

PRELIMINARY OFFICIAL STATEMENT DATED SEPTEMBER 18, 2024

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**S&P: “ ” (Insured)
Moody’s: “A1” (Underlying)
See “Ratings” herein**

In the opinion of Bond Counsel, under existing statutes, regulations, rulings and court decisions, interest on the Bonds will not be includible in the gross income of the holders thereof for federal income tax purposes, assuming continuing compliance by the School District with the requirements of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. Interest on the Bonds will not be a specific preference item for purposes of computing the federal alternative minimum tax on individuals. Under laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, as enacted and construed on the date hereof, interest on the Bonds is exempt from Pennsylvania personal income tax and Pennsylvania corporate net income tax, and the Bonds are exempt from personal property taxes in Pennsylvania. See “TAX MATTERS” herein.

\$63,910,000*

**Bethlehem Area School District
(Northampton and Lehigh Counties, Pennsylvania)**

Consisting of:

\$29,510,000* General Obligation Bonds, Series A of 2024

\$34,400,000* General Obligation Bonds, Series B of 2024

Bonds Dated: Date of Delivery
First Interest Payment: January 15, 2025
Interest Due: January 15 and July 15

2024A Principal Due: January 15, as shown on inside cover
2024B Principal Due: Initially on January 15, 2025, thereafter on July 15, as shown on inside cover

The Bonds described herein are in the aggregate principal amount of \$63,910,000* and consist of the \$29,510,000* General Obligation Bonds, Series A of 2024 (the “2024A Bonds”) and the \$34,400,000* General Obligation Bonds, Series B of 2024 (the “2024B Bonds”). The 2024A Bonds and the 2024B Bonds are collectively being referred to as the “Bonds”. The Bonds will be registered in the name of Cede & Co., as the registered owner and nominee of The Depository Trust Company (“DTC”), New York, New York. Beneficial ownership of a Bond may be acquired only under the book-entry system maintained by DTC through its brokers and dealers who are, or act through, DTC Participants. Purchasers will not receive physical delivery of the Bonds. To become and remain a beneficial owner of a Bond, the purchaser must maintain an account with a broker or a dealer who is, or acts through, a DTC Participant to receive payment of principal of and interest on the Bonds. See “BOOK-ENTRY ONLY SYSTEM” herein. If, under the circumstances described herein, Bonds are ever issued in certificated form, the Bonds will be subject to registration of transfer, exchange and payment as described herein.

The Bonds are general obligations of the Bethlehem Area School District, a public school district located in portions of Northampton and Lehigh Counties, Pennsylvania (the “School District”), payable from its tax and other general revenues. The School District has 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 due on the Bonds for such year and will duly and punctually pay or cause to be paid from the sinking fund established under the Resolution adopted on August 26, 2024, securing the Bonds, or from any other of its revenues or funds the principal of every Bond 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, within the limits provided by law. (See “Security for the Bonds”, “Taxing Powers of the School District” and “Municipal Bond Insurance” *infra*).

Interest on the Bonds is payable initially on January 15, 2025, and thereafter semiannually, on January 15 and July 15 of each year, until the maturity date of each Bond or, if such Bond is subject to redemption prior to maturity, until the date fixed for redemption thereof, if payment of the redemption price has been duly made or provided for. The School District has appointed Manufacturers and Traders Trust Company (the “Paying Agent”), to serve as paying agent and sinking fund depository for the Bonds. While Cede & Co., as nominee for DTC, is the registered owner of the Bonds, payments of the principal of, redemption premium, if any, and interest on the Bonds, when due for payment, will be made directly to DTC by the Paying Agent, and DTC will in turn remit such payments to DTC Participants for subsequent disbursement to the Beneficial Owners of the Bonds. If the use of the book-entry only system for the Bonds is ever discontinued, the principal of and redemption premium, if any, of the Bonds will be payable, when due, upon surrender of such Bond to the Paying Agent at its designated corporate trust office (or any successor paying agent at its designated office(s)) and interest on such Bond will be payable by check and mailed to the person(s) in whose name(s) such Bond is registered as of the Record Date with respect to the particular interest payment date (See “The Bonds,” *herein*).

The Bonds are not subject to optional redemption prior to maturity.

Proceeds of the 2024A Bonds will be used to: (1) refund the outstanding (variable rate) School Revenue Bonds (Bethlehem Area School District Refunding Project), Series A of 2021, of the Bethlehem Area School District Authority (the “Authority”), (2) pay any termination payment due on an integrated swap agreement, and (3) pay prorated costs and expenses of issuing the 2024A Bonds.

Proceeds of the 2024B Bonds will be used to: (1) refund the outstanding (variable rate) School Revenue Bonds (Bethlehem Area School District Refunding Project), Series B of 2021, of the Authority, (2) pay any termination payment due on an integrated swap agreement, and (3) pay prorated costs and expenses of issuing the 2024B Bonds.

The Bonds are an authorized investment for fiduciaries in the Commonwealth pursuant to the Pennsylvania Probate, Estate and Fiduciaries Code, Act of June 30, 1972, No. 164, P.L. 508, as amended and supplemented.

The scheduled payment of principal of and interest on the Bonds when due will be guaranteed under an insurance policy to be issued concurrently with the delivery of the Bonds by _____.

MATURITIES, AMOUNTS, RATES AND YIELDS/PRICES

See Inside Front Cover

The Bonds are offered when, as and if issued, subject to withdrawal or modification of the offer without notice, and subject to the approving legal opinions of Eckert Seamans Cherin & Mellott, LLC, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, as Bond Counsel and Special Counsel to the School District, and for the Underwriters by Dilworth Paxson LLP of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania as Limited Scope Underwriters’ Counsel. PFM Financial Advisors LLC, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, serves as Financial Advisor to the School District in connection with the Bonds. It is expected that the Bonds will be available for delivery to DTC or its agent, on or about November __, 2024.

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Dated: _____

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This Preliminary Official Statement and the information contained herein are subject to completion, amendment or other change without notice. The Bonds may not be sold nor may offers to buy be accepted prior to the time the Preliminary 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.

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\$34,400,000* General Obligation Bonds, Series B of 2024

BOND MATURITY SCHEDULES:

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Bonds Dated: Date of Delivery
Interest Due: January 15 and July 15

Principal Due: January 15, as shown below
First Interest Payment: January 15, 2025

Maturity Date (January 15) Year	Principal Amounts	Interest Rates	Initial Offering Yield	Initial Offering Price	CUSIP Numbers ⁽¹⁾
2025					
2026					
2027					
2028					
2029					
2030					

⁽¹⁾The above CUSIP (Committee on Uniform Securities Identification Procedures) numbers have been assigned by an organization not affiliated with the School District or the Underwriters, and such parties are not responsible for the selection or use of the CUSIP numbers. The CUSIP numbers are included solely for the convenience of bondholders and noteholders 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. Neither the School District nor the Underwriters have agreed to, and there is no duty or obligation to, update this Preliminary Official Statement to reflect any change or correction in the CUSIP numbers set forth above.

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\$34,400,000* General Obligation Bonds, Series B of 2024

Bonds Dated: Date of Delivery
Interest Due: January 15 and July 15

Principal Due: Initially on January 1, 2025, and thereafter on July 15, as shown below
First Interest Payment: January 15, 2025

Maturity Date (January 15) Year	Principal Amounts	Interest Rates	Initial Offering Yield	Initial Offering Price	CUSIP Numbers ⁽¹⁾
2025					

Maturity Date (July 15) Year	Principal Amounts	Interest Rates	Initial Offering Yield	Initial Offering Price	CUSIP Numbers ⁽¹⁾
2025					
2026					
2027					
2028					
2029					
2030					
2031					
2032					

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BETHLEHEM AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

(Northampton and Lehigh Counties, Pennsylvania)

BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

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Shannon Patrick	Vice-President
Harry Aristakesian	Secretary*
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Dr. Kim Shively	Member
Dr. Karen Beck Pooley	Member
Dr. Silagh White	Member
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Emily Schenkel	Member
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Certain statements contained in this Preliminary Official Statement may be forward-looking statements, which are based on the School District's beliefs, as well as assumptions made by, and information currently available to, its staff and officers. Because the statements are based on expectations about future events and economic performance and are not statements of fact, actual results may differ materially from those projected. The words "anticipate," "assume," "estimate," "expect," "objective," "projection," "forecast," "goal," "budget," or similar words are intended to identify forward-looking statements. The words or phrases "to date," "now," "currently," and the like are intended to mean as of the date of this Preliminary Official Statement.

This Preliminary Official Statement, including the Appendices attached hereto, must be considered in its entirety. The offering of the Bonds is made only by means of this entire Preliminary Official Statement.

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\$63,910,000*

**Bethlehem Area School District
(Northampton and Lehigh Counties, Pennsylvania)**

Consisting of:

\$29,510,000* General Obligation Bonds, Series A of 2024

\$34,400,000* General Obligation Bonds, Series B of 2024

INTRODUCTION

This Preliminary Official Statement, including the cover pages and Appendices, is furnished by the Bethlehem Area School District, a public school district serving portions of Northampton and Lehigh Counties, Pennsylvania (the "School District") in connection with its \$63,910,000* combined aggregate principal amount of general obligation bonds consisting of the \$29,510,000* General Obligation Bonds, Series A of 2024 (the "2024A Bonds") and the \$34,400,000* General Obligation Bonds, Series B of 2024 (the "2024B Bonds" and collectively referred to herein as the "Bonds"), dated the date of the settlement and issuance of the Bonds ("Date of Delivery" or "Issue Date"). The Bonds are being issued pursuant to a Resolution of the Board of School Directors of the School District that was adopted on August 26, 2024 (the "Resolution"), under the Local Government Unit Debt Act of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (the "Commonwealth" or "State"), 53 Pa. C.S. Chs. 80-82 (the "Debt Act").

PURPOSE OF THE ISSUE

Proceeds of the 2024A Bonds will be used to: (1) refund the outstanding (variable rate) School Revenue Bonds (Bethlehem Area School District Refunding Project), Series A of 2021 (the "2021A Bonds"), of the Bethlehem Area School District Authority (the "Authority"), (2) pay any termination payment due on a swap agreement integrated with the 2021A Bonds, and (3) pay prorated costs and expenses of issuing the 2024A Bonds.

Proceeds of the 2024B Bonds will be used to: (1) refund the outstanding (variable rate) School Revenue Bonds (Bethlehem Area School District Refunding Project), Series B of 2021 (the "2021B Bonds"), of the Authority, (2) pay any termination payment due on a swap agreement integrated with the 2021B Bonds, and (3) pay prorated costs and expenses of issuing the 2024B Bonds.

Sources and Uses of Bond Proceeds

The following is a summary of the sources and uses of the proceeds from the issuance of the Bonds.

	2024A	2024B	Totals
<u>Sources of Funds</u>			
Par Amount			
Net Original Issue Premium/(Discount)			
<i>Total Sources of Funds</i>			
<u>Uses of Funds</u>			
Amount to Redeem 2021A Bonds			
Amount to Redeem 2021B Bonds			
Amount Paid to Terminate 2021A Swap			
Amount Paid to Terminate 2021B Swap			
Costs of Issuance ⁽¹⁾			
<i>Total Uses of Funds</i>			

⁽¹⁾Includes legal, financial advisor, bond discount, municipal bond insurance, printing, rating, CUSIP, paying agent, and miscellaneous costs.

*Estimated, subject to change.

THE BONDS

Description

The Bonds will be issued in fully registered form in denominations of \$5,000 and integral multiples thereof. The Bonds will be in the aggregate principal amount of \$63,910,000*, in two series as described on the cover hereof, dated the Date of Delivery and bear interest at the rates and mature in the amounts and on the dates set forth on the inside cover of this Preliminary Official Statement. Interest on each of the Bonds will be payable initially on January 15, 2025, and thereafter, semiannually on January 15 and July 15 of each year until the maturity date of such Bond or, if such Bond is subject to redemption prior to maturity, until the date fixed for redemption thereof, if payment of the redemption price has been duly made or provided for.

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

While Cede & Co., as nominee of DTC, is the registered owner of the Bonds, payments of principal of, redemption premium, if any, 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, redemption premium, if any, 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, redemption premium, if any, and interest on the Bonds shall be made as described in the following paragraphs:

The principal of any certificated Bonds, when due upon maturity or upon any earlier redemption, will be paid to the registered owners thereof, or registered assigns, upon surrender thereof to Manufacturers and Traders Trust Company (the “Paying Agent”), acting as paying agent and sinking fund depository, at its designated corporate trust office or to any successor paying agent at its designated office(s).

Interest on any certificated Bonds will be payable to the registered owner from the interest payment date next preceding the date of registration and authentication thereof, 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 and authenticated 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 the first interest payment date, in which event such Bond shall bear interest from the Delivery Date, 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 to which interest was last paid on such Bond. Interest on such Bond will be 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 15th day (whether or not a day on which the Paying Agent is open for business) 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 shall be payable to the person in whose name the Bond is registered at the close of business on a special record date for the payment of such defaulted interest established by notice mailed by the Paying Agent to the registered owners of such Bonds not less than fifteen (15) days preceding such special record date. Such notice shall be mailed to the persons in whose names such 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.

*Estimated, subject to change.

Transfer, Exchange and Registration of Bonds

Subject to the provisions described below under “Book-Entry Only System,” a certificated Bond is transferable or exchangeable by the registered owners thereof upon surrender of such Bond to the Paying Agent, 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 authenticate and deliver at the earliest practicable time in the name of the transferee or transferees a new fully registered 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.

REDEMPTION OF BONDS

Optional Redemption – Series A of 2024

The 2024A Bonds are not subject to optional redemption prior to maturity.

Optional Redemption – Series B of 2024

The 2024B Bonds are not subject to optional redemption prior to maturity.

Mandatory Sinking Fund Redemptions – Series A of 2024

In the manner and upon the terms and conditions provided in the Resolution, the 2024A Bonds stated to mature on January 15 of the years _____ and _____ are subject to mandatory sinking fund redemption prior to maturity on January 15 of the following years in direct order of maturity (at a price equal to the principal amount of the 2024A Bonds called for mandatory redemption, plus accrued interest thereon to the date fixed for such mandatory redemption) in the following principal amounts, as drawn by lot by the Paying Agent:

2024A Bonds stated to mature _____:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>
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*Stated Maturity

In lieu of such Mandatory Redemption, the Paying Agent, on behalf of and as directed in writing by the School District, may purchase, from money in the appropriate account of the Sinking Fund, or the School District may tender to the Paying Agent, all or part of the 2024A Bonds subject to being drawn for redemption in any such year.

Mandatory Sinking Fund Redemptions – Series B of 2024

In the manner and upon the terms and conditions provided in the Resolution, the 2024B Bonds stated to mature on July 15 of the years _____ and _____ are subject to mandatory sinking fund redemption prior to maturity on July 15 of the following years in direct order of maturity (at a price equal to the principal amount of the 2024B Bonds called for mandatory redemption, plus accrued interest thereon to the date fixed for such mandatory redemption) in the following principal amounts, as drawn by lot by the Paying Agent:

2024B Bonds stated to mature _____:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>
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*Stated Maturity

In lieu of such Mandatory Redemption, the Paying Agent, on behalf of and as directed in writing by the School District, may purchase, from money in the appropriate account of the Sinking Fund, or the School District may tender to the Paying Agent, all or part of the 2024B Bonds subject to being drawn for redemption in any such year.

SECURITY FOR THE BONDS

General Obligation Pledge

The Bonds will be general obligations of the School District, payable from its tax and other general revenues, on a parity basis between both series of the Bonds and with all other general obligation debt now and hereafter issued and outstanding by the School District. The School District has covenanted that it will provide in its budget for each year, and will appropriate from its general revenues in each such year, the amount of the debt service due on the Bonds in such year, and will duly and punctually pay or cause to be paid from its Sinking Fund, as hereinafter defined, or any other of its legally available revenues or funds, the principal of each of the Bonds and the interest thereon at the dates and place and in the manner stated on the Bonds, and for such budgeting, appropriation and payment the School District irrevocably has pledged its full faith, credit and taxing power, which taxing power includes the power to levy *ad valorem* taxes on all taxable property in the School District within the limits provided by law (see “Taxing Powers of the School District” herein). The Debt Act presently provides the remedies for enforcement of debt service payments as hereinafter described (see “Defaults and Remedies” herein), and the

Public School Code presently provides for the withholding and application of state subsidies in the event of a failure to pay debt service (see “Commonwealth Enforcement of Debt Service Payments” herein).

Bonds Sinking Funds

Sinking funds for the payment of debt service on the Bonds, designated “Sinking Fund - Bethlehem Area School District - General Obligation Bonds, Series A of 2024” and “Sinking Fund – Bethlehem Area School District - General Obligation Bonds, Series B of 2024” and one or more accounts therein (collectively, the “Sinking Funds”), has been authorized to be created under the Resolution and shall be held by the Paying Agent as sinking fund depository. The School District shall deposit in the Sinking Funds a sufficient sum not later than the date when interest and/or principal is to become due on the Bonds so that on each payment date the Sinking Funds will contain an amount which, together with any other funds available therein, is sufficient to pay, in full, interest and/or principal then due on the Bonds.

The Sinking Funds shall be held by the Paying Agent, as sinking fund depository, and invested by the Paying Agent in such securities or shall be deposited in such funds or accounts as are authorized by the Debt Act, upon direction of the School District. Such deposits and securities shall be in the name of the School District, but subject to withdrawal or collection only by the Paying Agent, as sinking fund depository, and such deposits and securities, together with the interest thereon shall be a part of the Sinking Funds.

The Paying Agent, as sinking fund depository, is authorized without further order from the School District to pay from the Sinking Funds the principal of and interest on the Bonds, as and when due and payable.

Commonwealth Enforcement of Debt Service Payments

Section 633 of the Pennsylvania Public School Code of 1949, as amended by Act 150 of 1975, and as further amended and supplemented (the “Public School Code”), presently provides that in all cases where the board of school directors of any school district fails to pay or to provide for the payment of any indebtedness on the date of maturity or date of mandatory redemption or on any sinking fund deposit date, or any interest due on such indebtedness on any interest payment date or on any sinking fund deposit date, in accordance with the schedule under which the Bonds were issued, the Secretary of Education shall notify such board of school directors of its obligation and shall withhold out of any Commonwealth appropriation due such school district an amount equal to the sum of the principal amount maturing or subject to mandatory redemption and interest owing by such school district, or sinking fund deposit due by such school district, and shall pay over the amount so withheld to the bank or other person acting as sinking fund depository for such Bond issue. These withholding provisions are not part of any contract with the holders of the Bonds, and may be amended or repealed by future legislation.

The effectiveness of Section 633 of the Public School Code 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. See “**Pennsylvania Late Budget Adoptions**” hereinafter.

Pennsylvania Late Budget Adoptions

The Pennsylvania governor and legislature often fails to enact its annual state budget on a timely basis by the beginning of its fiscal year beginning each July 1. Late budget adoption can delay payments due public school districts and requires the district to cover expenses during the delay with its own reserves or, in the case of a lengthy delay, with a tax and revenue anticipation borrowing.

After over a month delay, a \$44.9 billion budget for the state’s 2023-24 fiscal year was signed by Pennsylvania Governor Josh Shapiro on August 3, 2023, which included \$7.87 billion for the basic education funding appropriation. The total amount was a \$567 million increase over the 2022-2023 fiscal year appropriation. The budget also provided \$50 million in additional aid to school districts for special education services for a total of \$1.4 billion. Certain funds authorized within the 2023-24 Budget required companion implementation language amending the Fiscal Code to be fully implemented. On December 13, 2023 multiple code bills were passed finalizing the 2023-24 Budget for education.

Governor Josh Shapiro signed the state’s budget for the 2024-25 fiscal year 11 days late on July 11, 2024. The \$47.6 billion budget includes \$8.097 billion for the basic education funding appropriation. The total amount is a \$225 million increase over the 2023-2024 fiscal year appropriation. The budget also provides \$100 million in additional aid to school districts for special education services for a total of \$1.487 billion and \$100 million for cyber charter school tuition reimbursement. 348 school districts (including the School District) will receive additional funding totaling \$493.8 million under a new Adequacy Supplement. 182 school districts will receive an additional \$60 million in total of Hold Harmless Relief Supplement as a component of their basic education funding.

*During a state budget impasse, school districts in Pennsylvania cannot be certain when state subsidies and revenues owed them from the Commonwealth will become available. This includes many of the major state subsidies, and overall revenues, that a Pennsylvania school district receives including basic education funding, special education funding, PlanCon reimbursements, and certain block grants, among many others. Future budget impasses may affect the timeliness or amount of payments by the Commonwealth under the withholding provisions of Section 633 of the School Code, however legislation included in Act 85 of 2016 attempted to address the timeliness of the withholding provisions of Section 633 of the School Code during a budget impasse. See “**Act 85 of 2016**” hereinafter.*

Act 85 of 2016 (State Subsidy Intercept During a Budget Impasse)

On July 13, 2016, the Governor of the Commonwealth signed into law Act No. 85 of 2016, (P.L. 664, No. 85) ("Act 85 of 2016"), an amendment to the Act of April 9, 1929 (P.L. 343, No. 176), known as the Fiscal Code ("Fiscal Code"). Act 85 of 2016 adds to the Fiscal Code Article XVII-E.4, entitled "School District Intercepts for the Payment of Debt Service During Budget Impasse", which provides for intercept of subsidy payments by the Pennsylvania Department of Education ("PDE") to a school district subject to an intercept statute or an intercept agreement in the event of a Commonwealth budget impasse in any fiscal year.

Act 85 of 2016 includes in the definition of "intercept statutes" Section 633 of the Public School Code. The School District's general obligation bonds, including the Bonds, are subject to Section 633 of the Public School Code.

Act 85 of 2016 provides that the amounts that may be necessary for PDE to comply with the provisions of the applicable intercept statute or intercept agreement "shall be appropriated" to PDE from the General Fund of the Commonwealth after PDE submits justification to the majority and minority chairs of the appropriations committees of the Pennsylvania Senate and House of Representatives allowing ten (10) calendar days for their review and comment, if, in any fiscal year:

- (1) annual appropriations for payment of Commonwealth money to school districts have not been enacted by July 1 and continue not to be enacted when a payment is due;
- (2) the conditions under which PDE is required to comply with an intercept statute or intercept agreement have occurred, thereby requiring PDE to withhold payments which would otherwise be due to school districts; and
- (3) the Secretary of PDE, in consultation with the Secretary of the Budget, determines that there are no payments or allocations due to be paid to the applicable school districts from which PDE may withhold money as required by the applicable intercept statute or intercept agreement.

The necessary amounts shall be appropriated and paid to the paying agent on the day the scheduled payment for principal and interest is due on the expiration of the tenth (10th) day following submission of the justification described above to the majority and minority chairs of the appropriations committees, who may comment on the justification but cannot prevent the effectiveness of the appropriation.

The total of all intercept payments under Article XVII-E.4 for a school district may not exceed 50% of the total nonfederal general fund subsidy payments made to that school district in the prior fiscal year.

Act 85 of 2016 requires that each school district with bonds or notes subject to an intercept statute or intercept agreement must deliver to PDE, in such format as PDE may direct, a copy of the final Official Statement for the relevant bonds or notes or the loan documents relating to the obligations, within thirty (30) days of receipt of the proceeds of the obligations. The School District intends on submitting this information with respect to the Bonds to PDE within the prescribed timeframe following the issuance of the Bonds. Act 85 of 2016 provides that any obligation for which PDE does not receive the required documents shall not be subject to the applicable intercept statute or intercept agreement.

The provisions of Act 85 of 2016 are not part of any contract with the holders of the Bonds and may be amended or repealed by future legislation.

Defaults and Remedies

In the event of failure of the School District to pay or cause to be paid the interest on or principal of the Bonds, as the same becomes due and payable, the holder of a Bond shall be entitled to certain remedies provided by the Debt Act. Among the remedies, if the failure to pay shall continue for 30 days, holders of the Bonds shall have the right to recover the amount due by bringing an action in assumpsit in the Court of Common Pleas of the county in which the School District is located. The Debt Act provides any judgment shall have an appropriate priority upon the funds next coming into the treasury of the School District. The Debt Act also provides that upon a default of at least 30 days, holders of at least 25% of the Bonds may appoint a trustee to represent them. The Debt Act provides certain other remedies in the event of default, and further qualifies the remedies hereinbefore described.

BOOK-ENTRY ONLY SYSTEM

The information in this section has been obtained from materials provided by DTC for such purpose. The School District (herein referred to as the "Issuer") and the Underwriters 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 Underwriters.

The Depository Trust Company ("DTC"), New York, NY, will act as Bonds depository for the Bonds (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 each maturity and series of the Bonds, each in the aggregate principal amount of such maturity and series, and will be deposited with DTC.

DTC the world's largest securities depository, is a limited-purpose trust company organized under the New York Banking Law, a "banking organization" within the meaning of the New York Banking Law, a member of the Federal Reserve System, a "clearing corporation" within the meaning of the New York Uniform Commercial Code, and a "clearing agency" registered pursuant to the provisions of Section 17A of the 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. Bonds brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, clearing corporations, and certain other organizations. DTC is a wholly-owned subsidiary of The Depository Trust & Clearing Corporation ("DTCC"). DTCC is the holding company for DTC, National Securities Clearing Corporation and Fixed Income Clearing Corporation, all of which are registered clearing agencies. DTCC is owned by the users of its regulated subsidiaries. Access to the DTC system is also available to others such as both U.S. and non-U.S. Bonds 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 of 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 Bonds under the DTC system must be made by or through Direct Participants, which will receive a credit for the Bonds on DTC's records. The ownership interest of each actual purchaser of each Bond ("Beneficial Owner") is in turn to be recorded on the Direct and Indirect Participants' records. Beneficial Owners will not receive written confirmation from DTC of their purchase. Beneficial Owners are, however, expected to receive written confirmations providing details of the transaction, as well as periodic statements of their holdings, from the Direct or Indirect Participant through which the Beneficial Owner entered into the transaction. Transfers of ownership interests in the Bonds are to be accomplished by entries made on the books of Direct and Indirect Participants acting on behalf of Beneficial Owners. Beneficial Owners will not receive certificates representing their ownership interests in Bonds, except in the event that use of the book-entry system for the Bonds is discontinued.

To facilitate subsequent transfers, all Bonds deposited by Direct Participants with DTC are registered in the name of DTC's partnership nominee, Cede & Co., or such other name as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC. The deposit of Bonds with DTC and their registration in the name of Cede & Co. or such other DTC nominee do not affect any change in beneficial ownership. DTC has no knowledge of the actual Beneficial Owners of the Bonds: DTC's records reflect only the identity of the Direct Participants to whose accounts such Bonds are credited, which may or may not be the Beneficial Owners. The Direct and Indirect Participants will remain responsible for keeping account of their holdings on behalf of their customers.

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

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

Neither DTC nor Cede & Co. (nor any other DTC nominee) will consent or vote with respect to Bonds unless authorized by a Direct Participant in accordance with DTC's MMI Procedures. Under its usual procedures, DTC mails an Omnibus Proxy to 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 Bonds are credited on the record date (identified in a listing attached to the Omnibus Proxy).

Principal, interest and redemption payments on the Bonds will be made to Cede & Co., or such other nominee as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC. DTC's practice is to credit Direct Participants' accounts upon DTC's receipt of funds and corresponding detail information from Issuer or Agent, 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 Bonds 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, Agent, or Issuer, subject to any statutory or regulatory requirements as may be in effect from time to time. Payment of principal, interest and redemption payments on the Bonds to Cede & Co. (or such other nominee as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC) is the responsibility of Issuer or Paying Agent, 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 Issuer or Agent. 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 and the Underwriters believe to be reliable, but the Issuer and the Underwriters take no responsibility for the accuracy thereof.

NEITHER THE ISSUER NOR THE PAYING AGENT WILL HAVE ANY RESPONSIBILITY OR OBLIGATION TO ANY DTC PARTICIPANT, INDIRECT PARTICIPANT OR BENEFICIAL OWNER OR ANY OTHER PERSON WITH RESPECT TO: (1) THE BONDS; (2) THE ACCURACY OF ANY RECORDS MAINTAINED BY DTC OR ANY DTC PARTICIPANT OR INDIRECT PARTICIPANT; (3) THE PAYMENT BY DTC OR ANY DTC PARTICIPANT OR INDIRECT PARTICIPANT OF ANY AMOUNT DUE TO ANY BENEFICIAL OWNER IN RESPECT OF THE PRINCIPAL OR REDEMPTION PRICE OF OR INTEREST ON THE BONDS; (4) THE DELIVERY TO ANY BENEFICIAL OWNER BY DTC OR ANY DTC PARTICIPANT OR INDIRECT PARTICIPANT OF ANY NOTICE WHICH IS REQUIRED OR PERMITTED UNDER THE TERMS OF THE RESOLUTION TO BE GIVEN TO BONDHOLDERS; (5) THE SELECTION OF THE BENEFICIAL OWNERS TO RECEIVE PAYMENT IN THE EVENT OF ANY PARTIAL REDEMPTION OF THE BONDS; OR (6) ANY OTHER ACTION TAKEN BY DTC AS BONDHOLDER.

The Issuer, the Paying Agent and the Underwriters cannot give any assurances that DTC or the Participants will distribute payments of the principal or redemption price of and interest on the Bonds paid to DTC or its nominee, as the registered owner of the Bonds, or any redemption or other notices, to the Beneficial Owners or that they will do so on a timely basis, or that DTC will serve and act in the manner described in this Preliminary Official Statement.

MUNICIPAL BOND INSURANCE

{Applied for- TBD}

Bond Insurance Risk Factors

The School District has applied for a Bond insurance policy to guarantee the scheduled payment of principal and interest on the Bonds. The School District 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 insurance policy, however, such payments will be made by the Insurer at such time and in such amounts as would have been due absence 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 Resolution or default provisions of the Debt Act. 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 "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 Bondholder may be limited by applicable bankruptcy law or other similar laws related to insolvency.

Neither the School District nor Underwriters 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.

Thus, when making an investment decision, potential investors should carefully consider the ability of the School District to pay principal and interest on the Bonds and the claims paying ability of the Bond Insurer, particularly over the life of the investment. See "Bond Insurance" herein for further information provided by the Bond Insurer and the Policy, which includes further instructions for obtaining current financial information concerning the Bond Insurer.

THE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Introduction

The School District is classified as a school district of the “second class” (based on population) under the Pennsylvania School Code. It is located in and serves portions of Northampton and Lehigh Counties, Pennsylvania, in the “Lehigh Valley” region of eastern Pennsylvania. The School District includes the City of Bethlehem, the Boroughs of Fountain Hill and Freemansburg and the Townships of Bethlehem and Hanover. Portions of the City of Bethlehem and the Borough of Fountain Hill are in Lehigh County, and the remaining portions and municipalities are in Northampton County. The School District covers approximately 43.1 square miles.

Administration

The School District is governed by a Board of nine School Directors who are residents of the School District and who are elected every two years, on a staggered basis, to four-year terms. The daily operations and management of the School District are performed by the administrative staff of the School District headed by the Superintendent of Schools hired by the Board of School Directors. The Chief Financial Officer is responsible for budget and financial operations and is also hired by the Board of School Directors.

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School Facilities

The School District presently operates 16 elementary schools, four middle schools and two high schools, all as described in the following table. Students in grades 9-12 may attend the Bethlehem Area Vocational-Technical School.

**TABLE 1
BETHLEHEM AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHOOL FACILITIES**

Building	Original Construction Date	Addition/ Renovation Date(s)	Grades	Rated Pupil Capacity	2024-25 Enrollment
Elementary Schools:					
Asa Packer Elementary School	1967	---	K-5	425	318
Buchanan Elementary School	1957	1999	K-5	275	253
Calypso Elementary School	2000	---	K4-5	300	221
Clearview Elementary School	1959	1970, 2000	K-5	425	391
Donegan Elementary School	2001	---	K4-5	580	444
Farmersville Elementary School	1954	1973, 1995	K-5	600	352
Fountain Hill Elementary School	1937	1973, 1994	K4-5	600	499
Freemansburg Elementary School	1958	1993	K-5	575	336
Governor Wolf Elementary School	1957	1964, 1999	K-5	500	428
Hanover Elementary School	1955	1964, 1998	K-5	300	205
Lincoln Elementary School	1995	---	K-5	375	330
Marvine Elementary School	2001	---	K4-5	600	255
Miller Heights Elementary School	1955	1977, 1998	K-5	300	329
Spring Garden Elementary School	1959	1993	K-5	750	517
Thomas Jefferson Elementary School	1972	---	K-5	375	241
William Penn Elementary School	1972	---	K-5	325	240
					<hr/> 5,359
Middle Schools:					
Broughal Middle School	2009	---	6-8	550	524
East Hills Middle School	1967	1994	6-8	1,400	970
Nitschmann Middle School	2017	--	6-8	1,000	717
Northeast Middle School	2005	---	6-8	800	707
					<hr/> 2,918
High Schools:					
Freedom High School	1967	1998, 2009	9-12	1,600	1,805
Liberty High School	1922	1950, 1970, 1971, 1998, 08	9-12	2,200	2,582
					<hr/> 4,387

Source: School District Officials.

Enrollment Trends

The following table presents recent trends in school enrollment and projections of enrollment for the next five years, as projected by School District officials.

**TABLE 2
BETHLEHEM AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
ENROLLMENT TRENDS**

School Year	Actual Enrollments			Projected Enrollments			
	K-8	9-12	Total	School Year	K-8	9-12	Total
2020-21	8,471	4,551	13,022	2025-26	8,330	4,465	12,795
2021-22	8,335	4,581	12,916	2026-27	8,302	4,441	12,743
2022-23	8,428	4,425	12,853	2027-28	8,228	4,393	12,621
2023-24	8,310	4,402	12,712	2028-29	8,204	4,297	12,501
2024-25	8,457	4,387	12,844	2029-30	7,635	3,660	11,295

Source: School District estimates. Actual and projected enrollments do not include special education pupils enrolled in outside programs. Actual and projected enrollments do not include students enrolled in charter schools.

SCHOOL DISTRICT FINANCES

Introduction

The School District budgets and expends funds according to procedures mandated by the Pennsylvania Department of Education. An annual operating budget is prepared by the School District's Superintendent and its Chief Financial Officer and submitted to the School Board for approval prior to each beginning of each fiscal year that begins on July 1.

Financial Reporting

The financial statements of the School District are prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The School District's reporting entity applies all relevant Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) pronouncements. The government-wide and proprietary fund financial statements apply Financial Accounting Standards Board pronouncements and Accounting Principles Board opinions issued on or before November 30, 1989, unless those pronouncements conflict with or contradict GASB pronouncements, in which case, GASB prevails. The government wide statements report using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting generally including the reclassification or elimination of internal activity (between or within funds). The School District's financial statements are audited by an independent certified public accountant, as required by Commonwealth law. The firm of Gorman & Associates, Northampton, Pennsylvania, serves as the School District Auditor.

The School District's auditor has not been engaged to perform, and has not performed, since the date of its report included in an Appendix to this Preliminary Official Statement, any procedure on the financial statements addressed in that report. Such auditor also has not performed any procedures relating to this Preliminary Official Statement.

Budgeting Process Under Act 1 of 2006 (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 each fiscal year on which commences July 1.

Procedures for Adoption of the Annual Budget. Unless the Simplified Procedures described below are utilized, under Pennsylvania Act No. 1 of the Special Session of 2006, as amended (together "The Taxpayer Relief Act" or "Act 1") which became effective on June 27, 2006, all school districts of the first class A, second class, third class and fourth class must adopt a preliminary budget (which must include estimated revenues and expenditures and proposed tax rates) no later than 90 days prior to the date of the primary election immediately preceding the beginning of each fiscal year. This preliminary budget 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 preliminary budget prior to its adoption. The board of school directors shall print the final budget and make it available for public inspection at least 20 days prior to its adoption and shall give public notice of its intent to adopt the final budget at least 10 days prior to adoption, and may hold a public hearing prior to adoption. Guidance from the PA Department of Education (PDE) suggests that the preliminary budget be converted to a proposed budget adopted by the board of school directors at least 30 days prior to the adoption of the final budget as required by the School Code. The School District follows the requirements of Act 1 and the guidance of PDE pursuant to the requirements of the School Code.

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 "**Limitations on Increasing Taxes by the School District**" 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 Act 1.

With respect to the utilization of any of the Taxpayer Relief Act referendum exceptions for which PDE approval is required (see "**Limitations on Increasing Taxes by the School District**" 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 Act 1 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.

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 Act 1, 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 if No Index Exceptions Sought. 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 and approved 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.

Summary and Discussion of Financial Results

The School District staff prepares annual fund balance analyses for discussion and approval by the Board. The Board's objective is to provide sufficient funds to pay current expenditures and to maintain a fund balance that will provide financial stability.

A summary of general fund balance sheet and changes in fund balances is presented in Tables 3 and 4. Table 5 shows revenues and expenditures for the past four years, estimated 2023-24, and the 2024-25 budget as adopted June 17, 2024.

**TABLE 3
BETHLEHEM AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
SUMMARY OF COMPARATIVE GENERAL FUND BALANCE SHEET
(Years ending June 30)**

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>
ASSETS					
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$65,829,039	\$65,511,116	\$61,001,221	\$72,251,877	\$91,168,677
Investments	480,000	4,165,000	6,233,575	994,000	0
Taxes Receivable	7,344,156	7,902,842	6,754,593	7,330,088	8,054,396
Due from other funds	673,372	30,398	419,761	49,869	124,784
Due from Other governments	11,427,028	11,521,223	11,320,529	18,656,708	18,526,261
Other receivables	218,455	528,318	488,570	436,947	325,715
Inventories	184,658	179,645	190,569	219,752	192,127
Prepaid expenses	78,179	85,728	60,641	71,088	533,451
Other	29,699	39,981	28,853	0	41,701
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$86,264,586</u>	<u>\$89,964,251</u>	<u>\$86,498,312</u>	<u>\$100,010,329</u>	<u>\$118,967,112</u>
LIABILITIES					
Due to Other Funds	\$2,926,341	\$5,683,690	\$3,004,748	\$8,292,803	\$9,708,632
Due to Other governments	1,452,690	996,983	1,084,261	1,368,502	1,991,311
Due to Component Unit	0	0	0	135,720	357,931
Accounts Payable	2,658,294	2,665,430	2,998,880	3,476,442	2,897,213
Current Portion of Long-Term Debt	429,294	369,114	446,744	424,898	543,404
Accrued Salaries & Benefits	13,201,431	13,856,535	14,517,544	15,583,461	15,899,809
Payroll Deductions & Withholdings	20,053,387	21,092,618	12,701,360	11,823,463	12,598,619
Other Current Liabilities	17,164	109,158	176,382	387,687	95,833
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>\$40,738,601</u>	<u>\$44,773,528</u>	<u>\$34,929,919</u>	<u>\$41,492,976</u>	<u>\$44,092,752</u>
<i>Deferred Inflows of Resources</i>	\$5,878,759	\$6,579,568	\$5,164,359	\$6,208,400	\$6,989,141
FUND EQUITIES					
Nonspendable Fund Balance	\$262,837	\$265,373	\$251,210	\$291,058	\$725,579
Restricted Fund Balance	18,081	64,379	10,971	83,456	94,240
Committed Fund Balance	12,000,000	12,000,000	16,000,000	27,000,000	42,000,000
Assigned Fund Balance	8,813,488	8,053,155	8,496,478	4,000,000	11,011,217
Unassigned Fund Balance	18,552,820	18,258,248	21,645,375	20,934,439	14,054,183
TOTAL FUND EQUITIES	<u>\$39,647,226</u>	<u>\$38,641,155</u>	<u>\$46,404,034</u>	<u>\$52,308,953</u>	<u>\$67,885,219</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND EQUITIES	<u>\$86,264,586</u>	<u>\$89,994,251</u>	<u>\$86,498,312</u>	<u>\$100,010,329</u>	<u>\$118,967,112</u>

Source: School District Annual Financial Reports.

**TABLE 4
BETHLEHEM AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT GENERAL FUND
SUMMARY OF CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE***

	Actual				Estimated	Budgeted
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024 ⁽¹⁾	2025 ⁽²⁾
Beginning Fund Balance	\$39,647,226	\$38,641,155	\$46,404,034	\$52,308,951	\$67,885,217	\$75,179,701
Revenues over (under) Expenditure	(1,006,071)	7,762,879	5,904,917	15,576,264	7,294,484	0
Prior Period Adjustments	0	0	0	2	0	0
Ending Fund Balance	<u>\$38,641,155</u>	<u>\$46,404,034</u>	<u>\$52,308,951</u>	<u>\$67,885,217</u>	<u>\$75,179,701</u>	<u>\$75,179,701</u>

*Totals may not add due to rounding.

⁽¹⁾Estimated, subject to change and final audit.

⁽²⁾Budget as adopted June 17, 2024.

Source: School District Annual Financial Reports and Budget.

Revenue

The School District received \$283,028,862 in total revenue in FY 2019-20 and has budgeted \$353,274,285 of total revenue in FY 2024-25. Local sources have decreased as a share of total revenue in the past five years, from 71.0% in FY 2019-20 to an estimated 67.3% in FY 2023-24. Revenue from State sources has increased as a share of the total revenue from 27.1% to an estimated 30.4% over this period. Federal and other revenue has decreased as a share of the total revenue from 2.4% to an estimated 2.2% during this period.

**TABLE 5
BETHLEHEM AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
SUMMARY OF SCHOOL DISTRICT GENERAL FUND
REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES*
(For fiscal years ending June 30)**

	2020	2021	2022	2023	Estimated 2024 ⁽¹⁾	Budgeted 2025 ⁽²⁾
REVENUE:						
Total Local Sources:	\$199,639,718	\$210,530,703	\$216,534,770	\$227,157,551	\$231,574,201	\$229,313,176
Total State Sources:	76,689,787	77,791,609	82,983,841	95,278,567	104,712,179	109,901,788
Total Federal Sources:	6,603,095	10,924,238	16,906,946	14,479,288	7,469,018	7,492,361
Other Sources:	96,262	38,024	1,009,167	220,924	123,162	6,566,933
TOTAL REVENUE:	<u>\$283,028,862</u>	<u>\$299,284,574</u>	<u>\$317,434,724</u>	<u>\$337,136,331</u>	<u>\$343,878,560</u>	<u>\$353,274,258</u>
EXPENDITURES:						
Instruction	\$180,328,016	\$188,533,538	\$195,417,477	\$205,065,807	\$214,589,682	\$220,956,006
Pupil Personnel	10,852,318	11,397,059	13,528,200	14,590,415	14,017,633	14,428,644
Instructional Staff	10,026,769	9,700,421	9,752,760	10,072,095	11,329,007	11,207,834
Administration	12,838,209	12,920,134	13,870,744	14,946,041	15,550,834	16,783,952
Pupil Health	2,739,355	2,803,776	3,132,404	3,147,276	3,338,815	3,632,947
Business	2,157,057	2,284,737	2,124,324	2,440,903	2,328,553	2,888,000
Operation and Maintenance	18,094,914	18,625,396	19,445,453	22,086,517	23,126,336	24,040,030
Student Transportation	8,992,155	8,076,673	9,558,210	12,517,168	14,057,469	15,564,457
Central	7,541,820	7,832,199	8,693,593	8,613,271	9,527,575	10,414,854
Other Support Services	125,981	131,399	133,004	140,789	144,107	144,230
Operation of Noninstructional Services ..	3,647,590	3,009,136	3,868,324	4,273,113	4,561,359	4,281,089
Debt Service	21,585,892	22,665,508	24,428,816	23,741,491	23,857,693	25,472,920
Facilities, Acquisition, Construction	104,858	541,717	76,494	16,516,131	155,013	427,856
Refund prior year receipts	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fund Transfers	5,000,000	3,000,000	7,500,000	25,355	0	30,539
Budgetary Reserve	0	0	0	0	0	3,000,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	<u>\$284,034,933</u>	<u>\$291,521,694</u>	<u>\$311,529,803</u>	<u>\$321,560,066</u>	<u>\$336,584,076</u>	<u>\$353,274,258</u>
SURPLUS (DEFICIT) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES:	<u>(\$1,006,071)</u>	<u>\$7,762,879</u>	<u>\$5,904,917</u>	<u>\$15,576,264</u>	<u>\$7,294,484</u>	<u>\$0</u>

*Totals may not add due to rounding.

⁽¹⁾Estimated, subject to change and final audit.

⁽²⁾Budget as adopted June 17, 2024.

Source: School District Annual Financial Reports and Budget.

TAXING POWERS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT

In General

Subject to taxing limitations imposed by Act 1 (described below), the School District is empowered by the School Code and other statutes to levy the following taxes:

1. A basic annual tax on all real 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* tax on the property taxable for school purposes to provide funds:
 - a. for minimum salaries and increments of the teaching and supervisory staff;
 - b. to pay rentals due any municipality authority or non-profit corporation or due the State Public School Building Authority;
 - c. to pay interest and principal on any indebtedness incurred pursuant to the Local Government Unit Debt Act, or any prior or subsequent act governing the incurrence of indebtedness of the school district; and
 - d. to pay for the amortization of a Bond issue which provided a school building prior to the first Monday of July, 1959.
3. An annual per capita tax on each resident or inhabitant over 18 years of age of not more than \$5.00.
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.

Limitations on Increasing School District Taxes - The Taxpayer Relief Act (Act 1)

Under Pennsylvania Act No. 1 of the Special Session of 2006, as amended by Act 25 of 2011 (the "Taxpayer Relief Act" or "Act 1"), a school district may not levy any tax for the support of the public schools which was not levied in the previous 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, 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 three exceptions summarized below is applicable and the use of such exception is approved by PDE:

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, to pay interest and principal on any indebtedness approved by the voters at referendum (electoral debt); and to pay interest and principal on debt refunding or refinancing debt for which one of the above exceptions is permitted, as long as the refunding or refinancing incurs no additional debt other than for costs and expenses related to the refunding or refinancing and the funding of appropriate debt service reserves;
2. to pay costs incurred in providing special education programs and services to students with disabilities, under specified circumstances; and
3. to make payments into the State Public School Employees' Retirement System when the increase in the estimated payments between the current year and the upcoming year is greater than the Index, as determined by PDE in accordance with Act 1.

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 PDE. 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 Debt Act 1 Index applicable to the School District in the current and prior fiscal years are as follows:

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Adjusted Index</u>
2020-21	3.2%
2021-22	3.7%
2022-23	4.1%
2023-24	4.9%
2024-25	6.4%

A board of school directors may submit a referendum question to its voters at future municipal election seeking approval to levy or increase the rate of an earned income tax (EIT) or a personal income tax (PIT) for the purpose of funding increased homestead and farmstead exclusions. However, the proposed rate of the EIT or PIT shall not exceed the rate that is required to provide the maximum homestead and farmstead exclusions allowable by Act 1.

Status of the Bonds under Act 1

The debt service payable on the Bonds is not expected to be eligible for any specific exception to the Index and taxing limits of Act 1.

Limitation on School District Estimated Ending Unreserved Undesignated Fund Balances

Pennsylvania Act No. 2003-48 (enacted December 23, 2003) prohibits a school district from increasing real property taxes of its budget for such school year that includes an “estimated ending unreserved undesignated fund balance” which exceeds a specified percentage of its total budgeted expenditures, as set forth below:

<u>Total Annual Budgeted Expenditures:</u>	<u>Estimated Ending Unreserved Undesignated 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 appropriate 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.

*Presently applicable to the School District as of the 2024-25 fiscal year.

Tax Levy Trends

Table 6 shows the recent trend of tax rates levied by the School District. Table 7 shows the comparative trend of real property tax rates for the School District, Northampton and Lehigh Counties, Pennsylvania and the municipalities within the School District.

**TABLE 6
BETHLEHEM AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT TAX RATES**

Fiscal Year	Real Estate (mills)		Per Capita⁽¹⁾ (\$)	Real Estate Transfer (%)	Wage and Income (%)	Local Services Tax (\$)	Mercantile Tax (mills)
	Lehigh County	Northampton County					
2020-21	18.6500	56.1700	10.00	0.5	0.5	5.00	0.75
2021-22	18.7800	58.1777	10.00	0.5	0.5	5.00	0.75
2022-23	18.3200	58.4500	10.00	0.5	0.5	5.00	0.75
2023-24	18.4100	58.3267	10.00	0.5	0.5	5.00	0.75
2024-25	18.7400	59.9900	10.00	0.5	0.5	5.00	0.75

⁽¹⁾ Includes School Code and Act 511 taxes.

Source: Department of Community and Economic Development- Municipal Statistics

**TABLE 7
BETHLEHEM AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
COMPARATIVE REAL PROPERTY TAX RATES
(Mills on Assessed Value)**

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Bethlehem City(p).....	18.22	19.14	19.14	19.14	19.64
Bethlehem Township.....	7.74	7.74	7.74	7.74	7.74
Freemansburg Borough.....	16.26	16.26	16.26	18.26	18.26
Hanover Township.....	3.90	3.90	3.90	3.90	3.90
Bethlehem City (p)(Lehigh County).....	5.76	6.05	6.05	6.05	19.64
Fountain Hill Borough (Lehigh County).....	9.61	9.61	9.61	9.61	9.61
Northampton County.....	11.80	11.80	10.80	10.80	10.80

(p): Portion.

Source: Department of Community and Economic Development- Municipal Statistics

Real Property Tax

The real property tax produced \$185,009,178 in FY 2023-24 which is, approximately 53.8% of total annual School District revenue that year. The real property tax is levied on July 1 of each year. Taxpayers who remit within 60 days receive a 2% discount, and those who remit subsequent to 120 days after July 1 are assessed a 10% penalty.

The following table summarizes recent trends of assessed and market valuations of real property and real property tax collection data. The last Countywide reassessment in Northampton County became effective January 1, 1998. The last Lehigh County reassessment went into effect for the School District for its 2013-14 fiscal year.

**TABLE 8
BETHLEHEM AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
REAL PROPERTY ASSESSMENT DATA**

Fiscal Year	Market Value	Assessed Value	Ratio
2019-20	\$9,607,043,107	\$4,258,124,200	44.32%
2020-21	10,697,469,240	4,380,580,050	40.95%
2021-22	10,790,271,796	4,400,047,850	40.78%
2022-23	11,842,450,791	4,442,691,250	37.51%
2023-24	12,055,376,730	4,475,864,750	37.13%
Compound Average Annual Percentage Change	4.64%	1.00%	

Source: Pennsylvania State Tax Equalization Board.

**TABLE 9
BETHLEHEM AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
REAL PROPERTY ASSESSMENT DATA BY MUNICIPALITY**

	2022	2022	2023	2023
	Market	Assessed	Market	Assessed
	Value	Value	Value	Value
School District	\$11,842,450,791	\$4,442,691,250	\$12,055,376,730	\$4,475,864,750
Bethlehem City ⁽¹⁾ (Northampton County)	4,743,075,449	1,217,726,000	4,824,732,047	1,231,709,800
Bethlehem Township (Northampton County) ..	3,309,638,736	924,383,000	3,391,235,850	943,322,900
Freemansburg Borough (Northampton County)	157,107,020	46,757,000	157,321,008	46,808,700
Hanover Township (Northampton County)	1,756,084,964	560,081,250	1,822,240,857	573,390,950
Bethlehem City (Lehigh County).....	1,646,514,293	1,463,898,500	1,630,907,452	1,451,678,800
Fountain Hill Borough (Lehigh County).....	230,030,329	229,845,500	228,939,516	228,953,600
Northampton County	29,787,664,882	8,871,036,650	30,638,738,767	9,054,255,950

⁽¹⁾Portion located within School District.

Source: Pennsylvania State Tax Equalization Board.

**TABLE 10
BETHLEHEM AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
ASSESSMENT BY LAND USE**

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Residential	\$2,813,936,000	\$2,823,322,900	\$2,832,203,800	\$2,838,283,900	\$2,855,124,200
Trailers.....	449,300	449,300	449,300	483,600	483,600
Lots	14,085,000	13,024,600	11,934,600	13,084,300	15,458,800
Industrial.....	323,059,600	337,885,800	346,618,000	360,722,900	386,796,900
Commercial	1,039,726,650	1,202,113,050	1,205,020,750	1,226,675,550	1,214,162,750
Agriculture.....	1,698,000	1,797,700	1,797,700	1,795,700	1,788,600
Minerals.....	583,400	613,900	613,900	613,900	613,900
Land.....	1,105,900	1,372,800	1,409,800	1,031,400	1,436,000
Total	<u>\$4,194,643,850</u>	<u>\$4,380,580,050</u>	<u>\$4,400,047,850</u>	<u>\$4,442,691,250</u>	<u>\$4,475,864,750</u>

Source: Pennsylvania State Tax Equalization Board.

**TABLE 11
BETHLEHEM AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
REAL PROPERTY TAX COLLECTION DATA**

Fiscal	Total	Current	Current	Total	Total
			Year		
Year	Gross	Year	as Percent	Current	as Percent
	Billing	Collections	of Total	Plus	of Total
		(July-June)⁽¹⁾	Adjusted	Delinquent	Adjusted
			Flat Billing	Collections⁽²⁾	Flat Billing
2019-20	\$175,780,791	\$168,943,871	96.11%	\$172,777,280	98.29%
2020-21	178,728,779	173,958,501	97.33%	177,674,381	99.41%
2021-22	184,650,810	178,715,462	96.79%	182,255,718	98.70%
2022-23	186,959,512	182,754,374	97.75%	185,576,053	99.26%
2023-24.....	188,174,045	185,009,178	98.32%	187,862,469	99.83%

⁽¹⁾Flat billing plus penalties, less discounts and exonerations. Includes amount payable collected but paid out as Tax Increment Financing program (FY 2019-20 \$4,563,779).

⁽²⁾Includes delinquent real estate taxes only.

Source: School District officials.

The ten most valuable taxable parcels, together with FY 2024 assessed values for each, are shown in Table 12. The aggregate assessed value of these ten parcels totals approximately 11.8% of the total assessed value of all taxable parcels in the School District.

**TABLE 12
BETHLEHEM AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
TEN MOST VALUABLE TAXABLE PARCELS, FY 2024**

<u>2024 Tax Duplicate Owner</u>	<u>County Assessed Value</u>	<u>Ranking column comparable assessments</u>
SANDS BETHWORKS	\$146,528,700	\$146,528,700
TRIPLE NET INVESTMENT	54,450,100	49,161,650
LIBERTY PROPERTY LIMITED PARTNERSHIP	27,083,000	27,083,000
KRE BETHLEHEM APARTMENTS I LP	22,858,000	22,858,000
BETHLEHEM COMMERCE CENTER LLC	19,273,900	19,273,900
VALLEY PARK SOUTH LLC	35,235,000	17,617,500
BRE DDR IVA SOUTHMONT PA LLC	15,617,900	15,617,900
GLICA BETHLEHEM LLC	15,550,000	15,550,000
MORAVIAN VILLAGE OF BETHLEHEM	15,072,600	15,072,600
23 JUST ROAD I LP	29,275,000	14,637,500

Source: School District officials - 2024 tax duplicate.

Other Taxes

Under the Local Tax Enabling Act, the School District received an estimated \$26,447,177 in other taxes in FY 2023-24. Among the taxes authorized by the Local Tax Enabling Act, the Real Estate Transfer Tax, Wage and Income Tax, Per Capita Tax, Local Services Tax replaced the Emergency and Municipal Service Tax, and Mercantile Tax are levied by the School District. The Local Tax Enabling Act limit, equal to 12 mills on the market value of real property, was \$144,664,520.

Real Estate Transfer Tax. The School District levies a tax of .5% of the value of real estate transfers. In the FY 2023-24 fiscal year, the School District collected an estimated \$354,676 or less than one percent of total revenue from this tax.

Wage and Income Tax. A tax of .5% of the earned income of residents is levied by the School District. In FY 2023-24, the School District’s collected \$19,769,635 or 5.75% of total revenue from this tax.

Per Capita Tax. A tax of \$10.00 (\$5.00 under Act 511 and \$5.00 under the Public School Code) on each resident over 18 years old yielded \$245,281 in FY 2023-24, or less than one percent of total revenue.

Mercantile Tax. The School District levies a 1 mill tax on Gross Receipts tax annually. The FY 2023-24 levy yielded an estimated \$5,462,167 or 1.60% of total revenue.

Local Services Tax (previously levied as Emergency and Municipal Services Tax which replaced the Occupational Privilege Tax). A tax of \$10.00 is levied. In FY 2023-24, the collected portion of this tax yielded an estimated \$358,438 or less than one percent of total revenues.

COMMONWEALTH AID TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS

General

Pennsylvania school districts receive financial assistance from the Commonwealth in a number of forms, all subject to statutory provisions and annual appropriation by the Pennsylvania General Assembly.

The largest state subsidy, the basic instructional subsidy, is allocated to all school districts based on (1) the per pupil market value of assessable real property in the school district; (2) the per pupil earned income in the school district; and (3) the school district's tax effort, as compared with the tax effort of other school districts in the Commonwealth. School districts also receive subsidies for special education, pupil transportation; vocational education, health service and debt service are also received by the school district.

Status of State Appropriations for Debt Service Subsidies

Commonwealth law presently provides that the School District will receive, subject to state legislative appropriation, reimbursement from the Commonwealth for a portion of debt service paid on the Bonds following final approval by PDE. Commonwealth reimbursement is calculated based on the “Reimbursable Percentage” assigned to the Bonds by the PDE and the School District's permanent Capital Account Reimbursement Fraction (“CARF”) (20.53%) or the wealth based Market Value Aid Ratio (“MVAR”) currently (38.14%), whichever is higher. The Reimbursable Percentage is determined through a process known as the “Planning and Construction Workbook” or “PlanCon”.

Based on the current PlanCon program, School District officials have estimated that the Reimbursable Percentage of the 2024A Bonds will be 21.32% (there has been no actual determination by the PDE). The School District's MVAR (which is higher than the CARF) is

38.14%. The product of these two factors is 8.13%, which is the estimated percentage of debt service which may be reimbursed by the Commonwealth, subject to annual appropriation. In future years, this percentage may change as the School District's MVAR changes, or as a result of future legislation regarding changes to, or even elimination of, the PlanCon program.

Based on the current PlanCon program, School District officials have estimated that the Reimbursable Percentage of the 2024B Bonds will be 23.61% (there has been no actual determination by the PDE). The School District's MVAR (which is higher than the CARF) is 38.14%. The product of these two factors is 9.00%, which is the estimated percentage of debt service which may be reimbursed by the Commonwealth, subject to annual appropriation. In future years, this percentage may change as the School District's MVAR changes, or as a result of future legislation regarding changes to, or even elimination of, the PlanCon program.

In May of 2016, the Commonwealth enacted appropriation legislation known as Act 25 ("Act 25"), which contains authorization for the Commonwealth Finance Authority ("CFA") to issue up to \$2.5 billion of debt to fund PlanCon reimbursements to school districts. Act 25 also instituted a moratorium on new projects entering the PlanCon process while an advisory committee established under Act 25 considers amendments to the PlanCon reimbursement program. This moratorium went into effect on May 15, 2016 and most recently became indefinite with the adoption of Act No. 33 of 2023 on December 13, 2023.

To date, the CFA has issued \$1,903,065,000, to provide for PlanCon reimbursements owed to school districts, including the issuance of its Revenue Bonds, Series A of 2016 (Federally Taxable) in the principal amount of \$758,185,000 issued on October 31, 2016, its Revenue Bonds, Series A of 2018 (Federally Taxable) in the total amount of \$412,520,000 issued on January 18, 2018, its Revenues Bonds (Federally Taxable), Series A of 2019 in the total amount of \$388,975,000 issued on May 9, 2019, as well as its Revenue Bonds (Federally Taxable), Series A of 2021 in the total amount of \$343,385,000 issued on June 23, 2021. It is expected that proceeds of these issues have been and will continue to be used to provide PlanCon reimbursement that is owed to the School District for past and current fiscal years. However, the School District cannot be certain that any future PlanCon reimbursement will be received by PDE as the ability for CFA to issue additional bonds in the future to fund future PlanCon reimbursements owed to school districts may impact the availability of PlanCon reimbursements payable to the School District. Any failure by the Commonwealth to adopt a timely budget and enact necessary spending authorizations could have a material adverse effect upon the School District's anticipated receipt of PlanCon reimbursements.

Act 70 of 2019 was adopted by the State legislature that has modified the PlanCon process. The Act states that on July 1, 2020, a new PlanCon system will go online. However, the legislation does not include any funding nor does it state when the State would start to allow applicants to enter into the new program.

There can be no assurances that the School District will be able to successfully apply for, be awarded, and receive sufficient PlanCon reimbursement for the costs of any current or future projects of the School District. A failure by the School District to receive such reimbursement could force the School District to apply other available funds, if any, toward the completion costs of the Project and may have a material adverse effect on the financial resources of the School District to fund other obligations, including payment of debt service on the Bonds.

Legislation has been introduced from time to time in the Pennsylvania legislature containing language that would revise or even abolish the debt service reimbursement program for Pennsylvania school districts. As of the date hereof, and except as described above, none of these proposals have been signed into law. To the extent that any future legislation contains material changes to the PlanCon program as it is structured currently, the amount of PlanCon reimbursement to the School District may be positively or negatively affected, which could materially impact the amount of local funds needed to be raised by the School District to pay debt service on its debt obligations.

Debt Statement

Table 13 shows the debt of the Bethlehem Area School District as of August 19, 2024, including the issuance of the Bonds.

**TABLE 13
BETHLEHEM AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
DEBT STATEMENT
(As of August 19, 2024)***

	Gross Outstanding
NONELECTORAL DEBT	
General Obligation Bonds, Series B of 2024*	\$34,400,000
General Obligation Bonds, Series A of 2024*	29,510,000
General Obligation Bonds, Series of 2021	23,575,000
General Obligation Note, Series C of 2021**	30,255,000
General Obligation Bonds, Series B of 2016	19,700,000
General Obligation Bonds, Series A of 2016	20,260,000
General Obligation Bonds, Series C of 2015	5,790,000
General Obligation Bonds, Series B of 2015	3,725,000
General Obligation Bonds, Series A of 2015	30,000,000
TOTAL NONELECTORAL DEBT	\$197,215,000
LEASE RENTAL	
TOTAL LEASE RENTAL	\$0
Total Direct Debt	\$197,215,000

*Includes the estimated principal amount of the Bonds offered through this Preliminary Official Statement, and excludes the 2021A & 2021B Bonds being refunded.

**School District note securing the remaining floating rate bonds of the Authority, subject to mandatory tender on November 1, 2025.

Table 14 presents the overlapping indebtedness and debt ratios of the School District. After issuance of the Bonds and the refunding of the 2021A & 2021B Bonds, the principal of direct debt of the School District will total \$197,215,000. After adjustment for available funds and estimated Commonwealth Aid, the local effort of direct debt will total \$191,238,895.

TABLE 14
BETHLEHEM AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
BONDED INDEBTEDNESS AND DEBT RATIOS⁽¹⁾
(As of August 19, 2024)

	Gross Outstanding	Local Effort or Net of Available Funds and Estimated Commonwealth Aid⁽²⁾
DIRECT DEBT		
Nonelectoral Debt.....	\$197,215,000	\$191,238,895
Lease Rental Debt.....	0	0
Total Direct Debt.....	\$197,215,000	\$191,238,895
OVERLAPPING DEBT		
Northampton County, General Obligation ⁽³⁾	\$50,012,197	\$50,012,197
Lehigh County ⁽⁴⁾	10,182,650	10,182,650
Municipal Debt.....	170,500,397	170,500,397
TOTAL OVERLAPPING DEBT.....	\$230,695,244	\$230,695,244
TOTAL DIRECT AND OVERLAPPING DEBT.....	\$427,910,244	\$421,934,139
DEBT RATIOS		
Per Capita.....	\$3,663.27	\$3,612.11
Percent 2023-24 Assessed Value.....	9.56%	9.43%
Percent 2023-24 Market Value.....	3.55%	3.50%

⁽¹⁾ Includes the estimated Bonds offered through this Preliminary Official Statement and excludes the 2021A & 2021B Bonds being refunded herein.

⁽²⁾ Gives effect to current appropriations for payment of debt service and expected future Commonwealth Reimbursement of School District sinking fund payments based on current Aid Ratio. See “Commonwealth Aid to School Districts.”

⁽³⁾ Pro rata 49.4% share of \$101,170,000 outstanding.

⁽⁴⁾ Pro rata 5.9% share of \$172,587,289 outstanding.

See also “Outstanding Swap Agreements Payable by the School District” below for a description of certain bonds issued by the Bethlehem Area School District Authority but payable by the School District.

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Debt Limit and Remaining Borrowing Capacity

Electoral debt, i.e., debt approved by the voters at a general or special election, may be incurred without limit. Nonelectoral debt and lease rental debt area subject to a statutory borrowing limit computed as a percentage of the School District's "Borrowing Base". The "Borrowing Base" is defined as the annual arithmetic average of "Total Revenues" (as defined by the Debt Act), for the three full fiscal years ended next preceding the date of incurring debt. The School District calculates its present borrowing base and borrowing capacity as follows:

Total Revenues for 2021-22 Fiscal Year.....	\$304,694,294
Total Revenues for 2022-23 Fiscal Year.....	328,339,225
Total Revenues for 2023-24 (estimated) Fiscal Year.....	<u>342,063,202</u>
Total Revenues, Past Three Years	<u>\$975,096,721</u>
Annual Arithmetic Average (Borrowing Base).....	<u>\$325,032,240</u>

Under the Debt Act as presently in effect, no school district shall incur any nonelectoral debt or lease rental debt, if the aggregate net principal amount of such new debt together with any other net nonelectoral debt and lease rental debt then outstanding, would cause the net nonelectoral debt plus net lease rental debt to exceed 225% of the Borrowing Base. The application of the aforesaid percentage to the School District's Borrowing Base produces the following product:

	<u>Legal Limit</u>	<u>Net Debt Outstanding*</u>	<u>Remaining Borrowing Capacity</u>
Net Nonelectoral Debt and Lease Rental Debt Limit: 225% of Borrowing Base.....	\$731,322,540	\$197,215,000	\$534,107,540

*Includes the estimated Bonds described herein and excludes the 2021A & 2021B Bonds being refunded; does not reflect credits against gross indebtedness that may be claimed for a portion of principal of debt estimated to be reimbursed from Commonwealth Aid.

Swap Agreement Payable By the School District

2021C Authority Floating Rate Bonds and Related Fixed Payer Swap

On December 18, 2003, the School District (on a future start basis) entered into a swap agreement with JP Morgan Chase Bank, N.A. ("JP Morgan"), hereinafter referred to as the "2021C Fixed Payer Swap". The terms of the 2021C Fixed Payer Swap presently calls for the School District to pay to JP Morgan a fixed rate of 3.843% and for JP Morgan to pay to the School District a variable rate of 67% of the Secured Overnight Financing Rate (SOFR), as defined in the 2021C Fixed Payer Swap. The 2021C Fixed Payer Swap is intended by the School District to manage interest rates and costs associated with the \$30,095,000 outstanding School Revenue Bonds, Series C of 2021, issued by the Authority for the benefit of the School District on November 1, 2021. The 2021C Fixed Payer Swap has a termination date of January 1, 2032, which is the final maturity date of the 2021C Authority Bonds.

The 2021C Authority Bonds are subject to a mandatory tender date of November 1, 2025, when the 2021C Authority Bonds must be remarketed to a new interest rate mode, or redeemed.

The 2021C Fixed Payer Swap is a general obligation of the School District and its periodic payments are secured by a School District General Obligation Note pledging its full faith, credit and taxing power (the Authority has no taxing power or revenues other than what is payable by the School District under the 2021C General Obligation Note).

Under the foregoing swaps, the School District's swap counterparty may terminate each swap if the credit rating of the School District, falls below "Baa1" from Moody's Investors Service ("Moody's) or "BBB+" from Standard & Poor's Ratings Services ("S&P"), or if the School District shall cease to have a credit rating from Moody's or S&P or any of such ratings is withdrawn or suspended for a reason other than that the School District has elected, with the prior written consent of the swap counterparty, not to maintain a rating from such rating agencies; provided, however, that such event will not constitute an additional termination event under the applicable swap agreement if within 30 days following the occurrence of such event, the School District delivers a swap insurance policy, letter of credit or other form of guaranty of its obligations with respect to all transactions under the applicable swap agreement in form and substance and issued or otherwise provided by an entity acceptable to the swap counterparty in its sole discretion. The School District has not been required to deliver any such guaranty pursuant to the foregoing swaps.

The following is a summary of the 2021C Fixed Payer Swap as of June 3, 2021.

Related Financing	Swap Name	Swap Purchaser/ Counterparty	Outstanding Swap Notional ⁽¹⁾	Final Swap Maturity	Structure	Fair Value (To) From Counterparty ⁽²⁾
2021C Authority Bonds (and Related School District Note)	“2021C Fixed Payer Swap”	JP Morgan	\$29,830,000	1/1/2032	School District Receives: 67% of SOFR Pays: 3.843%	(\$3.203MM)

(1) As of September 16, 2024

(2) Estimated mid-market valuations as of September 16, 2024. Negative value is a termination cost to the School District and Authority.

There are a number of risks associated with swaps that could affect the value of the School District’s swaps, the ability of the School District to accomplish its objectives in connection with the swaps, the ability of the School District to meet its obligations under the swap or the School District’s liquidity or general financial condition. These risks include, among others, the following: counterparty risk – the failure of the counterparty to make required payments; credit risk – the occurrence of an event modifying the credit rating of the School District or its counterparty, which, among other things, could result in the School District being required to obtain a guaranty for its swap obligations to avoid termination of the swaps; termination risk – the need to terminate the transaction in a market that dictates a termination payment by the School District; tax risk – the risk created by potential tax events that could affect swap payments; and basis risk – the mismatch between actual variable rate debt service and variable rate indices used to determine swap payments. The School District actively monitors the degree of risk and exposure associated with the swaps to which it is a party but can offer no assurances that it will not suffer adverse financial consequences as a result of these transactions.

2021A Swap to be Terminated by the 2024A Bonds

Since December 23, 2003, the School District has been obligated under the terms of an interest rate swap contract with Morgan Stanley Capital Services Inc. (“Morgan Stanley”) which was intended to manage interest rate risk on multiple series variable rate bonds issued by the Authority on the School District’s behalf. The most recent variable rate issue, constituting the 2021A Authority Bonds, was issued on November 1, 2021, which is integrated with the variable rate payments from Morgan Stanley, and the School District has paid net fixed rate amounts to Morgan Stanley. Under the terms of the 2021A Swap contract, the School District will make a payment of \$ _____ at the time the 2024A Bonds are issued, which will be paid from proceeds of the 2024A Bonds.

2021B Swap to be Terminated by the 2024B Bonds

Since November 22, 2005, the School District has been obligated under the terms of an interest rate swap contract with JP Morgan, which was intended to manage interest rate risk on multiple series variable rate bonds issued by the Authority on the School District’s behalf. The most recent variable rate issue, constituting the 2021B Bonds, was issued on November 1, 2021, which is integrated with the variable payments from JP Morgan, and the School District has paid net fixed rate amounts to JP Morgan. Under the terms of the 2021B Swap contract, the School District will make a payment of \$ _____ at the time the 2024B Bonds are issued, which will be paid from proceeds of the 2024B Bonds.

Debt Service Requirements

Table 15 presents the debt service requirements on the School District’s outstanding debt, including the Bonds. Table 16 presents data on the extent to which Commonwealth Aid provides coverage for debt payments.

The School District has never defaulted on the payment of debt service or any payment under a swap.

**TABLE 15
BETHLEHEM AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
OTHER GENERAL OBLIGATION
DEBT SERVICE REQUIREMENTS***

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Other General Obligation Debt</u>	<u>Series A of 2024</u>			<u>Series B of 2024</u>			<u>Total Requirements</u>
		<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Subtotal</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Subtotal</u>	
2024-25	\$24,391,139							
2025-26	24,390,826							
2026-27	24,424,159							
2027-28	24,432,202							
2028-29	24,440,741							
2029-30	24,466,317							
2030-31	24,553,383							
2031-32	24,557,457							
2032-33	13,521,800							
2033-34	13,585,775							
2034-35	13,585,475							
2035-36	13,586,550							
2036-37	0							
2037-38	0							
Total	\$249,935,824							

*Total principal and interest due may not add due to rounding. Currently includes the 2021A & 2021B Bonds being refunded herein.

**TABLE 16
BETHLEHEM AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
COVERAGE OF DEBT SERVICE AND LEASE RENTAL
REQUIREMENTS BY COMMONWEALTH AID***

2023-24 (estimated) State Aid Received.....	\$104,712,179
2023-24 (estimated) Debt Service Requirements.....	\$23,857,693
Maximum Future Debt Service Requirements after Issuance of Bonds.....	
Coverage of 2023-24 (estimated) Debt Service Requirements	4.39 times
Coverage of Maximum Future Debt Service Requirements after Issuance of Bonds	_____ times

*Assumes current Commonwealth Aid Ratio. See “Commonwealth Aid to School Districts.”

FUTURE FINANCING

The School District is in discussions to issue additional long term (non-refunding) fixed rate debt in the amount of approximately \$50 to \$55 million over the next three years.

LABOR RELATIONS

School District Employees

There are approximately 2250 employees of the School District, including 1205 teachers and administrators, and 1,182 support personnel including secretaries, custodian/maintenance staff, teacher’s assistants, food service staff and transportation staff.

The School District’s teachers are represented by the Bethlehem Area Education Association, an affiliate of the Pennsylvania State Education Association (PSEA), under a contract with the School District which expires on June 30, 2026. The custodial and maintenance personnel are represented by the Teamsters Local #773, under a contract with the School District which expires June 30, 2027. The secretarial and clerical support staff are represented by the Teamsters Local #773, under a contract with the School District which expired June 30, 2024. The bus drivers are represented by the Teamsters Local #773, under a contract with the School District which expires June 30, 2026.

Teacher assistants are represented by PSEA under a contract with the School District which expires June 30, 2026. The food service personnel are represented by the SEIU, under a contract with the School District which expires June 30, 2026.

Pension Program

Currently, all Pennsylvania school districts and intermediate units participate in a pension program administrated by the Commonwealth. The program is formally known as the Public School Employees' Retirement System ("PSERS"), and a percentage of each eligible employee's salary is contributed by the employee, the School District and the Commonwealth. All full-time employees, part-time employees salaried over eighty days per year and hourly employees with over five hundred hours per year participate in the program.

Contributions are required by active members, School Districts, and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania as established by the Public School Employees' Retirement Code. Members who enrolled prior to January 1, 2002 range from 5.28% to 7.5% of compensation, depending upon the date of commencement of employment and elections made by each employee member. Members who enrolled in the pension plan on or after January 1, 2002 and before July 1, 2011 is 7.5% of compensation. The contribution rate for PSERS members who enrolled on or after July 1, 2011 is 7.5% or 10.3%, depending upon elections made by each employee member. The PSERS Board of Trustees certified an annual employer contribution rate of 33.9% for the fiscal year 2024-25.

The Commonwealth will reimburse the School District at the rate of 50% of its total contributions with respect to all employees who were hired prior to July 1, 1994. With respect to employees hired after July 1, 1994, and who were not previously employed by another public school system in the Commonwealth, the School District will be reimbursed by the Commonwealth at the rate of the higher of 50% of contributions made by the School District or the current Market Value/Personal Income Aid Ratio. The School District is reimbursed on a quarterly basis.

Under Act 5 of 2017 ("Act 5") PSERS will transition from a traditional defined benefit system and begin to offer defined contribution plans as well. Beginning July 1, 2019, in addition to other transaction rules and options based on members' classifications, certain classes of active members may choose to switch from the current defined benefit plan to one of three new retirement benefit plan options which will be available. Additionally, all active members newly hired on or after July 1, 2019 will be required to select one of those three new retirement benefit plan options and will not be eligible to participate in the current defined benefit plan. The three new plans consist of two hybrid plans, with defined benefit and defined contribution components, along with a stand-alone defined contribution plan.

In addition to its comprehensive change in available plans for active members, Act 5 also made certain changes to the PSERS Board of Trustees and administrative protocols and created the Public Pension Management and Asset Investment Review Commission to study and make recommendations to the General Assembly and the Governor regarding investment performance and strategies.

According to the Independent Fiscal Office, Act 5 is not expected to reduce school district and state contributions to PSERS over the first fifteen years. However, beginning in fiscal 2034-35 through fiscal 2049-50, employer contribution rates are expected to begin to decline due to the lower long-term employer costs of the new benefit plans and will be lower, in the aggregate, over the study period.

Annual School District contributions have been as follows:

2019-20	\$36,300,075
2020-21	\$37,405,432
2021-22	\$40,009,827
2022-23	\$41,929,942
2023-24	\$44,276,738
2024-25 (budgeted)	\$45,103,447

At June 30, 2023, the School District reported a liability of \$347,134,873 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2022, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by rolling forward the PSERS total pension liability as of June 30, 2021 to June 30, 2022. The School District's proportion of the net pension liability was calculated utilizing its one-year reported covered payroll as it relates to the total one-year reported covered payroll of all school districts. At June 30, 2023, the School District's proportion was 0.7937% which was an increase of 0.0133% from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2022.

As of June 30, 2023, the PSERS plan was 61.60% funded, with an unfunded actuarial accrued liability of approximately \$44.0 billion. PSERS' rate of return for fiscal year ended June 30, 2023 was 3.54%. The Fund had plan net assets of \$72.8 billion at June 30, 2023. For more information, visit the PSERS website at www.psers.pa.gov, which is not incorporated by specific reference into this Preliminary Official Statement.

Source: School District Administrative Officials and PSERS.

Other Post-Employment Benefits

For information on the effects of GASB Statement No.75, the School District's OPEB and other vested employee benefits, including valuation and sick pay, see "Appendix C– Audited Financial Statements".

LITIGATION

School District officers will certify at closing that there is no litigation pending or, to the knowledge of such officials threatened, seeking to restrain or enjoin the issuance of the Bonds or in any way affecting the validity of the Bonds or any actions taken by the School District taken with respect to the issuance or the sale thereof. The School District in the normal course of its operations is sometimes named as a defendant in civil lawsuits for which defense costs and judgments are covered by liability insurance policies maintained by the School District.

At the time of settlement on the Bonds, Eckert Seamans Cherin & Mellott, LLC, as Bond Counsel to the School District will deliver an opinion stating to the effect that there is no litigation then pending challenging validity of the Bonds, the Resolution or the actions taken by the School District to issue the Bonds.

DEFAULTS AND REMEDIES

In the event of failure of the School District to pay or cause to be paid the interest on or principal of the Notes securing the Bonds, as the same becomes due and payable, the holders of the Trustee shall be entitled to exercise certain remedies provided by the Debt Act. Among the remedies, if the failure to pay shall continue for 30 days, the Trustee shall have the right to recover the amount due by bringing an lawsuit in the Court of Common Pleas of the county in which the School District is located. The Debt Act provides any judgment shall have an appropriate priority upon the funds next coming into the treasury of the School District. The Debt Act also provides that upon a default of at least 30 days, holders of at least 25% of the Bonds may appoint a different trustee to represent them. The Debt Act provides certain other remedies in the event of default, and further qualifies the remedies hereinbefore described.

TAX MATTERS

Bond Counsel Opinion

The information which follows is a summary of Bond Counsel's opinions on the Bonds. This summary does not purport and should not be construed to be a complete recitation of Bond Counsel's opinion. Drafts of the full text of Bond Counsel's opinions (both series of Bonds) is appended hereto in Appendix B and reference is made thereto.

Bond Counsel has not been engaged to verify, nor have they independently verified, the accuracy, completeness or truthfulness of any statements, certifications, information or financial statements set forth in this Preliminary Official Statement, or otherwise used in connection with the offer and sale of the Bonds set forth in or delivered by the School District officials, and Bond Counsel expresses no opinion with respect to whether the School District, in connection with the Bonds, or in the preparation of this Preliminary Official Statement have made any untrue statement of a material fact necessary in order to make any statement made therein not misleading.

Federal Tax Matters

Exclusion of Interest from Gross Income

In the opinion of Bond Counsel, under existing statutes, regulations, rulings and court decisions, interest on the Bonds will not be includible in gross income of the holders thereof for federal income tax purposes assuming continuing compliance by the School District with the requirements of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"). Interest on the Bonds will not be a specific preference item for purposes of computing the federal alternative minimum tax on individuals.

In rendering its opinion, Bond Counsel has assumed compliance by the School District with their covenants contained in the Indentures and its representations in the Tax Compliance Certificate executed by the School District on the Issue Date of the Bonds relating to actions to be taken after the issuance of the Bonds necessary to effect or maintain the exclusion from gross income of the interest on the Bonds for federal income tax purposes. These covenants and representations relate to, among other things, the use and investment of proceeds of the Bonds, and the rebate to the United States Department of Treasury of specified arbitrage earnings, if any. Failure to comply with such covenants could result in interest on the Bonds becoming includible in gross income for federal income tax purposes from the date of issuance of the Bonds.

Qualified Tax-Exempt Obligations for Financial Institutions

Code Section 265 provides, in general, that interest expense to acquire or carry tax-exempt obligations is not deductible from the gross income of the owner of such obligations. In addition, Code Section 265 provides a complete (100%) disallowance of a deduction for interest expense incurred by "financial institutions" described in such section that is allocable, as computed under Code Section 265, to tax-exempt interest on obligations acquired after August 7, 1986. Code Section 265(b) provides an exception to this rule for interest allocable to tax-exempt obligations (other than private activity bonds) that are designated or deemed designated by an issuer, such as the School District, as "qualified tax-exempt obligations." An issuer may make such designation only if the amount of the issue, when added to the amount of all other tax-exempt obligations other than private activity bonds) issued or reasonably anticipated to be issued by the issuer during the calendar year, does not exceed \$10,000,000. ***The Bonds have not been designated or deemed designated as "qualified tax exempt obligations".***

Other Federal Tax Matters.

Ownership or disposition of the Bonds may result in other federal tax consequences to certain taxpayers, including, without limitation, certain S corporations, foreign corporations with branches in the United States, holders of an interest in a financial asset securitization investment trust, property and casualty insurance companies, individuals who otherwise qualify for the earned income credit and taxpayers who have an initial basis in the Bonds greater or less than the principal amount thereof, individual recipients of Social Security or Railroad Retirement benefits and taxpayers, including banks, thrift institutions and other financial institutions, subject to Section 265 of the Code, who may be deemed to have incurred or continued indebtedness to purchase or to carry the Bonds.

Bond Counsel is not rendering any opinion regarding any federal tax matters other than as described above and expressly stated in the forms of Bond Counsel opinion included as Appendix B hereto. Purchasers of the Bonds should consult their independent tax advisors with regard to all federal tax matters.

Pennsylvania Tax Matters

In the opinion of Bond Counsel, under the laws of the Commonwealth as enacted and construed on the date hereof, interest on the Bonds is exempt from Pennsylvania personal income tax and Pennsylvania corporate net income tax, and the Bonds are exempt from personal property taxes in Pennsylvania; however, under the laws of the Commonwealth, as enacted and construed on the date hereof, any profits, gains or income derived from the sale, exchange or other disposition of the Bonds will be subject to Pennsylvania taxes and local taxes within the Commonwealth.

Other

The Bonds and the interest thereon may be subject to state and local taxes in jurisdictions other than the Commonwealth under applicable state or local tax laws.

Purchasers of the Bonds should consult their independent tax advisors with regard to all state and local tax matters that may affect them.

CONTINUING DISCLOSURE UNDERTAKING

In accordance with the requirement of Rule 15-c2-12 (the “Rule”) promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”), the School District (being the “obligated person” with respect to the Bonds, within the meaning of the Rule), including on behalf of the Authority, will agree to provide certain financial and operating information to the Municipal 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 (the “Continuing Disclosure Agreement”), substantially in the form attached hereto as Appendix D.

With respect to the filing of annual financial and operating information, the School District reserves the right to modify from time to time the specific types of information 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 Agreement (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 Agreement, but does not commit to provide notice of the occurrence of any events except those specifically listed in of the Continuing Disclosure Agreement.

The School District acknowledges that its undertaking pursuant to the Rule described herein and in the Continuing Disclosure Agreement 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 retirement 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 access on the internet at <http://www.emma.msrb.org>.

Existing Continuing Disclosure Filing History

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 table below.

Fiscal Year Ending	Filing Deadline ^[1]	Financial Statements		Budget		Operating Data	
		Filing Date	EMMA ID ^[2]	Filing Date	EMMA ID ^[2]	Filing Date	EMMA ID ^[2]
6/30/2019	4/1/2020	12/20/2019	ER912137	12/20/2019	ER912137	12/20/2019	ER912137
6/30/2020	4/1/2021	12/21/2020	P11105808	12/18/2020	P11105808	12/18/2020	P11105808
6/30/2021	4/1/2022	12/27/2021	P31096649	12/22/2021	P31096649	12/22/2021	P31096649
6/30/2022	4/1/2023	01/10/2023	P21274951	01/05/2023	P21246342	01/05/2023	P21246342
6/30/2023	4/1/2024	01/02/2024	P21333959	12/18/2023	P11298970	12/18/2023	P11298970

Notes

^[1] For these purposes, assumes the shortest filing deadline of the School District’s previous Continuing Disclosure Agreements

^[2] Submission ID is the EMMA Submission ID for each filing. To access a filing, insert the Submission ID to the end of the web address below:
<http://emma.msrb.org/ContinuingDisclosureView/ContinuingDisclosureDetails.aspx?submissionId=>

Based on the information above, the School District’s annual financial and operating filing history over the past five (5) years can be summarized as follows:

For fiscal year ending June 30, 2019 through and including June 30, 2023, the School District filed the audited financial statements, budget and operating data in a timely fashion.

On August 1, 2024, Assured Guaranty Municipal Corp. (“AGM”) merged with and into Assured Guaranty Inc. (“AG”), with AG as the surviving company (such transaction, the “Merger”). Although not timely, the School District subsequently filed an event notice to EMMA on 8/29/2024, regarding the substitution of the credit facility provider.

Continuing Disclosure Compliance Procedures

The School District has conducted a review of its continuing disclosure obligations and submissions. Upon discovering any inadvertent omissions with respect to these filings, the School District has brought its continuing disclosure filings up to date.

In an effort to augment the School District’s procedures and policies to maintain future compliance, the School District has taken additional steps intended to facilitate future compliance with its Continuing Disclosure Agreements. These steps include implementing the MSRB’s EMMA’s internal notification system whereby the School District will receive timely email reminders a month in advance for all of the School District’s annual disclosure filings and coordinating with the School District’s financial advisor to ensure all disclosure obligations have been made on a timely basis and in all material respects.

A member of the School District’s business office has been designated as its “compliance officer”, responsible for ongoing continuing disclosure compliance. Such member of the School District’s business office will make an effort to participate in any ongoing continuing education regarding continuing disclosure undertaking if offered by local groups or affiliated organizations such as MSRB, PASBO or GFOA. The School District may communicate with its financial advisor, underwriters(s), bond counsel, or solicitor regarding any questions or concerns regarding ongoing continuing disclosure compliance. The School District may also communicate with its local auditor and advise of the School District’s need for financial statements in a timely manner. In the event audited financial statements are not available by the filing deadline, the School District will file to EMMA, if available, its State Form PDE-2057 Annual Financial Report as an interim filing until such audited financial statements are available. Some of the operating data requirements may be found contained within the School District’s financial statements or budget filing and may not be filed explicitly by themselves.

RATING

Moody’s Investors Service assigned its underlying municipal Bond rating of “_” to this issue of Bonds. Such rating reflects only the view of such organization and any desired explanation of the significance of such rating should be obtained from the rating agency furnishing the same, at the following address: Moody’s Investors Service, 7 World Trade Center, 250 Greenwich Street, New York, New York 10007. Generally, a rating agency bases its rating on the information and materials furnished to it and on investigations, studies and assumptions of its own. There is no assurance that any such rating will continue for any given period of time or that it will not be revised downward or withdrawn entirely by the rating agency, if circumstances so warrant. Any such downward revision or withdrawal of such rating may have an adverse effect on the market price of the Bonds.

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The above ratings are not recommendations to buy, sell or hold the Bonds, and such ratings may be subject to revision or withdrawal at any time by the rating agency. Each of the rating agencies has recently issued press releases or reports stating that they are examining the potential effects of downturns in the market for structured finance (SF) instruments, including collateralized debt obligations (“CDOs”), on the claims-paying ability of the bond insurance companies, including _____. Any downward revision or withdrawal of any of the above ratings may have an adverse effect on the market price of the Bonds.

UNDERWRITING

Raymond James & Associates, Inc. acting on its own behalf and as a representative of Janney Montgomery Scott, LLC (collectively, the “Underwriters”) have agreed to purchase the Bonds from the School District, subject to certain conditions precedent, and will purchase all of the Bonds if any of such Bonds are purchased. The Bonds will be purchased for a purchase price of \$_____, equal to the par value of the Bonds less an underwriters’ discount of \$_____ plus a net original issue premium of \$_____, plus accrued interest from the dated date to the date of delivery of the Bonds.

LEGAL OPINION

The Bonds are offered subject to the receipt of the approving legal opinion of Eckert Seamans Cherin & Mellott, LLC, of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, as Bond Counsel to the School District, and concurrently as Special Counsel to the School District.

FINANCIAL ADVISOR

The School District has retained PFM Financial Advisors LLC, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, as financial advisor (the “Financial Advisor”) in connection with the preparation, authorization and issuance 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 the Preliminary Official Statement. PFM Financial Advisors LLC is an independent advisory firm and is not engaged in the business of underwriting, trading or distributing municipal securities or other public securities.

MISCELLANEOUS

This Preliminary Official Statement has been prepared under the direction of the Financial Advisor in its capacity as the independent municipal advisor to the School District. The information set forth in this Preliminary Official Statement has been obtained from the School District and from other sources believed to be reliable. Insofar as any statement herein includes matters of opinion or estimates about future conditions, it is not intended as representation of fact, and there is no guarantee that it is, or will be, realized. Summaries or descriptions of provisions of the Bonds, the Indenture, the Resolution, and all references to other materials not purporting to be quoted in full are only brief outlines of some of the provisions thereof. Reference is hereby made to the complete documents, copies of which will be furnished by the School District or the Financial Advisor upon request. The information assembled in this Preliminary Official Statement is not to be construed as a contract with holders of the Bonds.

Use of the words “shall,” “will,” “must,” or other words of similar import or meaning in summaries of documents or law in this Preliminary Official Statement to describe future events or 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 Preliminary Official Statement.

BETHLEHEM AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Northampton and Lehigh Counties, Pennsylvania

By: _____
President, Board of School Directors

APPENDIX A

**Demographic and Economic Information
Relating to the Bethlehem Area School District**

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Population

Table A-1 shows recent population trends for the School District, Northampton County, Lehigh County, and the Commonwealth. The School District's population increased between 2000 and 2010 to 8,237 residents over this period. Average household size for the Counties was the same as the Commonwealth average.

**TABLE A-1
POPULATION TRENDS**

	<u>2000</u>	<u>2010</u>	Compound Average Annual Percentage Changes
School District.....	108,574	116,811	0.73%
Northampton County.....	267,066	297,735	1.09%
Lehigh County.....	312,090	349,497	1.14%
Pennsylvania.....	12,281,054	12,702,379	0.34%

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, and Pennsylvania State Data Center.

**TABLE A-2
AGE COMPOSITION**

	<u>0-17 Years</u>	<u>18-64 Years</u>	<u>65+ Years</u>	Persons Per Household
Northampton County	23.30%	62.80%	15.70%	2.5
Lehigh County.....	23.70%	61.60%	14.80%	2.5
Pennsylvania	23.80%	60.60%	15.60%	2.5

Source: Pennsylvania State Data Center.

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Employment

Table A-3 shows the industry employment for the MSA an area which includes the School District.

DISTRIBUTION OF EMPLOYMENT Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton Metropolitan Statistical Area

TABLE A-3

<i>ESTABLISHMENT DATA</i>	Industry Employment				Net Change From:	
	Apr 2024	Mar 2024	Feb 2024	Apr 2023	Mar 2024	Apr 2023
Total Nonfarm	395,900	394,200	391,800	391,700	1,700	4,200
Total Private	356,700	354,900	352,900	352,600	1,800	4,100
Goods Producing	54,700	54,400	54,100	55,300	300	-600
Mining, Logging, & Construction	13,300	13,000	12,800	14,000	300	-700
Manufacturing	41,400	41,400	41,300	41,300	0	100
Durable Goods	24,000	23,900	23,900	23,900	100	100
Non-Durable Goods	17,400	17,500	17,400	17,400	-100	0
SERVICE-PROVIDING	341,200	339,800	337,700	336,400	1,400	4,800
PRIVATE SERVICE-PROVIDING	302,000	300,500	298,800	297,300	1,500	4,700
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	91,400	91,800	91,600	92,800	-400	-1,400
Wholesale trade	15,200	15,300	15,200	14,900	-100	300
Retail trade	38,600	38,400	38,200	38,600	200	0
Food and beverage stores	10,400	10,400	10,400	10,400	0	0
General merchandise stores	7,100	7,100	7,100	6,900	0	200
Department stores	3,600	3,600	3,600	3,400	0	200
Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities	37,600	38,100	38,200	39,300	-500	-1,700
Transportation and Warehousing	36,500	37,000	37,100	38,200	-500	-1,700
Information	6,200	6,200	6,200	5,900	0	300
Financial Activities	12,900	13,000	13,000	12,900	-100	0
Finance and Insurance	9,500	9,600	9,600	9,500	-100	0
Insurance carriers and related activities	4,600	4,600	4,600	4,400	0	200
Professional and Business Services	50,500	49,900	49,600	50,700	600	-200
Professional and technical services	17,400	17,400	17,100	17,000	0	400
Management of companies and enterprises	9,900	9,900	9,900	9,600	0	300
Administrative and waste services	23,200	22,600	22,600	24,100	600	-900
Employment services	8,400	8,200	8,300	9,800	200	-1,400
Educational and Health Services	89,900	89,500	88,800	84,500	400	5,400
Educational services	13,800	13,800	13,700	13,400	0	400
Health care and social assistance	76,100	75,700	75,100	71,100	400	5,000
Hospitals	24,400	24,300	24,100	22,900	100	1,500
Leisure and Hospitality	36,600	35,700	35,200	36,300	900	300
Accommodation and food service	29,300	28,900	28,500	29,100	400	200
Food services and drinking places	25,500	25,100	24,800	25,300	400	200
Other Services	14,500	14,400	14,400	14,200	100	300
Government	39,200	39,300	38,900	39,100	-100	100
Federal Government	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,400	0	100
State Government	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,400	0	100
Local Government	34,200	34,300	33,900	34,300	-100	-100
Local government educational services	22,400	22,500	22,200	22,300	-100	100
Other Local Government	11,800	11,800	11,700	12,000	0	-200

Data benchmarked to March 2022

Data changes of 100 may be due to rounding

Source: Pennsylvania Department of Labor & Industry website: News Releases.

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Major employers located within or near the School District within Northampton County include:

Employer

United Parcel Service Inc.
 Wal-Mart Associates Inc
 Lehigh University
 Bethlehem Area School District
 FedEx Ground Package System Inc.
 Northampton County
 Wind Creek
 Victaulic Company
 Saint Luke's Hospital
 QVC Network Inc.

Source: Center for Workforce Information & Analysis, 4th Quarter 2023- Final

Table A-4 shows recent trends in employment and unemployment for Northampton County, Lehigh County and the Commonwealth. The unemployment rate for the Counties has been similar to the Commonwealth during the period shown.

**TABLE A-4
 RECENT TRENDS IN LABOR FORCE, EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT*
 (000)**

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024⁽¹⁾</u>	Compound Average Annual % Rate
Northampton County							
Civilian Labor Force (000)	161.9	158.9	162.1	165.1	166.4	167.9	0.93%
Employment (000)	154.6	144.7	152.5	158.5	161.4	163.1	1.22%
Unemployment (000)	7.2	14.2	9.6	6.6	5.0	4.8	-6.51%
Unemployment Rate	4.5%	9.0%	5.9%	4.4%	3.0%	2.9%	
Lehigh County							
Civilian Labor Force (000)	193.4	191.4	196.1	198.7	199.7	201.5	0.99%
Employment (000)	184.7	173.1	182.8	190.0	193.5	195.5	1.30%
Unemployment (000)	8.7	18.3	13.3	8.7	6.3	6.0	-6.47%
Unemployment Rate	4.5%	9.6%	6.8%	4.4%	3.1%	3.0%	
Pennsylvania							
Civilian Labor Force (000)	6,492.0	6,388.0	6,406.0	6,479.0	6,485.0	6,587.0	0.19%
Employment (000)	6,208.0	5,808.0	5,999.0	6,196.0	6,296.0	6,339.0	0.47%
Unemployment (000)	284.0	580.0	407.0	283.0	189.0	189.0	-7.29%
Unemployment Rate	4.4%	9.10%	6.30%	4.40%	2.90%	2.90%	

*Residence Data.

⁽¹⁾As of April 2024

Source: Pennsylvania State Employment Service.

Income

Table A-5 shows recent trends in per capita income for the School District, Northampton County, Lehigh County and the Commonwealth over the 2000-2009 period. Per capita income in the School District and in the Counties is higher than average per capita in the Commonwealth.

**TABLE A-5
RECENT TRENDS IN PER CAPITA INCOME***

	<u>2000</u>	<u>2009</u>	Compound Average Annual Percentage Change <u>2000-2009</u>
<i>School District</i>	\$28,271	\$28,807	0.19%
Northampton County	30,898	28,171	-0.92%
Lehigh County	21,897	27,301	2.23%
Pennsylvania	20,880	26,678	2.48%

*Income is defined by the Bureau of the Census as the sum of wage and salary income, non-farm self-employment income, net self-employment income, Social Security and Railroad retirement income, public assistance income, interest, dividends, pensions, etc. before deductions for personal income taxes, Social Security, etc. School District income is the population-weighted average for political subdivisions.

Source: 2000: U.S. Census Bureau, Summary File 1 (SF 1) and Summary File 3 (SF 3) & 2009: U.S. Census Bureau, 2005-2009 American Community Survey.

Commercial Activity

Table A-6 shows retail sales for the years 2019 through 2023 for Northampton County and Lehigh County, the MSA and the Commonwealth.

**TABLE A-6
TOTAL RETAIL SALES
(000)**

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>
Lehigh County	7,655,721	7,924,216	9,772,594	10,486,443	11,393,511
Northampton County	4,926,852	5,007,574	5,053,581	5,333,764	5,833,618
Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton MSA	15,397,360	15,840,523	17,378,463	18,613,724	20,359,980
Pennsylvania	244,709,540	251,185,116	274,685,600	297,770,327	310,912,244

Source: Neilson Company

Educational Institutions

The Lehigh Valley Region of Pennsylvania (Lehigh and Northampton Counties) provides area residents with numerous post-secondary educational facilities. Listings of major higher educational facilities are listed below in the following table.

DeSales University	Center Valley
Cedar Crest College	Allentown
Kutztown University	Kutztown
Lafayette College	Easton
Lehigh University	Bethlehem
Lehigh Carbon Community College.....	Schnecksville
Moravian College.....	Bethlehem
Muhlenberg College.....	Allentown
Northampton Community College	Bethlehem
Penn State University	Fogelsville
Rosemont College ⁽¹⁾	Allentown

*Full-time enrollment only

⁽¹⁾Accelerated evening degree

Source: 2000 Lehigh Valley Profiles & Trends

Housing

According to 2010 Census figures, there were 120,363 housing units in Northampton County, as opposed to 106,710 in 2000. This represents an increase of 12.8% within that decade. A substantial portion of this growth can be accounted for by the development of primary homes.

According to 2010 Census figures, there were 142,613 housing units in Lehigh County, as opposed to 133,983 in 2000. This represents an increase of 6.1% within that decade.

Medical Facilities

The following medical institutions serve the area:

Lehigh Valley Hospital at Muhlenberg Medical Center (2 locations)
Easton Hospital
Good Shepard Hospital Rehabilitation Hospital
Sacred Heart Hospital
St. Luke's Hospital and Health Network
Cedarbrook County Nursing Home

Transportation

Northampton County has approximately 1,550 miles of roadway, of which 550 miles are state or federal highways and the remainder is secondary and municipal roads. The major highways in the County are U.S. Routes 22, 33, and 611. The County also has the following railroads: Norfolk Southern, Northampton and Bethlehem, Lehigh and Hudson River, Philadelphia and Bethlehem and New England.

Utilities

The PPL Utilities and Metropolitan Edison serve electrical needs of homes and industries in the School District. Blue Mountain and Bethlehem Water Companies provide water services in the more populated areas and there are individually owned wells and septic tanks in the more rural areas. Verizon and Commonwealth Telephone provide telephone communications for the area. UGI provides natural gas service to area residents.

Communications

Northampton County is served by two daily and three weekly newspapers, a commercial television station, and eight radio stations.

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APPENDIX B

Form of Opinion of Bond Counsel (both series)

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[FORM OF BOND COUNSEL OPINION]

[Date of Delivery]

Re: \$ _____ aggregate principal amount
Bethlehem Area School District, Northampton and Lehigh Counties, Pennsylvania
General Obligation Bonds, Series ____ of 2024

To The Purchasers of the Within-Described Bonds:

We have served as Bond Counsel to the Bethlehem Area School District, in Northampton and Lehigh Counties, Pennsylvania (“Issuer”), in connection with the issuance of its \$ _____ aggregate principal amount General Obligation Bonds, Series ____ of 2024 (the “Bonds”). The Bonds are issued pursuant to, and are secured by, the Pennsylvania Local Government Unit Debt Act, 53 Pa. C.S. Chs. 80-82 (“Act”), and a Resolution (“Resolution”) adopted on August 26, 2024, by the Board of School Directors of the Issuer (“Board”).

The Bonds are being issued to (1) refund the outstanding (variable rate) School Revenue Bonds (Bethlehem Area School District Refunding Project), Series ____ of 2021, of the Bethlehem Area School District Authority, (2) pay any termination payment due on an integrated swap agreement, and (3) pay prorated costs and expenses of issuing the refunded bonds.

As Bond Counsel for the Issuer, we have examined: (a) the relevant provisions of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (“Commonwealth”); (b) the Act; (c) the relevant provisions of the Public School Code of 1949, as amended; (d) the Resolution and the Debt Statement of the Issuer filed with the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (“Department”); (e) the proceedings of the Board with respect to the authorization, issuance and sale of the Bonds; (f) a Certificate of Approval issued by the Department in respect of the proceedings authorizing the issuance of the Bonds; and (g) certain statements, certifications, affidavits and other documents and matters of law which we have considered relevant, including, without limitation, a certificate dated the date hereof (“Tax Compliance Certificate”) of officials of the Issuer having responsibility for issuing the Bonds, given pursuant to the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and the regulations promulgated thereunder (“Code”), an opinion of the Solicitor to the Issuer as to various matters, and the other documents, certifications and instruments listed in the Closing Index filed with the Paying Agent (hereinafter defined) on the date of original delivery of the Bonds. We have also examined a fully executed and authenticated Bond, or a true copy thereof, and assume all other Bonds are in such form and are similarly executed and authenticated.

In rendering the opinion set forth below, we have relied upon the genuineness, accuracy and completeness of all documents, records, certifications and other instruments we have

examined, including, without limitation, the authenticity of all signatures appearing thereon. We have also relied, in the opinion set forth below, upon the opinion of the Solicitor of the Issuer as to all matters of fact and law set forth therein.

Except with respect to paragraph 6 below, our opinion is given only with respect to the internal laws of the Commonwealth as enacted and construed on the date hereof.

Based on the foregoing, we are of the opinion that:

1. The Issuer is authorized under the provisions of the Constitution and the laws of the Commonwealth to issue the Bonds.

2. The Issuer has established, in accordance with the Act, a sinking fund for the Bonds (the “Sinking Fund”) with the paying agent, registrar and sinking fund depository named in the Resolution (“Paying Agent”), and has covenanted in the Resolution to deposit in the Sinking Fund amounts sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on the Bonds as the same becomes due and payable and to apply the amounts so deposited to the payment of such principal and interest.

3. The Issuer has effectively covenanted: (i) to include the amount of debt service on the Bonds in each fiscal year of the Issuer in which such sums are due and payable in its budget for that fiscal year; (ii) to appropriate such amounts from its general revenues for the payment of such debt service; and (iii) to duly and punctually pay, or cause to be paid, from the Sinking Fund or any other of its general revenues or funds, the principal or redemption price of and interest on the Bonds on the dates and in the places and in the manner stated in the Bonds according to the true intent and meaning thereof. For such budgeting, appropriation and payment the Issuer has pledged, with respect to the Bonds, its full faith, credit and taxing power, within the limits established by law.

4. The Bonds have been duly authorized, executed, authenticated, issued and delivered, and are the legal, valid and binding general obligations of the Issuer, and are enforceable in accordance with the terms thereof, except to the extent that enforcement thereof may be affected by bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium or other similar laws or legal or equitable principles affecting the enforcement of creditors’ rights.

5. Under the laws of the Commonwealth as enacted and construed on the date hereof, interest on the Bonds is exempt from Pennsylvania personal income tax and Pennsylvania corporate net income tax; however, under the laws of the Commonwealth as enacted and construed on the date hereof, any profits, gains or income derived from the sale, exchange or other disposition of the Bonds will be subject to Commonwealth taxes and local taxes within the Commonwealth.

6. Under existing statutes, regulations, rulings and court decisions, interest on the Bonds, including any interest accruing in the form of original issue discount, will not be includible in gross income of the holders thereof for federal income tax purposes, assuming

continuing compliance by the Issuer with the requirements of the Code. Interest on the Bonds will not be a specific preference item for purposes of computing the federal alternative minimum tax on individuals.

In rendering this opinion, we have assumed compliance by the Issuer with the covenants contained in the Resolution and the representations in the Tax Compliance Certificate relating to actions to be taken by the Issuer after the issuance of the Bonds necessary to effect or maintain the exclusion from gross income of the interest on the Bonds for federal income tax purposes. These covenants and representations relate to the use and investment of proceeds of the Bonds, and the rebate to the United States Department of Treasury of specified arbitrage earnings, if any. Failure to comply with such covenants could result in the interest on the Bonds becoming includible in gross income for federal income tax purposes from the date of issuance of the Bonds.

We express no opinion as to any matter not set forth in the numbered paragraphs herein. This opinion is rendered on the basis of federal law and the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania as enacted and construed on the date hereof. This opinion is given as of the date hereof and we assume no obligation to supplement this opinion to reflect changes in law that may hereafter occur or changes in facts or circumstances that may hereafter come to our attention. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, we express no opinion with respect to, and assume no responsibility for, the accuracy, adequacy or completeness of the preliminary official statement or the official statement prepared in respect of the Bonds, and make no representation that we have independently verified the contents thereof.

Very truly yours,

ECKERT SEAMANS CHERIN & MELLOTT, LLC

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APPENDIX C

Audited Financial Statement

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**REPORT ON
BETHLEHEM AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
SINGLE AUDIT REPORT
FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

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BETHLEHEM AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Single Audit Report

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023

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Members of the Board
Bethlehem Area School District
1516 Sycamore Street
Bethlehem, PA 18017

We have performed the Single Audit of the Bethlehem Area School District for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023, and have enclosed the Single Audit reporting package.

The Single Audit was done to fulfill the requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* (CFR) Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards*, which entailed:

1. An audit of the basic financial statements, and our opinion thereon;
2. A review of compliance and of internal control over financial reporting based on an audit of the financial statements performed in accordance with Governmental Auditing Standards, and our report thereon;
3. An examination of the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards and our report thereon; and,
4. An opinion on compliance with requirements applicable to each major program, and a review of internal control over compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance, explained above, and our report thereon.

Respectfully submitted,

Gorman & Associates, P.C.

December 21, 2023

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FINANCIAL SECTION



INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Board of School Directors
Bethlehem Area School District
1516 Sycamore Street
Bethlehem, PA 18017-6099

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 the Bethlehem Area School District, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Bethlehem Area 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 the Bethlehem Area School District, as of June 30, 2023, 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 the Bethlehem Area 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.

Change in Accounting Principle

As described in Note 2-G to the financial statements, in 2022-23, the District adopted new accounting guidance, GASB Statement No. 96, SBITA's. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Bethlehem Area 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 the Bethlehem Area 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 the Bethlehem Area 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 on pages 6-16, the schedules associated with the District's Defined Benefit Pension Plan, and the Schedules of the District's OPEB Plans, on pages 90-99, be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

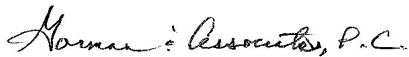
Supplementary Information

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

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated December 7, 2023, on our consideration of the Bethlehem Area 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 the Bethlehem Area 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 Bethlehem Area School District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Respectfully submitted,



Northampton, Pennsylvania
December 7, 2023

**Bethlehem Area School District
Management's Discussion and Analysis**

**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (MD&A)
Required Supplementary Information (RSI)
(UNAUDITED)
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023**

The discussion and analysis of Bethlehem Area School District's financial performance provides an overall review of the District's financial activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023. The intent of this discussion and analysis is to look at the District's financial performance as a whole; readers should also review the financial statements and notes to enhance their understanding of the District's financial performance.

The Management Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) is an element of the new 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.

MISSION STATEMENT AND PURPOSE

- Mission - The Bethlehem Area School District in partnership with the home and community is committed to providing a safe and supportive environment in which each student will attain the knowledge, skills, and attitudes necessary to become a productive citizen and self-directed, lifelong learner in our technologically demanding and culturally diverse society.
- Purpose - Eliminate race and family income as predictors of school success by guaranteeing equitable access to opportunities for personalized learning and growth.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- * The District-wide total net position increased by \$50,837,447 to a balance of (\$239,666,170).
- * The governmental net position has increased by \$13,904,757 to a balance of \$81,667,765.
- * The business type net position has increased by \$2,030,828 to a balance of (\$4,032,212).
- * The fiduciary type net position has decreased by \$886,387 to a balance of \$23,892,875.
- * The District's Unassigned General Fund Balances have decreased by \$6,880,256 to a balance of \$14,054,183 or 4.2% of expenditures.

In total, this yielded a net General Fund surplus of 4.73% or \$15,576,266 for the year ended June 30, 2023. Together with the beginning fund balance of \$52,308,953, the BASD ended the fiscal year with a total general fund balance of \$67,885,219. This fund balance is reduced by \$725,579 in non-spendable assets; \$94,240 restricted; \$42,000,000 committed to the Capital Reserve fund for future capital improvements; \$4,000,000 assigned to mitigate future increases in the state pension rate; and \$7,011,217 assigned for appropriations in the 2023-24 budget. The resulting undesignated fund balance on June 30, 2023 is \$14,054,183 or 4.2% of expenditures.

USING THE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

This annual report consists of a series of financial statements and notes to those statements. These statements are organized so the reader can understand Bethlehem Area School District as a financial whole, an entire operating entity. The statements then proceed to provide an increasingly detailed look at specific financial activities.

**Bethlehem Area School District
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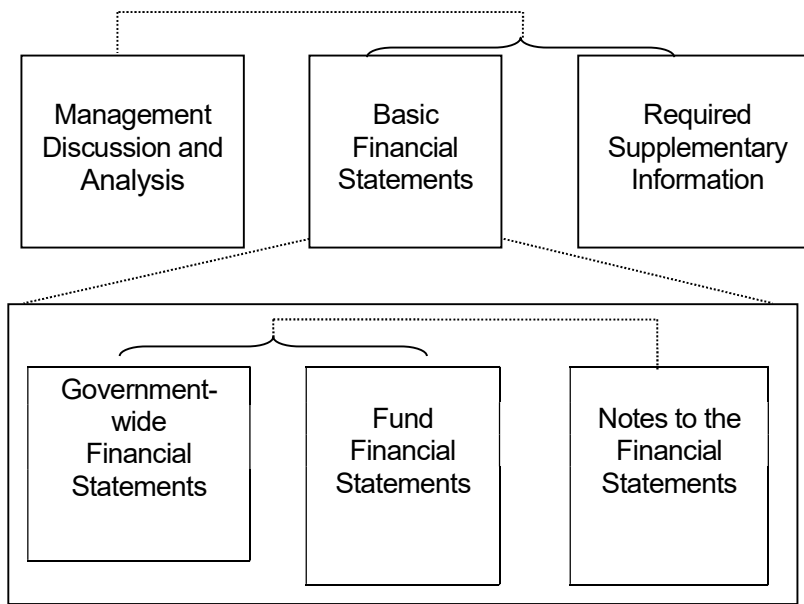
The first two statements are government-wide financial statements 1) the Statement of Net Position and 2) the Statement of Activities. These provide both long-term and short-term information about the District's overall financial status.

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 general District 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 this District this is our Food Service Fund and Child Care 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 financial statements also include notes that explain some of the information in the financial statements and provide more detailed data.

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

**Figure A-1
Required components of Bethlehem Area School District's Financial Report**



**Bethlehem Area School District
Management's Discussion and Analysis**

Figure A-2 summarizes the major features of the District's financial statements, including the portion of the District 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 Bethlehem Area School District's
Government-wide and Fund Financial Statements**

	Government-wide Statements	Fund 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 - Scholarship Funds
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 short-term and long-term	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 short-term and long-term	All assets and liabilities, both financial and capital, and short-term and long-term
Type of inflow-outflow information	All revenues and expenses during year, regardless of when cash is received or paid	Revenues for which cash is received during or soon after the end of the year; expenditures when goods or services have been received and 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

**Bethlehem Area School District
Management's Discussion and Analysis**

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 of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources. All of the current year's revenues and expenses are accounted for in the statement of activities regardless of when cash is received or paid.

The two government-wide statements report the District's net position and how the net position has changed. Net Position, the difference between the District's assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources, are 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, one must consider additional factors, such as the increasing property tax base, outlook for future growth, strength of financial planning and policies, and student performance and achievement.

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

- **Governmental activities** - All of the District's basic services are included here, such as instruction, administration and community services. Property taxes and 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, students and visitors to help it cover the costs of the food service operation.
- ***Fund Financial Statements***

The District's fund 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 District's 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 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 District's proprietary funds are the Food Service Fund and the Child Care Fund which are the same as the business-type activities we report in the government-wide statements, however more detail and additional information, such as cash flows is provided in the Fund Financial Statements.

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Fiduciary Funds - The District is the trustee, or fiduciary, for scholarship funds and Student Activity funds. All of the District's fiduciary activities are reported in separate Fiduciary Funds Statements of Net Position. We exclude these activities from the District's other financial statement because the District cannot use these assets to finance its operations.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE DISTRICT AS A WHOLE

The District's total net position is (\$239,666,170) at June 30, 2023. This reflects an increase in net position of \$50,837,447 from the previous fiscal year. Table A-1 summarizes the assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, and net position of the District.

**Table A-1
Net Position (In Millions)
Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023**

	<u>2023</u>			<u>2022</u>		
	Govern- mental Activities	Business- Type Activities	Total Primary Government	Govern- mental Activities	Business- Type Activities	Total Primary Government
Current assets	\$ 133.3	\$ 7.1	\$ 140.4	\$ 116.1	\$ 5.6	\$ 121.7
Non-Current assets	256.8	0.3	257.1	250.2	0.1	250.3
Deferred Outflow of Resources	85.5	1.5	87.0	90.5	1.7	92.2
Total Assets & Deferred Outflow of Resources	\$ 475.6	\$ 8.9	\$ 484.5	\$ 456.8	\$ 7.4	\$ 464.2
Current and other liabilities	\$ 60.8	\$ 0.4	\$ 61.2	\$ 58.0	\$ 0.4	\$ 58.4
Long-term liabilities	607.5	12.2	619.7	611.2	11.6	622.8
Deferred Inflow of Resources	42.9	0.3	43.2	72.0	1.4	73.4
Total Liabilities & Deferred Inflow of Resources	711.2	12.9	724.1	741.2	13.4	754.6
Net Position						
Net Investment in Capital Assets	\$ -	\$ 0.3	\$ 0.3	\$ -	\$ 0.1	\$ 0.1
Unrestricted	(235.6)	(4.3)	(239.9)	(284.4)	(6.1)	(290.5)
Total Net Position	\$ (235.6)	\$ (4.0)	\$ (239.6)	\$ (284.4)	\$ (6.0)	\$ (290.4)
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflow of Resources, & Net Position	\$ 475.6	\$ 8.9	\$ 484.5	\$ 456.8	\$ 7.4	\$ 464.2

Most of the District's net position is invested in capital assets (buildings, land, and equipment) totaling \$257,087,220. The remaining unrestricted net portion is a combination of restricted and unrestricted amounts. The restricted capital projects balance of \$13,781,379 is set aside to fund capital projects as planned by the District. The unrestricted net position reflects a negative balance of (\$299,287,000).

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 two largest general revenues are the Basic Education Subsidy provided by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and the local taxes assessed to community taxpayers.

Additional information is provided in the notes to the financial statements.

**Bethlehem Area School District
Management's Discussion and Analysis**

Table A-2 takes the information from that Statement and rearranges it slightly, so that you can compare the District's total revenues for the 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 fiscal years.

**Table A-2
Changes in Net Position (In Thousands)
Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023 and 2022**

	<u>2023</u>			<u>2022</u>		
	Govern- mental Activities	Business- Type Activities	Total Primary Government	Govern- mental Activities	Business- Type Activities	Total Primary Government
<u>REVENUES</u>						
<i>Program revenues</i>						
Charges for services	\$ 499	\$ 3,261	\$ 3,760	\$ 472	\$ 2,032	\$ 2,504
Operating grants and contributions	57,761	8,084	65,845	56,517	11,721	68,238
Capital grants and contributions	16,344	-	16,344	13,284	-	13,284
<i>General revenues</i>						
Property taxes	186,531	-	186,531	185,002	-	185,002
Other taxes	31,838	-	31,838	28,497	-	28,497
Grants, subsidies and contributions, unrestricted	52,709	-	52,709	42,497	-	42,497
Other	7,248	-	7,248	1,267	3	1,270
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 352,930	\$ 11,345	\$ 364,275	\$ 327,536	\$ 13,756	\$ 341,292
<u>EXPENSES</u>						
Instruction	\$ 197,266	\$ -	\$ 197,266	\$ 185,745	\$ -	\$ 185,745
Instructional student support	26,387	-	26,387	24,943	-	24,943
Administrative and financial support	25,176	-	25,176	24,143	-	24,143
Operation and maintenance of plant	20,671	-	20,671	18,754	-	18,754
Pupil transportation	12,452	-	12,452	9,591	-	9,591
Student activities	3,717	-	3,717	3,455	-	3,455
Community services	349	-	349	201	-	201
Scholarships and Awards	-	-	-	-	-	-
Interest on long-term debt	8,559	-	8,559	8,538	-	8,538
Unallocated depreciation expense	9,546	-	9,546	9,263	-	9,263
Day Care	-	1,862	1,862	-	1,807	1,807
Food Services	-	7,452	7,452	-	7,317	7,317
TOTAL EXPENSES	304,123	9,314	313,437	284,633	9,124	293,757
Increase (decrease) in net position	\$ 48,807	\$ 2,031	\$ 50,838	\$ 42,903	\$ 4,632	\$ 47,535

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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 largest functions - instructional programs, instructional student support, administrative, operation and maintenance of plant, pupil transportation, student activities, community services, as well as each program's net cost (total cost less revenues generated by the activities). 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 taxes and other miscellaneous revenues.

**Table A-3
Governmental Activities (In Thousands)
Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023 and 2022**

Functions/Programs	2023		2022	
	Total Cost of Services	Net Cost of Services	Total Cost of Services	Net Cost of Services
Instruction	\$ 197,266	\$ 155,862	\$ 185,745	\$ 145,681
Instructional student support	26,387	18,286	24,943	16,128
Administrative	25,176	21,445	24,143	20,269
Operation and maintenance	20,671	4,557	18,754	6,769
Pupil transportation	12,452	9,330	9,591	6,306
Student activities	3,717	3,139	3,455	2,960
Community services	349	250	201	107
Interest on long-term debt	8,559	7,103	8,538	6,877
Unallocated depreciation expense	9,546	9,546	9,263	9,263
Total governmental activities	\$ 304,123	\$ 229,518	\$ 284,633	\$ 214,360
Less:				
Unrestricted grants, subsidies		52,709		42,497
Total needs from local taxes and other revenues		\$ (176,809)		\$ (171,863)

Table A-4 reflects the activities of the Food Service and Child Care programs, the Business-type activities of the District.

**Table A-4
Business-Type Activities
Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023 and 2022**

Functions/Programs	2023		2022	
	Total Cost of Services	Net Cost of Services	Total Cost of Services	Net Cost of Services
Food Services	\$ 7,451,512	\$ 1,683,797	\$ 7,317,452	\$ 4,026,405
Child Care	1,862,105	182,216	1,807,476	598,234
Less:				
Investment earnings & other misc.		164,815		2,891
Total business-type activities		\$ 2,030,828		\$ 4,627,530

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THE DISTRICT FUNDS

At June 30, 2023, District governmental funds reported a combined fund balance of \$81,667,765, an increase of \$13,904,757 from the previous year.

The schedule below indicates the fund balances and the total change in fund balances as of and between June 30, 2022 and 2023.

	Fund Balance June 30, 2023	Fund Balance June 30, 2022	Increase (Decrease)
General Fund - Unassigned	14,054,183	20,934,439	(6,880,256)
General Fund - Assigned	11,011,840	4,000,623	7,011,217
General Fund - Committed	42,000,000	27,000,000	15,000,000
Other (Nonspendable and Restricted)	14,601,742	15,827,946	(1,226,204)
TOTAL	81,667,765	67,763,008	13,904,757

General fund revenues and other sources exceeded expenditures and other uses by \$15,576,266 which resulted in an ending total General Fund balance of \$81,667,765.

With the implementation of GASB Statement #54, Capital Reserve Fund balances (authorized under Commonwealth of Pennsylvania statutes) are reported as part of the Capital Projects balances.

The District utilizes a Capital Reserve Fund to actively prepare for unexpected and proposed capital projects each year. In order to fund projects without the need for additional borrowing issues, the district has established this fund and makes budgeted transfers, as well as transfers from available in the General Fund at year end. Capital Projects Funds, including both the Capital Reserve and Capital Projects Fund, had a decrease of (\$1,671,509) resulting in a Capital Project fund balance of \$13,781,923 on June 30, 2023 as a result of ongoing planned capital improvements throughout the District.

General Fund Budget

The School District's budget is prepared according to Pennsylvania law and is based on the modified accrual basis of accounting. The most significant budgeted fund is the General Fund.

During the fiscal year, the Board of School Directors (The Board) authorizes revisions to the original budget to accommodate differences from the original budget to the actual expenditures of the District. All adjustments are again confirmed at the time the annual audit is accepted, which is after the end of the fiscal year. These types of adjustments are not prohibited by state law. The District's original and final budget amounts compared with amounts actually paid and received is provided on the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance-Budget and Actual- General Fund.

The General Fund overall operating revenues of \$336,915,405 were \$9,417,924 greater than originally budgeted. Local revenues were \$8,854,124 higher than budgeted due to higher than budgeted interest rates and better than anticipated tax revenue revenues. State subsidy revenues were \$2,452,546 lower than budgeted due to lower than anticipated transportation subsidy, rental revenue and other state revenues. Federal grant revenues were \$3,016,346 higher than budgeted due to the availability of American Rescue Plan (ARP) ESSER relief funding.

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Management's Discussion and Analysis**

Total expenditures of \$321,560,063 (excluding budgetary reserve) were \$8,042,418 lower than originally budgeted.

The budgetary reserve includes amounts that may be transferred into expenditure accounts for planned expenditures upon approval of the Board of School Directors. These amounts will be appropriated into expenditure categories only 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 unassigned accumulated fund balance and available for future years' budgeting, assuming some restrictions. The budgeted budgetary reserve amount of \$3,446,665 was not needed, as there were no significant, unexpected expenditures during the year. While the District does prepare a budget with a reserve each year for unexpected emergencies, this expenditure is dependent upon actual experience during the fiscal year.

CAPITAL ASSET AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

CAPITAL ASSETS

At June 30, 2023, the District had \$256,779,657 invested in a broad range of capital assets, including land, buildings, furniture and equipment. This amount represents a net increase of \$6,556,731, or 1.3% from the previous year. This is primarily due to the HVAC Improvements at various Elementary Schools and roof replacements at various schools.

**Table A-5
Governmental Activities
Capital Assets – Net of Depreciation
Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023**

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Land	\$ 75,410	\$ 75,410
Site Improvements	14,668,567	14,571,428
Buildings	398,545,367	398,465,153
Furniture & Equipment	71,783,195	70,422,111
Intangible right-to-use equipment	1,007,726	928,580
Construction in Progress	<u>24,222,633</u>	<u>7,711,535</u>
Total Capital Assets	510,302,898	492,174,217
Less Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(253,523,241)</u>	<u>(241,951,291)</u>
Total Capital Assets Net of Accumulated Depreciation	<u>\$ 256,779,657</u>	<u>\$ 250,222,926</u>

DEBT ADMINISTRATION

As of July 1, 2022, the District had total outstanding debt of \$230,480,000. During the year, the District issued \$0 in additional debt, but retired and repaid \$13,605,000 resulting in ending outstanding debt as of June 30, 2023 of \$216,875,000.

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Management's Discussion and Analysis**

**Table A-6
Outstanding Debt**

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
General Obligation Notes/Bonds:		
- Bonds, Series of 2021	\$ 25,910,000	\$ 28,140,000
- Bonds, Series A of 2021	30,285,000	30,360,000
- Bonds, Series B of 2021	39,330,000	40,800,000
- Notes, Series C of 2021	30,280,000	30,305,000
- Bonds, Series of 2019	1,960,000	4,445,000
- Bonds, Series B of 2016	19,700,000	19,700,000
- Bonds, Series A of 2016	27,350,000	33,455,000
- Notes, Series C of 2015	8,335,000	9,550,000
- Notes, Series B of 2015	3,725,000	3,725,000
- Bonds, Series A of 2015	30,000,000	30,000,000
TOTAL	<u>\$ 216,875,000</u>	<u>\$ 230,480,000</u>

Other obligations include accrued vacation pay and sick leave for specific employees of the District as well as the OPEB obligation under GASB 75. More detailed information about our long-term liabilities is included in the notes to the financial statements.

ECONOMIC FACTORS AND NEXT YEAR'S BUDGETS AND RATES

Capital Improvement Plan

Since 1991, the school district has renovated or replaced most of its 22 schools and other properties. The school district continues to annually fund and complete capital improvement projects that are designed to maintain all existing structures. The district plans on a roofing project at Freedom High School along with repairs to the tennis courts, auditorium lighting and replacement of the bus lift during the 2023-2024 school year.

Future Budgets

The revenue budget for the 2023-24 fiscal year of \$339,356,293 is \$9,753,812 higher than the original 2022-23, fiscal year budget, representing a 2.96% increase in budget revenues.

With the passage of Act 1, the District was required to pass a preliminary budget in January to authorize increasing taxes above an allowed index or pass a resolution stating that we would not exceed the index. For the 2023-24 budget, this adjusted index was 4.9%. The District adopted the Resolution to not exceed the Act 1 index and is therefore precluded from filing any exception requests. The 2023-24 final adopted budget included no tax increase. The annual operating budget for the 2023-2024 year is \$339,526,293 and is supported by a .25 mil decrease for Northampton County and a 0.09 mil increase for Lehigh County. The focus continues to be balancing the educational needs with the financial and economic realities. We continue to work to responsibly implement much needed academic programs with the focus of sustainability and improved outcomes.

Future budgets will be based on District's Built by Bethlehem Roadmap which identifies four components necessary for student success. Organizational, Academic, Student Services and School Community/Culture. This "comprehensive" school experience is critical to our mission as a public school and guided our efforts throughout the budget process.

**Bethlehem Area School District
Management's Discussion and Analysis**

The comparison of original budgeted revenue and expenditure categories is as follow:

BUDGETED REVENUES

	2023-2024	2022-2023
Local	66.9%	66.2%
State	28.1%	29.7%
Federal	4.3%	3.5%
Other	0.7%	0.6%

BUDGETED EXPENDITURES

	2023-2024	2022-2023
Instruction	60.1%	56.5%
Support Services	27.3%	29.7%
Non-Instruction/Community	0.4%	1.5%
Fund Transfers	0.0%	0.0%
Debt	12.2%	12.3%

CONTACTING THE DISTRICT FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

Our financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, parents, students, investors, creditors, and other interested parties with a general overview of the School Board's finances and to show the School Board's accountability for the funds it receives. Questions concerning this report or a request for additional information should be addressed to the Chief Financial Officer, Bethlehem Area School District, 1516 Sycamore Street, Bethlehem, PA 18017, telephone number 610-861-0500 ext. 60201.

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BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Bethlehem Area School District
Statement of Net Position
As of June 30, 2023

	PRIMARY GOVERNMENT		
	GOVERNMENTAL	BUSINESS-TYPE	TOTAL
	ACTIVITIES	ACTIVITIES	
ASSETS			
Current Assets:			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 105,587,157	\$ 5,842,464	\$ 111,429,621
Investments	-	-	-
Receivables, net	8,054,396	-	8,054,396
Internal Balances	29,613	773,911	(1)
Due From Other Governments	18,526,261	199,895	18,726,156
Lease Receivable	49,734	-	49,734
Other Receivables, net	276,215	245,389	521,604
Inventories	192,127	2,860	194,987
Prepaid Expenses	533,451	34,034	567,485
Other Current Assets	41,701	-	41,701
Total Current Assets	<u>133,290,655</u>	<u>7,098,553</u>	<u>139,585,684</u>
Non-Current Assets:			
Land	75,410	-	75,410
Site Improvements (net of depreciation)	4,398,348	-	4,398,348
Building and Bldg. Improvements (net of depreciation)	221,371,878	-	221,371,878
Furniture and Equipment (net of depreciation)	6,450,390	307,563	6,757,953
Intangible Right To Use Equipment (net of amortization)	260,998	-	260,998
Construction in Progress	24,222,633	-	24,222,633
Total Non-Current Assets	<u>256,779,657</u>	<u>307,563</u>	<u>257,087,220</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>390,070,312.00</u>	<u>7,406,116.00</u>	<u>396,672,904</u>
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Deferred Charges on Bond Refundings, net	13,273,304	-	13,273,304
Deferred Cost on Refundings - Derivatives	10,551,434	-	10,551,434
Deferred Outflows of Resources - Related to Pensions	58,998,382	1,493,303	60,491,685
Deferred Outflows of Resources - Related to OPEB	2,722,671	42,838	2,765,509
TOTAL ASSETS AND DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	<u>\$ 475,616,103</u>	<u>\$ 8,942,257</u>	<u>\$ 483,754,836</u>
LIABILITIES			
Current Liabilities:			
Internal Balances	\$ 773,911	\$ 29,613	\$ - (1)
Due to other governments	1,991,311	-	1,991,311
Accounts Payable	12,372,931	241,661	12,614,592
Current Portion of Long-Term Obligations	14,979,613	-	14,979,613
Accrued Salaries and Benefits	15,899,809	32,387	15,932,196
Payroll Deductions and Withholdings	12,598,619	30,298	12,628,917
Prepayments	95,833	40,576	136,409
Other Current Liabilities	2,114,501	71,514	2,186,015
Total Current Liabilities	<u>60,826,528</u>	<u>446,049</u>	<u>60,469,053</u>
Non-Current Liabilities:			
Bonds and Notes Payable	210,234,021	-	210,234,021
Derivative Financial Instrument Liability	4,425,797	-	4,425,797
Lease Obligations	53,718	-	53,718
Long-Term Portion of Compensated Absences	5,750,370	202,392	5,952,762
Net OPEB Liability - Single Employer Plan	36,753,037	82,733	36,835,770
Net OPEB Liability - Multiple Employer Plan	14,190,042	423,350	14,613,392
Net Defined Benefit Pension Liability	335,641,647	11,493,226	347,134,873
Net Defined Contribution Pension Liability	500,442	-	500,442
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>668,375,602</u>	<u>12,647,750</u>	<u>680,219,828</u>
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Deferred Inflow of Resources - Related to Derivatives	18,313,587	-	18,313,587
Deferred Inflows of Resources - Related to Pensions	9,528,492	199,077	9,727,569
Deferred Inflows of Resources - Related to OPEB	14,982,646	127,642	15,110,288
Deferred Inflows of Resources - Related to Leases	49,734	-	49,734
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	<u>711,250,061</u>	<u>12,974,469</u>	<u>723,421,006</u>
NET POSITION			
Net Investment in Capital Assets	45,531,888	307,563	45,839,451
Restricted For:			
Capital Projects	13,781,379	-	13,781,379
Unrestricted (deficit)	(294,947,225)	(4,339,775)	(299,287,000)
TOTAL NET POSITION	<u>(235,633,958)</u>	<u>(4,032,212)</u>	<u>(239,666,170)</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES, AND NET POSITION	<u>\$ 475,616,103</u>	<u>\$ 8,942,257</u>	<u>\$ 483,754,836</u>

The Accompanying Notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

(1) Internal balances represent the amount owed to or from the two types of activities within the Primary Government. Since internal balances do not represent assets or liabilities of the total Primary Government, their balances are eliminated in the "total" column (GASB Statement No. 34, para. 58).

**Bethlehem Area School District
Statement of Activities
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023**

FUNCTIONS/PROGRAMS	EXPENSES	PROGRAM REVENUES			NET (EXPENSE) REVENUE AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION		
		CHARGES FOR SERVICES	OPERATING GRANTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS	CAPITAL GRANTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS	GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES	BUSINESS-TYPE ACTIVITIES	TOTAL
GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES:							
Instruction	\$ 197,265,919	\$ 319,542	\$ 41,084,610	\$ -	\$ (155,861,767)	\$ -	\$ (155,861,767)
Instructional Student Support	26,386,909	-	7,631,207	470,023	(18,285,679)	-	(18,285,679)
Admin. & Fin'l Support Services	25,176,452	-	3,731,331	-	(21,445,121)	-	(21,445,121)
Oper. & Maint. of Plant Svcs.	20,671,305	-	1,696,006	14,417,966	(4,557,333)	-	(4,557,333)
Pupil Transportation	12,451,585	-	3,121,157	-	(9,330,428)	-	(9,330,428)
Student activities	3,717,486	176,266	402,323	355	(3,138,542)	-	(3,138,542)
Community Services	348,629	3,500	95,187	-	(249,942)	-	(249,942)
Scholarships and Awards	738	-	-	-	(738)	-	(738)
Interest on Long-Term Debt	8,558,734	-	-	1,455,668	(7,103,066)	-	(7,103,066)
Unallocated Depreciation Expense	9,546,366	-	-	-	(9,546,366)	-	(9,546,366)
TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES	304,124,123	499,308	57,761,821	16,344,012	(229,518,982)	-	(229,518,982)
BUSINESS-TYPE ACTIVITIES:							
Food Services	7,451,512	1,530,044	7,605,265	-	-	1,683,797	1,683,797
Day Care	1,862,105	1,724,101	314,010	-	-	176,006	176,006
TOTAL PRIMARY GOVERNMENT	\$ 313,437,740	\$ 3,753,453	\$ 65,681,096	\$ 16,344,012	\$ (229,518,982)	\$ 1,859,803	\$ (227,659,179)
GENERAL REVENUES:							
Property taxes. Levied for general purposes, net					\$ 186,530,613	\$ -	\$ 186,530,613
Taxes levied for specific purposes					31,837,913	-	31,837,913
Grants, subsidies, & contributions not restricted					52,709,198	-	52,709,198
Investment Earnings					5,885,236	164,815	6,050,051
Miscellaneous Income					1,345,945	6,210	1,352,155
Special item - Gain (Loss) on sale of capital assets					-	-	-
Extraordinary Items					16,696	-	16,696
Transfers					-	-	-
TOTAL GENERAL REVENUES, SPECIAL ITEMS, EXTRAORDINARY ITEMS, AND TRANSFERS					278,325,601	171,025	278,496,626
CHANGES IN NET POSITION					48,806,619	2,030,828	50,837,447
NET POSITION - BEGINNING					(284,440,577)	(6,063,040)	(290,503,617)
NET POSITION - ENDING					\$ (235,633,958)	\$ (4,032,212)	\$ (239,666,170)

The Accompanying Notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

**Bethlehem Area School District
Balance Sheet
Governmental Funds
As of June 30, 2023**

	<u>GENERAL</u>	<u>CAPITAL PROJECT FUNDS</u>	<u>NON-MAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS</u>	<u>TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS</u>
<u>ASSETS</u>				
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 91,168,677	\$ 14,417,857	\$ 623	\$ 105,587,157
Investments	-	-	-	-
Taxes Receivable, net	8,054,396	-	-	8,054,396
Due from Other Funds	124,784	2,712,338	-	2,837,122
Due from Primary Government	-	-	357,931	357,931
Due from Other Governments	18,526,261	-	-	18,526,261
Lease Receivable	49,734	-	-	49,734
Other Receivables	275,981	-	-	275,981
Inventories	192,127	-	-	192,127
Prepaid Expenditures	533,451	-	-	533,451
Other Current Assets	41,701	-	-	41,701
TOTAL ASSETS	118,967,112	17,130,195	358,554	136,455,861
<u>DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES</u>				
	-	-	-	-
TOTAL ASSETS AND DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	\$ 118,967,112	\$ 17,130,195	\$ 358,554	\$ 136,455,861
<u>LIABILITIES</u>				
Due to Other Funds	\$ 9,708,632	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 9,708,632
Due to Other Governments	1,991,311	-	-	1,991,311
Due to Component Unit	357,931	-	-	357,931
Accounts Payable	2,897,213	3,348,272	-	6,245,485
Current Portion of Long-Term Debt	543,404	-	-	543,404
Accrued Salaries and Benefits	15,899,809	-	-	15,899,809
Payroll Deductions and Withholdings	12,598,619	-	-	12,598,619
Prepayments	95,833	-	-	95,833
Other Current Liabilities	-	-	357,931	357,931
TOTAL LIABILITIES	44,092,752	3,348,272	357,931	47,798,955
<u>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</u>				
Unearned/Unavailable Property Taxes and Leases	6,989,141	-	-	6,989,141
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	51,081,893	3,348,272	357,931	54,788,096
<u>FUND BALANCES:</u>				
Nonspendable Fund Balance	725,579	-	-	725,579
Restricted Fund Balance	94,240	13,781,923	-	13,876,163
Committed Fund Balance	42,000,000	-	-	42,000,000
Assigned Fund Balance	11,011,217	-	623	11,011,840
Unassigned Fund Balance	14,054,183	-	-	14,054,183
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	67,885,219	13,781,923	623	81,667,765
TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES, AND FUND BALANCES	\$ 118,967,112	\$ 17,130,195	\$ 358,554	\$ 136,455,861

The Accompanying Notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

**Bethlehem Area School District
Reconciliation of the Governmental Funds Balance Sheet
to the Statement of Net Position
As of June 30, 2023**

TOTAL FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS	\$	81,667,765
 Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position are different because:		
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported as assets in governmental funds. The cost of the assets is \$510,302,898 and the accumulated depreciation is \$253,523,241.		256,779,657
This amount represents the deferred outflows, net of deferred inflows, created from derivative hedging transactions, including derivative instrument assets, deferred gains on derivative refundings, and deferred costs on refundings.		(7,762,153)
Property taxes receivable will be collected this year, but are not available soon enough to pay for the current period's expenditures and therefore are deferred in the funds.		6,939,407
This represents deferred outflows of resources resulting in deferred charges on refunding prior bond issues. This amount was previously reported as a contra to Bonds Payable under long-term debt; however GASB Statement No. 65 changed the classification of this item to deferred outflows of resources.		13,273,304
This represents the deferred outflows of resources, net of deferred inflows of resources pertaining to the Net Pension/OPEB Liability.		37,209,915
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:		<u>(623,741,853)</u>
TOTAL NET POSITION - GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES	\$	<u>(235,633,958)</u>

The Accompanying Notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

Bethlehem Area School District
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances
Governmental Funds
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

	<u>GENERAL</u>	<u>CAPITAL PROJECT FUNDS</u>	<u>NON-MAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS</u>	<u>TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS</u>
REVENUES				
Local Sources	\$ 227,157,551	\$ 14,944,799	\$ 5,599,045	\$ 247,701,395
State Sources	95,278,566	-	-	95,278,566
Federal Sources	14,479,288	-	-	14,479,288
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>336,915,405</u>	<u>14,944,799</u>	<u>5,599,045</u>	<u>357,459,249</u>
EXPENDITURES				
Instruction	205,065,806	-	-	205,065,806
Support Services	88,414,303	140,171	-	88,554,474
Operation of Non-Instructional Services	4,273,114	-	-	4,273,114
Capital Outlay	65,349	16,450,782	-	16,516,131
Debt Service	23,741,491	-	5,599,045	29,340,536
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>321,560,063</u>	<u>16,590,953</u>	<u>5,599,045</u>	<u>343,750,061</u>
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	<u>15,355,342</u>	<u>(1,646,154)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>13,709,188</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Proceeds from Leases	79,146	-	-	79,146
Sale/Compensation for Fixed Assets	99,727	-	-	99,727
Transfers In (Out)	25,355	(25,355)	-	-
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	<u>204,228</u>	<u>(25,355)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>178,873</u>
SPECIAL/EXTRAORDINARY ITEMS				
Extraordinary Items - Insurance Recoveries	16,696	-	-	16,696
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	15,576,266	(1,671,509)	-	13,904,757
FUND BALANCES - BEGINNING	<u>52,308,953</u>	<u>15,453,432</u>	<u>623</u>	<u>67,762,385</u>
FUND BALANCES - ENDING	<u>\$ 67,885,219</u>	<u>\$ 13,781,923</u>	<u>\$ 623</u>	<u>\$ 81,667,142</u>

The Accompanying Notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

**Bethlehem Area School District
Reconciliation of the Governmental Funds
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes In Fund Balances
to the Statement of Activities
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023**

NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS \$ 13,904,757

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

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 expense. This is the amount by which capital outlays exceeded depreciation in the current period.

Depreciation expense	\$ 11,571,950	
less - capital outlays	<u>18,128,682</u>	6,556,732

In the statement of activities, only the gain on the sale of the capital assets is reported, whereas in the governmental funds, the proceeds from the sale increase financial resources. Thus, the change in net position differs from the change in fund balance by the cost of fixed assets sold.

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Because some property taxes will not be collected for several months after the District's fiscal year ends, they are not considered as "available" revenues in the governmental funds. Deferred inflows of resources decreased by this amount this year.

954,560

Repayment of bond and lease principal is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the statement of net position.

12,445,602

In the statement of activities, certain operating expenses - compensated absences (vacations) and special termination benefits (early retirement) - are measured by the amounts earned during the year. In the governmental funds; however, expenditures for these items are measured by the amount of financial resources used. This amount represents the difference between the amount earned versus the amount used.

(399,283)

In the statement of activities, certain operating revenues are recognized when earned versus the revenues using the modified accrual basis of accounting in the fund statements that are recognized when the funds are available. As such, the amount shown here represents the difference between earned revenues and revenues that are earned, but not available.

(446)

Interest 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. In the statement of activities, interest expense is recognized as the interest accrues, regardless of when it is due. This would include accumulated interest accreted on capital appreciation bonds. The additional interest accrued in the statement of activities over the amount due is shown here.

2,737,154

Bond and lease proceeds provide current financial resources to governmental funds, but issuing debt increases long-term liabilities in the statement of net position. Refunding bond issues becomes a use of current financial resources in governmental funds, but refundings represent payments of long-term debt in the statement of net position. This figure represents the difference between bond and lease proceeds and refunding payments made to paying agents.

(79,146)

The difference between current year pension/OPEB expense reported on the governmental activities column of the government-wide financial statements and the pension/OPEB contributions made this past year reported as expenditures in the governmental funds.

12,686,689

CHANGES IN NET POSITION OF GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES **\$ 48,806,619**

The Accompanying Notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

Bethlehem Area School District
Statement of Fund Net Position - Proprietary Funds
As of June 30, 2023

	FOOD SERVICE	DAY CARE FUND	TOTAL
<u>ASSETS</u>			
CURRENT ASSETS:			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 5,177,578	\$ 664,886	\$ 5,842,464
Due from Other Funds	571,277	203,130	774,407
Due From Other Governments	199,895	-	199,895
Other Receivables (net)	218,058	26,835	244,893
Inventories	2,860	-	2,860
Prepaid expenses	34,034	-	34,034
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	6,203,702	894,851	7,098,553
NON-CURRENT ASSETS:			
Machinery & Equipment (net)	307,563	-	307,563
Other Long-Term Receivables	-	-	-
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS	307,563	-	307,563
TOTAL ASSETS	6,511,265	894,851	7,406,116
<u>DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES</u>			
Deferred Outflows of Resources - Related to Pensions	1,000,704	515,744	1,516,448
Deferred Outflows of Resources - Related to OPEB	28,096	14,742	42,838
TOTAL ASSETS & DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	\$ 7,540,065	\$ 1,425,337	\$ 8,965,402
<u>LIABILITIES</u>			
CURRENT LIABILITIES:			
Due to Other Funds	\$ 21,230	\$ 50,674	\$ 71,904
Accounts Payable	193,676	5,694	199,370
Accrued Salaries and Benefits	32,387	-	32,387
Payroll Deductions and Withholdings	208	30,090	30,298
Other Current Liabilities	71,514	-	71,514
Prepayments	40,576	-	40,576
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	359,591	86,458	446,049
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES:			
Long-Term Portion of Compensated Absences	84,215	118,177	202,392
Net Defined Benefit Pension Liability	6,859,809	4,633,417	11,493,226
Net OPEB Liability - Single Employer Plan	38,879	43,854	82,733
Net OPEB Liability - Multiple Employer Plan	252,685	170,665	423,350
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES	7,235,588	4,966,113	12,201,701
TOTAL LIABILITIES	7,595,179	5,052,571	12,647,750
<u>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</u>			
Deferred Inflows of Resources - Related to Pensions	85,862	136,360	222,222
Deferred Inflows of Resources - Related to OPEB	99,392	28,250	127,642
TOTAL LIABILITIES & DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	7,780,433	5,217,181	12,997,614
<u>FUND NET POSITION</u>			
Net Investment in Capital Assets	307,563	-	307,563
Unrestricted	(547,931)	(3,791,844)	(4,339,775)
TOTAL FUND NET POSITION	(240,368)	(3,791,844)	(4,032,212)
TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES, & FUND NET POSITION	\$ 7,540,065	\$ 1,425,337	\$ 8,965,402

The Accompanying Notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

Bethlehem Area School District
Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Fund Net Position - Proprietary Funds
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

	FOOD SERVICE	DAY CARE FUND	TOTAL
OPERATING REVENUES:			
Food Service Revenue	\$ 1,524,892	\$ -	\$ 1,524,892
Charges for Services	-	1,301,668	1,301,668
Other Operating Revenues	5,152	428,643	433,795
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUES	<u>1,530,044</u>	<u>1,730,311</u>	<u>3,260,355</u>
OPERATING EXPENSES:			
Salaries	1,984,345	1,055,859	3,040,204
Employee Benefits	1,164,066	774,126	1,938,192
Purchased Professional and Technical Services	-	1,815	1,815
Purchased Property Service	50,075	-	50,075
Other Purchased Services	3,576,137	1,174	3,577,311
Supplies	617,628	20,940	638,568
Depreciation	53,848	-	53,848
Dues and Fees	5,413	3,077	8,490
Claims and Judgments	-	3,682	3,682
Other Operating Expenses	-	1,432	1,432
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	<u>7,451,512</u>	<u>1,862,105</u>	<u>9,313,617</u>
OPERATING INCOME (LOSS)	<u>(5,921,468)</u>	<u>(131,794)</u>	<u>(6,053,262)</u>
NON-OPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)			
Earnings on investments	143,192	21,623	164,815
State Sources	922,513	203,130	1,125,643
Federal Sources	6,682,752	110,880	6,793,632
TOTAL NON-OPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)	<u>7,748,457</u>	<u>335,633</u>	<u>8,084,090</u>
INCOME (LOSS) BEFORE CONTRIBUTIONS	1,826,989	203,839	2,030,828
Transfers in (out)	-	-	-
CHANGES IN FUND NET POSITION	1,826,989	203,839	2,030,828
FUND NET POSITION - BEGINNING	<u>(2,067,357)</u>	<u>(3,995,683)</u>	<u>(6,063,040)</u>
FUND NET POSITION - ENDING	<u>\$ (240,368)</u>	<u>\$ (3,791,844)</u>	<u>\$ (4,032,212)</u>

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Bethlehem Area School District
Statement of Cash Flows - Proprietary Funds
As of June 30, 2023

	FOOD SERVICE	DAY CARE FUND	TOTAL
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Cash Received from Users	\$ 1,429,256	\$ 1,313,996	\$ 2,743,252
Cash Received from Other Operating Revenue	5,152	426,395	431,547
Cash Payments to Employees for Services	(2,627,152)	(1,923,468)	(4,550,620)
Cash Payments to Suppliers for Goods and Services	(3,699,892)	(65,859)	(3,765,751)
Cash Payments to Other Operating Expenses	(5,413)	(3,077)	(8,490)
NET CASH PROVIDED BY (USED FOR) OPERATING ACTIVITIES	<u>(4,898,049)</u>	<u>(252,013)</u>	<u>(5,150,062)</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM NON-CAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Local Sources	-	110,880	110,880
State Sources	942,194	203,130	1,145,324
Federal Sources	7,109,664	-	7,109,664
NET CASH PROVIDED BY (USED FOR) NON-CAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES	<u>8,051,858</u>	<u>314,010</u>	<u>8,365,868</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Purchase of Equipment	(259,124)	-	(259,124)
NET CASH PROVIDED BY (USED FOR) CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES	<u>(259,124)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(259,124)</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Earnings on Investments	143,192	21,623	164,815
NET CASH PROVIDED BY (USED FOR) INVESTING ACTIVITIES	<u>143,192</u>	<u>21,623</u>	<u>164,815</u>
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	3,037,877	83,620	3,121,497
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS - BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>2,139,701</u>	<u>581,266</u>	<u>2,720,967</u>
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS - END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 5,177,578</u>	<u>\$ 664,886</u>	<u>\$ 5,842,464</u>

Bethlehem Area School District
Statement of Cash Flows - Proprietary Funds
As of June 30, 2023

RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING INCOME TO NET CASH PROVIDED BY (USED FOR) OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	<u>FOOD SERVICE</u>	<u>DAY CARE FUND</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
OPERATING INCOME (LOSS)	\$ (5,921,468)	\$ (131,794)	\$ (6,053,262)
ADJUSTMENTS TO RECONCILE OPERATING INCOME (LOSS) TO NET CASH PROVIDED BY (USED FOR) OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Depreciation and Net Amortization	53,848	-	53,848
Donated Commodities Used	523,560	-	523,560
CHANGE IN ASSETS AND LIABILITIES:			
(Increase) Decrease in Accounts Receivable	(95,636)	10,560	(85,076)
(Increase) Decrease in Advances to Other Funds	761,837	3,202	765,039
(Increase) Decrease in Inventories	2,423	-	2,423
(Increase) Decrease in Prepaid Expenses	7,094	-	7,094
(Increase) Decrease in Deferred Outflows of Resources - Change in Proportion to NPL	(40,188)	(19,303)	(59,491)
(Increase) Decrease in Deferred Outflows of Resources - Current Year Contributions	(7,153)	9,570	2,417
(Increase) Decrease in Deferred Outflows of Resources - Change in Assumptions	159,861	82,315	242,176
(Increase) Decrease in Deferred Outflows of Resources - Diff. in Projected vs Actual Invest. Earnings	(23,827)	-	(23,827)
Increase (Decrease) in Accounts Payable	45,390	3,541	48,931
Increase (Decrease) in Accrued Salaries and Benefits	(37,310)	(7,806)	(45,116)
Increase (Decrease) in Advances from Other Funds	(23,636)	576	(23,060)
Increase (Decrease) in Net Defined Benefit Pension Liability	537,678	258,231	795,909
Increase (Decrease) in Net OPEB Liability - Single Employer Plan	(8,322)	(8,645)	(16,967)
Increase (Decrease) in Net OPEB Liability - Multiple Employer Plan	(66,793)	(32,077)	(98,870)
Increase (Decrease) in Deferred Inflows of Resources - Diff. in Projected vs Actual Invest. Earnings	(746,710)	(370,070)	(1,116,780)
Increase (Decrease) in Deferred Inflows of Resources - Diff. in Projected vs Actual Contributions	4,636	1,806	6,442
Increase (Decrease) in Deferred Inflows of Resources - Diff. in Expected vs Actual Experience	(19,544)	(7,504)	(27,048)
Increase (Decrease) in Other Current Liabilities	(3,789)	(44,615)	(48,404)
TOTAL ADJUSTMENTS	<u>1,023,419</u>	<u>(120,219)</u>	<u>903,200</u>
NET CASH PROVIDED BY (USED FOR) OPERATING ACTIVITIES	<u>\$ (4,898,049)</u>	<u>\$ (252,013)</u>	<u>\$ (5,150,062)</u>

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**Bethlehem Area School District
Statement of Fiduciary Net Position
Fiduciary Funds
As of June 30, 2023**

	PRIVATE- PURPOSE TRUST	PENSION AND OTHER EMPLOYEE BENEFIT TRUST	CUSTODIAL FUNDS
ASSETS			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 197,240	\$ 20,394,205	\$ 656,636
Investments	600	-	-
Due from Other Funds	-	6,177,280	2,000
Other Receivables	-	34,178	8,833
Prepaid Expenses	-	-	5,890
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>197,840</u>	<u>26,605,663</u>	<u>673,359</u>
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	-	-	-
TOTAL ASSETS & DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	<u>\$ 197,840</u>	<u>\$ 26,605,663</u>	<u>\$ 673,359</u>
LIABILITIES			
Accounts Payable	\$ 12,175	\$ 3,545,198	\$ 16,343
Due to Other Funds	-	9,541	730
Other Current Liabilities	-	-	-
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>12,175</u>	<u>3,554,739</u>	<u>17,073</u>
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	-	-	-
TOTAL LIABILITIES & DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	<u>12,175</u>	<u>3,554,739</u>	<u>17,073</u>
NET POSITION			
Restricted for			
Pool Participants	-	23,050,924	-
Individuals, Organizations, and Other Governments	<u>185,665</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>656,286</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES & NET POSITION	<u>\$ 197,840</u>	<u>\$ 26,605,663</u>	<u>\$ 673,359</u>

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Bethlehem Area School District
Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position
Fiduciary Funds
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

	PRIVATE- PURPOSE TRUST FUND	PENSION AND OTHER EMPLOYEE BENEFIT TRUST FUNDS	CUSTODIAL FUNDS
ADDITIONS			
Contributions - Members	\$ -	\$ 1,529,129	\$ 380,924
Contributions - Employer	-	33,243,860	-
Contributions - Gifts and Bequests	106,040	-	37,411
Special Events	-	-	309,722
Other Income	-	513,811	8,191
INVESTMENT EARNINGS:			
Interest and Dividends	7,764	797,117	24,592
Net Increase (decrease) in Fair Value of Investments	-	-	-
Less Investment Expense	-	-	-
TOTAL ADDITIONS	<u>113,804</u>	<u>36,083,917</u>	<u>760,840</u>
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DEDUCTIONS			
Administrative Expense	-	1,687,026	12,858
Insurance Payments for Members	-	35,263,136	-
Benefits Paid to Participants or Beneficiaries	122,400	5,197	-
Payments for Student Club Activities	-	-	754,331
Other	-	-	-
TOTAL DEDUCTIONS	<u>122,400</u>	<u>36,955,359</u>	<u>767,189</u>
CHANGES IN NET POSITION	(8,596)	(871,442)	(6,349)
NET POSITION - BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>194,261</u>	<u>23,922,366</u>	<u>662,635</u>
NET POSITION - END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 185,665</u>	<u>\$ 23,050,924</u>	<u>\$ 656,286</u>

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Bethlehem Area School District
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance - Budget and Actual -
General Fund
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

	<u>BUDGET AMOUNTS</u>		<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>VARIANCE WITH</u>
	<u>ORIGINAL</u>	<u>FINAL</u>	<u>(GAAP BASIS)</u>	<u>FINAL BUDGET</u> <u>POSITIVE</u> <u>(NEGATIVE)</u>
REVENUES				
Local Sources	\$ 218,303,427	\$ 218,303,427	\$ 227,157,551	\$ 8,854,124
State Sources	97,731,112	97,731,112	95,278,566	(2,452,546)
Federal Sources	<u>11,462,942</u>	<u>11,462,942</u>	<u>14,479,288</u>	<u>3,016,346</u>
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>327,497,481</u>	<u>327,497,481</u>	<u>336,915,405</u>	<u>9,417,924</u>
EXPENDITURES				
Regular Instruction	145,115,419	143,263,875	142,930,360	333,515
Special Programs	47,322,365	51,909,504	48,950,636	2,958,868
Vocational Programs	7,016,786	7,016,786	7,016,786	-
Other Instructional Programs	2,702,064	2,631,087	2,178,575	452,512
Nonpublic School Programs	273,000	273,000	228,858	44,142
Adult Education Programs	2,522,596	2,522,752	2,522,681	71
Community College Sponsorship	20,000	20,000	15,757	4,243
Pre-Kindergarten	1,144,943	1,246,849	1,222,153	24,696
Pupil Personnel Services	14,408,515	14,923,352	14,590,414	332,938
Instructional Staff Services	10,391,800	10,450,072	10,072,096	377,976
Administrative Services	14,711,197	15,142,806	14,946,040	196,766
Pupil Health	3,005,855	3,266,686	3,147,275	119,411
Business Services	2,607,276	2,961,481	2,440,904	520,577
Operation & Maintenance of Plant Services	22,280,427	23,162,226	22,043,472	1,118,754
Student Transportation Services	11,334,882	12,574,926	12,420,041	154,885
Central Support Services	9,264,459	9,423,956	8,613,272	810,684
Other Support Services	133,129	140,913	140,789	124
Student Activities	3,941,174	4,394,469	3,921,718	472,751
Community Services	205,059	422,275	350,658	71,617
Scholarships and Awards	2,000	6,450	738	5,712
Facilities, Acquisition and Construction	-	65,349	65,349	-
Debt Service	<u>23,217,500</u>	<u>23,783,667</u>	<u>23,741,491</u>	<u>42,176</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>321,620,446</u>	<u>329,602,481</u>	<u>321,560,063</u>	<u>8,042,418</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	<u>5,877,035</u>	<u>(2,105,000)</u>	<u>15,355,342</u>	<u>17,460,342</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Proceeds From Leases	-	-	79,146	79,146
Interfund Transfers In	-	-	25,355	25,355
Other Financing Sources Not Listed Elsewhere	2,025,000	2,000,000	-	(2,000,000)
Sale/Compensation for Fixed Assets	80,000	80,000	99,727	19,727
Fund Transfers Out	(4,535,370)	-	-	-
Budgetary Reserve	<u>(3,446,665)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	<u>(5,877,035)</u>	<u>2,080,000</u>	<u>204,228</u>	<u>(1,875,772)</u>
Special Items	-	-	-	-
Extraordinary Items - Insurance Recoveries	<u>-</u>	<u>25,000</u>	<u>16,696</u>	<u>(8,304)</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>15,576,266</u>	<u>15,576,266</u>
FUND BALANCE - JULY 1, 2022	<u>\$ 47,645,375</u>	<u>\$ 47,645,375</u>	<u>\$ 52,308,953</u>	<u>\$ 4,663,578</u>
FUND BALANCE - JUNE 30, 2023	<u>\$ 47,645,375</u>	<u>\$ 47,645,375</u>	<u>\$ 67,885,219</u>	<u>\$ 20,239,844</u>

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**Bethlehem Area School District
Notes to Basic Financial Statements
Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023**

Note 1 - Description of the School District and Reporting Entity

School District

The Bethlehem Area School District (BASD), located 50 miles north of Philadelphia in eastern Pennsylvania, serves five communities in Bethlehem with demographics ranging from small suburban schools to severely distressed urban schools. It is the sixth largest school district in the state, with an approximate enrollment of 14,000 students. BASD facilities include two high schools, four middle schools, 16 elementary schools, and a school building which houses the District's preschool program.

The Bethlehem Area School District is a unit established, organized, and empowered by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for the express purpose of carrying out, on the local level, the Commonwealth's obligation to public education, as established by the constitution of the Commonwealth and by the School Law Code of the same (Article II; Act 150, July 8, 1968).

As specified under the School Law Code of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, this and all other school districts of the state "shall be and hereby are vested as, bodies corporate, with all necessary powers to carry out the provisions of this act." (Article II, Section 211).

Board of School Directors

The public school system of the Commonwealth shall be administered by a board of school directors, to be elected or appointed, as hereinafter provided. At each election of school directors, each qualified voter shall be entitled to cast one vote for each school director to be elected.

The Bethlehem Area School District is governed by a board of nine School Directors who are residents of the School 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 six and twenty-one years, who may attend.

In order to establish, enlarge, equip, furnish, operate, and maintain any schools herein provided, or to pay any school indebtedness which the school district is required to pay, or to pay any indebtedness that may at any time hereafter be created by the school 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.

Administration

The Superintendent of Schools shall be the executive officer of the Board of School Directors and, in that capacity shall administer the School District in conformity with Board policies and the School Laws of Pennsylvania. The Superintendent shall be directly responsible to, and therefore appointed by, the Board of School Directors. The Superintendent shall be responsible for the overall administration, supervision, and operation of the School District.

The Chief Financial Officer recommended by the Superintendent and appointed by the Board of School Directors, shall supervise and coordinate all business aspects of the School District. In this capacity, he or she shall be responsible to insure that all work accomplished by him/her, or by persons under his/her supervision, is in the best interests of the Bethlehem Area School District. The Chief Financial Officer is directly responsible to the Superintendent.

**Bethlehem Area School District
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Reporting Entity

A reporting entity is comprised of the primary government, component units, and other organizations that are included to insure that the financial statements of the School District are not misleading. The primary government consists of all funds, departments, boards, and agencies that are not legally separate from the School District. For Bethlehem Area School District, this includes general operations, food service, and student related activities of the School District.

Bethlehem Area School District is a municipal Corporation governed by an elected nine-member board. As required by generally accepted accounting principles, these financial statements are to present Bethlehem Area School District (the primary government) and organizations for which the primary government is financially accountable. The School District is financially accountable for an organization if the School District appoints a voting majority of the organization's governing board and (1) the School District is able to significantly influence the programs or services performed or provided by the organization; or (2) the School District is legally entitled to or can otherwise access the organization's resources; the School District is legally obligated or has otherwise assumed the responsibility to finance the deficits of, or provide financial support to, the organization; or the School District is obligated for the debt of the organization. Component units may also include organizations that are financially dependent on the School District in that the School District approved the budget, the issuance of debt, or the levying of taxes. The Bethlehem Area School District has two component units that are blended into its financial statements.

Component Units

Bethlehem Area School District Authority

The Bethlehem Area School District Authority is created under the Pennsylvania Municipality Authorities Act of 1945, as amended, by the School Districts, and is empowered under the Act to acquire, hold, construct, improve, maintain, operate, and lease school buildings and other school projects acquired, constructed or improved for public school purposes. The Authority, at the request of the Bethlehem Area School District, has undertaken reconstruction, modifying, and improving the financing of school buildings and facilities. As such, this component unit's transactions during the 2022-23 fiscal year are blended into the School District's basic financial statements.

Bethlehem Area School District Employee Benefit Trust

During the 2011-12 fiscal year, the District took its Self-Insurance Internal Service Fund, and created an IRC 501 (c) (9) tax exempt trust for their employees self-funded health, prescription, dental, and related benefits. As such, the Bethlehem Area School District Employee Benefit Trust is now a separate legal entity, and is considered a component unit. The Bethlehem Area School District Employee Trust's transactions have been blended into the School District's basic financial statements as a Fiduciary Fund.

Joint Ventures

Bethlehem Area Vocational Technical School

The School District is a participating member of the Bethlehem Area Vocational Technical School (BAVTS). The BAVTS 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 directors of each participating district must approve the BAVTS's annual operating budget. Each participating district pays a pro-rata share of the BAVTS's operating costs based on the number of students attending the BAVTS for each District. The District's share of the BAVTS's operating costs for 2022-23 was \$7,016,786.

Bethlehem Area School District
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On dissolution of the Bethlehem Area Vocational Technical School, the net position of BAVTS will be shared on a pro-rata basis of each participating district's current market value of taxable real property as certified by the Pennsylvania State Tax Equalization Board. However, the District does not have an equity interest in BAVTS as defined by GASB Statement No. 14, except a residual interest in the net position upon dissolution that should not be reflected on the basic financial statements. Complete financial statements for the BAVTS obtained from the BAVTS's administrative office at 3300 Chester Avenue, Bethlehem, PA 18020.

Northampton Community College

The District is a participating member of the Northampton Community College (NCC). The NCC is run by a Board of Trustees elected by the participating member districts' boards of directors. No participating district appoints a majority of the Board of Trustees. A vote of two-thirds of all member districts shall be required for approval of the NCC's annual operating budget. The amount of the annual operating costs of the NCC shall be apportioned among the member districts on the basis of the number of full-time equivalent students enrolled in NCC and residing in the respective geographical areas of each of the member districts. The District's share of NCC's operating costs for 2022-23 was \$2,522,681.

On dissolution of the Northampton Community College, the net position of NCC will be shared on a pro-rata basis of each member district's current market value of taxable real property as certified by the Pennsylvania State Tax Equalization Board. However, the District does not have an equity interest in NCC as defined by GASB Statement No. 14, except a residual interest in the net position upon dissolution that should not be reflected on the basic financial statements. Complete financial statements for NCC can be obtained from the NCC's Administrative office at 3835 Green Pond Road, Bethlehem, PA 18020.

Jointly Governed Organizations

Colonial Intermediate Unit

The School District is a participating member of the Colonial Intermediate Unit (CIU). The CIU 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 directors of each participating district must approve the CIU's annual operating budget. The CIU is a self-sustaining organization that provides services for fees to participating districts. As such, the District has no on-going financial interest or financial responsibility in the CIU. The CIU contracts with participating districts to supply special education services, computer services, and acts as a conduit for certain federal programs.

Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The financial statements of the District have been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as applied to governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the standard-setting body for governmental accounting and financial reporting. On June 15, 1987, the GASB issued a codification of the existing Governmental Accounting and Financial Reporting Standards which, along with subsequent GASB pronouncements (Statements and Interpretations), constitutes GAAP for governmental units. GASB Statement No. 62 was issued to include all prior Financial Accounting Standards Board's statements and interpretations pertaining to governments into the hierarchy of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board's jurisdiction. The most significant of these accounting policies are described below and, where appropriate, subsequent pronouncements will be referenced.

Bethlehem Area School District
Notes to Basic Financial Statements
Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023

A. Basis of Presentation

The School District's basic financial statements consist of government-wide statements, including a statement of net position, a statement of activities, and fund financial statements which provide a more detailed level of financial information.

Government-wide Financial Statements The statement of net position and the statement of activities display information about the School District as a whole. These statements include the financial activities of the primary government, except for fiduciary funds. The statements distinguish between those activities of the School District that are governmental and those that are considered business-type activities.

The statement of net position presents the financial condition of the governmental and business-type activities of the School District at year-end. The statement of activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for each program, or function of the School District's governmental activities and for two business-type activities of the School District. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with a service, program, or department and therefore clearly identifiable to a particular function. Program revenues include charges paid by the recipient of the goods or services offered by the program, grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program, and interest earned on grants that is required to be used to support a particular program. Revenues which are not classified as program revenues are presented as general revenues of the School District, with certain limited exceptions. The comparison of direct expenses with program revenues identifies the extent to which each business activity or governmental function is self-financing or draws from the general revenues of the School District.

Fund Financial Statements During the year, the School District segregates transactions related to certain School District functions or activities in separate funds in order to aid financial management and to demonstrate legal compliance. Fund financial statements are designed to present financial information of the School District at this more detailed level. The focus of governmental and enterprise fund financial statements is on major funds. Each major fund is presented in a separate column. Non-major funds are aggregated and presented in a single column. The fiduciary funds are reported by type.

B. Fund Accounting

The School District uses funds to maintain its financial records during the year. A fund is defined as a fiscal and accounting entity with a self balancing set of accounts. There are three categories of funds: governmental, proprietary, and fiduciary.

Governmental Funds

Governmental funds are those through which most governmental functions typically are financed. Expendable assets are assigned to the various governmental funds according to the purposes for which they may or must be used. Deferred outflows of resources is recorded in a particular governmental fund where costs are spent for a future period. Current Liabilities are assigned to the governmental fund from which they will be paid. Deferred inflows of resources is recorded in a particular governmental fund that has received resources for a future period. The difference between the sum of assets and deferred outflows of resources minus the sum of liabilities and deferred inflows of resources is reported as fund balance. The following are the School District's major governmental funds:

General Fund

The General Fund should be used to account for and report all financial resources not accounted for and reported in another fund.

Bethlehem Area School District
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Special Revenue Funds

Special Revenue funds are used to account for and report the proceeds of specific revenue sources that are restricted or committed to expenditure for specified purposes other than debt service or capital projects. The term proceeds of specific revenue sources establish that one or more specific restricted or committed revenues should be the foundation for a special revenue fund. The restricted or committed proceeds of specific revenue sources should be expected to continue to comprise a substantial portion of the inflows reported in the fund. Other resources also may be reported in the fund if those resources are restricted, committed, or assigned to the specified purpose of the fund.

Under this definition, the District does not have any special revenue funds. However, its blended component unit's (BASD Authority) general fund is brought into these basic financial statements as a non-major governmental fund.

Capital Project Funds

Capital Project Funds are used to account for and report financial resources that are restricted, committed, or assigned to expenditure for capital outlays, including the acquisition or construction of capital facilities and other capital assets. Capital project funds exclude those types of capital-related outflows financed by proprietary funds or for assets that will be held in trust for individuals, private organizations, or other governments. The District has the following Capital Project Funds:

Capital Project Fund

During the 2014-15 fiscal year this fund received the proceeds from the \$30,000,000 General Obligation Bonds - Series A of 2015, and in 2016-17 fiscal year received \$19,700,000 in General Obligation Bonds - Series B of 2016. purpose of this issue is to finance the capital costs of designing, constructing, renovating, improving, and furnishing & equipping school facilities, including the Nitschmann Middle School project.

Capital Reserve Fund

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

Debt Service Fund

Debt Service Fund(s) account for resources accumulated to provide for payment of general long-term debt principal and interest. The Pennsylvania Local Government unit Debt Act authorized Pennsylvania public Schools to maintain this fund.

The district currently does not have any Debt Service Fund(s).

Proprietary Funds

Proprietary funds focus on the determination of changes in net position, financial position, and cash flows and are classified as enterprise funds. The Proprietary Funds of the School District have operating and nonoperating revenues and/or expenses. Transactions for which cash flows are reported as capital and related financing activities, noncapital financing activities, or investing activities are reported as nonoperating revenues and/or expenses, including subsidies received from the state and federal government for school lunches, donated commodities, and amounts received for fica and retirement subsidies. Operating revenues reported are consistent with the fees or charges incurred based on the intent of the individual proprietary fund.

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Enterprise Funds

Enterprise funds may be used to account for any activity for which a fee is charged to external users for goods or services. The School District's major enterprise funds are:

Food Service Fund

This fund accounts for the financial transactions related to the food service operations of the School District.

Day Care Fund

The District offers before and after care for elementary age students. This fund accounts for the financial transactions related to these services.

Fiduciary Funds

Fiduciary funds reporting focuses on net position and changes in net position. The fiduciary fund category is split into four classifications: Pension (and other employee benefit) trust funds, investment trust funds, Private-purpose trust funds and Custodial funds. The School District has three Fiduciary Funds:

Self-Insured Employee Benefit Trust – This fund is a considered a pension and other employee benefit trust fund and is reported as such in the Statement of Fiduciary Net Position and the Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position. This Fund is a separate legal entity and considered a component unit. The purpose of this fund is for the self-funding of the School District's employee's health, prescription, dental, and other related benefits.

Scholarship Fund – This fund is a considered a private-purpose trust fund and is reported as such in the Statement of Net Position Fiduciary Funds and the Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position. Trust funds are used to account for assets held by the School District under a trust agreement for individuals, private organizations, or other governments and are therefore not available to support the School District's own programs.

Student Activity Fund – This fund is considered a custodial fund and is reported as such in the Statement of Net Position Fiduciary Funds and the Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position. Custodial funds are used to report fiduciary activities that are not required to be reported in one of the other three Fiduciary fund types.

C. Measurement Focus

Government-wide Financial Statements The government-wide financial statements are prepared using the economic resources measurement focus. All assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources associated with the operation of the School District are included on the statement of net position.

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

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Like the government-wide statements, all enterprise funds are accounted for on a flow of economic resources measurement focus. All assets and all liabilities, including required deferred outflows of resources or required deferred inflows of resources, associated with the operation of these funds are included on the statement of net position. The statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in fund net position presents increases (i.e., revenues) and decreases (i.e., expenses) in total net position. The statement of cash flows provides information about how the School District finances and meets the cash flow needs of its enterprise activities.

D. Basis of Accounting

Basis of accounting determines when transactions are recorded in the financial records and reported on the financial statements. Government-wide financial statements are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting. Governmental funds use the modified accrual basis of accounting. Proprietary and fiduciary funds use the accrual basis of accounting. Differences in the accrual and the modified accrual basis of accounting arise in the recognition of revenue, the recording of deferred inflows of resources, and in the presentation of expenses versus expenditures.

Revenues - Exchange and Non-Exchange Transactions. Revenue resulting from exchange transactions, in which each party gives and receives essentially equal value, is recorded on the accrual basis when the exchange takes place. On a modified accrual basis, revenue is recorded in the fiscal year in which the resources are measurable and become available. Available means that the resources will be collected within the current fiscal year or are expected to be collected soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current fiscal year.

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

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 the first business meeting of January, 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 prepared 150 days prior to the primary election. Under this Option, the preliminary budget must be available for public inspection at least 110 days prior to the primary election. The Board shall give public notice of its intent to adopt the preliminary budget at least 10 days prior to the adoption. The adoption must occur at least 90 days prior to the primary election.

If the preliminary budget exceeds the increase authorized by the Index, an application for an exception may be filed with either a Court of Common Pleas with jurisdiction or PDE 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.

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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.

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 2022-23 budget transfers.

F. 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.

G. Changes in Accounting Principles

During the 2022-23 fiscal year the School District implemented the following new generally accepted accounting principles:

GASB Statement No. 81 (Conduit Debt Obligations). The objective of this Statement is provides a single method of reporting conduit debt obligations by issuers associated with (1) commitments extended by issuers, (2) arrangements associated with conduit debt obligations, and (3) related note disclosures.

GASB Statement No. 94 (PPP's). The objectives of the statement are to improve financial reporting related to public-private and public-public partnership arrangements (PPPs). A PPP is defined in which (1) the operator collects and is compensated by fees from third parties; (2) the transferor determines or has the ability to modify or approve which services the operator is required to provide, to whom the operator is required to provide the services, and the prices or rates that can be charged for the services; and (3) the transferor is entitled to significant residual interest in the service utility of the underlying PPP asset at the end of the arrangement.

GASB Statement No. 96 (SBITA's). This statement provided guidance on accounting and financial reporting for subscription-based information technology arrangements (SBITAs). This Statement (1) defines a SBITA; (2) establishes that a SBITA results in a right-to use subscription asset – and intangible asset – and a corresponding subscription liability; (3) provides the capitalization criteria for outlays other than subscription payments, including implementation costs of a SBITA; and (4) requires note disclosures regarding a SBITA.

GASB Statement No. 99 (Omnibus 2022). The objectives of this Statement are to enhance comparability in accounting and financial reporting and to improve the consistency of authoritative literature by addressing (1) practice issues that have been identified during implementation and application of certain GASB Statements and (2) accounting and financial reporting for financial guarantees.

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H. Pensions

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

I. Other Postemployment Benefits

Multiple Employer Cost Sharing 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 Public School Employees' Retirement System (PSERS) and additions to/deductions from PSERS' 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 Public School Employees' Retirement System (PSERS) 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 are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value.

Single Employer 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 was obtained from the Actuary Report conducted by Conrad Siegel. For this purpose, benefit payments are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. The single employer plan is not funded.

J. Assets, Liabilities, and Net Position

Cash and Cash Equivalents

For purpose 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.

Investments

In accordance to GASB Statement No. 72, investments generally are to be measured at fair value. An investment is defined as a security or other asset that (a) a government holds primarily for the purpose of income or profit and (b) has the present service capacity based solely on its ability to generate cash or to be sold to generate cash. Investments not measured at fair value continue to include, for example, money market investments, 2a7-like external investment pools, investments in life insurance contracts, common stock meeting the criteria for applying the equity method, unallocated insurance contracts, and synthetic guaranteed investment contracts.

A government is permitted in certain circumstances to establish the fair value of an investment that does not have a readily determinable fair value by using the net asset value per share of the investment.

This Statement requires measurement at acquisition value (an entry price) for donated capital assets, donated works of art, historical treasures, and similar assets. These assets were previously required to be measured at fair value.

Fair Value is measured using a hierarchy of inputs using valuation techniques. The hierarchy has three levels. Level 1 inputs are quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities. Level 2 inputs are inputs, other than quoted prices, that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly. Level 3 inputs are unobservable inputs.

The valuation techniques should be consistent with one or more of the following approaches: the market approach, the cost approach, or the income approach. The market approach uses prices and other

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relevant information generated by market transactions involving identical or comparable assets or liabilities. The cost approach reflects the amount that would be required to replace the present service capacity of an asset. The income approach converts future amounts (such as cash flows or income and expenses) to a single current (discounted) amount.

Receivables and Payables

Activities between funds that are representative of lending/borrowing arrangements outstanding at the end of the fiscal year are referred to as "due to/from other funds". Any residual balances outstanding between the governmental activities and business-type activities are reported in the government-wide financial statements as "internal balances".

Property Tax Levy

Property taxes, which were levied during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023, are recognized as revenue in the fund financial statements when received by the District during the fiscal year and also estimated to be received by the District within sixty (60) days after the fiscal year ended.

Property taxes that were levied during the current fiscal year, which are not estimated to be received within sixty (60) days after the fiscal year-end, are recorded as receivable and deferred inflows of resources in the fund financial statements.

In the government-wide financial statements, all property taxes levied during the fiscal year are recognized as revenue, net of estimated uncollectible amount.

Inventories

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. As of June 30, 2023, the inventory shown in the governmental activities column of the government-wide statement of net position is \$192,127 and \$2,860, is shown as inventory in the business-type activities column of the government-wide statement of net position.

Inventory type items in governmental funds utilize the consumption method, that is, they are charged to expenditures when purchased. There was a physical inventory of \$192,127, taken as of June 30, 2023; therefore, there is a nonspendable fund balance in the General Fund.

Inventory type items in Proprietary Funds use the consumption method, in which items are purchased for inventory and charged to expenses when used. The only Proprietary Fund of the District that has inventory is the Food Service Fund. Inventory within this fund consists of donated commodities, which are valued at U.S.D.A.'s approximate costs.

Inventories on hand at June 30, 2023, consist of:

Purchased Food	\$	-
Donated Commodities		2,860
Purchased Supplies		-
Total		\$ 2,860

Prepaid Expenses

In both the government-wide and fund financial statements, prepaid expenses are recorded as assets in the specific governmental fund in which future benefits will be derived.

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Capital Assets

General capital assets are those assets not specifically related to activities reported in the proprietary funds. These assets generally result from expenditures in the governmental funds. These assets are reported in the governmental activities column of the government-wide statement of net position, but are not reported in the fund financial statements. Capital assets utilized by the enterprise funds are reported both in the business-type activities column of the government-wide statement of net position and in the respective funds.

All capital assets are capitalized at cost (or estimated historical cost) and updated for additions and retirements during the year. Donated fixed assets are recorded at their acquisition values as of the date received. The School District maintains a capitalization threshold of two thousand (\$2,000) dollars. The School District does not possess any infrastructure. Improvements are capitalized; the costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend an asset's life are not. Interest incurred during the construction of capital assets utilized by the enterprise funds is also capitalized.

All reported capital assets except land, certain land improvements, and construction in progress are depreciated. Improvements are depreciated over the remaining useful lives of the related capital assets. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the following useful lives:

Description	Governmental Activities Estimated Lives	Business-Type Activities Estimated Lives
Buildings and Improvements	15 - 40 years	15 - 40 years
Furniture and Equipment	5 - 20 years	5 - 12 years
Intangible right-to-use Equipment	Length of Lease	Length of Lease
Vehicles	8 years	8 years

Compensated Absences

The School District reports compensated absences in accordance with the provisions of GASB No. 16, "Accounting for Compensated Absences". Vacation benefits are accrued as a liability as the benefits are earned if the employees' rights to receive compensation are attributable to services already rendered and it is probable that the School District will compensate the employees for the benefits through paid time off or some other means.

Sick leave benefits are accrued as a liability using the termination method. An accrual for earned sick leave is made to the extent that it is probable that benefits will result in termination payments. The liability is an estimate based on the School District's past experience of making termination payments.

The entire compensated absence liability is reported on the government-wide financial statements.

For governmental funds, the current portion of unpaid compensated absences is the amount that is normally expected to be paid using expendable available financial resources. In enterprise funds, the entire amount of compensated absences is reported as a fund liability.

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Leases

Lessee:

The School District is a lessee for a noncancellable lease of equipment. The District recognizes a lease liability and an intangible right-to-use lease asset (lease asset) in the government-wide financial statements. The District recognizes lease liabilities with an initial, individual value of \$20,000 or more.

At the commencement of a lease, the District initially measures the lease 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. 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 lease liability. Lease assets are reported with other capital assets and lease liabilities are reported with long-term debt on the statement of net position.

Lessor:

The School District is a lessor for various leases of buildings. The District recognizes a lease receivable and a deferred inflow of resources in the government-wide and governmental fund financial statements.

At the commencement of a lease, the District initially measures the lease receivable at the present value of payments expected to be received during the lease term. Subsequently, the lease receivable is reduced by the principal portion of lease payments received. The deferred inflow of resources is initially measured as the initial amount of the lease receivable, adjusted for lease payments received at or before the lease commencement date. Subsequently, the deferred inflow of resources is recognized as revenue over the life of the lease term.

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

- The District uses its estimated incremental borrowing rate as the discount rate for leases.
- The lease term includes the noncancellable period of the lease. Lease receipts included in the measurement of the lease receivable is composed of fixed payments from the lessee.

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

SBITAs (Subscription Based Information Technology Arrangements)

Occasionally the District enters into Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements. These arrangements grant the District the right to access use of software that is hosted by third-party vendors over a specified contract term. Unlike traditional software, the District does not take

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physical possession of or have the right to control the software; instead, it accesses the uses the software remotely.

In the entity-wide financial statements, SBITAs are reported as intangible assets based on the present value of future subscription payments to be made over the life of the arrangement. Correspondingly, a liability is recognized for the future payments, and it is amortized over the life of the SBITA. The amortization expense related to the intangible asset and any interest expense associated with the recognized liability are reported in the Statement of Activities.

In the fund financial statements, under the modified accrual basis of accounting, expenditures are recognized for SBITA payments when they are due. Therefore, no intangible asset or corresponding liability is reported in the governmental fund statements. The expenditures related to SBITA payments are recognized in the fund's Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances in the period they payment is due.

Other Long-Term Obligations

In the government-wide financial statements, and proprietary fund types in the fund financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the applicable governmental activities or proprietary fund type statement of net position. Bond premiums and discounts, and deferred amounts on refundings are deferred and amortized over the life of the bonds using modification of the effective interest method.

Bonds payable are reported net of the applicable bond premium or discount. Any deferred amount on refundings are reported as deferred outflows of resources and amortized over the life of the bond issue. Bond issuance costs are expensed in the year they are incurred.

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

Reclassification

Certain amounts have been reclassified to conform to the June 30, 2022, presentation of government-wide financial statements on the accrual basis of accounting versus the governmental fund financial statements reported on the modified accrual basis of accounting.

Net Position

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, 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. 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 School 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.

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Fund Balance Categories

Fund balance for governmental funds should be reported in classifications that comprise a hierarchy based primarily on the extent to which the government is bound to honor constraints on the specific purposes for which amounts in those funds can be spent. Below are the potential categories of fund balance the government may use with their definitions, the actual categories used is explained in Note 7 to the financial statements:

Nonspendable Fund Balance

This category includes amounts that cannot be spent because they are either (a) not in spendable form or (b) legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.

Restricted Fund Balance

Fund balance should be reported as restricted when constraints placed on the use of resources are externally imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, or other government laws or regulations, or the constraint is imposed by enabling legislation or constitutional provisions.

Committed Fund Balance

This category pertains to amounts that can only be used for specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by formal action of the government's highest level of decision-making authority. The committed amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the government removes or changes the specified use by taking the same type of action.

This government's governing body is the School Board and the formal action taken to commit resources is done by resolution.

Assigned Fund Balance

This category includes all remaining amounts that are reported in governmental funds, except the general fund, that are not classified in one of the above-mentioned categories. In the general fund, this category represents the District's intent to use resources for a specific purpose, which does not require formal action by the governing body. The District's policy dictates the Superintendent or his/her designee is responsible to make these assignments.

Unassigned Fund Balance

This category of fund balance represents the residual classification for the general fund after segregating resources used in the other categories listed above. Unassigned fund balance will only be shown in other governmental funds if those governmental funds have a negative net fund balance.

The District's policy on fund balance does not dictate which category of unrestricted fund balance is spent first, when resources are available to be spent in various categories. As such, committed amounts will be reduced first, followed by assigned amounts, and then unassigned amounts. The District's policy also does not dictate whether restricted (nonspendable or restricted) or unrestricted (committed, assigned, and unassigned) 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.

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Contributions of Capital

Contributions of capital in proprietary fund financial statements arise from outside contributions of fixed assets, or from grants or outside contributions of resources restricted to capital acquisition and construction. The proprietary funds received no capital contributions during this fiscal year.

Note 3 - Reconciliation of Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements

A. Explanation of Certain Differences between the Governmental Fund Balance Sheet and the Government-wide Statement of Net Position.

The governmental fund balance sheet includes reconciliation between "fund balance - total governmental funds" and "net position - governmental activities" as reported in the government-wide statement of net position. One element of that reconciliation explains that "long-term liabilities, including bonds payable, are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the funds".

The details of the \$623,741,853 differences are:

Bonds/Notes payable	\$ 216,875,000
Less: Issuance discount (to be amortized as interest expense)	(126,791)
Add: Issuance premium (to be amortized as a contra to interest expense)	7,775,812
Derivative Instrument Liability	4,425,797
Lease Purchase Obligations	199,927
Accrued interest payable	1,756,570
Net Defined Benefit Pension Liability	335,641,647
Net Defined Contribution Pension Liability	500,442
Net OPEB Liability - Single Employer Plan	36,753,037
Net OPEB Liability - Multiple Employer Plan	14,190,042
Compensated absences	5,750,370
Net adjustment to reduce "fund balance - total governmental funds" to arrive at "net assets - governmental activities"	\$ 623,741,853

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B. Explanation of Differences between Governmental Funds Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances and the Statement of Activities.

Due to the differences in the measurement focus and basis of accounting used on the governmental fund statements and district-wide statements certain financial transactions are treated differently. The basic financial statements contain a full reconciliation of these items. Differences between the governmental funds statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balance and the statement of activities fall into one of three broad categories. The amounts shown in the columns on the following page represent:

- a) Long-term revenue differences arise because governmental funds report revenues only when they are considered "available", whereas the statement of activities reports revenues when earned. Differences in long-term expenses arise because governmental funds report on a modified accrual basis whereas the accrual basis of accounting is used on the statement of activities. The long-term expenses reported below recognize the change in vested employee benefits.
- b) Capital related differences include (1) the difference between proceeds for the sale of capital assets reported on governmental fund statements and the gain or loss on the sale of assets as reported on the statement of activities, and (2) the difference between recording an expenditure for the purchase of capital items in the governmental fund statements, and capitalization and recording of depreciation expense on those items as recorded in the statement of activities.
- c) Long-term debt transaction differences occur because long-term debt proceeds are recorded as revenue and both interest and principal payments are recorded as expenditures in the governmental fund statements. In the statement of activities, long-term debt proceeds are recorded as a liability; principal payments are recorded as a reduction of liabilities.

	TOTAL GOVERN- MENTAL FUNDS	LONG-TERM REVENUES/ EXPENSES	CAPITAL RELATED ITEMS	LONG-TERM DEBT TRANS- ACTIONS	TOTAL FOR STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES					
LOCAL SOURCES:					
Property Taxes	\$ 185,576,053	\$ 954,560	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 186,530,613
Taxes Levied for Specific Purposes	31,837,913	-	-	-	31,837,913
Interest and Investment Earnings	11,484,727	(446)	-	(4,029,045)	7,455,236
Miscellaneous	687,399	-	99,727	-	787,126
Contributions and Donations	558,819	-	-	-	558,819
Charges for Services	499,308	-	-	-	499,308
Grants, Subsidies & Contributions Not Restricted	48,827,395	-	-	-	48,827,395
INTERMEDIATE SOURCES:					
Operating Grants and Contributions	56,728	-	-	-	56,728
STATE SOURCES:					
Operating & Capital Grants and Contributions	46,451,171	-	-	-	46,451,171
FEDERAL SOURCES:					
Operating & Capital Grants and Contributions	31,479,737	-	-	-	31,479,737
SPECIAL AND EXTRAORDINARY SOURCES:					
Proceeds from Leases	79,146	-	-	(79,146)	-
Extraordinary Item - Insurance Recoveries	16,696	-	-	-	16,696
Gain or (Loss) on Disposal of Assets	99,727	-	(99,727)	-	-
TOTAL REVENUES	357,654,819	954,114	-	(4,108,191)	354,500,742
EXPENDITURES/EXPENSES					
Instruction	205,065,806	(8,176,695)	376,808	-	197,265,919
Instructional Student Support	27,809,785	(1,424,322)	1,446	-	26,386,909
Admin. & Fin'l Support Services	26,141,005	(1,120,246)	155,693	-	25,176,452
Oper. & Maint. Of Plant Svcs.	22,086,517	(907,566)	(507,646)	-	20,671,305
Pupil Transportation	12,517,168	(459,062)	393,479	-	12,451,585
Student Activities	3,921,718	(197,486)	(6,746)	-	3,717,486
Community Services	350,658	(2,029)	-	-	348,629
Scholarships & Awards	738	-	-	-	738
Capital Outlay	16,516,131	-	(16,516,131)	-	-
Debt Service	29,340,536	-	-	(19,211,802)	10,128,734
Depreciation - Unallocated	-	-	9,546,366	-	9,546,366
TOTAL EXPENDITURES/EXPENSES	343,750,062	(12,287,406)	(6,556,731)	(19,211,802)	305,694,123
NET CHANGE FOR THE YEAR	\$ 13,904,757	\$ 13,241,520	\$ 6,556,731	\$ 15,103,611	\$ 48,806,619

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Note 4 - Stewardship, Compliance, and Accountability

A. Compliance with Finance Related Legal and Contractual Provisions

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

B. Deficit Fund Balance or Net Position of Individual Funds

The governmental activities has a \$235,633,958 in deficit net position, and the business-type activities comprised of food service fund \$240,368 and day care fund \$3,791,844 have a deficit net position of \$4,032,212.

C. Excess of Expenditures Over Appropriations in Individual Funds

No individual fund which had a legally adopted budget had an excess of expenditures over appropriations.

D. 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, 2023.

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 do not recognize the fund balance allocation as revenue as it represents prior period's excess of revenues over expenditures.

Note 5 - Detailed Notes on All Funds and Account Groups

Assets

Cash

Custodial Credit Risk - Deposits

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the government's deposits may not be returned to it. The District does not have a policy for custodial credit risk. As of June 30, 2023, \$623 of the District's bank balance of \$1,223 was exposed to custodial credit risk as follows:

Uninsured and uncollateralized	\$	-
Collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution		-
Uninsured and collateral held by the pledging bank's trust department not in the District's name		623
TOTAL	\$	623

Reconciliation to Financial Statements

Uncollateralized Amount above	\$	623
Plus: Insured Amount		600
Less: Outstanding Checks		-
Carrying Amount - Cash Balances		1,223
Plus: Petty Cash		304
Deposit in Pooled Investments Considered Cash Equivalents		132,676,775
Less: Certificates of Deposit considered Investments by School Code		(600)
TOTAL CASH PER FINANCIAL STATEMENTS	\$	132,677,702

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Investments

Permitted investments for Bethlehem Area School District are defined in the Public School Code of 1949, as amended by Act 10 of 2016 as:

1. United States Treasury Bills;
2. Short-term obligations of the United States Government or its agencies or instrumentalities;
3. Deposits in savings accounts or time deposits or share accounts of institutions insured by the F.D.I.C; and,
4. Obligations of the United States of America or any of its agencies or instrumentalities, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania or any of its agencies or instrumentalities or any political subdivision of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania or any of its agencies or instrumentalities.
5. Obligations, participations or other instruments of any Federal Agency, instrumentality or United States government sponsored enterprise, including those issued or fully guaranteed as the principal and interest by Federal agencies, instrumentalities or United States government sponsored enterprises, if the debt obligations are rated at least "A" or its equivalent by at least two nationally recognized statistical ratings organizations.
6. Repurchase agreements with respect to United States Treasury bills or obligations, participations or other instruments of or guaranteed by the United States or any Federal agency, instrumentality or United States government sponsored enterprise.
7. Negotiable certificates of deposit or other evidences of deposit, with a remaining maturity of three years or less, issued by a nationally or State-chartered bank, a Federal or State savings and loan association or a State-licensed branch of a foreign bank. For obligations with a maturity of one year or less, the debt obligations of the issuing institution or its parent must be rated in the top short-term rating category by at least two nationally recognized statistical ratings organizations. For obligations with a maturity in excess of one year, the senior debt obligations of the issuing institution or its parent must be rated at least "A" or its equivalent by at least two nationally recognized statistical ratings organizations.
8. Bills of exchange or time drafts drawn on and accepted by a commercial bank, otherwise known as bankers' acceptances, if the bankers' acceptances do not exceed 180 days maturity and the accepting bank is rated in the top short-term category by at least two nationally recognized statistical ratings organizations.
9. Commercial paper issued by corporations or other business entities organized in accordance with Federal or State law, with a maturity not to exceed 270 days, if the paper is rated in the top short-term category by at least two nationally recognized statistical ratings organizations.
10. Shares of an investment company registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, whose shares are registered under the Securities Act of 1933 and, if all of the following conditions are met:
 - The investments of the company are the authorized investments listed above.
 - The investment company is managed in accordance with 17 CFR 270.2a-7 (related to money market funds).
 - The investment company is rated in the highest category by a nationally recognized rating agency.

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11. Savings or demand deposits placed in accordance with the following conditions:

- The money is initially deposited and invested through a federally insured institution having a place of business in this Commonwealth, which is selected by the public corporation or municipal authority.
- The selected institution arranges for the redeposit of the money in savings or demand deposits in one or more financial institutions insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, for the account of the public corporation or municipal authority.
- The full amount of principal and any accrued interest of each such deposit is insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.
- On the same date that the money is redeposited pursuant to above, the selected institution receives an amount of deposits from customers of other financial institutions equal to or greater than the amount of money initially invested through the selected institution by the public corporation or municipal authority.

As of June 30, 2023, the District had the following investments:

<i>Investment</i>	Maturities	Fair Value
PSDLAF/PSDMAX		\$ 111,109,710
PLGIT Class		21,567,065
Lafayette Ambassador Bank -CD		600
TOTAL		\$ 132,677,375

Interest Rate Risk

The District has a formal investment policy that limits investment maturities as a means of managing its exposure to fair value losses arising from increasing interest rates.

Credit Risk

The District has no investment policy that would limit its investment choices to certain credit ratings. As of June 30, 2023, the District's investment in PLGIT and PSDLAF were rated AAAM by Standard & Poor's. The District's investment in the PA Treasurer's Invest Program was rated AAAM by Standard & Poor's and Moody's.

Concentration of Credit Risk

The District places no limit on the amount the district may invest in any one issuer.

Reconciliation to Financial Statements

Total Investments Above	\$ 132,677,375
Less: Deposits in Investment Pool Considered Cash Equivalents	(132,676,775)
Total Investments Per Financial Statements	\$ 600

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Fair Value Reporting

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 the 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.

The District did not have any recurring fair value investments at June 30, 2023. The District did have Cash Equivalents in 2a7-like external investment pools, which GASB Statement No. 72 allows to be recorded at amortized cost as provided in paragraph 16 of GASB Statement No. 31.

Property Taxes

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 \$4,469,844,350. In accordance with Act I of 2006, the District receives \$4,743,877 in property tax reduction funds for the 2022-23 fiscal year. The tax rate for the Northampton and Lehigh Counties were \$5.845 and \$1.832, respectively per \$100 of assessed valuation or 58.45 mills and 18.32 mills, respectively.

The property tax calendar is:

- 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 15 - A 10% penalty is added to all payments.
- January 15 - All unpaid taxes become delinquent and are turned over to the County Tax Claim Bureau for Collection.

The School District, in accordance with GAAP, recognized the delinquent and unpaid taxes receivable reduced by an allowance for uncollectible taxes was determined by the 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 deferred in the financial statements.

Receivables

Receivables, as of year end for the government's individual major funds and non-major and fiduciary funds, in the aggregate, including the applicable allowances for uncollectible accounts, are:

	GENERAL FUND	NON-MAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS	FOOD SERVICE FUND	DAY CARE FUND	FIDUCIARY FUNDS	TOTAL
RECEIVABLES:						
Interest	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Taxes	8,054,396	-	-	-	-	8,054,396
Accounts	275,981	-	218,058	26,835	43,011	563,885
Leases	49,734	-	-	-	-	-
Intergovernmental	18,526,261	-	199,895	-	-	18,726,156
GROSS RECEIVABLES	26,906,372	-	417,953	26,835	43,011	27,344,437
Less: Allowance for Uncollectibles	-	-	-	-	-	-
NET RECEIVABLES	\$ 26,906,372	\$ -	\$ 417,953	\$ 26,835	\$ 43,011	\$ 27,344,437

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Governmental funds report deferred inflows of resources in connection with receivables for revenues that are not considered to be available to liquidate liabilities of the current period. Governmental funds also defer revenue recognition in connection with resources that have been received, but not yet earned. At the end of the current fiscal year, the various components of deferred inflows of resources reported in the governmental funds were:

	UNAVAILABLE	UNEARNED
Delinquent Property Taxes - General Fund	\$ 6,939,407	\$ -
Leases - General Fund	-	49,734
TOTAL	\$ 6,939,407	\$ 49,734

Capital Assets

Capital asset balances and activity for the year ending June 30, 2023, were:

	BEGINNING BALANCE	INCREASES	DECREASES	ENDING BALANCE
GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES:				
Capital Assets not being depreciated:				
Land	\$ 75,410	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 75,410
Construction in Progress	7,711,535	16,822,909	(311,811)	24,222,633
TOTAL CAPITAL ASSETS NOT BEING DEPRECIATED/AMORTIZED	7,786,945	16,822,909	(311,811)	24,298,043
Capital Assets being depreciated/amortized:				-
Site Improvements	14,571,428	97,140	-	14,668,568
Buildings and Improvements	398,465,153	80,214	-	398,545,367
Furniture and Equipment	70,422,111	1,361,084	-	71,783,195
Intangible right-to-use equipment	928,580	79,146	-	1,007,726
TOTAL CAPITAL ASSETS BEING DEPRECIATED/AMORTIZED	484,387,272	1,617,584	-	486,004,856
Less accumulated depreciation/amortization for:				
Site Improvements	(9,972,342)	(297,878)	-	(10,270,220)
Buildings and Improvements	(167,773,726)	(9,399,763)	-	(177,173,489)
Furniture and Equipment	(63,833,791)	(1,499,014)	-	(65,332,805)
Intangible right-to-use equipment	(371,432)	(375,296)	-	(746,728)
TOTAL ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION/AMORTIZATION	(241,951,291)	(11,571,951)	-	(253,523,242)
TOTAL CAPITAL ASSETS BEING DEPRECIATED NET OF ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION/AMORTIZATION	242,435,981	(9,954,367)	-	232,481,614
GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES CAPITAL ASSETS, NET OF ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION/AMORTIZATION	\$ 250,222,926	\$ 6,868,542	\$ (311,811)	\$ 256,779,657
BUSINESS-TYPE ACTIVITIES:				
Capital Assets being depreciated:				
Furniture and Equipment	\$ 2,080,900	\$ 259,123	\$ -	\$ 2,340,023
Less accumulated depreciation	(1,978,613)	(53,847)	-	(2,032,460)
BUSINESS-TYPE ACTIVITIES CAPITAL ASSETS, NET OF ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION	\$ 102,287	\$ 205,276	\$ -	\$ 307,563

*** DEPRECIATION EXPENSE WAS CHARGED TO GOVERNMENTAL FUNCTIONS AS FOLLOWS:**

Instruction	\$ 920,205
Instructional Student Support	1,446
Admin. & Fin'l Support Services	205,364
Oper. & Maint. of Plant Svcs.	360,274
Pupil Transportation	472,374
Student activities	65,922
Community Services	-
Scholarships and Awards	-
Depreciation - unallocated	9,546,366
TOTAL DEPRECIATION FOR GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES	\$ 11,571,951

The District's governmental activities and the business-type activities did not dispose of any equipment during the year.

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Commitments

Encumbrances

Any encumbrances outstanding at year-end do not represent GAAP expenditures or liabilities but represent budgetary accounting controls. The General Fund Budget is maintained on the modified accrual basis of accounting, except that budgetary basis expenditures include any encumbrances issued for goods or services not received at year-end and not terminated.

The actual results of operations are presented in accordance with GAAP and the District's accounting policies do not recognize encumbrances as expenditures until the period in which the goods or services are actually received and a liability is incurred. If budgetary encumbrances exist at year-end, they are included in the fund financial statements to reflect actual revenues and expenditures on a budgetary basis consistent with the District's legally adopted budget.

Long-Term Construction Commitments

The District has the following construction commitments in the Capital Project Funds:

	CONTRACT AMOUNT	EXPENDED TO 6/30/23	OUTSTANDING COMMITMENTS
<u>Miller Heights ES HVAC</u>			
D'huy Engineering	\$ 451,612	\$ 436,410	\$ 15,202
Wind Gap Electrical	1,091,700	905,397	186,303
Trefz Mechanical	4,745,000	4,335,148	409,852
<u>James Buchanon ES HVAC</u>			
D'huy Engineering	350,104	85,676	264,428
Trefz Mechanical	3,565,553	3,214,674	350,879
Ace electric	721,820	490,374	231,446
<u>Hanover ES HVAC</u>			
D'huy Engineering	328,430	77,937	250,493
Trefz Mechanical	3,262,000	2,926,298	335,702
Ace electric	721,800	490,266	231,534
<u>Lockdown Shades</u>			
ALP	74,954	-	74,954
<u>Student Transportation Vans</u>			
Rohrer	139,800	-	139,800
<u>Freedom HS Roof Reipairs</u>			
JLK Contracting	275,100	232,177	42,923
D'huy Engineering	32,500	16,987	15,513
<u>Liberty HS Roof Repairs</u>			
JLK Contracting	176,210	145,170	31,040
D'huy Engineering	19,355	18,388	967
<u>Exterior Stair & Balconey Repair</u>			
Ondra-Huyett Assoc	369,744	364,638	5,106
D'huy Engineering	24,033	24,033	-
<u>EV Chartqing Station</u>			
Hobbs	192,650	138,532	54,118
D'huy Engineering	13,000	10,260	2,740
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 16,555,365	\$ 13,912,365	\$ 2,643,000

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Lease Receivables

Liberty HS Natatorium

Effective July 1, 2021, The District entered into a 48-month lease as Lessor for the use of Liberty High School Natatorium. An initial lease receivable was recorded in the amount of \$39,667. The District will receive annual fixed payments of \$10,000. The lease has an interest rate of 0.56%. The District recognized \$10,000 in lease revenue and \$0 in interest revenue during the current fiscal year related to this lease. As of June 30, 2023, the District's receivable for lease payments was \$19,833. Also, the District has a deferred inflow of resources associated with this lease that will be recognized as revenue over the lease term. As of June 30, 2023, the balance of the deferred inflow of resources was \$19,833.

The future lease payments as of June 30, 2023, were as follows:

FISCAL YEAR	PRINCIPAL
2023-24	\$ 9,889
2024-25	9,944
Totals	\$ 19,833

Donegan Fowler Family Center

Effective August 1, 2021, the District entered into a 36-month lease as Lessor for the use of the Donegan Fowler Family Center. An initial lease receivable was recorded in the amount of \$79,021. The District will receive annual fixed payments of \$10,000. The lease has an interest rate of 0.411%. The District recognized \$22,905 in lease revenue and \$231 in interest revenue during the current fiscal year related to this lease. As of June 30, 2023, the District's receivable for lease payments was \$29,901. Also, the District has a deferred inflow of resources associated with this lease that will be recognized as revenue over the lease term. As of June 30, 2023, the balance of the deferred inflow of resources was \$29,901.

The future lease payments as of June 30, 2023 were as follows:

FISCAL YEAR	PRINCIPAL
2023-24	\$ 27,588
2024-25	2,313
Totals	\$ 29,901

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Short-Term Debt

Interfund Receivables and Payables

The following interfund receivables and payables were in existence on June 30, 2023:

	INTERFUND RECEIVABLES	INTERFUND PAYABLES
General Fund	\$ 124,784	\$ 9,708,633
Enterprise (Food Service) Fund	571,277	21,230
Enterprise (Day Care) Fund	203,130	50,674
Capital Project Fund	2,712,338	-
Capital Reserve Fund	-	-
Special Revenue (BASD Authority General Fd) Fund	-	-
Self - Insurance Trust Fund (Blended Component Unit)	6,177,280	9,542
Private Purpose Trust Funds	-	-
Custodial (Activity) Fund	2,000	730
TOTAL	\$ 9,790,809	\$ 9,790,809

The District also made the following interfund transfers during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023:

	TRANSFER IN	TRANSFER OUT
General Fund	\$ 25,355	\$ -
Capital Projects (Capital Reserve) Fund	-	25,355
Self - Insurance Trust Fund (Blended Component Unit)	-	-
Enterprise (Food Service) Fund	-	-
TOTAL	\$ 25,355	\$ 25,355

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Long-Term Liabilities

Long-term liability balances and activity for the year ended June 30, 2023 were:

	BEGINNING BALANCE	ADDITIONS	REDUCTIONS	ENDING BALANCE	AMOUNTS DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR
GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES					
<i>General Obligation Debt:</i>					
<i>Bonds and Notes Payable:</i>					
Bonds	\$ 227,207,214	\$ 7,116	\$ 14,705,640	\$ 212,508,690	\$ 1,265,000
Notes	13,224,509	5,822	1,215,000	12,015,331	13,025,000
Total general obligation debt	240,431,723	12,938	15,920,640	224,524,021	14,290,000
<i>Lease Obligations</i>	531,384	79,146	410,602	199,928	146,209
<i>Other Liabilities:</i>					
<i>Vested Employee Benefits:</i>					
Vacation Pay	1,679,709	-	190,046	1,489,663	301,320
Sick Pay	4,096,275	707,835	-	4,804,110	242,084
Net Defined Contribution Pension Obligation	552,734	-	52,292	500,442	-
Net Defined Benefit Pension Liability	304,945,179	30,696,468	-	335,641,647	-
Net OPEB Liability - Single Employer Plan	44,820,258	-	8,067,221	36,753,037	-
Net OPEB Liability - Multiple Employer Plan	17,990,597	-	3,800,555	14,190,042	-
Derivative Financial Instruments	10,635,566	-	6,209,769	4,425,797	-
Total Other Liabilities	385,251,702	31,483,449	18,730,485	398,004,666	689,613
TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITY LONG-TERM LIABILITIES	\$ 625,683,425	\$ 31,496,387	\$ 34,651,125	\$ 622,528,687	\$ 14,979,613
BUSINESS TYPE ACTIVITIES					
<i>Other Liabilities:</i>					
<i>Vested Employee Benefits:</i>					
Vacation Pay	\$ 43,559	\$ -	\$ 11,369	\$ 32,190	\$ -
Sick Pay	212,546	-	42,344	170,202	-
Net Defined Benefit Pension Liability	10,697,317	795,909	-	11,493,226	-
Net OPEB Liability - Single Employer Plan	99,700	-	16,967	82,733	-
Net OPEB Liability - Multiple Employer Plan	522,220	-	98,870	423,350	-
TOTAL BUSINESS-TYPE ACTIVITY LONG-TERM LIABILITIES	\$ 11,575,342	\$ 795,909	\$ 169,550	\$ 12,201,701	\$ -

Payments on bonds and notes are made by the general fund. Vested employee benefits will be liquidated by governmental and proprietary funds. The School District currently does not have any bonds or notes payable in business-type activities.

Total Interest paid and accrued during the year:

GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES:	EXPENSE	PAID
General obligation debt	\$ 8,475,468	\$ 9,642,623
Lease debt	1,226	1,226
Refund of Prior Year Receipts	82,040	82,040
TOTAL INTEREST PAID BY GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES	\$ 8,558,734	\$ 9,725,889

Lease – 1516 Equipment

On July 1, 2021, the District entered into a 28-month lease as lessee for the use of equipment. An initial lease liability was recorded in the amount of \$928,580 during the current fiscal year. As of June 30, 2023, the value of the lease liability was \$133,051. The District is required to make monthly fixed payments of \$33,284. The lease has an interest rate of 0.308%. The equipment has a 3-year estimated useful life. The value of the right to use asset as of June 30, 2023 was \$928,580 with accumulated amortization of \$742,864.

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The future principal and interest lease payments as of June 30, 2023, are as follows:

FISCAL YEAR	PRINCIPAL	INTEREST
2023-24	\$ 133,051	\$ 85
Total Outstanding	\$ 133,051	\$ 85

Lease – Turf Tank

On April 1, 2023, the District entered a 6-year lease as lessee for the use of an automatic field liner. An initial lease liability was recorded in the amount of \$56,488. As of June 30, 2023, the value of the lease liability was \$46,487. The District is required to make annual fixed payments of \$10,000. The lease has an interest rate of 2.478%. The equipment has a 6-year estimated useful life. The value of the right to use asset as of June 30, 2023 was \$56,488 with accumulated amortization of \$2,354.

The future principal and interest lease payments as of June 30, 2023, are as follows:

FISCAL YEAR	PRINCIPAL	INTEREST
2023-24	\$ 8,848	\$ 1,152
2024-25	9,067	933
2025-26	2,292	708
2026-27	9,522	478
2027-28	9,758	242
Total Outstanding	\$ 39,487	\$ 3,513

Lease – Folder/Inserter

On March 1, 2023, the District entered a 5-year lease as lessee for the use of office equipment. An initial lease liability was recorded in the amount of \$22,658. As of June 30, 2023, the value of the lease liability was \$20,389. The District is required to make quarterly fixed payments of \$1,210. The lease has an interest rate of 2.822%. The equipment has a 5-year estimated useful life. The value of the right to use asset as of June 30, 2023 was \$22,658 with accumulated amortization of \$1,511.

The future principal and interest lease payments as of June 30, 2023, are as follows:

FISCAL YEAR	PRINCIPAL	INTEREST
2023-24	\$ 4,311	\$ 530
2024-25	4,434	407
2025-26	4,560	281
2026-27	4,690	151
2027-28	2,395	25
Total Outstanding	\$ 20,390	\$ 1,394

General Obligation Bonds – Series A of 2015

On June 4, 2015, the District issued \$30,000,000 in General Obligation Bonds - Series A of 2015. The proceeds will be used: (1) for capital projects including planning, designing, acquiring, construction and furnishing alterations and renovations to the Nitschmann Middle School and other public school facilities of the District, and (2) to pay the costs of issuance.

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In accordance with the Local Governmental Unit Debt Act, a sinking fund has been established with the paying agent. The bonds mature from August 1, 2025 to August 1, 2035. The bonds shall bear interest at 5.0%, with total interest indebtedness of \$28,080,750.

The outstanding debt service requirements at June 30, 2023, are:

FISCAL YEAR	PRINCIPAL	INTEREST
2023-24	\$ -	\$ 1,500,000
2024-25	-	1,500,000
2025-26	-	1,500,000
2026-27	-	1,500,000
2027-28	-	1,500,000
2028-33	6,950,000	7,326,250
2033-36	23,050,000	1,767,000
Sub-Total	\$ 30,000,000	\$ 16,593,250
Unamortized Bond Premium	2,300,174	
Total Outstanding	\$ 32,300,174	

General Obligation Notes – Series B of 2015

On June 4, 2015, the District issued \$3,470,000 of General Obligation Notes - Series B of 2015. The proceeds will be used: (1) to advance refund and restructure all of the Districts' General Obligation Bonds, Series of 2012 currently outstanding in the aggregate principal amount of \$3,470,000, and (2) to pay the costs of issuance.

In accordance with the Local Governmental Unit Debt Act, a sinking fund has been established with the paying agent. The bonds mature from August 1, 2029, to August 1, 2031. The bonds bear interest from 3.25% to 3.37%, with total indebtedness of \$1,911,770.

The outstanding debt service requirements at June 30, 2023, are:

FISCAL YEAR	PRINCIPAL	INTEREST
2023-24	\$ -	\$ 124,706
2024-25	-	124,706
2025-26	-	124,706
2026-27	-	124,706
2027-28	-	124,706
2028-32	3,725,000	333,198
Sub-Total	\$ 3,725,000	\$ 956,728
Unamortized Bond Discount	(44,668)	
Total Outstanding	\$ 3,680,332	

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General Obligation Notes – Series C of 2015

On June 4, 2015, the District issued \$9,580,000 of General Obligation Notes - Series C of 2015. The proceeds will be used: (1) to advance refund and restructure all of the Districts' General Obligation Bonds, Series A of 2009 currently outstanding in the aggregate principal amount of \$60,365,000, of which \$8,420,000 was refunded, and (2) to pay the costs of issuance.

In accordance with the Local Governmental Unit Debt Act, a sinking fund has been established with the paying agent. The bonds mature from August 1, 2016, to August 1, 2029. The bonds bear interest from 2.868% to 4.114%, with total indebtedness of \$3,656,622. This issue is considered federally taxable.

The outstanding debt service requirements at June 30, 2023, are:

FISCAL YEAR	PRINCIPAL	INTEREST
2023-24	\$ 1,265,000	\$ 287,731
2024-25	1,280,000	244,600
2025-26	1,370,000	197,675
2026-27	1,390,000	146,759
2027-28	1,365,000	93,886
2028-30	1,665,000	47,574
Sub-Total	\$ 8,335,000	\$ 1,018,225
Unamortized Bond Discount	-	
Total Outstanding	\$ 8,335,000	

General Obligation Bonds – Series A of 2016

On August 31, 2016, the District issued \$34,240,000 of General Obligation Bonds – Series A of 2016. The proceeds will be used to (1) advance refund a portion of the School District's General Obligation Bonds, Series B of 2009, currently outstanding in the aggregate principal amount of \$7,975,000; of which \$7,480,000 shall be refunded, (2) advance refund all of the Districts, Series of 2010, currently outstanding in the aggregate principal amount of \$28,790,000 and (3) pay the costs and expenses of issuing and insuring the 2016A Bonds. Interest rates range from 2.0% to 5.0%.

The outstanding debt service requirements at June 30, 2023, are:

FISCAL YEAR	PRINCIPAL	INTEREST
2023-24	\$ 7,090,000	\$ 1,253,688
2024-25	8,775,000	899,187
2025-26	9,240,000	460,434
2026-27	745,000	45,838
2027-28	750,000	30,937
2028-29	750,000	15,938
Sub-Total	\$ 27,350,000	\$ 2,706,022
Unamortized Bond Premium	1,509,612	
Total Outstanding	\$ 28,859,612	

General Obligation Bonds – Series B of 2016

On August 31, 2016, the District issued \$19,700,000 of General Obligation Bonds – Series B of 2016. The proceeds will be used to (1) plan, design, acquire, constructing and furnishing alterations and renovations to the Nitschmann Middle School and other public school facilities of the School District, (2) replacement of turf and other athletic field improvements at the Freedom High School,

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(3) HVAC and related improvements to the East Hills Middle School, and (4) paying the costs and expenses of issuing and insuring the 2016B Bonds. Interest rates range from 2.375% to 3.0%.

The outstanding debt service requirements at June 30, 2023, are:

FISCAL YEAR	PRINCIPAL	INTEREST
2023-24	\$ -	\$ 590,925
2024-25	-	590,925
2025-26	-	590,925
2026-27	-	590,925
2027-28	-	590,925
2028-33	4,670,000	2,953,887
2033-36	15,030,000	910,800
Sub-Total	\$ 19,700,000	\$ 6,819,312
Unamortized Bond Discount	(82,122)	
Total Outstanding	\$ 19,617,878	

General Obligation Bonds – Series of 2019

On February 19, 2019, the District issued \$39,255,000 of General Obligation Bonds – Series of 2019. The proceeds will be used (1) refund the District’s outstanding GOB Series A of 2009. Currently outstanding in the aggregate principal amount of \$27,305,000, (2) refund the District’s outstanding GOB Series AA of 2009, currently outstanding in the aggregate principal amount of \$11,410,000 (3) finance capital projects including the purchase of school buses, and (4) pay allocable costs and expenses of issuing the Bonds.

In accordance with the Local Governmental Unit Debt Act, a sinking fund has been established with the paying agent. Interest rates are fixed at 5.0% with total interest indebtedness of \$3,979,192.

The outstanding debt service requirements at June 30, 2023 are:

FISCAL YEAR	PRINCIPAL	INTEREST
2023-24	\$ 1,960,000	\$ 49,000
Sub-Total	\$ 1,960,000	\$ 49,000
Unamortized Bond Premium	30,271	
Total Outstanding	\$ 1,990,271	

General Obligation Bonds – Series of 2021

On July 6, 2021 the District issued \$28,140,000 of General Obligation Bonds- Series of 2021. Proceeds of the Bonds were used to currently refund the School District's outstanding GOB, Series of 2011, currently outstanding in the aggregate principal amount of 33,285,000 and to pay the costs associated with the issuance of the Bonds.

In accordance with the Local Governmental Unit Debt Act, a sinking fund has been established with a paying agent. The Bonds matures from November 15, 2022 to November 15, 2029. The outstanding debt service requirements, using fixed interest rate of 5.0% with total interest indebtedness of \$7,067,433.

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The outstanding debt service requirements at June 30, 2023 are:

FISCAL YEAR	PRINCIPAL	INTEREST
2023-24	\$ 2,335,000	\$ 1,237,125
2024-25	3,845,000	1,082,625
2025-26	4,020,000	886,000
2026-27	4,165,000	681,375
2027-28	4,345,000	468,625
2028-30	7,200,000	313,000
Sub-Total	\$ 25,910,000	\$ 4,668,750
Unamortized Bond Premiums	3,935,754	
Total Outstanding	\$ 29,845,754	

General Obligation Notes – Series A of 2021

On November 1, 2021 the District issued \$30,435,000 of General Obligation Notes- Series A of 2021. Proceeds of the Notes were used: (1) to currently refund the General Obligation Notes – Series of 2017 by transferring the liability to the BASD Authority; and (2) pay the cost of issue. These Notes are issued to the BASD Authority to guarantee their issuance of the Series A of 2021 revenue bonds.

Since this Note is between the School District and its component unit (Bethlehem Area School District Authority), it is not shown on the Statement of Net Position as obligated debt since the Authority is blended into the financial statements; therefore, the Authority's long-term receivable, equal to the principal outstanding balance of the Notes, are eliminated for financial reporting.

General Obligation Notes – Series B of 2021

On November 1, 2021 the District issued \$40,800,000 of General Obligation Notes- Series B of 2021. Proceeds of the Notes were used: (1) to currently refund the General Obligation Notes – Series of 2018 by transferring the liability to the BASD Authority; and (2) pay the cost of issue. These Notes are issued to the BASD Authority to guarantee their issuance of the Series B of 2021 revenue bonds.

Since this Note is between the School District and its component unit (Bethlehem Area School District Authority), it is not shown on the Statement of Net Position as obligated debt since the Authority is blended into the financial statements; therefore, the Authority's long-term receivable, equal to the principal outstanding balance of the Notes, are eliminated for financial reporting.

General Obligation Notes – Series C of 2021

On November 1, 2021 the District issued \$30,330,000 of General Obligation Notes- Series C of 2021. Proceeds of the Notes were used: (1) to currently refund the General Obligation Notes – Series A of 2018 by transferring the liability to the BASD Authority; and (2) pay the cost of issue. These Notes are issued to the BASD Authority to guarantee their issuance of the Series C of 2021 revenue bonds.

Since this Note is between the School District and its component unit (Bethlehem Area School District Authority), it is not shown on the Statement of Net Position as obligated debt since the Authority is blended into the financial statements; therefore, the Authority's long-term receivable, equal to the principal outstanding balance of the Notes, are eliminated for financial reporting.

Component Unit Debt

Guaranteed Revenue Bonds – Series A of 2021

On November 1, 2021, the Bethlehem Area School District Authority issued \$30,435,000 of Guaranteed Lease Revenue Bonds – Series A of 2021. The purpose of this issue is (1) to currently refund the Guaranteed Lease Revenue Bonds – Series of 2017, which was used to refund a portion of the Bethlehem Area School District's General Obligation Bonds, Series of 2005, and (2) to pay the

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costs and expenses allocable to the issuance of the Bonds. The bonds are being issued under the Municipal Authorities Act of 1945, as amended, and pursuant to the provisions of a Trust Indenture, dated May 1, 2009.

A supplemental trust indenture provides that the Bonds shall be secured by a pledge and assignment of the lease rentals payable by the Bethlehem Area School District and guaranteed by the School District, under the terms of a General Obligation Note Series A of 2021 issued by the school district in the amount of \$30,435,000 on November 1, 2021.

Interest Rate Swap

On November 1, 2021, the Bethlehem Area School District refunded its General Obligation Note – Series of 2017, which the notes were issued to the Bethlehem Area School District Authority. The Authority funded this refunding with the Guaranteed Lease Revenue Bonds, Series A of 2021. The related interest rate swap that was attached to the School District's General Obligation Notes-Series of 2017 was transferred to the Authority's Guaranteed Lease Revenue Bonds- Series A of 2021.

Objective of the interest rate swap. As a means to lower its borrowing costs, when compared against fixed-rate bonds at the time of issuance in July 1, 2005, the Bethlehem Area School District entered into a forward starting interest rate swap in connection with its \$55,000,000, Series of 2005 variable-rate General Obligation Bonds. The intention of the swap was to effectively change the School District's variable interest rate on the bonds to a synthetic fixed rate.

Terms. The bonds and the related swap agreement mature on January 1, 2030, and the swap's original notional amount was \$55,000,000. The swap was entered into on December 8, 2003. Subsequently, \$25,350,000 of the original notional amount was terminated leaving a remaining notional amount of \$29,650,000. Under the swap, the School District receives the lesser of 67% of SOFR (monthly rate) plus 0.35% from the Counterparty (Morgan Stanley Capital Services) in exchange for a fixed rate of 3.593%. The variable rate paid on the Authority's Guaranteed Revenue Bonds – Series A of 2021 approximates the SIFMA index. Therefore, if SIFMA exceeds 67% of SOFR plus 0.35%, the District pays a net effective interest rate approximately equal to the fixed rate.

Fair Value. The swap has a negative fair value of \$101,957 as of June 30, 2023. The swap negative fair value may be countered by a reduction in total interest payments required under the variable-rate bonds, creating a lower synthetic interest rate. Because the coupons on the government's variable-rate bonds adjust to changing interest rates, the bonds do not have a corresponding fair value increase. The fair value was estimated by PFM an Independent financial advisor.

Credit Risk. As of June 30, 2023, the Authority was exposed to credit risk because the swap had a negative fair value. However, should interest rates change and the fair value of the swap becomes positive, the Authority would not be exposed to credit risk in the amount of the derivative's fair value. The swap counterparty was rated Aa3 by Moody's, A+ by Standard & Poor's.

Basis Risk. The swap exposes the government to basis risk should the relationship between SOFR and SIFMA converge, changing the synthetic rate on the bonds. The effect of this difference in basis is indicated by the difference between the intended synthetic rate and the synthetic rate as of June 30, 2023. If a change occurs that results in the rates' moving to convergence, the expected cost savings may not be realized. As of June 30, 2023, the SIFMA rate was 4.01%, whereas 67% of SOFR plus 0.35 % was 2.35%.

Termination Risk. The Authority or the counterparty may terminate the swap if the other party fails to perform under the terms of the contract. The swap may be terminated by the Authority, if the counterparty's short-term debt credit rating is withdrawn or reduced to a rating below Baa3 for Moody's and the rating by S&P is withdrawn or reduced to a rating that is below BBB-. If the swap is terminated, the variable-rate bond would no longer carry a synthetic interest rate. Also, if at the time of termination, the swap has a negative fair value, the Authority would be liable to the counterparty for a payment equal to the swap's fair value.

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The outstanding debt requirements at June 30, 2023, using the variable interest rate in effect at year end are:

FISCAL YEAR	PRINCIPAL	INTEREST	INTEREST RATE	
			SWAPS, NET	TOTAL
2023-24	\$ 75,000	\$ 710,963	\$ 472,006	\$ 1,257,969
2024-25	75,000	709,201	472,006	1,256,207
2025-26	75,000	707,438	472,006	1,254,444
2026-27	6,840,000	639,435	427,369	7,906,804
2027-28	7,220,000	474,974	316,423	8,011,397
2028-30	16,000,000	416,146	272,051	16,688,197
SUB-TOTAL	30,285,000	\$ 3,658,157	\$ 2,431,861	\$ 36,375,018
Unamortized Premium	-			
TOTAL OUTSTANDING	\$ 30,285,000			

Guaranteed Revenue Bonds – Series B of 2021

On November 1, 2021, the Bethlehem Area School District Authority issued a \$40,800,000 of Guaranteed Revenue Bonds – Series B of 2021. The purposes of the issue are (1) to currently refund a portion of the Bethlehem School District Authority Note Series of 2018 and (2) to pay the costs and expenses allocable to the issuance of the Bonds. The Bonds are being issued under to Municipalities Authorities Act of 1945, as amended, and pursuant to the provisions of a trust Indenture, dated May 1, 2009.

The supplemental trust Indenture provides that the Bonds shall be secured by a pledge and assignment of the lease rentals payable by the Bethlehem Area School District and guaranteed by the school district, under the terms of a General Obligation Note Series B of 2021 issued by the school district in the amount of \$40,800,000 on November 1, 2021.

Interest Rate Swap

Objective of the interest rate swap. As a means to lower its borrowing costs, when compared against fixed-rate notes at the time of issuance in September 1, 2007, the School District entered into a forward starting interest rate swap in connection with its \$40,000,000, Series of 2007 variable-rate general obligation notes. In addition, the School District entered into a constant maturity swap. The intention of the swaps was to effectively change the School District’s variable interest rate on the notes to a synthetic fixed rate.

Terms. The notes were refunded by the Bethlehem Area School District’s Authority Guaranteed Revenue Bonds Series of 2009 during 2009-10 fiscal year backed by the issuance of the District’s \$41,000,000 General Obligation Note to the Authority. These Series of 2009 revenue bonds and related District’s Notes have been refunded with the Series B of 2021 revenue bonds and related Series B of 2021 general obligation bonds of the District that guarantee the Authority’s revenue bonds. The related swap agreement matures on July 1, 2031, and the swap’s notional amount is \$40,000,000. The swap was entered into on November 22, 2005. Starting on July 1, 2008, the notional value of the swap and the principal amount of the associated debt begin to decline. Under the swap, the Authority receives the lesser of 67% of SOFR (monthly rate) from the Counterparty (Morgan Stanley Capital Services) in exchange for a fixed rate of 3.696%. The variable rate paid on the Authority’s Guaranteed Revenue Bonds – Series B of 2021 approximates the SIFMA index.

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Therefore, if SIFMA exceeds 67% of SOFR plus 0.35%, the District pays a net effective interest rate approximately equal to the fixed rate.

Fair Value. The interest rate swap has a negative fair value of \$1,501,775 as of June 30, 2023. The swap negative fair value may be countered by a reduction in total interest payments required under the variable-rate notes, creating a lower synthetic interest rate. Because the coupons on the government's variable-rate notes adjust to changing interest rates, the bonds do not have a corresponding fair value increase. The fair value was estimated by PFM, an independent financial advisor.

Credit Risk. As of June 30, 2023, the Authority was exposed to credit risk because the swap had a negative fair value. However, should interest rates change and the fair value of the swap becomes positive, the Authority would not be exposed to credit risk in the amount of the derivative's fair value. The swap counterparty was rated Aa2 by Moody's, A+ by Standard & Poor's and AA by Fitch.

Basis Risk. The swap exposes the government to basis risk should the relationship between SOFR and SIFMA converge, changing the synthetic rate on the notes. The effect of this difference in basis is indicated by the difference between the intended synthetic rate and the synthetic rate as of June 30, 2023. If a change occurs that results in the rates' moving to convergence, the expected cost savings may not be realized. As of June 30, 2023, the SIFMA rate was 4.01%, whereas 67% of SOFR Plus .35% was 2.35%.

Termination Risk. The Authority or the counterparty may terminate the swap if the other party fails to perform under the terms of the contract. The swap may be terminated by the Authority, if the counterparty's short-term debt credit rating is withdrawn or reduced to a rating below Baa3 for Moody's and the rating by S&P is withdrawn or reduced to a rating that is below BBB-. If the swap is terminated, the variable-rate bond would no longer carry a synthetic interest rate. Also, if at the time of termination, the swap has a negative fair value, the Authority would be liable to the counterparty for a payment equal to the swap's fair value.

Swap payments and associated debt. Using rates as of June 30, 2023, debt service requirements of the variable-rate debt and net swap payments, assuming current interest rates remain the same for their term, are as follows. As rates vary, variable-rate bond interest payments and net swap payments will vary.

The outstanding debt service requirements at June 30, 2023, using the variable rate in effect at year end are:

FISCAL YEAR	PRINCIPAL	INTEREST	INTEREST RATE	
			SWAPS, NET	TOTAL
2023-24	\$ 1,540,000	\$ 891,081	\$ 566,782	\$ 2,997,863
2024-25	2,160,000	841,535	505,839	3,507,374
2025-26	2,230,000	789,267	442,444	3,461,711
2026-27	4,785,000	681,823	376,590	5,843,413
2027-28	4,995,000	564,852	308,121	5,867,973
2028-32	23,620,000	924,921	493,211	25,038,132
SUB-TOTAL	39,330,000	\$ 4,693,479	\$ 2,692,987	\$ 46,716,466
Unamortized Premium	-			
TOTAL OUTSTANDING	\$ 39,330,000			

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Guaranteed Revenue Bonds – Series C of 2021

On November 1, 2021, the Bethlehem Area School District Authority issued \$30,300,000 of Guaranteed Revenue Bonds – Series C of 2021. The purpose of this issue are (1) to refund the Bethlehem School District Authority Series A of 2018 and (2) to pay the costs and expenses allocable to the issuance of the Bonds. The bonds are being issued under to Municipalities Authorities Act of 1945, as amended, and pursuant to the provisions of a Trust Indenture, dated May 1, 2009.

A supplemental trust indenture provides that the Bonds shall be secured by pledge and assignment of the lease rentals payable by the Bethlehem Area School District and guaranteed by the school district, under the terms of a General Obligation Note Series C of 2021 issued by the school district in the amount of \$30,300,000 on November 1, 2021.

Interest Rate Swap

Objective of the interest rate swap. As a means to lower its borrowing costs, when compared against fixed-rate bonds at the time of issuance in January 1, 2007, the School District entered into a forward starting interest rate swap in connection with its \$55,000,000, Series of 2007 variable-rate general obligation bonds. The intention of the swap was to effectively change the School District's variable interest rate on the bonds to a synthetic fixed rate. The 2007 bonds were refunded by the Bethlehem Area School District Authority's Guaranteed Revenue Bonds. The Authority's Series A of 2011 Revenue Bonds were refunded with the Authority's Series A of 2018 Revenue Bonds, and the Series A of 2018 were refunded by the Series C of 2021 Revenue Bonds.

Terms. The bonds and the related swap agreement mature on January 1, 2032, and the swap's notional amount is \$55,000,000. The swap was entered into on December 8, 2003. Starting on January 1, 2008, the notional value of the swap and the principal amount of the associated debt begin to decline. Under the swap, the Authority receives the lesser of 67% of SOFR (monthly rate) plus 0.35% from the JP Morgan Chase Bank N.A. in exchange for a fixed rate of 3.843%. The variable rate paid on Revenue Bonds – Series C of 2021 Authority's approximates the SIFMA index. Therefore, if SIFMA exceeds 67% of SOFR plus 0.35%, the District pays a net effective interest rate approximately equal to the fixed rate.

Fair Value. The interest rate swap has a negative fair value of \$2,822,067 as of June 30, 2023. The swap negative fair value may be countered by a reduction in total interest payments required under the variable-rate bonds, creating a lower synthetic interest rate. Because the coupons on the government's variable-rate bonds adjust to changing interest rates, the bonds do not have a corresponding fair value increase. The fair value was estimated by PFM, an independent financial advisor.

Credit Risk. As of June 30, 2023, the Authority was exposed to credit risk because the swap had a negative fair value. However, should interest rates change and the fair value of the swap becomes positive, the Authority would not be exposed to credit risk in the amount of the derivative's fair value. The swap counterparty was rated Aa2 by Moody's, A+ by Standard & Poor's and AA by Fitch.

Basis Risk. The swap exposes the government to basis risk should the relationship between SOFR and SIFMA converge, changing the synthetic rate on the bonds. The effect of this difference in basis is indicated by the difference between the intended synthetic rate and the synthetic rate as of June 30, 2023. If a change occurs that results in the rates' moving to convergence, the expected cost savings may not be realized. As of June 30, 2023, the SIFMA rate was 4.01%, whereas 67% of SOFR plus .35% was 2.35%.

Termination Risk. The Authority or the counterparty may terminate the swap if the other party fails to perform under the terms of the contract. The swap may be terminated by the Authority, if the counterparty's short-term debt credit rating is withdrawn or reduced to a rating below Baa3 for Moody's and the rating by S&P is withdrawn or reduced to a rating that is below BBB-. If the swap is terminated, the variable-rate bond would no longer carry a synthetic interest rate. Also, if at the time of termination, the

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swap has a negative fair value, the Authority would be liable to the counterparty for a payment equal to the swap's fair.

Swap payments and associated debt. Using rates as of June 30, 2023, debt service requirements of the variable-rate debt and net swap payments, assuming current interest rates remain the same for their term, are as follows. As rates vary, variable-rate bond interest payments and net swap payments will vary.

The outstanding debt service requirements at June 30, 2023, using the variable rate in effect at year end are:

FISCAL YEAR	PRINCIPAL	INTEREST	INTEREST RATE SWAPS, NET	TOTAL
2023-24	\$ 25,000	\$ 711,335	\$ 549,767	\$ 1,286,102
2024-25	25,000	710,748	549,767	1,285,515
2025-26	25,000	710,160	549,767	1,284,927
2026-27	25,000	709,573	549,767	1,284,340
2027-28	25,000	708,985	549,767	1,283,752
2028-32	30,155,000	2,110,075	1,578,450	33,843,525
SUB-TOTAL	30,280,000	\$ 5,660,876	\$ 4,327,285	\$ 40,268,161
Unamortized Premium	-			
TOTAL OUTSTANDING	\$ 30,280,000			

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

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Combined Long-Term Debt

The combined general long-term debt obligations for subsequent years, except for compensated absences, retirement benefits and extended term financing are:

Bonds										
Fiscal Year Ended June 30	GO Bonds - 2015A		GO Bonds - 2016A		GO Bonds - 2016B		GO Bonds - 2019		GO Bonds - 2021	
	Interest	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest	Principal
2024	\$ 1,500,000	\$ -	\$ 1,253,688	\$ 7,090,000	\$ 590,925	\$ -	\$ 49,000	\$ 1,960,000	\$ 1,237,125	\$ 2,335,000
2025	1,500,000	-	899,187	8,775,000	590,925	-	-	-	1,082,625	3,845,000
2026	1,500,000	-	460,434	9,240,000	590,925	-	-	-	886,000	4,020,000
2027	1,500,000	-	45,838	745,000	590,925	-	-	-	681,375	4,165,000
2028	1,500,000	-	30,937	750,000	590,925	-	-	-	468,625	4,345,000
2029-2033	7,326,250	6,950,000	15,938	750,000	2,953,887	4,670,000	-	-	313,000	7,200,000
2034-2036	1,767,000	23,050,000	-	-	910,800	15,030,000	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	\$ 16,593,250	\$ 30,000,000	\$ 2,706,022	\$ 27,350,000	\$ 6,819,312	\$ 19,700,000	\$ 49,000	\$ 1,960,000	\$ 4,668,750	\$ 25,910,000

Bonds - Continued

Fiscal Year Ended June 30	GR Bonds - 2021A		GR Bonds - 2021B		GR Bonds - 2021C		Totals	
	Interest	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest	Principal
2024	\$ 1,182,969	\$ 75,000	\$ 1,457,863	\$ 1,540,000	\$ 1,261,102	\$ 25,000	\$ 8,532,672	\$ 13,025,000
2025	1,181,207	75,000	1,347,374	2,160,000	1,260,515	25,000	7,861,833	14,880,000
2026	1,179,444	75,000	1,231,711	2,230,000	1,259,927	25,000	7,108,441	15,590,000
2027	1,066,804	6,840,000	1,058,413	4,785,000	1,259,340	25,000	6,202,695	16,560,000
2028	791,397	7,220,000	872,973	4,995,000	1,258,752	25,000	5,513,609	17,335,000
2029-2033	688,197	16,000,000	1,418,132	23,620,000	3,688,525	30,155,000	16,403,929	89,345,000
2034-2036	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,677,800	38,080,000
TOTAL	\$ 6,090,018	\$ 30,285,000	\$ 7,386,466	\$ 39,330,000	\$ 9,988,161	\$ 30,280,000	\$ 54,300,979	\$ 204,815,000

Direct Borrowing

Fiscal Year Ended June 30	GO Notes - 2015B		GO Notes - 2015C		Totals	
	Interest	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest	Principal
2024	\$ 124,706	\$ -	\$ 287,731	\$ 1,265,000	\$ 412,437	\$ 1,265,000
2025	124,706	-	244,600	1,280,000	369,306	1,280,000
2026	124,706	-	197,675	1,370,000	322,381	1,370,000
2027	124,706	-	146,759	1,390,000	271,465	1,390,000
2028	124,706	-	93,886	1,365,000	218,592	1,365,000
2029-2033	333,198	3,725,000	47,574	1,665,000	380,772	5,390,000
2034-2036	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	\$ 956,728	\$ 3,725,000	\$ 1,018,225	\$ 8,335,000	\$ 1,974,953	\$ 12,060,000

Bonds and Direct Borrowing

Totals	
Interest	Principal
\$ 8,945,109	\$ 14,290,000
8,231,139	16,160,000
7,430,822	16,960,000
6,474,160	17,950,000
5,732,201	18,700,000
16,784,701	94,735,000
2,677,800	38,080,000
\$ 56,275,932	\$ 216,875,000

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Derivative Financial Instruments

Component Unit

In accordance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 53, any derivative financial instruments must be recorded on the government-wide financial statements at fair value for periods beginning on or after June 15, 2009. The Bethlehem Area School District Authority (component unit) has three derivative financial instruments; one associated with its Guaranteed Lease Revenue Bonds – Series A of 2021, one associated with its Guaranteed Lease Revenue Bonds – Series B of 2021, and one associated with its Guaranteed Lease Revenue Bonds – Series C of 2021.

The swap associated with the Authority's Guaranteed Lease Revenue Bonds – Series of 2021 originated from the School District's (primary government) General Obligation Bonds – Series of 2005. The swap associated with the Authority's Guaranteed Lease Revenue Bonds – Series A of 2021 originated from the School District's (primary government) General Obligation Notes – Series of 2007. The swap associated with the Authority's Guaranteed Lease Revenue Bonds – Series C of 2021 originated from the School District's (primary government) General Obligation Notes – Series of 2007.

The fixed payor swap on the Series A of 2021 Revenue Bonds is designed to create a synthetic fixed rate on the variable rate bond issue by paying the counterparty a fixed rate of 3.593% and receiving 67% of one-month SOFR, plus 0.35%. The value of this derivative instrument embedded into the swap is a negative \$101,957, at June 30, 2023.

The fixed payor swap on the Series B of 2021 Revenue Bonds is designed to create a synthetic fixed rate on the variable rate bond issue by paying the counterparty a fixed rate of 3.696% and receiving 67% of one-month SOFR. The value of this derivative instrument embedded into the swap is a negative \$1,501,775, at June 30, 2023.

The fixed payor swap on the Series C of 2021 Revenue Bonds is designed to create a synthetic fixed rate on the variable rate bond issue by paying the counterparty a fixed rate of 3.843% and receiving 67% of one-month SOFR, plus 0.35%. The value of this derivative instrument embedded into the swap is a negative \$2,822,067, at June 30, 2023.

GASB Statement No. 53 requires the use of hedge accounting, in which the net change in fair value represents a deferred inflow or outflow of the hedging derivative financial instrument reported on the government-wide Statement of Net Position. To be considered a hedging derivative financial instrument, the derivative financial instrument must pass an effectiveness test using one of the available methods (consistent critical terms, synthetic instrument, dollar-offset, and regression analysis). If none of the available methods result in the derivative financial instrument being effective, then the net change in fair value should flow to the government-wide Statement of Activities, and the instrument is considered an investment derivative.

Based upon the tests of effectiveness conducted by the District's financial advisor for this fiscal year, the above-mentioned interest rate swaps associated with the Series of 2021A, 2021B, and 2021C Revenue Bonds are hedging derivative financial instruments. As such, its fair values of \$101,957, \$1,501,775, and \$2,822,067, respectively are shown on the Statement of Net Position as deferred outflows of resources offset by the long-term liability.

The portion of these swaps fair value that is "at the market" is \$3,624,159, \$2,554,109 and \$2,997,325 respectively, and is recorded as a derivative instrument asset as a deferred inflow of resources. Any negative amount "at the market" amount would be shown as a deferred outflow or resource. The portion of the fair value \$9,137,993, has been recorded to deferred gains on refunding because of the termination of hedge accounting caused by the refunding of the original issues. In addition, \$10,551,434 is shown as deferred costs of refunding.

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Compensated Absences

Sick-Pay

Under the District's various bargaining agreements and plans, (see below), professional and eligible support personnel accumulate unused sick days from year to year based on their classification. These *accumulated sick days are non-vesting during the employee's tenure.*

Clerical/Secretarial Employees – Employees who retire will receive unused sick leave credit not to exceed 120 days at \$65 per day. Conversion of unused sick leave to health benefits have the following options: (1) if less than the allowed unused sick days have been accrued, payment in cash for the unused sick days will be used; (2) if more than the allowed unused sick days have been accrued, payment will be made for the allowed number, (90), plus all days in excess may be used to receive health care benefits for a period of time equal to a balance of funds credited for unused days multiplied by \$65 per day; (3) if more than the allowed unused sick days have been accrued, all unused sick days may be converted to credit toward health care coverage, as outlined in option 2.

Custodial and Maintenance Employees – Employees who retire will receive unused sick leave credit at \$63 per day. Conversions of unused sick leave to health benefits have the following options. Option 1 is the same as above. Option 2 is the same, except the excess is multiplied by \$63.

Food Service Employees – Employees who retire will receive unused sick leave credit at a rate of \$48 per day for a maximum of 56 days for full-time employees and \$40 per day for a maximum of 450 hours for part-time employees. Conversion for only full-time employees to health benefits has the following three options: Option 1: If less than the maximum 450 hours is accumulated, payment in cash will ensue. Option 2: If more than the allowed unused sick days have been accrued, payment will be made up to the 450 hours, excess will be converted to health benefits for a period of time equal to a balance of funds credited for unused sick hours multiplied by \$6 for full-time employees and \$5 for part-time employees. Option 3: If more than the allowed unused sick days have been accrued, they can cover all their unused sick hours to the health benefit coverage.

Teacher Aide Employees – Sick days are cumulative from year to year without limit. Full Time teacher assistants/health assistants who retire will receive unused sick leave credit not to exceed days at \$40 per sick day. To be eligible for unused sick leave credit a teacher assistant/health assistant shall meet the following criteria, (total combination of age years of BASD service as follows: year 1 Age + Yrs.=70 w/min 11 yrs. BASD Service, year 2 Age + Yrs.=71 w/min 12 yrs. BASD Service, year 3 Age 72 yrs. w/min 13 yrs. BASD Service, year 4 Age + Yrs.=72 w/min 14 yrs. BASD Service, year 5 Age + Yrs. = w/min 15 yrs. BASD Service). Payment will be made for the allowed benefits as a non-elective employer contribution to the employee's 403 (b) Plan.

Teachers – Upon retirement, members of the bargaining unit shall receive unused sick leave credit up to 90 days at the rate of \$45 per day. To be eligible for this severance payment they must have 10 yrs. of service at the district and be at least 52 yrs. of age, or have 10 yrs. of service and have accrued a minimum of 30 yrs. of credited service in the PSERS system.

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Note – Employees in the bargaining unit who have at least 30 years of credited service in PSERS, and who have more than 90 days of unused sick days at the time of retirement shall be provided with health benefits computed at the rate of 30 sick days for one year of health care coverage to a maximum of 10 years of benefits or until Medicare kicks in, whichever occurs first. If after calculating the number of years of coverage, there are sick days not used, two additional months of health care coverage can be secured for every 5 sick days, up to a maximum of 25 days equal 10 months of additional coverage. Bargaining members may exchange all of their unused sick days for the benefits of health coverage only if they exceed the minimum of 90 days accumulated.

The District maintains records of each employee's accumulated sick days that are vested with employees who are able to retire. In accordance with GASB statement No. 16, \$77,216 and \$92,986 respectively including FICA tax (net of reimbursement), has been recorded in the Food Service (Enterprise) Fund and Day Care (Enterprise) Fund, respectively for sick leave termination benefits earned by Cafeteria and Day Care employees at June 30, 2023. This amount is also included as a long-term liability in the business type activity column of the government-wide statements of net position. The amount recorded in the General Fund for governmental employees, which will use currently available financial resources, is \$242,084, including FICA tax (net of reimbursement). This amount is reflected as a current liability in the governmental activities column of the government-wide statement of net position. The remaining sick leave termination benefit of \$4,562,026, including FICA tax (net of reimbursement), is recorded as a long-term liability in the governmental activities column of the government-wide statement of net position.

Vacation Leave

Unused vacation leave is paid upon an employee's termination. The District maintains records of each employee's accumulated vacation days. In accordance with GASB Statement No. 16, the portion of vacation pay earned at June 30, 2023, that will use currently available financial resources is \$301,320, including FICA tax and retirement contributions (net of reimbursement), which has been recorded in the General Fund. This amount is also shown as a current liability in the governmental activities column of the government-wide statement of net position (The Day Care) Fund and (Food Service Fund) has recorded \$25,191, and \$6,999, respectively, including FICA tax and retirement contributions (net of reimbursement), which is also reflected as a long-term liability in the business-type activity column of the government-wide statement of net position. The remaining vacation pay earned at June 30, 2023, of \$1,188,343, including FICA tax and retirement contributions (net of reimbursement), is recorded as a long-term liability in the governmental activities column of the government-wide statement of net position.

Defined Benefit Pension Plan

Public School Employees' Retirement System (PSERS) Pension Plan

Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Pensions

For purposes of measuring the net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the Public School Employees' Retirement System (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 (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value.

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General Information about the Pension Plan

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.

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 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 between to 1% to 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 five 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 ten years of service.

Participants are eligible for disability retirement benefits after completion of five years of credited service. Such benefits are generally equal to 2% 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.

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Contributions

Member Contributions:

The contribution rates based on qualified member compensation for virtually all members are 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%

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%	12.30%
T-G	5.50%	+/-0.75%	2.50%	8.50%
T-H	4.50%	+/-0.75%	1.50%	7.50%

Employer Contributions:

The school districts' contractually required contribution rate for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023 was 34.31% 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 \$42,118,706 for the year ended June 30, 2023.

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

At June 30, 2023, the District reported a liability of \$347,134,873 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2022, 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, 2021 to June 30, 2022. The District's proportion of the net pension liability was

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calculated utilizing the employer's one-year reported contributions as it relates to the total one-year reported contributions. At June 30, 2023, the District's proportion was 0.7937 percent, which was an increase of 0.0133 percent from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2022.

For the year ended June 30, 2023, the District recognized pension expense of \$28,577,786. At June 30, 2023, the District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

<u>Sources</u>	<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>
Differences between Proportionate Share vs Actual Paid Separately Finance Liabilities	\$ 85,770	\$ -
Changes in Assumptions	10,537,000	-
Net difference between projected and actual contributions made	-	789,151
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	-	5,986,000
Difference between expected and actual experience	-	2,892,000
Changes in proportion of the Net Pension Liability	7,692,000	-
District contributions subsequent to the measurement date	42,118,706	-
Total	<u>\$ 60,433,476</u>	<u>\$ 9,667,151</u>

\$42,118,706 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from District contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ended June 30, 2023. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year ended June 30:	Amount
2023	\$ 5,093,000
2024	3,323,513
2025	(7,867,726)
2026	8,198,323
Thereafter	(99,491)
Total	<u>\$ 8,647,619</u>

Changes in Actuarial Assumptions

The Total Pension Liability as of June 30, 2022 was determined by rolling forward the System's Total Pension Liability as of June 30, 2021 to June 30, 2022 using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

- Valuation Date - June 30, 2021
- Actuarial cost method - Entry Age Normal - level % of pay.
- Investment return - 7.00%, includes inflation at 2.75%.

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- 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 discount rate used to measure the Total Pension Liability was 7.00% as of June 30, 2021 and as of June 30, 2022.
- Demographic and economic assumptions approved by the Board for use effective with the June 30, 2021 actuarial valuation:
 - Salary growth rate - decreased from 5.00% to 4.50%.
 - Real wage growth and merit or seniority increases (components for salary growth) - decreased from 2.75% and 2.25% to 2.50% and 2.00%, respectively.
 - Mortality rates - Previously based on 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. Effective with the June 30, 2021 actuarial valuation, mortality rates are 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, 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 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 pension plan's policy in regard to the allocation of invested plan assets is established and may be amended by the 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.

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return
Global public equity	28.0%	5.3%
Private Equity	12.0%	8.0%
Fixed Income	33.0%	2.3%
Commodities	9.0%	2.3%
Infrastructure/MLPs	9.0%	5.4%
Real estate	11.0%	4.6%
Absolute return	6.0%	3.5%
Cash	3.0%	0.5%
Leverage	-11.0%	0.5%
	<u>100%</u>	

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The above was the Board's adopted asset allocation policy and best estimates of geometric real rates of return for each major asset class as of June 30, 2022.

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 1-percentage point lower (6.00%) or 1-percentage-point higher (8.00%) than the current rate:

	1% Decrease 6.00%	Current Discount Rate 7.00%	1% Increase 8.00%
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 456,412,000	\$ 352,869,000	\$ 265,570,000

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.

State Funding

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania generally reimburses the School District for 50%-60% of its retirement expense. This arrangement does not meet the criteria of a special funding situation in accordance with GASB standards. Therefore, the net pension liabilities and related pension expense represent 100% of the School District's share of these amounts. During the year ended June 30, 2023, the School District recognized revenue of \$21,509,027 as reimbursement from the State for its current year pension payments.

Payables to the Pension Plan

As of June 30, 2023, the School District had \$14,799,308 included in accrued wages liability, of which \$10,956,413 is for the contractually required contribution for the second quarter of 2023 and \$3,842,895 is related to the accrued payroll liability for wages incurred as of June 30, 2023.

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Defined Contributions Pension Plan

Retirement Severance Benefits

Under various contracts with administrators, support staff and custodians a lump sum payment is offered upon retirement. The payment is based on a flat amount per year of service reduced by a per diem amount based on the number of sick days used in each year.

The lump sum payment shall be paid in full to the employee in one payment on the date to be determined by the employee after the employees' effective date of retirement. In the event of death of the employee, the lump sum payment will be paid in full to the employee's estate.

In accordance with Government Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 73, this benefit is considered a pension plan. The following is a summary of plan provisions.

Employer Contributions

The school district pays this benefit on a pay-as-you-go basis. It does not accumulate funds into any trust for future benefits. Contributions to the pension plan from the District were \$15,603 for the year ended June 30, 2023.

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

At June 30, 2023, the District reported a liability of \$500,442 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 an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2021, with rolling forward the System's total pension liability as of June 30, 2023.

For the year ended June 30, 2023, the District recognized pension expense of \$41,447. The following table reflects the changes to the pension obligation during the year:

	<u>2022-23</u>
Total Defined Contribution Pension Liability - beginning	\$ 552,734
Service Cost	27,719
Interest	12,973
Changes in Benefit Terms	-
Difference between expected and actual experience	-
Changes in assumptions	(71,821)
Benefit payments	<u>(21,163)</u>
Net change in total Pension Liability	<u>(52,292)</u>
Total Defined Contribution Pension Liability - ending	\$ 500,442
Interest Rate	4.06%
Plan Members	63
Covered Payroll	\$ 7,084,625

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Actuarial Assumptions

The total pension liability as of June 30, 2023, was determined by the actuarial valuation on July 1, 2021, with rolling forward the System's total pension liability using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement.

- Actuarial cost method - Entry Age Normal - level % of pay
- Investment return - 4.06%.

The actuarial assumptions used in the July 1, 2021 valuation were based on the experience study conducted by the actuary, including the assumed retirement rates based on PSERS plan experience and vary by age, service, and gender.

Schedule on Defined Contribution Pension Deferred Outflows/Inflows

<u>Sources</u>	<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>
Changes in Assumptions	\$ -	\$ 60,418
Net difference between projected and actual investment earnings	-	-
Difference between expected and actual experience	42,606	-
Changes in proportion of the net defined contribution pension liability	-	-
District contributions subsequent to the measurement date	15,603	-
Total	<u>\$ 58,209</u>	<u>\$ 60,418</u>

Funded Status and Funding Process

The funded status of the benefits as of June 30, 2023, was as follows:

	Retirement Incentive Benefit Governmental Activity
Actuarial accrued liability (a)	\$ 500,442
Actuarial value of plan assets (b)	-
Unfunded actuarial accrued liability (a) - (b)	<u>\$ 500,442</u>
Funded Ratio (b) / (a)	0.0%
Covered payroll	\$ 7,084,625
Unfunded actuarial accrued liability (funding excess) as a percentage of covered payroll.	7.1%

Sensitivity of the District's Proportion Share of the Net Defined Contribution Pension Liability in the Discount Rate:

The following presents the District's proportionate share of the net defined contribution pension liability calculated using the discount rate off 4.06%, as well as what the District's proportionate share of the net defined contribution pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage point lower (3.06%) or 1-percentage point higher (5.06%) than the current rate, using the net

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defined contribution liability reported by the actuary before adjusting for differences on projected vs actual contributions made.

	1% Decrease 3.06%	Current Discount Rate 4.06%	1% Increase 5.06%
District's proportionate share of the net OPEB Pension liability	\$ 528,657	\$ 500,442	\$ 472,182

Other Employee Benefits

Hospitalization/Medical/Dental/Prescription Drug Benefits

The School District is self-insured for its hospitalization, medical and dental payments and prescription drug benefits. The monthly premium is revised annually in April for the upcoming fiscal year beginning July 1 and is based upon actual cost plus basis per third party administrator.

Other Postemployment Benefits

Public School Employees' Retirement System (PSERS) Multiple Employer OPEB Plan on Health Insurance Premium Assistance Program

Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Other Postemployment Benefits

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 Public School Employees' Retirement System (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.

General Information about the Health Insurance Premium Assistance Program

Health Insurance Premium Assistance Program

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, 2022 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:

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- 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.

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

Employer Contributions:

The school districts' contractually required contribution rate for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023 was 0.75% 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 \$920,695 for the year ended June 30, 2023.

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

At June 30, 2023, the District reported a liability of \$14,613,392 for its proportionate share of the net OPEB liability. The net OPEB liability was measured as of June 30, 2022, 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, 2021 to June 30, 2022. 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, 2023, the District's proportion was 0.7951 percent, which was an increase of 0.0138 percent from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2022.

For the year ended June 30, 2023, the District recognized OPEB expense of \$552,949. At June 30, 2023, the District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

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<u>Sources</u>	<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>
Differences between Proportionate Share vs Actual		
Paid Separately Finance Liabilities	\$ 4,228	\$ -
Changes in Assumptions	-	1,832,000
Net difference between projected and actual contributions made	-	14,236
Net difference between projected and actual investment earnings	40,000	-
Difference between expected and actual experience	57,000	-
Changes in proportion of the Net OPEB Liability	557,000	-
District contributions subsequent to the measurement date	920,695	-
Total	<u>\$ 1,578,923</u>	<u>\$ 1,846,236</u>

\$920,695 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB resulting from District contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net OPEB liability in the year ended June 30, 2023. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB will be recognized in OPEB expense as follows:

Year ended June 30:	<u>Amount</u>
2023	\$ (243,000)
2024	(112,055)
2025	(200,541)
2026	(266,657)
2027	(362,762)
Thereafter	<u>(2,993)</u>
Total	<u>\$ (1,188,008)</u>

Actuarial Assumptions

The Total OPEB Liability as of June 30, 2022, was determined by rolling forward the System's Total OPEB Liability as of June 30, 2021 to June 30, 2022 using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

- Actuarial cost method - Entry Age Normal - level % of pay.
- Investment return - 4.09% - 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:

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- 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, 2021 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study that was performed for the five year the 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, 2020 determined the employer contribution rate for fiscal year 2022.
- 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 assumption 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.

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 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.

OPEB - Asset Class	Target Allocation	Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return
Cash	100.0%	0.5%
	100%	

The above was the Board's adopted asset allocation policy and best estimates of geometric real rates of return for each major asset class as of June 30, 2022.

Discount Rate

The discount rate used to measure the Total OPEB Liability was 4.09%. 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 4.09% which represents the S&P 20-year Municipal Bond Rate at June 30, 2022, was applied to all projected benefit payments to measure the total OPEB liability.

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Sensitivity of the System Net OPEB Liability to Change 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, 2022, 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, 2022, 93,293 retirees were receiving the maximum amount allowed of \$1,200 per year. As of June 30, 2022, 582 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 System net OPEB liability for June 30, 2022, calculated using current Healthcare cost trends as well as what the System net OPEB liability would be if the health cost trends were 1-percentage point lower or 1-percentage point higher than the current rate:

	<u>1% Decrease</u>	<u>Current Trend Rate</u>	<u>1% Increase</u>
System net OPEB liability	\$ 14,634,000	\$ 14,636,000	\$ 14,637,000

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 4.09%, as well as what the net OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage point lower (3.09%) or 1-percentage-point higher (5.09%) than the current rate:

	<u>1% Decrease 3.09%</u>	<u>Current Discount Rate 4.09%</u>	<u>1% Increase 5.09%</u>
District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability	\$ 16,552,000	\$ 14,636,000	\$ 13,033,000

OPEB Plan Fiduciary Net Position

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

Payables to the Multiple Employer OPEB Plan

As of June 30, 2023, the School District had \$321,631 included in accrued wages liability, of which \$238,114 is for the contractually required contribution for the second quarter of 2023 and \$83,517 is related to the accrued payroll liability for wages incurred as of June 30, 2023.

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Single Employer OPEB Plan

In accordance with the PA School of 1949, as amended, medical coverage is provided to eligible retirees and spouses with the retiree paying the full active premium rate for coverage until age 65. This benefit has an implicit rate subsidy, since the retiree pays the premium at the insurance carrier's global rate charged to the School District versus an age-adjusted rate, as defined in the GASB Statement.

Plan Description: Bethlehem Area School District has one single employer defined benefit plan with the pertinent descriptions shown on the table below:

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Summary of Plan Provisions			
GROUP	ELIGIBILITY	COVERAGE AND PREMIUM SHARING	DURATION
<u>I. ADMINISTRATORS</u>	Age 52 with 8 years of service with the district or ACT 110/43.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coverage: Medical, Prescription Drug, and Dental. • Premium Sharing: If the member reaches 52 years with 8 years of District service, District's contributions are based on the member's PSERS service at retirement. If the member reaches 35 years of PSERS service, the member will pay the active cost share amount for medical, prescription drug, and dental coverage for the member and spouse. If the member does not reach 35 years of PSERS service, the member may trade unused sick days at a rate of 40 days per year of medical, prescription drug, and dental coverage for the member and spouse for up to 10 years during which time the member will pay the active cost share amount. <p>If the accrued District subsidy period is exhausted or if the member does not meet the requirements for receiving a subsidy but meets requirements for the ACT 110/43 benefit, the member and spouse may continue the benefit by paying the full premium determined for the purpose of COBRA.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dependents: Spouses included. 	Coverage continues until the member reaches Medicare eligibility
<u>II. TEACHERS</u>	ACT 110/43	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coverage: Medical, Prescription Drug, and Dental. • Premium Sharing: If the member reaches 30 years of PSERS service and has more than 90 unused sick days, the member may trade all unused sick days at a rate of 40 days per year of medical, prescription drug, and dental coverage for the member and spouse for up to 10 years, depending on the year of retirement. Beginning with the 2014-2015 school year, the member must also reach 20 years of District service to be eligible for the subsidy. Members who reach 25 years of PSERS service by the end of the 2013-2014 school year and who retire before the 2019-2020 school year are exempt from this requirement. During the subsidy period, the member will pay the active cost share amount. <p>If the accrued District subsidy period is exhausted or if the member does not meet the requirements for receiving a subsidy but meets requirements for the ACT 110/43 benefit, the member and spouse may continue the benefit by paying the full premium as determined for the purpose of COBRA.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dependents: Spouses included. 	Same as I

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Summary of Plan Provisions (Continued)			
GROUP	ELIGIBILITY	COVERAGE AND PREMIUM SHARING	DURATION
<u>III. CUSTODIAL/MAINTENANCE</u>	Must satisfy for one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attainment of at least 25 years of District service as of December 31, 2010 and be eligible for PSERS superannuation retirement. • ACT 110/43 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coverage: Medical, Prescription Drug, and Dental. • Premium Sharing: If the member had attained 25 years of District service as of December 31, 2010, and is eligible for PSERS superannuation retirement, the member may trade unused sick days at a rate of 60 days per year of medical, prescription drug, and dental coverage for the member and spouse for up to 7 years during which time the member will pay the active cost share amount. <p>If the accrued District subsidy period is exhausted or if the member does not meet the requirements for receiving a subsidy but meets requirements for the ACT 110/43 benefit, the member and spouse may continue the benefit by paying the full premium determined for the purpose of COBRA.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dependents: Spouses included. 	Same as I
<u>IV. FOOD SERVICE</u>	10 years of District service with age plus service greater than 65 or ACT 110/43.	ACT 110/43	Same as I
<u>V. TEACHER ASSISTANTS AND AIDES</u>	15 years of District service with age plus service greater than 72 or ACT 110/43.	ACT 110/43	Same as I
<u>VI. ALL OTHER SUPPORT STAFF</u>	Age 52 with 10 years of District service or ACT 110/43	ACT 110/43	Same as I

Notes: Act 110/43 Benefit: 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.

PSERS Superannuation Retirement:

- 1) Pension Class T-C or T-D: An employee is eligible for 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 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 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 superannuation retirement upon reaching age 67 with 3 years of PSERS service. In general, this pension class applies to individuals who became members of PSERS on or after July 1, 2019.

Coordination with Medicare: Medicare pays primary.

Benefits not Included in the Calculation: Benefits that include conversion of sick leave to dollar value that can be used towards the payment of retiree medical, prescription drug, and dental benefits are not valued under GASB 75. It is assumed that these benefits are reported under the provisions of GASB 16.

GASB 73 Disclosures: Administrators are eligible for service time incentive benefits upon attainment of age 52 with 8 years of District service. The amount payable is equal to \$1,000 times the administrator's service. The benefits are accounted for under GASB 73 and are contained in the appendix.

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Employees Covered by Benefit Terms

At June 30, 2023, the following employees were covered by the benefit terms:

Active Participants	1,708
Vested Former Participants	0
Retired Participants	<u>103</u>
Total	1,811

Total OPEB Liability

The School's total OPEB liability under this single employer plan of \$36,835,770, was measured as of June 30, 2023, and was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2021.

Actuarial Assumptions and Other Inputs

Actuarial valuations involve estimates of the value of reported amounts and assumptions about the probability of events in the future. Amounts determined regarding the funded status of the benefits and the annual required contributions of the employer are subject to continual revision, actual results are compared to past expectations and new estimates are made about the future. The required schedule of funding progress, presented as required supplementary information, provides multiyear trend information that shows whether the actuarial value of plan Net Position is increasing or decreasing over time relative to the actuarial accrued liabilities for benefits.

Actuarial Methods and Assumptions

Projections of benefits are based on the substantive plan (the plan as understood by the employer and plan members) and include the types of benefits in force at the valuation date and the pattern of sharing benefit costs between the district and the plan members to that point. Actuarial calculations reflect a long-term perspective and employ methods and assumptions that are designed to reduce short-term volatility in actuarial accrued liabilities and the actuarial value of assets. Significant methods and assumptions were as follows:

	Single Employer OPEB Healthcare Benefit
Actuarial Valuation Date	7/1/2021
Actuarial Cost Method	Entry Age Normal
Interest Rate	4.06%
Projected salary increases	4.00% to 6.75%
Healthcare inflation rate	6.5% in 2022, 6.0% in 2023, 5.5% in 2024-2025. Rates gradually decrease from 5.4% in 2026 to 3.9% in 2075 and later based on the Society of Actuaries Long-Run Medical Cost Trend Model.
Asset Valuation Method	pay as you go basis
The discount rate is based on S&P Municipal Bond 20-year high grade rate index at July 1, 2022.	

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Mortality rates are assumed pre-retirement and post-retirement using the rates assumed in the PSERS defined benefit pension plan actuarial valuation. Incorporated into the tables are rates projected generationally using Scale MP-2021 to reflect mortality improvement.

Changes in the Total OPEB Liability

	<u>2022-23</u>
Total OPEB Liability	
Service Cost	\$ 2,416,581
Interest	1,064,917
Changes in Benefit Terms	-
Difference between expected and actual experience	-
Changes in assumptions	(10,403,268)
Benefit payments	<u>(1,162,418)</u>
Net change in total OPEB Liability	(8,084,188)
Total OPEB Liability - beginning	<u>44,919,958</u>
Total OPEB Liability - ending	<u><u>\$ 36,835,770</u></u>
Covered employee payroll	<u><u>\$ 109,093,554</u></u>

Total OPEB Liability as a percentage of covered employee payroll 33.77%

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

For the year ended June 30, 2023, the School recognized OPEB expense of \$2,087,680. At June 30, 2023, the School reported deferred outflows of resource and deferred inflows of resources related to this single employer OPEB plan from the following sources:

<u>Sources</u>	<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>
Changes in Assumptions	\$ -	\$ 8,337,732
Net difference between projected and actual investment earnings	-	-
Difference between expected and actual experience	-	4,926,320
Changes in proportion of the Net OPEB Liability	-	-
District contributions subsequent to the measurement date	<u>1,186,586</u>	<u>-</u>
Total	<u><u>\$ 1,186,586</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 13,264,052</u></u>

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Amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to this single employer OPEB plan will be recognized in OPEB expense as follows:

Year ended June 30:	<u>Amount</u>
2024	\$ (1,394,818)
2025	(1,394,818)
2026	(1,394,818)
2027	(1,394,818)
2028	(1,394,818)
Thereafter	<u>(6,289,962)</u>
Total	<u>\$ (13,264,052)</u>

Sensitivity of the Total OPEB Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate

The following presents the total OPEB liability of the School's single employer OPEB plan, as well as what the School's total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage point lower (3.06%) or 1-percentage point higher (5.06%) than the current discount rate:

	1% Decrease 3.06%	Current Discount Rate 4.06%	1% Increase 5.06%
District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability	\$ 39,795,619	\$ 36,835,770	\$ 34,008,198

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

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

	1% Decrease	Current Trend Rate	1% Increase
System net OPEB liability	\$ 32,324,967	\$ 36,835,770	\$ 42,178,057

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Combined Deferred Outflows/Inflows on Pensions and OPEB

As a result of having multiple pension and other post-employment benefit plans, the following schedule is prepared to illustrate the individual components reflected on the Statement of Net Position:

GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES					
	<i>Pension - GASB 68</i>	<i>Pension - GASB 73</i>	<i>Single Employer OPEB - GASB 75</i>	<i>Multiple Employer OPEB - GASB 75</i>	<i>Pension & OPEB Total</i>
	<u>DR OR (CR)</u>	<u>DR OR (CR)</u>	<u>DR OR (CR)</u>	<u>DR OR (CR)</u>	<u>DR OR (CR)</u>
RECONCILIATION OF NET CHANGE	CURRENT YR	CURRENT YR	CURRENT YR	CURRENT YR	CURRENT YR
IN DEFERRED OUTFLOWS/INFLOWS	BALANCE	BALANCE	BALANCE	BALANCE	BALANCE
Change in Proportion	\$ 7,469,790	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 541,855	\$ 8,011,645
Current Year Contributions	41,104,917	15,603	1,184,102	898,534	43,203,156
Change in Assumption	10,279,696	(60,418)	(8,329,481)	(1,786,208)	103,589
Diff in Projected Vs Actual Contributions	(768,828)	-	-	(13,869)	(782,697)
Difference in Investment Earnings	(5,926,622)	-	-	38,896	(5,887,726)
Diff. between Expected vs Actual Experience	(2,772,624)	42,606	(4,853,088)	55,056	(7,528,050)
Diff. between Prop. Share vs Actual POS	85,770	-	-	4,228	89,998
Net Pension Liability	\$ 335,641,647	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 335,641,647
Net Defined Contribution Pension Liability	\$ -	\$ 500,442	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500,442
Net OPEB Liability	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 36,753,037	\$ 14,190,042	\$ 50,943,079

BUSINESS-TYPE ACTIVITIES					
	<i>Pension - GASB 68</i>	<i>Pension - GASB 73</i>	<i>Single Employer OPEB - GASB 75</i>	<i>Multiple Employer OPEB - GASB 75</i>	<i>Pension & OPEB Total</i>
	<u>DR OR (CR)</u>	<u>DR OR (CR)</u>	<u>DR OR (CR)</u>	<u>DR OR (CR)</u>	<u>DR OR (CR)</u>
RECONCILIATION OF NET CHANGE	CURRENT YR	CURRENT YR	CURRENT YR	CURRENT YR	CURRENT YR
IN DEFERRED OUTFLOWS/INFLOWS	BALANCE	BALANCE	BALANCE	BALANCE	BALANCE
Change in Proportion	\$ 222,210	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 15,145	\$ 237,355
Current Year Contributions	1,013,789	-	2,484	22,161	1,038,434
Change in Assumption	257,304	-	(8,251)	(45,792)	203,261
Diff in Projected Vs Actual Contributions	(20,323)	-	-	(367)	(20,690)
Difference in Investment Earnings	(59,378)	-	-	1,104	(58,274)
Diff. between Expected vs Actual Experience	(119,376)	-	(73,232)	1,944	(190,664)
Diff. between Prop. Share vs Actual POS	-	-	-	-	-
Net Pension Liability	\$ 11,493,226	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 11,493,226
Net Defined Contribution Pension Liability	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Net OPEB Liability	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 82,733	\$ 423,350	\$ 506,083

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION	
<i>Governmental & Business-Type Activities</i>	<i>Total</i>
	<u>DR OR (CR)</u>
RECONCILIATION OF NET CHANGE	CURRENT YR
IN DEFERRED OUTFLOWS/INFLOWS	BALANCE
Change in Proportion	\$ 8,249,000
Current Year Contributions	44,241,590
Change in Assumption	306,850
Diff in Projected Vs Actual Contributions	(803,387)
Difference in Investment Earnings	(5,946,000)
Diff. between Expected vs Actual Experience	(7,718,714)
Diff. between Prop. Share vs Actual POS	89,998
Net Pension Liability	\$ 347,134,873
Net Defined Contribution Pension Liability	\$ 500,442
Net OPEB Liability	\$ 51,449,162

RECONCILIATION TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS		
	Governmental	Business-Type
<i>Pension - Pension and Defined Contribution Plans</i>	<u>Activities</u>	<u>Activities</u>
Net Pension Liability	\$ 335,641,647	\$ 11,493,226
Net Defined Contribution Pension Liability	500,442	-
Deferred Outflow Related to Pensions	(58,998,382)	(1,493,303)
Deferred Inflows Related to Pensions	9,528,492	199,077
Total liab. Net deferred inflows/outflows	\$ 286,672,199	\$ 10,199,000
<i>OPEB - Single & Multiple Employer Plans</i>		
Net OPEB Liability	\$ 50,943,079	\$ 506,083
Deferred Outflows Related to OPEB	(2,722,671)	(42,838)
Deferred Inflows Related to OPEB	14,982,646	127,642
Total liab. Net deferred inflows/outflows	\$ 63,203,054	\$ 590,887

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Note 6 – Risk Management

The District is subject to risk of loss from employee acts, property damage, personal injury auto accidents, theft, etc. The District covers those risks through the purchase of commercial insurance. The District's Workmen's compensation policy is a retrospectively rated policy; the final total premium is based on the actual payroll for the policy year and is determined by the insurance company. Any settlements received by the District or its employees did not exceed insurance coverage in any of the last three years.

Note 7 – Fund Balance Allocations

Nonspendable Fund Balance

The General Fund had \$725,579, in nonspendable fund balance at June 30, 2023, comprised of \$192,127, of inventories on hand at year-end and \$533,451, of prepaid expenditures.

Restricted Fund Balance

The two Capital Project Funds have restrictions on the use of the resources at year end. The Capital Reserve Fund's \$13,781,379 fund balance at year end is restricted because of enabling legislation under the Municipal Code in Pennsylvania. Section 1432 of this Code restricts the use of resources for limited purposes. In addition, the debt covenant on the bond issues restricts the proceeds shown in the Construction Fund for the purposes outlined in the bond resolution. As such, the \$544, in fund balance at year end within this fund is considered restricted. In addition, the General Fund has \$94,240 restricted for unspent donations.

Committed Fund Balance

The School Board has committed \$42,000,000 to the Capital Reserve Fund.

Assigned Fund Balance

Management has assigned \$4,000,000 of fund balance of the General Fund for future retirement rate increases in their retirement contributions, and \$7,011,217 for balancing the 2023-24 budget.

Note 8 – Net Position Restrictions

The net position for governmental activities, shown on the government-wide statement of net position has an overall deficit of \$235,633,958. The business-type activities column reflects a deficit of \$4,032,212, with \$307,563 invested in capital assets with no related debt.

Note 9 – Contingencies

Grants

The School District received financial assistance from federal and state agencies in the form of grants. The expenditure of funds received under these programs generally requires compliance with terms and a condition specified in the grant agreements, and is subject to audit by the grantor agencies. Any disallowed claims resulting from such audits could become a liability of the general fund, or other applicable funds. However, in the opinion of management any such disallowed claims will not have a material adverse effect on the overall financial position of the School District as of June 30, 2023.

Litigation

In accordance with management, there are no legal matters that could materially affect the financial position of the District as of June 30, 2023.

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Note 10 – New Accounting Pronouncements

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

- Statement No. 100, *Accounting Changes and Error Corrections – an amendment of GASB Statement No. 62* - The primary objective of this Statement is to enhance accounting and financial reporting requirements for accounting changes and error corrections to provide more understandable, reliable, relevant, consistent, and comparable information for making decisions or assessing accountability. Effective Date: for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2023.

- Statement No. 101, *Compensated Absences* - The objective of this Statement is to better meet the information needs of financial statement users by updating the recognition and measurement guidance for compensated absences. That objective is achieved by aligning the recognition and measurement guidance under a unified model and by amending certain previously required disclosures. Effective Date: for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2023.

**REQUIRED
SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION**

BETHLEHEM AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHEDULE OF THE DISTRICT'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF NET PENSION LIABILITY
PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM
CUMULATIVE TEN FISCAL YEARS REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

	<u>2022-23</u>	<u>2021-22</u>	<u>2020-21</u>	<u>2019-20</u>	<u>2018-19</u>	<u>2017-18</u>	<u>2016-17</u>	<u>2015-16</u>	<u>2014-15</u>
District's proportion of the net pension liability (asset)	0.7937%	0.7804%	0.7740%	0.7610%	0.7602%	0.7520%	0.7550%	0.7466%	0.7642%
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset)	\$ 352,869,000	\$ 320,407,000	\$ 381,110,000	\$ 356,016,000	\$ 364,934,000	\$ 371,401,000	\$ 374,154,000	\$ 323,393,000	\$ 302,476,000
District's covered employee payroll	122,759,273	117,575,186	111,049,771	108,843,833	105,058,992	102,424,053	100,679,073	98,203,838	95,500,629
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset) as a percentage of its covered employee payroll	287.45%	272.51%	343.19%	327.09%	347.36%	362.61%	371.63%	329.31%	316.73%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	61.34%	63.67%	54.32%	55.66%	54.00%	51.84%	50.14%	54.36%	57.24%

BETHLEHEM AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHEDULE OF DISTRICT'S CONTRIBUTIONS
PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM
CUMULATIVE TEN FISCAL YEARS REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

	<u>2022-23</u>	<u>2021-22</u>	<u>2020-21</u>	<u>2019-20</u>	<u>2018-19</u>	<u>2017-18</u>	<u>2016-17</u>	<u>2015-16</u>	<u>2014-15</u>	<u>2013-14</u>
Contractually required contribution	\$ 42,118,706	\$ 40,140,168	\$ 37,412,668	\$ 36,408,262	\$ 34,249,231	\$ 32,509,394	\$ 29,398,289	\$ 24,550,959	\$ 19,577,629	\$ 15,280,818
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	<u>42,118,706</u>	<u>40,140,168</u>	<u>37,412,668</u>	<u>36,408,262</u>	<u>34,249,231</u>	<u>32,509,394</u>	<u>29,398,289</u>	<u>24,550,959</u>	<u>19,577,629</u>	<u>15,280,818</u>
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
District's covered employee payroll	\$ 122,759,273	\$ 117,575,186	\$ 111,049,771	\$ 108,843,833	\$ 105,058,992	\$ 102,424,053	\$ 100,679,073	\$ 98,203,838	\$ 95,500,630	\$ 95,505,113
Contributions as a percentage of covered employee payroll	34.31%	34.14%	33.69%	33.45%	32.60%	31.74%	29.20%	25.00%	20.50%	16.00%

BETHLEHEM AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN THE DISTRICT'S DEFINED CONTRIBUTION PENSION LIABILITY
CUMULATIVE TEN FISCAL YEARS REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

	<u>2022-23</u>	<u>2021-22</u>	<u>2020-21</u>	<u>2019-20</u>	<u>2018-19</u>	<u>2017-18</u>
Total Defined Contribution Pension Liability - beginning	\$ 552,734	\$ 558,291	\$ 548,321	\$ 569,576	\$ 581,333	\$ 575,595
Service Cost	27,719	29,581	22,623	25,267	23,628	27,837
Interest	12,973	10,301	18,050	16,628	17,975	14,353
Changes in Benefit Terms	-	-	-	-	-	-
Difference between expected and actual experience	-	28,309	-	13,337	-	23,156
Changes in assumptions	(71,821)	(10,854)	31,568	(8,455)	3,248	(9,752)
Benefit payments	(21,163)	(62,894)	(62,271)	(68,032)	(56,608)	(49,856)
Net change in total Pension Liability	<u>(52,292)</u>	<u>(5,557)</u>	<u>9,970</u>	<u>(21,255)</u>	<u>(11,757)</u>	<u>5,738</u>
Total Defined Contribution Pension Liability - ending	<u>\$ 500,442</u>	<u>\$ 552,734</u>	<u>\$ 558,291</u>	<u>\$ 548,321</u>	<u>\$ 569,576</u>	<u>\$ 581,333</u>
Interest Rate	4.06%	2.28%	1.86%	3.36%	2.98%	3.13%
Plan Members	63	63	53	53	53	53
Covered Payroll	\$ 7,084,625	\$ 7,084,625	\$ 6,217,420	\$ 6,217,420	\$ 5,956,792	\$ 5,956,792

BETHLEHEM AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHEDULE OF THE DISTRICT'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF NET DEFINED CONTRIBUTION PENSION LIABILITY
CUMULATIVE TEN FISCAL YEARS REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

	<u>2022-23</u>	<u>2021-22</u>	<u>2020-21</u>	<u>2019-20</u>	<u>2018-19</u>	<u>2017-18</u>
District's proportionate share of the net defined contribution pension liability (asset)	\$ 500,442	\$ 552,734	\$ 558,291	\$ 548,321	\$ 569,576	\$ 581,333
District's covered employee payroll	\$ 7,084,625	\$ 7,084,625	\$ 6,217,420	\$ 6,217,420	\$ 5,956,792	\$ 5,956,792
District's proportionate share of the net defined contribution pension liability (asset) as a percentage of its covered employee payroll	7.06%	7.80%	8.98%	8.82%	9.56%	9.76%

**BETHLEHEM AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHEDULE OF THE DISTRICT'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF NET OPEB LIABILITY
MULTIPLE EMPLOYER OPEB PLAN
CUMULATIVE TEN FISCAL YEARS REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

	<u>2022-23</u>	<u>2021-22</u>	<u>2020-21</u>	<u>2019-20</u>	<u>2018-19</u>	<u>2017-18</u>	<u>2016-17</u>
District's proportion of the net OPEB liability	0.7951%	0.7813%	0.7743%	0.7610%	0.7602%	0.7520%	0.7550%
District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability (asset)	\$ 14,636,000	\$ 18,518,000	\$ 16,730,000	\$ 16,185,000	\$ 15,850,000	\$ 15,321,000	\$ 16,263,000
District's covered-employee payroll	116,919,627	110,763,139	111,049,771	108,843,833	105,058,992	102,424,053	100,679,073
District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability (asset) as a percentage of its covered employee payroll	12.52%	16.72%	15.07%	14.87%	15.09%	14.96%	16.15%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total OPEB liability	6.86%	5.30%	5.69%	5.56%	5.56%	5.73%	5.47%

BETHLEHEM AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHEDULE OF DISTRICT'S CONTRIBUTIONS
MULTIPLE EMPLOYER OPEB PLAN
CUMULATIVE TEN FISCAL YEARS REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

	<u>2022-23</u>	<u>2021-22</u>	<u>2020-21</u>	<u>2019-20</u>	<u>2018-19</u>	<u>2017-18</u>	<u>2016-17</u>	<u>2015-16</u>	<u>2014-15</u>	<u>2013-14</u>
Contractually required contribution	\$ 920,695	\$ 940,601	\$ 910,608	\$ 914,288	\$ 871,990	\$ 850,120	\$ 835,636	\$ 824,911	\$ 859,508	\$ 888,203
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	<u>920,695</u>	<u>940,601</u>	<u>910,608</u>	<u>914,288</u>	<u>871,990</u>	<u>850,120</u>	<u>835,636</u>	<u>824,911</u>	<u>859,508</u>	<u>888,203</u>
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
District's covered employee payroll	\$ 122,759,273	\$ 117,575,186	\$ 111,049,771	\$ 108,843,833	\$ 105,058,992	\$ 102,424,053	\$ 100,679,073	\$ 98,203,838	\$ 95,500,630	\$ 95,505,113
Contributions as a percentage of covered employee payroll	0.75%	0.80%	0.82%	0.84%	0.83%	0.83%	0.83%	0.84%	0.90%	0.93%

**BETHLEHEM AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHEDULE OF THE DISTRICT'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF NET OPEB LIABILITY
SINGLE EMPLOYER HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN
CUMULATIVE TEN FISCAL YEARS REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

	<u>2022-23</u>	<u>2021-22</u>	<u>2020-21</u>	<u>2019-20</u>	<u>2018-19</u>	<u>2017-18</u>
Total OPEB Liability						
Service Cost	\$ 2,416,581	\$ 2,674,785	\$ 1,888,218	\$ 2,344,633	\$ 2,149,964	\$ 2,205,429
Interest	1,064,917	839,931	1,254,674	1,328,122	1,296,750	1,027,803
Changes in Benefit Terms	-	-	-	-	-	-
Difference between expected and actual experience	-	758,232	-	(7,592,830)	-	(1,012,030)
Changes in assumptions	(10,403,268)	(1,426,839)	4,870,904	(1,794,503)	522,450	(711,366)
Benefit payments	(1,162,418)	(892,334)	(1,092,883)	(1,011,025)	(1,043,053)	(1,607,802)
Net change in total OPEB Liability	(8,084,188)	1,953,775	6,920,913	(6,725,603)	2,926,111	(97,966)
Total OPEB Liability - beginning	44,919,958	42,966,183	36,045,270	42,770,873	39,844,762	39,942,728
Total OPEB Liability - ending	<u>\$ 36,835,770</u>	<u>\$ 44,919,958</u>	<u>\$ 42,966,183</u>	<u>\$ 36,045,270</u>	<u>\$ 42,770,873</u>	<u>\$ 39,844,762</u>
Covered employee payroll	<u>\$ 109,093,554</u>	<u>\$ 109,093,554</u>	<u>\$ 98,214,972</u>	<u>\$ 98,214,972</u>	<u>\$ 96,491,297</u>	<u>\$ 96,491,297</u>
Total OPEB Liability as a percentage of covered employee payroll	33.77%	41.18%	43.75%	36.70%	44.33%	41.29%

Bethlehem Area School District
Notes To Required Supplemental Information
Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023

Public School Employees' Retirement System

Changes of Benefit Terms

None.

Changes in Assumptions

The actuarially determined contributions, by PSERS, are calculated as of the June 30 preceding the fiscal year in which contributions are made. It does not include an adjustment made for the difference between projected vs actual contributions or separately financed liabilities. The following methods and assumptions were used to determine contribution rates reported:

- Valuation Date -- June 30, 2021
- Actuarial cost method – Entry Age Normal – level % of pay.
- Investment return – 7.00% includes inflation at 2.75%.
- 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 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 discount rate used to measure the Total Pension Liability was 7.0% as of June 30, 2021 and as of June 30, 2022.
- Demographic and economic assumptions approved by the Board for use effective with the June 30, 2021 actuarial valuation:
 - Salary growth rate - decreased from 5.00% to 4.50%.
 - Real wage growth and merit or seniority increases (components for salary growth) - decreased from 2.75% and 2.25% to 2.50% and 2.00%, respectively.
 - Mortality rates - previously based on 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. Effective with the June 30, 2021 actuarial valuation, mortality rates are 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.

Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability

The amount reported as the District's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset) does not include the adjustment for the difference between projected vs actual contributions made and the adjustment for the difference between proportionate share vs actual paid separately financed liabilities.

**Bethlehem Area School District
Notes To Required Supplemental Information
Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023**

Other Postemployment Benefits – Teachers Health Insurance Assistance

Changes of Benefit Terms

None.

Changes in Assumptions

The discount rate used to measure the Total OPEB liability increased from 2.18% as of June 30, 2021 to 4.09% as of June 30, 2022.

Methods and Assumptions Used in Calculations of Actuarially Determined Contributions

The actuarially determined contributions, by PSERS, are calculated as of the June 30 preceding the fiscal year in which contributions are made. It does not include an adjustment made for the difference between projected vs actual contributions or separately financed liabilities. The following methods and assumptions were used to determine contribution rates reported:

- Investment return – 4.09% - S&P 20 Year Municipal Bond Rate.
- Salary increases – Effective average of 4.50%, which reflects an allowance for inflation of 2.50%, and 2.00% for real wage growth and 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 PSER'S 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 Following Assumptions were Used to Determine the Contribution Rate:

- The results of the actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2020 determined the employer contribution rate for fiscal year 2022.
- 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: 63% of eligible retirees are assumed to elect premium assistance.
- Mortality Tables for Males and Females, adjusted to reflect PSER'S experience and projected using a modified version of the MP-2015 Mortality Improvement Scale.

Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability

The amount reported as the District's proportionate share of the net opeb liability (asset) does not include the adjustment for the difference between projected vs actual contributions made and the adjustment for the difference between proportionate share vs actual paid separately financed liabilities.

**Bethlehem Area School District
Notes To Required Supplemental Information
Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023**

Other Postemployment Benefits – Single Employer Healthcare Plan

Changes of Benefit Terms

None.

Changes in Assumptions

The discount rate changed from 2.28% to 4.06%. The trend assumption was updated. Assumptions for salary, mortality, withdrawal and retirement were updated based on new PSERS assumptions.

Methods and Assumptions Used in Calculations of Actuarially Determined Contributions

- Actuarial Cost Method – Entry Age Normal
- Salary Increases – 4.00% to 6.75%
- Healthcare cost trend rate – 6.5% in 2022, 6.0% in 2023 and 5.5% in 2024-25. Rates gradually decrease from 5.4% in 2026 to 3.9% in 2075 based on the Society of Actuaries Long-Run Medical Cost Trend Model
- Asset Valuation Method – Pay as you go basis
- Discount Rate – The rate of 4.09% is based on S&P Municipal Bond 20-year high grade rate index at July 1, 2022.

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**Bethlehem Area School District
Combining Balance Sheet
All Capital Project Funds
As of June 30, 2023**

	CAPITAL RESERVE FUND	CAPITAL PROJECT FUND	TOTAL CAPITAL PROJECT FUNDS
<u>ASSETS</u>			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 14,417,313	\$ 544	\$ 14,417,857
Due from Other Funds	-	2,712,338	2,712,338
TOTAL ASSETS	14,417,313	2,712,882	17,130,195
<u>DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES</u>			
	-	-	-
TOTAL ASSETS & DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	\$ 14,417,313	\$ 2,712,882	\$ 17,130,195
<u>LIABILITIES</u>			
Accounts Payable	\$ 635,934	\$ 2,712,338	\$ 3,348,272
TOTAL LIABILITIES	635,934	2,712,338	3,348,272
<u>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</u>			
	-	-	-
TOTAL LIABILITIES & DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	635,934	2,712,338	3,348,272
FUND BALANCES:			
Restricted Fund Balance	13,781,379	544	13,781,923
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	13,781,379	544	13,781,923
TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES, AND FUND BALANCES	\$ 14,417,313	\$ 2,712,882	\$ 17,130,195

Bethlehem Area School District
Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances
All Capital Project Funds
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

	<u>CAPITAL RESERVE FUND</u>	<u>CAPITAL PROJECT FUND</u>	<u>TOTAL CAPITAL PROJECT FUNDS</u>
REVENUES			
Local Sources	\$ 520,988	\$ 14,423,811	\$ 14,944,799
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>520,988</u>	<u>14,423,811</u>	<u>14,944,799</u>
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EXPENDITURES			
Support Services	43,044	97,127	140,171
Capital Outlay	<u>1,745,893</u>	<u>14,704,889</u>	<u>16,450,782</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>1,788,937</u>	<u>14,802,016</u>	<u>16,590,953</u>
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	<u>(1,267,949)</u>	<u>(378,205)</u>	<u>(1,646,154)</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Transfers out	<u>-</u>	<u>(25,355)</u>	<u>(25,355)</u>
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES AND USES	<u>-</u>	<u>(25,355)</u>	<u>25,355</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	(1,267,949)	(403,560)	(1,620,799)
FUND BALANCES - BEGINNING	<u>15,049,328</u>	<u>404,104</u>	<u>15,453,432</u>
FUND BALANCES - ENDING	<u>\$ 13,781,379</u>	<u>\$ 544</u>	<u>\$ 13,832,633</u>

**Bethlehem Area School District
General Fund
Schedule on Tax Collectors' Receipts
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023**

	<u>Bethlehem Township</u>	<u>Freemansburg</u>	<u>Fountain Hill</u>	<u>Hanover Township</u>	<u>City of Bethlehem Lehigh</u>	<u>Northampton</u>	<u>Total</u>
Current Real Estate Taxes							
Assessed Value	\$ 932,206,000	\$ 46,773,200	\$ 230,449,600	\$ 564,502,250	\$ 1,471,756,700	\$ 1,224,156,600	\$ 4,469,844,350
Millage Rate	0.05845	0.05845	0.01832	0.05845	0.01832	0.05845	Avg.
Total Tax to be Collected	54,487,441	2,733,894	4,221,837	32,995,157	26,962,583	71,551,953	192,952,865
Less: Act 1 Deduction	1,737,044	128,819	220,018	877,633	944,349	2,085,489	5,993,352
Total Taxable Duplicate	52,750,397	2,605,075	4,001,818	32,117,524	26,018,234	69,466,464	186,959,512
Plus:							
Additions	-	-	2,043	-	-	-	2,043
Over/Under	4,682	8	(2,005)	(1,284)	2,210	13,286	16,897
Penalties	73,522	4,303	9,893	38,869	54,872	113,041	294,500
Total Taxes to be Collected	52,828,601	2,609,386	4,011,749	32,155,109	26,075,316	69,592,791	187,272,952
Less -							
Discounts	910,929	44,674	67,155	530,837	420,981	1,207,253	3,181,829
Reductions	144,699	-	2,043	3,130	100,249	59,262	309,383
Refunds	827	9	-	2,242	384	1,294	4,756
TIF Payments	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Deletions	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Returned to County	775,094	84,546	86,961	294,207	393,168	1,506,700	3,140,676
Outstanding	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net Current Real Estate Taxes Collected	<u>\$ 50,997,052</u>	<u>\$ 2,480,157</u>	<u>\$ 3,855,590</u>	<u>\$ 31,324,693</u>	<u>\$ 25,160,534</u>	<u>\$ 66,818,282</u>	<u>\$ 180,636,308</u>
Current Interim Real Estate Taxes Collected	<u>\$ 1,306,073</u>	<u>\$ 1,078</u>	<u>\$ 8,841</u>	<u>\$ 343,817</u>	<u>\$ 123,696</u>	<u>\$ 334,561</u>	<u>\$ 2,118,066</u>
Current Per Capita Taxes						Combined	
No. of Persons Assessed	20,686	2,490	3,501	9,557	-	57,527	93,761
Tax Rate	\$ 10	\$ 10	\$ 10	\$ 10	\$ 10	\$ 10	\$ 10
Taxable Valuation	\$ 206,860	\$ 24,900	\$ 35,010	\$ 95,570	\$ -	\$ 575,270	\$ 937,610
Plus -							
Additions	12,900	1,990	2,970	4,990	-	54,200	77,050
Adjustments	103	4	5	50	-	274	436
Penalties	530	75	90	257	-	1,498	2,450
Collections made by the District	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Taxes to be Collected	220,393	26,969	38,075	100,867	-	631,242	1,017,546
Less -							
Discounts	2,437	166	260	1,261	-	4,565	8,689
Exonerations	2,460	120	150	1,670	-	3,560	7,960
Deletions	7,540	1,140	940	3,210	-	21,970	34,800
Returned to Delinquent Tax Collector	66,200	15,270	20,530	23,200	-	325,080	450,280
Outstanding	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Reductions	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net Current Per Capita Taxes Collected	<u>\$ 141,756</u>	<u>\$ 10,273</u>	<u>\$ 16,195</u>	<u>\$ 71,526</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 276,067</u>	<u>\$ 515,817</u>

Bethlehem Area School District
General Fund
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance - Budget vs Actual
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

6000 - Revenue from Local Sources		Budget	Actual	Variance
6111	Current Real Estate Taxes	\$ 179,278,411	\$ 180,636,308	\$ 1,357,897
6112	Interim Real Estate Taxes	1,099,996	2,118,066	1,018,070
6113	Public Utility	193,500	200,035	6,535
6114	Payment in Lieu of Taxes	450,000	1,061,516	611,516
6120	Current Per Capita Taxes - 679	251,700	257,908	6,208
6141	Current Per Capita Taxes - 511	251,700	257,908	6,208
6143	Local Services Tax	342,000	357,344	15,344
6151	Earned Income Tax	18,027,604	19,208,729	1,181,125
6153	Real Estate Transfer Tax	4,000,000	4,174,262	174,262
6157	Act 511 Mercantile Taxes	4,700,000	5,176,482	476,482
6411	Delinquent Real Estate Taxes	4,432,000	2,821,679	(1,610,321)
6420	Delinquent Per Capita Taxes	282,000	276,790	(5,210)
6457	Delinquent Mercantile Taxes	500,000	866,939	366,939
6510	Interest	85,000	5,358,848	5,273,848
6530	Gains or Losses on Sale of Investments	75,000	-	(75,000)
6710	Admissions	110,000	113,873	3,873
6740	Fees	41,000	56,915	15,915
6750	Other Student Activity Income	3,900	5,478	1,578
6832	Federal IDEA Revenued Received as Pass Through	2,077,866	2,119,788	41,922
6833	Federal ARP Act IDEA Revenue Received as Pass Through	-	462,695	462,695
6890	Other Revenue From Intermediary Sources	-	56,728	56,728
6910	Rentals	260,000	386,922	126,922
6920	Contributions	813,000	558,819	(254,181)
6942	Summer School	-	900	900
6944	Receipts from Other LEA's - Education	340,000	318,642	(21,358)
6970	Services provided to Other Funds	300,000	234	(299,766)
6980	Revenue from Community Services	3,750	3,500	(250)
6991	Refunds of Prior Yr. Expenditures	150,000	92,376	(57,624)
6999	Miscellaneous	235,000	207,867	(27,133)
TOTAL REVENUE FROM LOCAL SOURCES		218,303,427	227,157,551	8,854,124
7000 - Revenue from State Sources				
7111	Basic Subsidy - ESBE	46,650,384	42,833,264	(3,817,120)
7112	Basic Subsidy - ESBE	4,674,651	4,226,948	(447,703)
7120	General Operating Subsidy	-	3,803,691	3,803,691
7160	Orphan Tuition	500,000	648,834	148,834
7250	Migratory Children	-	360	360
7271	Special Education	9,159,975	9,159,627	(348)
7292	Pre-K Counts	1,050,000	1,200,000	150,000
7311	Pupil Transportation Subsidy	1,825,381	1,349,391	(475,990)
7312	Nonpublic and Charter School Pupil Transportation	1,217,461	833,910	(383,551)
7320	Rentals	1,815,597	1,455,668	(359,929)
7330	Health Services	321,000	302,357	(18,643)
7340	State Property Tax Reduction Allocation	5,994,131	5,994,131	-
7361	School Safety and Security	655,356	-	(655,356)
7362	School Mental Health & Safety and Security Grants	-	265,884	265,884
7505	Ready to Learn Grant	1,797,733	1,797,733	-
7599	Other State revenue not listed elsewhere	1,395,658	414,649	(981,009)
7820	Retirement Revenue	20,673,785	20,992,119	318,334
TOTAL REVENUE FROM STATE SOURCES		\$ 97,731,112	\$ 95,278,566	\$ (2,452,546)

**Bethlehem Area School District
General Fund
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8000 - Revenue from Federal Sources		Budget	Actual	Variance
8110	Payments for Federally Impacted Areas	\$ 60,000	\$ 78,112	\$ 18,112
8514	Title I	4,870,911	4,636,103	(234,808)
8515	Title IIA, IID	563,885	510,102	(53,783)
8516	Title III	205,825	239,122	33,297
8517	Title IV	342,384	356,052	13,668
8580	Child Care Grants	164,581	124,095	(40,486)
8741	ESSER I	-	3,952	3,952
8742	GEER Funds	55,707	27,686	(28,021)
8743	ESSER II	728,899	1,993,946	1,265,047
8744	ARP ESSER III	1,889,487	4,267,996	2,378,509
8746	ARP IDEA	481,597	-	(481,597)
8747	ARP ECF - Emergency Connectivity Fund	-	8,426	8,426
8751	ARP ESSER Learning Loss	849,207	430,155	(419,052)
8752	ARP ESSER Summer Programs	1,227	9,655	8,428
8753	ARP ESSER Afterschool Programs	291,232	85,425	(205,807)
8754	ARP ESSER Homeless Children and Youth Funds	50,000	17,971	(32,029)
8755	ARP Esser Emergency Relief - Other Entities	-	275,302	275,302
8810	Medical Assistance Reimbursements (Access)	800,000	1,310,515	510,515
8820	Medical Assistance Reimbursement for Health Related	108,000	104,673	(3,327)
TOTAL REVENUE FROM FEDERAL SOURCES		11,462,942	14,479,288	3,016,346
9000 - Other Financing Sources				
9220	Proceeds from Leases	-	79,146	79,146
9330	Capital Projects Fund Transfers	-	25,355	25,355
9400	Sale of or Compensation for Loss of Fixed Assets	80,000	99,727	19,727
9910	Other Financing Sources Not Listed Elsewhere	2,000,000	-	(2,000,000)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES		2,080,000	204,228	(1,875,772)
TOTAL REVENUES AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES		\$ 329,577,481	\$ 337,119,633	\$ 7,542,152
1000 - Instruction				
1110	Regular Programs - Elem./Secondary	\$ 135,874,588	\$ 135,541,073	\$ 333,515
1190	Federally Funded Regular Programs	7,389,287	7,389,287	-
1211	Life Skills Support - Public	2,647,707	2,647,707	-
1221	Deaf or Hearing Impaired Support	1,857,062	554,925	1,302,137
1224	Blind or Visually Impaired Support	600,617	85,139	515,478
1225	Speech & Language Impaired	2,859,236	2,859,236	-
1231	Emotional Support	6,716,518	5,773,020	943,498
1233	Autistic Support	5,000,941	5,000,941	-
1241	Learning Support - Public	17,581,282	17,581,282	-
1243	Gifted Support	1,055,996	948,003	107,993
1260	Physical Support	1,284,217	1,284,217	-
1270	Multi-Handicapped Support	680,672	590,910	89,762
1280	Early Intervention Support	115,338	115,338	-
1290	Other Support	11,509,918	11,509,918	-
1390	Other Vocational Education Programs	7,016,786	7,016,786	-
1420	Summer School	951,586	572,776	378,810
1430	Homebound Instruction	131,357	121,325	10,032
1441	Adjudicated/Court Placed Programs	77,921	14,251	63,670
1442	Alternative Education Program	1,037,777	1,037,777	-
1450	Instructional Programs Outside Established Schools	430,772	430,772	-
1490	Additional Other Instructional Program	1,674	1,674	-
1500	Nonpublic School Programs	273,000	228,858	44,142
1693	Community College Sponsorship	2,522,752	2,522,681	71
1700	Higher Education Programs	20,000	15,757	4,243
1801	Pre-K Instruction	1,178,831	1,178,831	-
1802	Pre-K Admin Support	56,318	42,113	14,205
1806	Pre-K Professional Development	11,700	1,209	10,491
Total Instruction		\$ 208,883,853	\$ 205,065,806	\$ 3,818,047

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General Fund
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2000 - Support Services		Budget	Actual	Variance
2111	Supervision of Student Services - Head of Component	\$ 367,506	\$ 367,506	\$ -
2119	Supervision of Student Services - All Other Supervision	836,448	713,992	122,456
2120	Guidance Services	7,987,655	7,938,959	48,696
2130	Attendance Services	365,620	365,620	-
2140	Psychological Services	1,842,709	1,728,406	114,303
2160	Social Work Services	3,047,537	3,047,537	-
2170	Student Accounting Services	475,877	428,394	47,483
2220	Technology Support Services	195,319	112,246	83,073
2230	Educational Television Services	145,186	145,144	42
2240	Computer Assisted Instruction Services	1,134,860	1,089,737	45,123
2250	School Library Services	2,314,994	2,314,994	-
2260	Instructional & Curriculum Dev. Service	3,136,771	3,136,771	-
2271	Instructional Staff Development Services	3,444,995	3,206,504	238,491
2272	Instructional Staff Development Service	77,497	66,700	10,797
2290	Other Instructional Staff Services	450	-	450
2310	Board Services	195,462	135,277	60,185
2320	Board Treasurer Services	200	-	200
2330	Tax Assessment & Collection Service	1,731,239	1,731,239	-
2340	Staff Relations	2,500	1,908	592
2350	Legal Services	637,600	546,804	90,796
2360	Office of the Superintendent Services	826,772	826,772	-
2370	Community Relations Services	165,060	129,439	35,621
2380	Office of the Principal Services	11,493,670	11,493,670	-
2390	Other Administration Services	90,303	80,931	9,372
2419	Supervision of Health Services - All Other	246,144	246,144	-
2420	Medical Services	4,000	3,387	613
2430	Dental Services	7,000	3,100	3,900
2440	Nursing Services	2,755,033	2,755,033	-
2450	Non Public Health Service	233,509	132,545	100,964
2490	Other Health Services	21,000	7,066	13,934
2511	Supervision of Fiscal Services	559,852	559,852	-
2513	Receiving and Disbursing Funds Services	539,658	462,152	77,506
2514	Payroll Services	321,543	295,571	25,972
2515	Financial Accounting Services	404,575	404,575	-
2516	Internal Auditing Services	223,547	2,578	220,969
2519	Other Fiscal Services	391,930	206,809	185,121
2520	Purchasing Services	119,392	108,383	11,009
2530	Warehousing and Distributing Services	218,961	218,961	-
2540	Printing, Publishing and Duplicating Services	180,138	180,138	-
2590	Other Support Services - Business	1,885	1,885	-
2611	Supervision of Oper and Maint. of Plant - Head	341,774	341,774	-
2619	Supervision of Oper and Maint. of Plant - Other	782,411	782,411	-
2620	Operation of Building Services	18,333,194	17,675,014	658,180
2630	Care and Upkeep of Grounds Services	925,744	925,744	-
2650	Vehicle Operation and Maint. Services	430,898	430,898	-
2660	Security Services	2,348,205	1,887,631	460,574
2711	Supervision of Student Trans. Svcs - Head	302	302	-
2719	Supervision of Student Transportation Services	1,257,682	1,257,682	-
2720	Vehicle Operation Services	8,192,826	8,192,826	-
2730	Monitoring Services	1,114,535	1,114,535	-
2740	Vehicle Servicing and Maintenance Services	2,009,401	1,854,696	154,705
2750	Nonpublic Transportaion	180	-	180
	Sub-Total - Support Services	\$ 82,481,549	\$ 79,660,242	\$ 2,821,307

Bethlehem Area School District
General Fund
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance - Budget vs Actual
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Sub-Total - Support Services (Carried Forward)	\$ 82,481,549	\$ 79,660,242	\$ 2,821,307
2818 System Wide Technology Services	3,379,674	3,049,990	329,684
2821 Supervision of Information Services	363,572	363,572	-
2823 Public Information Services	183,091	171,761	11,330
2831 Supervision of Staff Services	544,812	544,812	-
2832 Recruitment and Placement Services	276,068	244,248	31,820
2833 Staff Accounting Services	839,420	764,807	74,613
2834 Staff Development Services - Non-Instructional	692,540	664,424	28,116
2835 Health Services	363,350	363,350	-
2836 Staff Development Services - Non-Instructional	560,448	422,922	137,526
2840 Data Processing Services	1,813,620	1,636,405	177,215
2850 State and Federal Agency Liaison Services	407,361	386,981	20,380
2910 Support Services not listed elsewhere	<u>140,913</u>	<u>140,789</u>	<u>124</u>
Total Support Services	92,046,418	88,414,303	3,632,115
 <u>3000 - Operation of Non-Instructional Services</u>			
3210 School Sponsored Student Activities	1,134,381	661,630	472,751
3250 School Sponsored Athletics	3,260,088	3,260,088	-
3300 Community Services	384,938	313,321	71,617
3330 Public Library Services	37,237	37,237	-
3350 Welfare Activities	100	100	-
3400 Scholarships and Awards	<u>6,450</u>	<u>738</u>	<u>5,712</u>
Total Non-Instructional Services	<u>4,823,194</u>	<u>4,273,114</u>	<u>550,080</u>
 <u>4000 - Facilities Acquisition, Construction, and Improvement Svcs.</u>			
4400 Architecture and Engineering Services	7,560	7,560	-
4600 Existing Building Improvement Services	<u>57,789</u>	<u>57,789</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Facilities Acquisition, Construction, and Improvement Svcs.	65,349	65,349	-
 <u>5000 - Other Expenditures and Financing Uses</u>			
5110 Debt Service	23,247,623	23,247,623	-
5130 Refund of Prior Yr. Receipts	82,040	82,040	-
5140 Lease Payments	<u>454,004</u>	<u>411,828</u>	<u>42,176</u>
Total Other Expenditures and Financing Uses	<u>23,783,667</u>	<u>23,741,491</u>	<u>42,176</u>
 TOTAL EXPENDITURES AND OTHER FINANCING USES	 \$ 329,602,481	 \$ 321,560,063	 \$ 8,042,418

**Bethlehem Area School District
General Fund
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance - Budget vs Actual
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023**

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance</u>
TOTAL REVENUES AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	\$ 329,577,481	\$ 337,119,633	\$ 7,542,152
TOTAL EXPENDITURES AND OTHER FINANCING USES	<u>329,602,481</u>	<u>321,560,063</u>	<u>8,042,418</u>
NET REVENUES AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER FINANCING USES	(25,000)	15,559,570	15,584,570
Special Items	-	-	-
Extraordinary Items - Insurance Recoveries	<u>25,000</u>	<u>16,696</u>	<u>(8,304)</u>
NET REVENUES AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER FINANCING USES AFTER SPECIAL ITEMS AND EXTRAORDINARY ITEMS	-	15,576,266	15,576,266
FUND BALANCE - JULY 1, 2022	<u>47,645,375</u>	<u>52,308,953</u>	<u>4,663,578</u>
FUND BALANCE - JUNE 30, 2023	<u>\$ 47,645,375</u>	<u>\$ 67,885,219</u>	<u>\$ 20,239,844</u>

**Bethlehem Area School District
Capital Reserve Fund
Statement of Revenues and Expenditures
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023**

FUND BALANCE - JULY 1, 2022 \$ 15,049,328

REVENUES AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES

Interest	\$ 520,988	
Transfer from General Fund	-	520,988
TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE		15,570,316

EXPENDITURES

SUPPORT SERVICES:

Equipment	43,044	
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CAPITAL OUTLAY:

Professional Services	888,237	
Repairs and Maintenance	497,146	
Land Improvements	98,465	
Equipment	262,045	1,788,937

FUND BALANCE - JUNE 30, 2023 **\$ 13,781,379**

**Bethlehem Area School District
Special Revenue (Authority General Fund) Fund
Statement of Revenues and Expenditures
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023**

FUND BALANCE - JULY 1, 2022		\$ 623
 <u>REVENUES AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES</u>		
Proceeds from Refunding Bond Issues	\$ -	
Interest Earnings	<u>5,599,045</u>	<u>5,599,045</u>
TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE		5,599,668
 <u>EXPENDITURES AND OTHER FINANCING USES</u>		
SUPPORT SERVICES:		
Professional Services	-	
Printing	-	
DEBT SERVICE:		
Bond Principal	1,570,000	
Bond Interest	4,029,045	
OTHER FINANCING USES:		
Payment to Refunding Bond Issue Escrow Agent	<u>-</u>	<u>5,599,045</u>
FUND BALANCE - JUNE 30, 2023		<u>\$ 623</u>

**Bethlehem Area School District
Capital Project Fund
Statement of Revenues and Expenditures
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023**

FUND BALANCE - JULY 1, 2022		\$ 404,104
 <u>REVENUES AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES</u>		
ESSER II	\$ 2,476,374	
ARP ESSER III	11,941,592	
Interest Earnings	<u>5,845</u>	<u>14,423,811</u>
TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE		14,827,915
 <u>EXPENDITURES AND OTHER FINANCING USES</u>		
SUPPORT SERVICES:		
Professional Services	25,552	
Construction Services	-	
Equipment	71,575	
CAPITAL OUTLAY:		
Professional Services	54,309	
Repairs and Maintenance	262,515	
Land & Improvements	49,960	
Equipment	14,338,105	
OTHER FINANCING USES:		
Transfer to General Fund	<u>25,355</u>	<u>14,827,371</u>
FUND BALANCE - JUNE 30, 2023		<u>\$ 544</u>

Bethlehem Area School District
Food Service Fund
Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Fund Net Position
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

REVENUES

Sales	\$ 1,405,521	
Donated Commodities	523,560	
Special Events	119,371	
State Subsidies	922,513	
Federal Subsidies	6,159,192	
Interest earnings	143,192	
Rentals	<u>5,152</u>	
TOTAL REVENUES		\$ 9,278,501

COST OF COMMODITIES

Beginning Inventory	5,283	
Food Service Management - Food	2,400,328	
Donated Commodities	521,137	
Ending Inventory	<u>(2,860)</u>	
TOTAL COST OF COMMODITIES SOLD		<u>2,923,888</u>
GROSS PROFIT		<u>6,354,613</u>

OPERATING EXPENSES

Salaries	1,984,345	
Self-Insured Medical Benefits	476,347	
Self-Insured Dental Benefits	3,600	
Self-Insured Prescriptions	14,400	
Fica Tax	152,691	
Retirement Contributions	494,909	
Other Benefits	22,119	
Repairs and Maintenance	47,616	
Rentals	2,459	
Communications	1,848	
Food Service Management Costs	1,173,891	
Travel	70	
Supplies	74,788	
Technology Supplies	19,280	
Depreciation	53,848	
Dues and Fees	<u>5,413</u>	
TOTAL EXPENSES		<u>4,527,624</u>
CHANGES IN FUND NET POSITION		1,826,989
FUND NET POSITION - JULY 1, 2022		<u>(2,067,357)</u>
FUND NET POSITION - JUNE 30, 2023		<u>\$ (240,368)</u>

**Bethlehem Area School District
Day Care Fund
Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Fund Net Position
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023**

REVENUES

Regular Day School Tuition	\$ 1,301,668	
Revenue from Community Service Activities	420,185	
Fica Revenue	39,888	
Retirement Revenue	163,242	
OCDEL-CSC Cares ACT Funding	110,880	
Miscellaneous	8,458	
Earnings on Investments	<u>21,623</u>	
TOTAL REVENUES		\$ 2,065,944

OPERATING EXPENSES

Salaries	1,055,859	
Self-ins. Medical Benefits	315,411	
Self-ins. Dental Benefits	23,925	
Self-ins. Prescriptions	95,700	
Self-Ins. Eye Care	158	
Fica Tax	79,321	
Retirement Contributions	238,023	
Workers Compensation	7,592	
Other Benefits	13,996	
Professional Services	1,815	
Small Equipment	1,132	
Communications	65	
Travel	562	
Repairs and Maintenance	547	
Supplies	20,705	
Meals/Refreshments	235	
Miscellaneous	300	
Dues and Fees	3,077	
Bad Debt Expense	<u>3,682</u>	
TOTAL EXPENSES		<u>1,862,105</u>
CHANGES IN FUND NET POSITION		203,839
FUND NET POSITION - JULY 1, 2022		<u>(3,995,683)</u>
FUND NET POSITION - JUNE 30, 2023		<u>\$ (3,791,844)</u>

**Bethlehem Area School District
Self-Insurance Fund
Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023**

ADDITIONS

Contributions from Other Funds	\$ 33,243,860	
Cobra and Co-Pay Payments	1,529,129	
Interest Earnings	797,117	
Wellness Revenue	29,412	
Stop-Loss Claim Reimbursement	483,790	
Other Misc. Revenue	609	
TOTAL REVENUES		\$ 36,083,917

DEDUCTIONS

Staff Health Services	16,540	
Staff Health Software	18,112	
Eye Care Insurance	9,829	
Unemployment	5,197	
Medical Insurance	24,649,775	
Dental	1,367,472	
Prescription	9,236,060	
Stop Loss Insurance	1,638,709	
Dues, Fees, and Supplies	13,665	
TOTAL EXPENSES		36,955,359
CHANGES IN NET POSITION		(871,442)
NET POSITION - JULY 1, 2022		23,922,366
NET POSITION - JUNE 30, 2023		<u>\$ 23,050,924</u>

**Self-Insurance Fund
Statement of Fiduciary Net Position
As of June 30, 2023**

ASSETS

Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 20,394,205	
Due From Other Funds	6,177,280	
Other Receivables	34,178	
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>\$ 26,605,663</u>

LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable	\$ 3,545,198	
Due to Other Funds	9,541	
Other Current Liabilities	-	
TOTAL LIABILITIES		3,554,739

NET POSITION

Restricted for:		
Pool Participants		23,050,924
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND NET POSITION		<u>\$ 26,605,663</u>

**Bethlehem Area School District
Activity Fund
Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023**

ADDITIONS

Interest Income	\$ 24,592	
Admissions	269,750	
Student Organization Membership Dues and Fees	111,174	
Special Events	309,722	
Contributions & Donations	37,411	
Other Activity Income	8,191	
TOTAL REVENUES		\$ 760,840

DEDUCTIONS

Professional and Technical Services	24,875	
Rentals	164,586	
Transportation Services	71,306	
Communications	40,027	
Travel	54,780	
Supplies	265,236	
Food	38,675	
Dues & Fees	12,858	
Donations	66,581	
Student Fees for Instruction Related Events	17,568	
Miscellaneous Expenses	10,697	
TOTAL EXPENSES		767,189
CHANGES IN NET POSITION		(6,349)
NET POSITION - JULY 1, 2022		662,635
NET POSITION - JUNE 30, 2023		\$ 656,286

**Activity Fund
Statement of Fiduciary Net Position
As of June 30, 2023**

ASSETS

Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 656,636	
Due From Other Funds	2,000	
Other Receivables	8,833	
Prepaid Expenses	5,890	
TOTAL ASSETS		\$ 673,359

LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable	\$ 16,343	
Due to Other Funds	730	
TOTAL LIABILITIES		17,073

NET POSITION

Restricted for:		
Individuals, organizations, and other governments		656,286
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND NET POSITION		\$ 673,359

**Bethlehem Area School District
Private-Purpose Trust Fund
Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023**

ADDITIONS

Contributions & Donations	\$ 106,040	
Interest Income	7,764	
TOTAL REVENUES	113,804	\$ 113,804

DEDUCTIONS

Admin. Fees	-	
Awards	122,400	
TOTAL EXPENSES	122,400	122,400

CHANGES IN NET POSITION (8,596)

NET POSITION - JULY 1, 2022 194,261

NET POSITION - JUNE 30, 2023 **\$ 185,665**

**Private-Purpose Trust Fund
Statement of Fiduciary Net Position
As of June 30, 2023**

ASSETS

Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 197,240	
Investments	600	
TOTAL ASSETS	197,840	\$ 197,840

LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable	\$ 12,175	
TOTAL LIABILITIES	12,175	12,175

NET POSITION

Restricted for:		
Individuals, organizations, and other governments		185,665

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND NET POSITION **\$ 197,840**

Bethlehem Area School District
Schedule on General Obligation Bonds - Series A of 2015
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

<u>FISCAL YEAR</u>	<u>INTEREST</u>	<u>PRINCIPAL</u>
2023-24	\$ 1,500,000	\$ -
2024-25	1,500,000	-
2025-26	1,500,000	-
2026-27	1,500,000	-
2027-28	1,500,000	-
2028-29	1,500,000	-
2029-30	1,500,000	-
2030-31	1,500,000	-
2031-32	1,500,000	-
2032-33	1,326,250	6,950,000
2033-34	969,875	7,305,000
2034-35	595,375	7,675,000
2035-36	201,750	8,070,000
TOTAL OUTSTANDING	\$ 16,593,250	\$ 30,000,000

Schedule on General Obligation Notes - Series B of 2015
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

<u>FISCAL YEAR</u>	<u>INTEREST</u>	<u>PRINCIPAL</u>
2023-24	\$ 124,706	\$ -
2024-25	124,706	-
2025-26	124,706	-
2026-27	124,706	-
2027-28	124,706	-
2028-29	124,706	-
2029-30	111,545	810,000
2030-31	73,069	1,500,000
2031-32	23,878	1,415,000
TOTAL OUTSTANDING	\$ 956,728	\$ 3,725,000

Bethlehem Area School District
Schedule on General Obligation Notes - Series C of 2015
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

<u>FISCAL YEAR</u>	<u>INTEREST</u>	<u>PRINCIPAL</u>
2023-24	\$ 287,731	\$ 1,265,000
2024-25	244,600	1,280,000
2025-26	197,675	1,370,000
2026-27	146,759	1,390,000
2027-28	93,886	1,365,000
2028-29	40,581	1,325,000
2029-30	6,993	340,000
TOTAL OUTSTANDING	\$ 1,018,225	\$ 8,335,000

Schedule on General Obligation Bonds - Series A of 2016
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

<u>FISCAL YEAR</u>	<u>INTEREST</u>	<u>PRINCIPAL</u>
2023-24	\$ 1,253,688	\$ 7,090,000
2024-25	899,187	8,775,000
2025-26	460,434	9,240,000
2026-27	45,838	745,000
2027-28	30,937	750,000
2028-29	15,938	750,000
TOTAL OUTSTANDING	\$ 2,706,022	\$ 27,350,000

Schedule on General Obligation Bonds - Series B of 2016
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

<u>FISCAL YEAR</u>	<u>INTEREST</u>	<u>PRINCIPAL</u>
2023-24	\$ 590,925	\$ -
2024-25	590,925	-
2025-26	590,925	-
2026-27	590,925	-
2027-28	590,925	-
2028-29	590,925	-
2029-30	590,925	5,000
2030-31	590,806	5,000
2031-32	590,681	5,000
2032-33	590,550	4,655,000
2033-34	450,900	4,860,000
2034-35	305,100	5,010,000
2035-36	154,800	5,160,000
TOTAL OUTSTANDING	\$ 6,819,312	\$ 19,700,000

Bethlehem Area School District
Schedule on General Obligation Bonds - Series of 2019
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

<u>FISCAL YEAR</u>	<u>INTEREST</u>	<u>PRINCIPAL</u>
2023-24	\$ 49,000	\$ 1,960,000
TOTAL OUTSTANDING	\$ 49,000	\$ 1,960,000

Schedule on General Obligation Bonds - Series of 2021
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

<u>FISCAL YEAR</u>	<u>INTEREST</u>	<u>PRINCIPAL</u>
2023-24	\$ 1,237,125	\$ 2,335,000
2024-25	1,082,625	3,845,000
2025-26	886,000	4,020,000
2026-27	681,375	4,165,000
2027-28	468,625	4,345,000
2028-29	246,500	4,540,000
2029-30	66,500	2,660,000
TOTAL OUTSTANDING	\$ 4,668,750	\$ 25,910,000

Schedule on Guaranteed Revenue Bonds - Series A of 2021
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

<u>FISCAL YEAR</u>	<u>INTEREST</u>	<u>PRINCIPAL</u>
2023-24	\$ 1,182,969	\$ 75,000
2024-25	1,181,207	75,000
2025-26	1,179,444	75,000
2026-27	1,066,804	6,840,000
2027-28	791,397	7,220,000
2028-29	499,282	7,625,000
2029-30	188,915	8,375,000
TOTAL OUTSTANDING	\$ 6,090,018	\$ 30,285,000

Bethlehem Area School District
Schedule on Guaranteed Revenue Bonds - Series B of 2021
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

<u>FISCAL YEAR</u>	<u>INTEREST</u>	<u>PRINCIPAL</u>
2023-24	\$ 1,457,863	\$ 1,540,000
2024-25	1,347,374	2,160,000
2025-26	1,231,711	2,230,000
2026-27	1,058,413	4,785,000
2027-28	872,973	4,995,000
2028-29	679,646	5,220,000
2029-30	469,307	5,860,000
2030-31	249,884	6,090,000
2031-32	19,295	6,450,000
TOTAL OUTSTANDING	\$ 7,386,466	\$ 39,330,000

Schedule on Guaranteed Revenue Bonds - Series C of 2021
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

<u>FISCAL YEAR</u>	<u>INTEREST</u>	<u>PRINCIPAL</u>
2023-24	\$ 1,261,102	\$ 25,000
2024-25	1,260,515	25,000
2025-26	1,259,927	25,000
2026-27	1,259,340	25,000
2027-28	1,258,752	25,000
2028-29	1,258,165	25,000
2029-30	1,207,133	2,275,000
2030-31	904,624	13,640,000
2031-32	318,603	14,215,000
TOTAL OUTSTANDING	\$ 9,988,161	\$ 30,280,000

S I N G L E A U D I T S E C T I O N

**Bethlehem Area School District
Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards
Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023**

FEDERAL GRANTOR PROJECT TITLE	SOURCE CODE	FEDERAL ALN	GRANTOR PASS THROUGH NUMBER	GRANT PERIOD	AWARD AMOUNT	TOTAL RECEIVED	ACCRUED OR (DEFERRED) AT 7/01/22	REVENUE	EXPENDI- TURES	ACCRUED OR (DEFERRED) AT 6/30/23	FOOT- NOTES
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION											
PASSED THROUGH THE UNIVERSAL SERVICE ADMINISTRATIVE CO.											
COVID-19 EMERGENCY CONNECTIVITY FUND PROGRAM	I	32.009	N/A	N/A	\$ 8,426	\$ 6,329	\$ -	\$ 8,426	\$ 8,426	\$ 2,097	2
TOTAL FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION						6,329	-	8,426	8,426	2,097	
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION											
IMPACT AID PUBLIC LAW 81-874											
TOTAL IMPACT AID CLUSTER											
	D	84.041	N/A	7/1/22-6/30/23	\$ -	78,112	-	78,112	78,112	-	
TOTAL IMPACT AID CLUSTER						78,112	-	78,112	78,112	-	
PASSED THROUGH THE PA DEPT OF EDUCATION (PDE)											
TITLE IA - IMPROVING BASIC PROGRAMS											
TITLE IA - IMPROVING BASIC PROGRAMS	I	84.010	FA-013-21-0034	7/1/20-9/30/21	\$ 4,287,702	-	(33,831)	33,831	33,831	-	2
TITLE IA - IMPROVING BASIC PROGRAMS	I	84.010	FA-013-22-0034	7/1/21-9/30/22	\$ 4,025,624	810,413	773,721	36,692	36,692	-	
TITLE IA - IMPROVING BASIC PROGRAMS	I	84.010	FA-013-23-0034	7/1/22-9/30/23	\$ 4,045,829	3,454,972	-	3,974,077	3,974,077	519,105	
TITLE I - SCHOOL INTERVENTION	I	84.010	FA-042-22-0034	7/1/21-9/30/22	\$ 573,831	51,062	(27,211)	78,273	78,273	-	
TITLE I - SCHOOL INTERVENTION	I	84.010	FA-042-23-0034	7/1/22-9/30/23	\$ 613,137	437,955	-	513,230	513,230	75,275	
TOTAL TITLE I PROGRAM						4,754,402	712,679	4,636,103	4,636,103	594,380	
PASSED THROUGH THE PDE											
TITLE IIA - SUPPORTING EFFECTIVE INSTRUCTION											
TITLE IIA - SUPPORTING EFFECTIVE INSTRUCTION	I	84.367	FA-020-21-0034	7/1/20-9/30/21	\$ 561,370	-	(1,831)	1,831	1,831	-	2
TITLE IIA - SUPPORTING EFFECTIVE INSTRUCTION	I	84.367	FA-020-22-0034	7/1/21-9/30/22	\$ 466,144	34,766	(1,893)	36,659	36,659	-	
TITLE IIA - SUPPORTING EFFECTIVE INSTRUCTION	I	84.367	FA-020-23-0034	7/1/22-9/30/23	\$ 512,165	438,761	-	471,612	471,612	32,851	
TOTAL TITLE IIA PROGRAM						473,527	(3,724)	510,102	510,102	32,851	
PASSED THROUGH THE PDE											
TITLE III - LEP / IMMIGRANT STUDENTS											
TITLE III - LEP / IMMIGRANT STUDENTS	I	84.365	FA-010-21-0034	7/1/20-9/30/21	\$ 293,328	78,221	78,023	198	198	-	2
TITLE III - LEP / IMMIGRANT STUDENTS	I	84.365	FA-010-22-0034	7/1/21-9/30/22	\$ 180,988	61,829	15,464	46,365	46,365	-	
TITLE III - LEP / IMMIGRANT STUDENTS	I	84.365	FA-010-23-0034	7/1/22-9/30/23	\$ 195,769	110,777	-	192,559	192,559	81,782	
TOTAL TITLE III PROGRAM						250,827	93,487	239,122	239,122	81,782	
PASSED THROUGH THE PDE											
TITLE IVA - STUDENT SUPPORT AND ACADEMIC ENRICHMENT											
TITLE IVA - STUDENT SUPPORT AND ACADEMIC ENRICHMENT	I	84.424	FA-144-21-0034	7/1/20-9/30/21	\$ 297,171	-	(2,728)	2,728	2,728	-	2
TITLE IVA - STUDENT SUPPORT AND ACADEMIC ENRICHMENT	I	84.424	FA-144-22-0034	7/1/21-9/30/22	\$ 323,579	129,546	(36,307)	165,853	165,853	-	4
TITLE IVA - STUDENT SUPPORT AND ACADEMIC ENRICHMENT	I	84.424	FA-144-23-0034	7/1/22-9/30/23	\$ 318,169	101,030	-	187,471	187,471	86,441	
PASSED THROUGH COMMUNITIES IN SCHOOLS OF EASTERN PA											
TITLE IVB, NITA M. LOWET 21ST CCLC COHORT 11											
TOTAL TITLE IV PROGRAM						31,201	-	56,728	56,728	25,527	2
	I	84.287	21C-22-0039	10/1/22-9/30/2027	\$ 432,328	261,777	(39,035)	412,780	412,780	111,968	
PASSED THROUGH THE COLONIAL I.U. #20											
IDEA, PART B											
IDEA, PART B	I	84.027	N/A	7/1/21-9/30/22	\$ 2,049,051	-	-	-	-	-	1
IDEA, PART B	I	84.027	N/A	7/1/22-9/30/23	\$ 2,105,298	1,652,172	-	2,105,298	2,105,298	453,126	1
COVID-19 ARP-IDEA	I	84.027X	N/A	7/1/21-9/30/23	\$ 593,232	435,000	86,220	462,695	462,695	113,915	1
IDEA SECTION 619 - PRESCHOOL	I	84.173	N/A	7/1/21-9/30/22	\$ 8,815	8,815	8,815	-	-	-	1
IDEA SECTION 619 - PRESCHOOL	I	84.173	N/A	7/1/22-9/30/23	\$ 14,490	-	-	14,490	14,490	14,490	1
TOTAL IDEA CLUSTER						2,095,987	95,035	2,582,483	2,582,483	581,531	
PASSED THROUGH THE PA COMMISSION ON CRIME AND DELINQUENCY (PCCD)											
COVID-19 ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL EMERGENCY RELIEF (ESSER) FUND - ESSER I											
COVID-19 ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL EMERGENCY RELIEF (ESSER) FUND - ESSER I	I	84.425D	2020-ES-01-35273	3/13/20-9/30/22	\$ 452,553	1,061	827	234	234	-	2
PASSED THROUGH THE PDE											
COVID-19 ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL EMERGENCY RELIEF (ESSER) FUND - ESSER I											
COVID-19 GOVERNOR'S EMERGENCY EDUCATION RELIEF (GEER) FUND - ATSI	I	84.425D	FA-200-20-0034	3/13/20-9/30/22	\$ 3,218,394	-	(3,718)	3,718	3,718	-	2
COVID-19 GOVERNOR'S EMERGENCY EDUCATION RELIEF (GEER) FUND - ATSI	I	84.425C	FA-254-20-0034	3/13/20-9/30/22	\$ 389,988	81,785	54,099	27,686	27,686	-	
COVID-19 ESSER FUND - ESSER II	I	84.425D	FA-200-21-0034	3/13/20-9/30/23	\$ 15,889,038	6,651,225	2,615,949	4,470,319	4,470,319	435,043	
COVID-19 AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN - ESSER (ARP-ESSER)	I	84.425U	223-21-0034	3/13/20-9/30/24	\$ 32,138,927	15,777,292	5,777,383	16,209,589	16,209,589	6,209,680	
COVID-19 ARP-ESSER - LEARNING LOSS SET ASIDE	I	84.425U	FA-225-21-0034	3/13/20-9/30/24	\$ 1,784,227	486,607	20,055	430,155	430,155	(36,397)	
COVID-19 ARP-ESSER - SUMMER SCHOOL SET ASIDE	I	84.425U	FA-225-21-0034	3/13/20-9/30/24	\$ 356,845	97,321	120,107	9,655	9,655	32,441	
COVID-19 ARP-ESSER - AFTER SCHOOL SET ASIDE	I	84.425U	FA-225-21-0034	3/13/20-9/30/24	\$ 356,845	97,322	44,335	85,425	85,425	32,438	
COVID-19 ARP-ESSER - HOMELESS CHILDREN AND YOUTH	I	84.425W	FA-181-21-2035	7/01/21-9/30/24	\$ 189,023	14,540	(10,751)	17,971	17,971	(7,320)	
COVID-19 ARP-ESSER - 2.5% SEA RESERVE	I	84.425C	FA-224-21-0034	3/13/20-9/30/24	\$ 355,967	245,941	(19,416)	275,302	275,302	9,945	
TOTAL EDUCATION STABILIZATION FUND						23,453,094	8,598,870	21,530,054	21,530,054	6,675,830	
TOTAL U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION						31,367,726	9,457,312	29,988,756	29,988,756	8,078,342	

SOURCE: D-DIRECT; I-INDIRECT

**Bethlehem Area School District
Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards
Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023 (Continued)**

FEDERAL GRANTOR <u>PROJECT TITLE</u>	SOURCE CODE	FEDERAL ALN	GRANTOR PASS THROUGH NUMBER	GRANT PERIOD	AWARD AMOUNT	TOTAL RECEIVED	ACCRUED OR (DEFERRED) AT 7/01/22	REVENUE	EXPENDI- TURES	ACCRUED OR (DEFERRED) AT 6/30/23	FOOT- NOTES
U.S. DEPT. OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES											
<u>PASSED THROUGH THE PA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE</u>											
PROMOTING SAFE AND STABLE FAMILIES	I	93,556	SAP 4100066996	7/1/21-6/30/22	\$ 124,095	-	-	-	-	-	2
PROMOTING SAFE AND STABLE FAMILIES	I	93,556	SAP 4100066996	7/1/22-6/30/23	\$ 124,095	120,172	-	124,095	124,095	3,923	
TOTAL PROMOTING SAFE AND STABLE FAMILIES PROGRAM						120,172	-	124,095	124,095	3,923	
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ESEA - TITLE 19 MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT	I	93,778	N/A	7/1/22-9/30/23	N/A	150,035	94,046	104,673	104,673	48,684	2
TOTAL U.S. DEPT. OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES						270,207	94,046	228,768	228,768	52,607	
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U. S. DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE											
<u>PASSED THROUGH THE PDE</u>											
NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH	I	10,555	N/A	7/1/21 - 6/30/22	N/A	851,650	851,650	-	-	-	2
NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH	I	10,555	N/A	7/1/22 - 6/30/23	N/A	4,141,412	-	4,241,186	4,241,186	99,774	
COVID-19 NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH - SUPPLY CHAIN ASSISTANCE	I	10,555	N/A	N/A	N/A	340,002	-	340,002	340,002	-	
BREAKFAST PROGRAM	I	10,553	N/A	7/1/21 - 6/30/22	N/A	156,100	156,100	-	-	-	
BREAKFAST PROGRAM	I	10,553	N/A	7/1/22 - 6/30/23	N/A	409	-	409	409	-	
SEVERE NEED BREAKFAST	I	10,553	N/A	7/1/21 - 6/30/22	N/A	95,228	95,228	-	-	-	
SEVERE NEED BREAKFAST	I	10,553	N/A	7/1/22 - 6/30/23	N/A	1,208,844	-	1,250,220	1,250,220	41,376	
AFTER SCHOOL SNACK	I	10,555	N/A	7/1/21 - 6/30/22	N/A	7,692	7,692	-	-	-	
AFTER SCHOOL SNACK	I	10,555	N/A	7/1/22 - 6/30/23	N/A	61,019	-	61,487	61,487	468	
SUMMER FOOD	I	10,559	N/A	7/1/21 - 6/30/22	N/A	25,336	25,336	-	-	-	
SUMMER FOOD	I	10,559	N/A	7/1/22 - 6/30/23	N/A	95,282	-	139,198	139,198	43,916	
FRESH FRUIT AND VEGETABLE PROGRAM	I	10,582	N/A	7/1/22 - 6/30/23	N/A	120,740	-	120,740	120,740	-	
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<u>PASSED THROUGH THE PA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE</u>											
NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH - USDA COMMODITIES	I	10,555	N/A	7/1/22 - 6/30/23	N/A	521,137	(5,284)	523,560	523,560	(2,861)	2
TOTAL CHILD NUTRITION CLUSTER						7,624,851	1,130,722	6,676,802	6,676,802	182,673	3
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<u>PASSED THROUGH THE PDE</u>											
COVID-19 STATE PANDEMIC ELECTRONIC BENEFIT TRANSFER (P-EBT) ADMIN. COSTS	I	10,649	N/A	N/A	N/A	5,950	-	5,950	5,950	-	2
						5,950	-	5,950	5,950	-	
TOTAL U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE						7,630,801	1,130,722	6,682,752	6,682,752	182,673	
TOTAL FEDERAL FINANCIAL AWARDS						<u>\$ 39,275,063</u>	<u>\$ 10,682,080</u>	<u>\$ 36,908,702</u>	<u>\$ 36,908,702</u>	<u>\$ 8,315,719</u>	

SOURCE: D-DIRECT; I-INDIRECT

Bethlehem Area School District
Notes to the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

Note 1 – Basis of Presentation

The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (the “Schedule”) includes the federal award activity of Bethlehem Area School District under programs of the federal government for the year ended June 30, 2023. The information in this Schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of the 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 Bethlehem Area School District, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position, changes in net assets, or cash flows of Bethlehem Area School District.

Note 2 – Significant Accounting Policies

The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards is presented on the modified accrual basis of accounting for all federal awards charged to governmental funds and on the accrual basis of accounting for all federal awards charged to proprietary funds, as contemplated by generally accepted accounting principles.

Note 3 – Organization and Scope

The District recognized 5.1% of its total general fund revenue in federal awards, 72.0% of its total food service fund revenue, and 100% of its capital project fund revenue.

Note 4 – Indirect Costs

The District did not charge any indirect costs to any of their federal grants and programs during this fiscal year. As such, the District did not use the 10% de minimis cost rate.

Note 5 – Program Disclosure – Footnotes

1. The federal awards passed through the Colonial I.U. #20 under the U.S. Department of Education heading, are part of a consortium of participating school districts. In accordance with directions from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, these awards are reported on the basic financial statements as local source revenues.

Bethlehem Area School District
Notes to the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

2. The Federal Grants were passed through the following entities in the totals below:

<u>Passed through</u>	<u>Total Awards</u>	<u>Total Expenditures</u>
PA Department of Education	\$ 71,374,060	\$ 33,430,391
PA Commission on Crime & Delinquency	452,553	234
Universal Service Administrative Co.	8,426	8,426
Colonial I.U. #20	4,770,886	2,582,483
Communities in Schools of Eastern PA	432,328	56,728
PA Department of Public Welfare	248,190	228,768
PA Department of Agriculture	N/A	523,560
Totals	<u>\$ 77,286,443</u>	<u>\$ 36,830,590</u>

3. The District received non-monetary assistance from the U.S. Department of Agriculture of \$521,137 in the form of commodities. These commodities are valued at U.S.D.A.'s approximate costs. During the 2022-23 fiscal year, the District used \$523,560 in commodities and established a year-end inventory of \$2,861 at June 30, 2023.
4. Of the \$165,853 of expenditures reported for the Title IV A grant, \$182 were incurred in the prior fiscal year.
5. The Medical Access grant passed through the PA Department of Education is reflected as federal source revenue on the basic financial statements; however, pursuant to instructions from the Commonwealth of PA, it is not reported as revenue on the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT RECONCILIATION

General Fund Federal Source Revenues	\$ 14,479,288
Federal Grants in Local Sources	2,639,211
Capital Project Fund Federal Revenue	14,417,966
Food Service Fund Federal Revenue	<u>6,682,752</u>
Total Federal Revenue, per financial statements	38,219,217
Less - Medical Access Reimbursement (Federal)	<u>(1,310,515)</u>
Total Federal Revenue Reported on SEFA	<u>\$ 36,908,702</u>



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

Board of School Directors
Bethlehem Area School District
1516 Sycamore Street
Bethlehem, PA 18017-6099

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, the aggregate remaining fund information, and the budgetary comparison statement of the general fund of the Bethlehem Area School District, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise Bethlehem Area School District's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated December 7, 2023.

Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered Bethlehem Area School District's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the 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 Bethlehem Area School District's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Bethlehem Area 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 may exist that have not been identified.

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Bethlehem Area 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 determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards* and which are described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as item (2023-001).

Bethlehem Area School District's Response to Findings

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

Purpose of this Report

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

Respectfully submitted,



Northampton, Pennsylvania
December 7, 2023



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

Board of School Directors
Bethlehem Area School District
1516 Sycamore Street
Bethlehem, PA 18017-6099

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We have audited Bethlehem Area School District's compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the *OMB Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of Bethlehem Area School District's major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2023. Bethlehem Area 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, Bethlehem Area 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, 2023.

Basis for Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

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

We are required to be independent of the Bethlehem Area 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 the Bethlehem Area 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 the Bethlehem Area 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 the Bethlehem Area 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 the Bethlehem Area 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 the Bethlehem Area 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 the Bethlehem Area 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 the Bethlehem Area 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.

Other Matters

The results of our auditing procedures disclosed instances of noncompliance which are required to be reported in accordance with the Uniform Guidance and which are described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as finding 2023-001. Our opinion on each major federal program is not modified with respect to these matters.

Government Auditing Standards requires the auditor to perform limited procedures on Bethlehem Area School District's response to the noncompliance findings identified in our audit described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. Bethlehem Area School District's response was not subjected to the other auditing procedures applied in the audit of compliance and, accordingly, we express no such opinion on the response.

Report on Internal Control over Compliance

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

Bethlehem Area School District

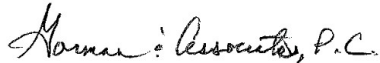
of compliance requirement of a federal program that is less severe than a material weakness in internal control over compliance, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

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.

Respectfully submitted,



Northampton, Pennsylvania
December 7, 2023

**Bethlehem Area School District
Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023**

Section I - Summary of Auditor Results

Financial Statements

Type of auditor's report issued: Unmodified

Internal control over financial reporting:

- Material weakness(es) Identified? yes no
- Significant Deficiencies identified that are not considered to be material weaknesses? yes none reported
- Noncompliance material to financial statements noted? yes no

Federal Awards

Internal control over major programs:

- Material weakness(es) Identified? yes no
- Significant Deficiencies identified that are not considered to be material weaknesses? yes none reported

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

Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with section 200.516 of the Uniform Guidance? yes no

Identification of major program:

AL Number(s)	Name of Federal Program or Cluster
84.425C, 84.425D, 84.425U, 84.425W 84.010	COVID-19 - Education Stabilization Fund Title I Program

Percentage of programs tested to total awards 70.9%

Dollar threshold used to distinguish between type A and type B program: \$ 1,107,261

Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee? yes no

**Bethlehem Area School District
Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023**

Section II – Financial Statement Findings

We did not discover any findings relating to the basic financial statements, which are required to be reported in accordance with generally accepted government auditing standards.

Section III – Findings and Questioned Costs for Federal Awards

Finding No. 2023-001 (Federal Asset Identification)

Type of Finding: Noncompliance Finding

Federal Program: COVID-19 - Education Stabilization Fund
ALN: 84.425
Federal Award Year: 2021
Federal Agency: Department of Education
Pass-thru entity: PA Department of Education
Pass-thru nos. 200-21-0034; 223-21-0034
Questioned Costs: N/A
Repeat Finding: No
Type of Compliance Requirement: Equipment and Real Property Management

Criteria: According to federal regulations 2CFR Part 200.313(d)(1), Property records must be maintained that include a description of the property, a serial number or other identification number, the source of funding for the property (including the FAIN), who holds title, the acquisition date, and cost of the property, percentage of Federal participation in the project costs for the Federal award under which the property was acquired, the location, use and condition of the property, and any ultimate disposition data including the date of disposal and sale price of the property.

Condition: The District was unable to provide documentation to trace technology equipment inventory records to the funding source.

Cause: The District does not currently include the source of funding for technology equipment within its property records.

Effect: The failure to maintain complete property records could result in deobligation or loss of funding.

Context: We asked the District if they could identify within their property records the funding source that was used to purchase the underlying asset(s) and they were unable to do so.

Recommendation: We have advised management to resolve the current noncompliance finding by including the funding source for both the current and future property.

Views of Responsible Officials and Planned: The District agrees with the finding and will update the current property records to include the grant funding and source and will implement procedures to include this information moving forward.

Audit Follow-Up Procedures

We did not perform any follow-up procedures since there were no findings from the previous year.



BETHLEHEM AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

BUSINESS OFFICE EDUCATION CENTER

1516 Sycamore Street
Bethlehem, PA 18017-6099
610-861-0500 Extension 60201

Corrective Action Plan For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

Current Year Findings – 2022-23

Noncompliance Finding 2023-001 (Federal Asset Identification)

Federal Program: Education Stabilization Fund
ALN: 84.425

Condition: The District could not provide documentation to trace technology equipment inventory records to the funding source.

Recommendation: We have advised management to resolve the current noncompliance finding by updating the current property records to include the funding source and to include this information moving forward actively.

Corrective Action: On December 12, 2023, we met with the IT, Maintenance, and Grant departments to discuss tracing technology and other equipment inventory records to the funding source. The existing District inventory list will be updated to include the funding source, acquisition date, and acquisition cost.

Board Policy 626 – Federal Fiscal Compliance and related procedures have been updated to reflect the missing categories. Full cycle inventory will be conducted on a bi-annual basis to ensure the accuracy of inventory records.

We will explore using the Assets Inventory module available in our CSIU software. This module allows us to record the Funding Source; run reports so we have a detailed inventory list; and update the records accordingly.

Person Responsible: Harry Aristakesian, CFO; and Lori Zellner, Comptroller

Proposed Completion Date: June 30, 2024

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APPENDIX D

Form of Continuing Disclosure Certificate

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CONTINUING DISCLOSURE CERTIFICATE

Re: BETHLEHEM AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT,
Northampton and Lehigh Counties, Pennsylvania
\$ _____ Aggregate Principal Amount
General Obligation Bonds, Series A & B of 2024
Dated [Date of Delivery]

[Date of Delivery]

This Continuing Disclosure Certificate (the “Disclosure Certificate”) is executed and delivered by Bethlehem Area School District, in Northampton and Lehigh Counties, Pennsylvania (the “School District”), in connection with the issuance of its General Obligation Bonds, Series A & B of 2024 (collectively, the “Bonds”), dated this date. The Bonds are being issued pursuant to a resolution adopted by the Board of School Directors of the School District on August 26, 2024 (the “Resolution”). The School District makes the following certifications and representations as an inducement to the Participating Underwriters and others to purchase the Bonds:

SECTION 1. Purpose of the Disclosure Certificate. This Disclosure Certificate is being executed and delivered by the School District for the benefit of the holders of the Bonds and in order to assist the Participating Underwriters in complying with Securities and Exchange Commission Rule 15c2-12(b)(5).

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 filed by the School District pursuant to, and as described in, Section 3 of this Disclosure Certificate.

“Bondholder” shall mean any registered owner of the Bonds or any person who (i) has the power, directly or indirectly, to vote or consent with respect to, or to dispose of ownership of, any of the Bonds (including persons holding through any nominee, securities depository or other intermediary) or (ii) is treated as the holder of any Bonds for federal income tax purposes.

“Business Day” shall mean a day other than a Saturday, a Sunday, or a day on which the New York Stock Exchange is closed or a day on which banks located in the Commonwealth are authorized or required by law or executive order to close.

“Commonwealth” shall mean the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

“EMMA” shall mean the MSRB’s Electronic Municipal Market Access System at <http://emma.msrb.org>.

“Financial Obligation” shall mean (i) a debt obligation; (ii) a 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 either (i) or (ii) above. 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 of this Disclosure Certificate.

“MSRB” shall mean the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board. *As of the date of this Disclosure Certificate, the rules of the MSRB require all filings described herein shall be made using EMMA.*

“Obligated Person” shall mean, for purposes of this Disclosure Certificate, the School District.

“Official Statement” shall mean the final official statement relating to the Bonds prepared by or on behalf of the School District and distributed in connection with the offering and sale of the Bonds by the Participating Underwriters.

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

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

“SEC” shall mean the United States Securities and Exchange Commission.

SECTION 3. Filing of Annual Reports. The School District shall file annually with the MSRB, on or before **April 1, 2025**, and on or before **April 1** of each year thereafter, an Annual Report that is consistent with the requirements of Section 4 of 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, however, that if the audited financial statements of the School District for the most recent completed fiscal year are not available to be included in the Annual Report when filed, such audited financial statements may be filed separately from the balance of the Annual Report, as provided in the following paragraph.

If the audited financial statements of the School District for the most recent fiscal year are not available as of the date on which the Annual Report is to be filed, the audited financial statements shall be filed with the MSRB as soon as they are available, and the Annual Report, when filed, shall contain a statement to that effect and a statement of the date by which the School District reasonably expects the audited financial statements to become available and to be filed with the MSRB.

SECTION 4. Content of Annual Reports. The School District's Annual Report shall contain or incorporate by reference the following financial information and operating data with respect to the School District:

- (1) annual financial statements for the most recent completed fiscal year, prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles applicable to Pennsylvania public school districts, and audited in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards;
- (2) the annual budget, or a summary thereof, for the then current fiscal year;
- (3) the total assessed value of all taxable real estate for the then current fiscal year;
- (4) the taxes and millage rates imposed for the then current fiscal year;
- (5) the real property tax collection results for the most recent fiscal year, including (a) the real estate levy imposed (expressed both as a millage rate and an aggregate dollar amount), (b) the dollar amount of real estate taxes collected that represented current collections, (c) the dollar amount of delinquent real estate taxes collected that represent taxes levied in prior years, and (d) the total dollar amount of real estate taxes collected; and
- (6) the 10 real estate taxpayers having the highest aggregate assessed value of their taxable properties in the School District and, for each taxpayer, the total assessed value of all of such parcels in 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 made available to the public on the MSRB's internet website or filed with the SEC. The School District shall clearly identify each other document so incorporated by reference.

The School District reserves the right to modify from time to time the specific types of information 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.

SECTION 5. Notices of Late Filing of Annual Information. If the School District has failed to file, or is unable to file, an Annual Report with the MSRB within the time set forth in Section 3 above, the School District will file, in a timely manner, a notice with the MSRB stating such fact and, if appropriate, the date by which the School District expects to file the Annual Report.

SECTION 6. Reporting of Listed Events. In a timely manner not in excess of ten (10) Business Days after the occurrence of the event, the School District will file with the MSRB notice of the occurrence of any of the following events with respect to the Bonds:

- (1) principal and interest payment delinquencies;
- (2) non-payment related defaults, if material;
- (3) unscheduled draws on debt service reserves reflecting financial difficulties;
- (4) unscheduled draws on credit enhancements reflecting financial difficulties;
- (5) substitution of credit or liquidity providers, or their failure to perform;
- (6) adverse tax opinions, the issuance by the Internal Revenue Service of proposed or final determinations of taxability, Notices of Proposed Issue (IRS Form 5701-TEB) or other material notices or determinations with respect to the tax-exempt status of the Bonds, or other material events affecting the tax-exempt status of the Bonds;
- (7) modifications to rights of holders of the Bonds, if material;
- (8) bond calls, if material, and tender offers;
- (9) defeasances;
- (10) release, substitution, or sale of property securing repayment of the Bonds, if material;
- (11) rating changes;
- (12) bankruptcy, insolvency, receivership or similar event of the School District;
- (13) 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;
- (14) appointment of a successor or additional trustee, or the change of name of a trustee, if material;
- (15) incurrence of a Financial Obligation of the Obligated Person, if material, or agreement to covenants, events of default, remedies, priority rights, or other similar terms of a Financial Obligation of the Obligated Person, any of which affect security holders, if material; and
- (16) default, event of acceleration, termination event, modification of terms, or other similar events under the terms of a Financial Obligation of the Obligated Person, any of which reflect financial difficulties.

(Note: The events listed above are those specified in the Rule, not all of which may be relevant to the Bonds.)

The School District may from time to time choose to provide notice of the occurrence of certain other events affecting the Bonds or the School District, in addition to those listed above, if, in the judgment of the School District, such other event is material with respect to the Bonds, but the School District does not undertake to commit to provide any such notice of the occurrence of any material event except those events listed above.

SECTION 7. Manner of Filing. All filings to be made with the MSRB in accordance with this Disclosure Certificate are to be filed in such electronic format as is prescribed by the MSRB and accompanied by such identifying information as is prescribed by the MSRB.

As of the date of this Disclosure Certificate, the rules of the MSRB require all such filings to be made using EMMA.

SECTION 8. Dissemination Agent. The School District may, at any time and from time to time, appoint or engage another person (the “Dissemination Agent”) to assist it in carrying out its obligations under this Disclosure Certificate, and may discharge such Dissemination Agent, with or without appointing a successor and without notice to Bondholders.

SECTION 9. Termination of Disclosure Obligation. The School District’s obligations under this Disclosure Certificate shall terminate upon the prior redemption, defeasance or payment in full of all of the Bonds or if and when the School District no longer remains an “obligated person” with respect to the Bonds, within the meaning of the Rule.

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 with respect to the Bonds, 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. Beneficiaries. This Disclosure Certificate shall inure solely to the benefit of the School District, the Participating Underwriters and Bondholders, and shall create no rights in any other person or entity.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, The School District causes this Continuing Disclosure Certificate to be executed on its behalf by the President of the Board of School Directors all as of the date set forth above.

BETHLEHEM AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT,
Northampton and Lehigh Counties, Pennsylvania

By: _____
President of the Board of
School Directors

APPENDIX E

Specimen Municipal Bond Insurance Policy

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