and using such electronic filing systems as may be approved by the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (in lieu of the procedures currently in this Disclosure Certificate).

SECTION 15. Beneficiaries. This Disclosure Certificate shall inure solely to the benefit of the School District, the Paying Agent, the Dissemination Agent (if any), the Participating Underwriter and the Holders from time to time of the Bonds, and shall create no rights in any other person or entity.

ANTIETAM SCHOOL DISTRICT
Berks County, Pennsylvania

(SEAL)

By: _____
President

Attest: _____
Secretary

Date: March __, 2025

EXHIBIT A¹

NOTICE TO REPOSITORIES OF FAILURE TO FILE ANNUAL REPORT

Name of Issuer: Antietam School District
Berks County, Pennsylvania

Name of Bond Issue: Antietam School District
Berks County, Pennsylvania
\$_____ aggregate principal amount
General Obligation Bonds,
Series of 2025 (the “Bonds”)

Date of Issuance: March __, 2025

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Antietam School District, Berks County, Pennsylvania (the “School District”), has not provided an Annual Report with respect to the above-named Bonds as required by Section 3 of the Continuing Disclosure Certificate, dated March __, 2025, executed by the School District. The School District anticipates that the Annual Report will be filed by _____.

Dated: _____

ANTIETAM SCHOOL DISTRICT, BERKS
COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, [OR
DISSEMINATION AGENT ON BEHALF OF
THE ANTIETAM SCHOOL DISTRICT, BERKS
COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA]

cc: Paying Agent

¹ The substantive content of this notice shall be provided in any applicable notice filing. Appropriate modifications may be made to accommodate the electronic submission format requirements of the EMMA system or other successor electronic filing system.

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APPENDIX F

Specimen Municipal Bond Insurance Policy

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BAM

**MUNICIPAL BOND
INSURANCE POLICY**

ISSUER: [NAME OF ISSUER]

Policy No: _____

MEMBER: [NAME OF MEMBER]

BONDS: \$ _____ in aggregate principal
amount of [NAME OF TRANSACTION]
[and maturing on]

Effective Date: _____

Risk Premium: \$ _____
Member Surplus Contribution: \$ _____
Total Insurance Payment: \$ _____

BUILD AMERICA MUTUAL ASSURANCE COMPANY (“BAM”), for consideration received, hereby UNCONDITIONALLY AND IRREVOCABLY agrees to pay to the trustee (the “Trustee”) or paying agent (the “Paying Agent”) for the Bonds named above (as set forth in the documentation providing for the issuance and securing of the Bonds), for the benefit of the Owners or, at the election of BAM, directly to each Owner, subject only to the terms of this Policy (which includes each endorsement hereto), that portion of the principal of and interest on the Bonds that shall become Due for Payment but shall be unpaid by reason of Nonpayment by the Issuer.

On the later of the day on which such principal and interest becomes Due for Payment or the first Business Day following the Business Day on which BAM shall have received Notice of Nonpayment, BAM will disburse (but without duplication in the case of duplicate claims for the same Nonpayment) to or for the benefit of each Owner of the Bonds, the face amount of principal of and interest on the Bonds that is then Due for Payment but is then unpaid by reason of Nonpayment by the Issuer, but only upon receipt by BAM, in a form reasonably satisfactory to it, of (a) evidence of the Owner’s right to receive payment of such principal or interest then Due for Payment and (b) evidence, including any appropriate instruments of assignment, that all of the Owner’s rights with respect to payment of such principal or interest that is Due for Payment shall thereupon vest in BAM. A Notice of Nonpayment will be deemed received on a given Business Day if it is received prior to 1:00 p.m. (New York time) on such Business Day; otherwise, it will be deemed received on the next Business Day. If any Notice of Nonpayment received by BAM is incomplete, it shall be deemed not to have been received by BAM for purposes of the preceding sentence, and BAM shall promptly so advise the Trustee, Paying Agent or Owner, as appropriate, any of whom may submit an amended Notice of Nonpayment. Upon disbursement under this Policy in respect of a Bond and to the extent of such payment, BAM shall become the owner of such Bond, any appurtenant coupon to such Bond and right to receipt of payment of principal of or interest on such Bond and shall be fully subrogated to the rights of the Owner, including the Owner’s right to receive payments under such Bond. Payment by BAM either to the Trustee or Paying Agent for the benefit of the Owners, or directly to the Owners, on account of any Nonpayment shall discharge the obligation of BAM under this Policy with respect to said Nonpayment.

Except to the extent expressly modified by an endorsement hereto, the following terms shall have the meanings specified for all purposes of this Policy. “Business Day” means any day other than (a) a Saturday or Sunday or (b) a day on which banking institutions in the State of New York or the Insurer’s Fiscal Agent (as defined herein) are authorized or required by law or executive order to remain closed. “Due for Payment” means (a) when referring to the principal of a Bond, payable on the stated maturity date thereof or the date on which the same shall have been duly called for mandatory sinking fund redemption and does not refer to any earlier date on which payment is due by reason of call for redemption (other than by mandatory sinking fund redemption), acceleration or other advancement of maturity (unless BAM shall elect, in its sole discretion, to pay such principal due upon such acceleration together with any accrued interest to the date of acceleration) and (b) when referring to interest on a Bond, payable on the stated date for payment of interest. “Nonpayment” means, in respect of a Bond, the failure of the Issuer to have provided sufficient funds to the Trustee or, if there is no Trustee, to the Paying Agent for payment in full of all principal and interest that is Due for Payment on such Bond. “Nonpayment” shall also include, in respect of a Bond, any payment made to an Owner by or on behalf of the Issuer of principal or interest that is Due for Payment, which payment has been recovered from such Owner pursuant to the United States Bankruptcy Code in accordance with a final, nonappealable order of a court having competent jurisdiction. “Notice” means delivery to BAM of a notice of claim and certificate, by certified mail, email or telecopy as set forth on the attached Schedule or other acceptable electronic delivery, in a form satisfactory to BAM, from and signed by an Owner, the Trustee or the Paying Agent, which notice shall specify (a) the person or entity making the claim, (b) the Policy Number, (c) the claimed amount, (d) payment instructions and (e) the date such claimed amount becomes or became Due for Payment. “Owner” means, in respect of a Bond, the person or entity who, at the time of Nonpayment, is entitled under the terms of such Bond to payment thereof, except that “Owner” shall not include the Issuer, the Member or any other person or entity whose direct or indirect obligation constitutes the underlying security for the Bonds.

BAM may appoint a fiscal agent (the "Insurer's Fiscal Agent") for purposes of this Policy by giving written notice to the Trustee, the Paying Agent, the Member and the Issuer specifying the name and notice address of the Insurer's Fiscal Agent. From and after the date of receipt of such notice by the Trustee, the Paying Agent, the Member or the Issuer (a) copies of all notices required to be delivered to BAM pursuant to this Policy shall be simultaneously delivered to the Insurer's Fiscal Agent and to BAM and shall not be deemed received until received by both and (b) all payments required to be made by BAM under this Policy may be made directly by BAM or by the Insurer's Fiscal Agent on behalf of BAM. The Insurer's Fiscal Agent is the agent of BAM only, and the Insurer's Fiscal Agent shall in no event be liable to the Trustee, Paying Agent or any Owner for any act of the Insurer's Fiscal Agent or any failure of BAM to deposit or cause to be deposited sufficient funds to make payments due under this Policy.

To the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, BAM agrees not to assert, and hereby waives, only for the benefit of each Owner, all rights (whether by counterclaim, setoff or otherwise) and defenses (including, without limitation, the defense of fraud), whether acquired by subrogation, assignment or otherwise, to the extent that such rights and defenses may be available to BAM to avoid payment of its obligations under this Policy in accordance with the express provisions of this Policy. This Policy may not be canceled or revoked.

This Policy sets forth in full the undertaking of BAM and shall not be modified, altered or affected by any other agreement or instrument, including any modification or amendment thereto. Except to the extent expressly modified by an endorsement hereto, any premium paid in respect of this Policy is nonrefundable for any reason whatsoever, including payment, or provision being made for payment, of the Bonds prior to maturity. THIS POLICY IS NOT COVERED BY THE PROPERTY/CASUALTY INSURANCE SECURITY FUND SPECIFIED IN ARTICLE 76 OF THE NEW YORK INSURANCE LAW. THIS POLICY IS ISSUED WITHOUT CONTINGENT MUTUAL LIABILITY FOR ASSESSMENT.

In witness whereof, BUILD AMERICA MUTUAL ASSURANCE COMPANY has caused this Policy to be executed on its behalf by its Authorized Officer.

BUILD AMERICA MUTUAL ASSURANCE COMPANY

By: _____
Authorized Officer

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Notices (Unless Otherwise Specified by BAM)

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claims@buildamerica.com

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New York, New York 10281

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212-962-1524 (attention: Claims)

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