

**NEW ISSUE - BOOK ENTRY ONLY****RATING: S&P: "AA-" (Stable Outlook)**

*In the opinion of Bond Counsel, assuming continuing compliance by the School District with the requirements of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), and all regulations applicable thereunder, and subject to the conditions described in "TAX MATTERS" herein, interest on the Bonds is excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes and is not an item of tax preference for purposes of the federal alternative minimum tax. Other provisions of the Code may affect the purchasers of the Bonds. See "TAX MATTERS" herein.*

*Bond Counsel is also of the opinion that under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania as presently enacted and construed, the interest on the Bonds is exempt from Pennsylvania personal income tax and Pennsylvania corporate net income tax. See "TAX MATTERS" herein.*

**\$15,000,000\***

**CONESTOGA VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
(Lancaster County, Pennsylvania)  
General Obligation Bonds, Series of 2025**

**Bonds Dated:** Date of delivery**Principal Due:** February 1, as shown on inside cover**Denomination:** Integral multiples of \$5,000**Interest Payable:** February 1 and August 1**First Interest Payment:** February 1, 2026**Form:** DTC Book-Entry Only

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

**General:** The General Obligation Bonds, Series of 2025 (the "Bonds" or "2025 Bonds") in the aggregate principal amount of \$15,000,000\* are being issued by the Conestoga Valley School District (the "School District"), a public school district located in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. The Bonds will be registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee for The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York ("DTC"). Purchases of the Bonds can be made only under the book-entry system of DTC, and purchasers will not receive certificates representing their interests in the Bonds. While DTC, or its nominee Cede & Co., is the registered owner of the Bonds, payments of the principal of and interest on the Bonds will be made by Manufacturers and Traders Trust Company, as paying agent, directly to Cede & Co. Disbursement of such payments to the DTC Participants is the responsibility of DTC, and disbursement of such payments to Beneficial Owners of the Bonds is the responsibility of the DTC Participants and the Indirect Participants. See **"BOOK-ENTRY ONLY SYSTEM"** herein. Interest on the Bonds is payable initially on February 1, 2026, and thereafter, semiannually on February 1 and August 1 of each year.

**Security:** The Bonds are payable from the tax and other general revenues of the School District. 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 funds deposited by the School District in the respective sinking funds established under the Resolution adopted by the School District on June 9, 2025, authorizing and securing the Bonds, or from any other of its legally available revenue or funds, the principal of every Bond and the interest thereon at the dates and 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, which taxing power includes the power to levy *ad valorem* taxes on all taxable property in the School District, within limitations provided by law. (See **"SECURITY AND SOURCES OF PAYMENT FOR THE BONDS"**, APPENDIX A - **"TAXING POWERS AND LIMITS"** and **"PENNSYLVANIA ACTS AFFECTING CERTAIN LOCAL TAXING POWERS OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS"** - **"Taxpayer Relief Act (Act 1)"** herein).

**Redemption:** The Bonds are subject to redemption prior to their stated maturity dates, as described herein.

**Purpose:** Proceeds of the Bonds will be used to: (1) undertake certain capital projects, including the design, planning, acquisition, construction and/or equipping of renovations and improvements to certain of the School District's elementary school buildings, and to other buildings and facilities of the School District and (2) pay the costs of issuing the Bonds.

The Bonds are offered for delivery when, as and if issued by the School District and received by the Underwriter, subject to the approving legal opinion of McNees Wallace & Nurick, LLC, in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, as Bond Counsel to the School District, to be furnished upon delivery of the Bonds. Certain legal matters will be passed upon by Saxton & Stump, LLC, in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, as Solicitor for the School District, and for the Underwriter by its Limited Scope Underwriter's Counsel, Eckert Seamans Cherin & Mellott, in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. It is expected that the Bonds will be available for delivery through the facilities of DTC, on or about July \_\_\_\_, 2025.

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**BOND MATURITY SCHEDULE**

<b>(February 1)</b>	<b>Principal</b>	<b>Interest</b>			<b>CUSIP</b>
<b><u>Year</u></b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>	<b><u>Rate</u></b>	<b><u>Yield</u></b>	<b><u>Price</u></b>	<b><u>Numbers</u> <sup>(1)</sup></b>

<sup>(1)</sup>The CUSIP (Committee on Uniform Securities Identification Procedures) numbers have been assigned by an organization not affiliated with the School District or the Underwriter, 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 Noteholders and Bondholders and no representation is made as to the correctness of such CUSIP numbers. CUSIP numbers assigned to securities may be changed during the term of such securities based on a number of factors including, but not limited to, the refunding or defeasance of such issue or the use of secondary market financial products. Neither the School District nor the Underwriter has agreed to, and there is no duty or obligation to, update this Official Statement to reflect any change or correction in the CUSIP numbers set forth above.

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

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

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

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

<b>Issuer</b> .....	Conestoga Valley School District, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania (the “School District”).
<b>Bonds</b> .....	<p>The General Obligation Bonds, Series of 2025 in the principal amount of \$15,000,000* (the “Bonds”), dated as of the date of delivery, maturing or subject to mandatory redemption on February 1, ____ through February 1, ____.</p> <p>Interest on the Bonds shall be payable semiannually on February 1 and August 1. See “<b>DESCRIPTION OF THE BONDS</b>” herein.</p>
<b>Optional Redemption</b> .....	The Bonds stated to mature on or after February 1, ____, are subject to redemption prior to maturity at the option of the School District in whole or, from time to time, in part, in any order of maturities as the School District shall select, on any date or dates on or after ____, ____, at a price equal to 100% of the principal amount of the Bonds to be redeemed plus accrued interest thereon to the date fixed for such optional redemption.
<b>Form</b> .....	Book-Entry Only.
<b>Application of Proceeds</b> .....	Proceeds of the Bonds will be used to: (1) undertake certain capital projects, including the design, planning, acquisition, construction and/or equipping of renovations and improvements to certain of the School District's elementary school buildings, and to other buildings and facilities of the School District and (2) pay the costs of issuing the Bonds.
<b>Security</b> .....	The Bonds are general obligations of the School District, for the payment of which the School District has pledged its full faith, credit and taxing power.
<b>Rating</b> .....	S&P Global Ratings (“S&P”) has assigned an underlying rating of “AA-” (Stable Outlook) to the Bonds, subject to their issuance. (See “ <b>RATING</b> ” herein.)
<b>Continuing Disclosure Undertaking</b> .....	The School District has agreed to provide, or cause to be provided, in a timely manner, certain information in accordance with the requirements of Rule 15c2-12, as promulgated under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended and interpreted (the “Rule”). (See “ <b>CONTINUING DISCLOSURE UNDERTAKING</b> ” and “ <b>APPENDIX D – FORM OF CONTINUING DISCLOSURE CERTIFICATE – SECTION 3 Provision of Annual Reports</b> ” herein.)

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**CONESTOGA VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**(Lancaster County, Pennsylvania)**  
502 Mt. Sidney Rd.  
Lancaster, Pennsylvania 17602

**BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS**

Idette B. Groff .....	President
Dr. Diane Martin .....	Vice President
Dianna Capka .....	Member
Philip Eby .....	Member
Julie Fisher .....	Member
Mark Gensel .....	Member
Philip Hurst .....	Member
Michael G. Talley .....	Member
Kathleen Trowbridge .....	Member

**SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION**

Daniel Hartman, Ed.D. ....	Superintendent
Adele Huntzinger .....	Chief Finance and Operations Officer

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Harrisburg, Pennsylvania  
and  
Buffalo, New York

## OFFICIAL STATEMENT

**\$15,000,000\***

### CONESTOGA VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

(Lancaster County, Pennsylvania)

### General Obligation Bonds, Series of 2025

#### INTRODUCTION

This Official Statement is furnished by the Conestoga Valley School District (the "School District"), a public school district located in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, in connection with the offering of its General Obligation Bonds, Series of 2025 (the "Bonds") in the aggregate principal amount of \$15,000,000\*, to be dated their date of delivery (the "Delivery Date") when the Bonds are issued and delivered to DTC (described below) or its agent. The Bonds are general obligations of the School District, which are secured by a parity pledge of its full faith, credit and taxing power to pay the principal of and interest due on the Bonds.

The Bonds are being issued pursuant to, and are secured by, a Resolution adopted by the Board of School Directors of the School District on June 9, 2025 (the "Resolution"), in accordance with the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (the "Commonwealth" or "State"), including the Local Government Unit Debt Act, 53 Pa.C.S. Chs. 80-82 (the "Debt Act"). Copies of the Resolution may be obtained from the School District.

The Bonds shall be issued in fully registered form, without certificates or coupons, in the denomination of \$5,000 principal amount and integral multiples thereof. Interest on the Bonds is payable semiannually on February 1 and August 1 of each year, commencing February 1, 2026. Interest on any Bond is payable to the Beneficial Owner as of the applicable Record Date (defined below). The interest on and principal of the Bonds is payable by the School District to Manufacturers and Traders Trust Company (the "Paying Agent"), serving as paying agent and sinking fund depository, for transfer to DTC. 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 bond certificates, and beneficial ownership of the Bonds will be evidenced only by electronic book entries. See **"BOOK-ENTRY ONLY SYSTEM"** herein.

The information which follows contains summaries of the Resolution, the Bonds, the Debt Act, Act 1 (herein defined) and other laws, the School District's Budget and its Financial Statements. Such summaries do not purport to be complete, and reference is made to such documents and laws in their entirety, copies of which are on file and available for examination at the offices of the School District.

Neither the delivery of the Official Statement nor any sale of the Bonds made hereunder shall, under any circumstances, create an implication that there have been no changes in the affairs of the School District, or in the communities or areas in or about the School District, since the date of the Official Statement of the earliest date as of which certain information contained herein is given.

#### PURPOSE OF THE ISSUE

Proceeds of the Bonds will be used to: (1) undertake certain capital projects, including the design, planning, acquisition, construction and/or equipping of renovations and improvements to certain of the School District's elementary school buildings, and to other buildings and facilities of the School District; and (2) pay the costs of issuing the Bonds.

#### SOURCES AND USES OF FUNDS

	<u><b>Total</b></u>
<u><b>Sources of Funds</b></u>	
Proceeds of the Bonds.....	
[Net] Original Issue Discount [Premium] .....	
<b>Total Sources of Funds</b> .....	
<u><b>Uses of Funds</b></u>	
Project Fund Requirement .....	
Costs of Issuance <sup>(1)</sup> .....	
<b>Total Uses of Funds</b> .....	

<sup>(1)</sup> Includes legal fees, underwriter's discount, paying agent fees, rating fee, CUSIP, printing and miscellaneous fees.

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## DESCRIPTION OF THE BONDS

The Bonds will be issued in book-entry form, in denominations of \$5,000 principal amount and integral multiples thereof. The Bonds will bear interest from the Delivery Date at the rates and mature in the amounts and on the dates set forth on the inside front cover of this Official Statement. Interest on the Bonds will be payable initially on February 1, 2026, and thereafter, semiannually on February 1 and August 1 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 partnership nominee for The Depository Trust Company ("DTC"), New York, New York. Purchasers of the Bonds (the "Beneficial Owners") will not receive any physical delivery of bond certificates, and beneficial ownership of the Bonds will be evidenced only by book entries. See "BOOK-ENTRY ONLY SYSTEM" herein.*

### Payment of Principal and Interest

*So long as Cede & Co., as nominee of DTC, is the registered owner of the Bonds, payments of principal of and interest on the Bonds, when due, are to be made to DTC and all such payments shall be valid and effective to satisfy fully and to discharge the obligations of the School District with respect to, and to the extent of, principal and interest so paid. If the use of the book-entry only system for the Bonds is discontinued for any reason, bond certificates will be issued to the Beneficial Owners of the Bonds and payment of principal and interest on the Bonds shall be made as described in the following paragraphs.*

The principal of any certificated Bonds, when due upon maturity or any earlier mandatory or optional redemption, will be paid to the registered owners of such Bonds, or registered assigns, upon surrender of such Bonds to the Paying Agent at its designated corporate trust office (or to any successor paying agent at its designated office(s)).

Interest on the Bonds is payable to the registered owner of a Bond from the interest payment date next preceding the date of registration and authentication of the Bond, unless: (a) such Bond is registered and authenticated as of an interest payment date, in which event such Bond shall bear interest from said interest payment date, or (b) such Bond is registered after a Record Date (hereinafter defined) and before the next succeeding interest payment date, in which event such Bond shall bear interest from such interest payment date, or (c) such Bond is registered and authenticated on or prior to the Record Date preceding February 1, 2026 in which event such Bond shall bear interest from the date of delivery or, (d) as shown by the records of the Paying Agent, interest on such Bond shall be in default, in which event such Bond shall bear interest from the date on which interest was last paid on such Bond. Interest shall be paid semiannually on February 1 and August 1 of each year, beginning February 1, 2026, until the principal sum is paid. Interest on each Bond is payable by check drawn on the Paying Agent, which shall be mailed to the registered owner whose name and address shall appear, at the close of business on the fifteenth day (whether or not a business day) next preceding each interest payment date (the "Record Date"), on the registration books maintained by the Paying Agent, irrespective of any transfer or exchange of the Bond subsequent to such Record Date and prior to such interest payment date. In the event that interest is not paid on or provided for within five (5) business days of an interest payment date when due, such defaulted interest shall cease to be payable to the registered owner of a Bond as of the Record Date applicable to such defaulted interest payment and shall be payable to the person in whose name the Bond is registered at the close of business on a special record date established for the payment of such defaulted interest by notice mailed by the Paying Agent to the registered owners of the Bonds not less than fifteen (15) days preceding such special record date.

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

### Transfer, Exchange and Registration of Certificated Bonds

*Subject to the provisions herein under "BOOK-ENTRY ONLY SYSTEM", any certificated Bonds are transferable or exchangeable by the registered owners thereof upon surrender of such Bonds 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 such Bonds in the registration books and shall authenticate and deliver in the name of the transferee or transferees a new fully registered and certificated bond or bonds of authorized denominations of the same, maturity and interest rate for the aggregate principal amount that the registered owner is entitled to receive. The School District and the Paying Agent may deem and treat the registered owner of any certificated Bond as the absolute owner thereof (whether such 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 certificated 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 such Bonds to be redeemed and ending at the close of business on the day of mailing of the applicable notice of redemption; or (b) to register the transfer of or exchange any portion of any certificated Bond selected for redemption until after the redemption date. Certificated 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

### Mandatory Sinking Fund Redemptions

In the manner and upon the terms and conditions provided in the Resolution, the Bonds maturing on February 1 of the years \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to mandatory redemption prior to maturity in part, by lot, on February 1 of each of the years, at the redemption price of 100% of the principal amount of Bonds to be redeemed, plus accrued interest to the date fixed for redemption, in the principal amounts, as set below.

**The Bonds Stated to Mature on February 1, \_\_\_\_\_:**

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

### Optional Redemption

The Bonds maturing on and after February 1, \_\_\_\_\_, are subject to redemption prior to maturity at the option of the School District, in whole or in part, in any order of maturities as the School District shall select, on any date on or after \_\_\_\_\_, at a redemption price equal to 100% of the principal amount of the Bonds to be redeemed plus accrued interest thereon to the date fixed for such optional redemption. In the event that less than all Bonds of a particular maturity are to be redeemed, the Bonds of such maturity shall be drawn by lot by the Paying Agent; provided, however, that while the Bonds are held under the book-entry only system of DTC, the selection of Bonds within a maturity to be redeemed shall be accomplished in accordance with the operating rules and practices of DTC.

### Notice of Redemption

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

Notice of any redemption shall be given by depositing a copy of the redemption notice in first class mail not less than thirty (30) days prior to the date fixed for redemption, addressed to each of the registered owners of any certificated Bonds to be redeemed, at the addresses shown on the registration books kept by the Paying Agent as of the date such Bonds are selected for redemption; provided, however, that failure to give such notice by mailing, or any defect therein or in the mailing thereof, shall not affect the validity of any proceeding for redemption of other Bonds so called for redemption as to which proper notice has been given.

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

The notice of redemption may state that it is conditional, *i.e.*, that it is subject to the deposit of sufficient redemption money with the Paying Agent or other escrow agent on the redemption date in sufficient time to effectuate the redemption of Bonds. If, after issuing a notice of redemption, the School District is unable or otherwise fails to deposit with the Paying Agent (or other bank or depository acting as refunding escrow agent) money sufficient to redeem the Bonds called for redemption, such notice may be withdrawn or be of no effect until such money is so deposited.

### Manner of Redemption

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

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

If the redemption date for any Bonds shall be a Saturday, Sunday, legal holiday or on a day on which banking institutions in the Commonwealth are authorized or required by law or executive order to close, then the date for payment of such principal, premium, if any, and interest

upon such redemption shall be the next succeeding day which is not a Saturday, Sunday, legal holiday or a day on which such banking institutions are authorized or required to close, and payment on such date shall have the same force and effect as if made on the nominal date of redemption.

If any maturity of the Bonds which is subject to mandatory sinking fund redemption shall be called for optional redemption in part, the School District shall be entitled to designate whether the principal amount redeemed is to be credited against the principal amount of the Bonds of such maturity required to be called for mandatory sinking fund redemption on any particular future date or dates, or shall be credited against the principal amount of such Bonds to be due and payable at stated maturity, in each case in a whole multiple of \$5,000 principal amount.

### **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 Underwriter do not guaranty the accuracy or completeness of such information, and such information is not to be construed as a representation of the School District or the Underwriter***

The Depository Trust Company ("DTC"), New York, NY, will act as securities depository for the Bonds. The Bonds will be issued as fully registered bonds registered in the name of Cede & Co. (DTC's partnership nominee) or such other name as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC. One fully registered Bond certificate will be issued for each series of the Bonds, each in the aggregate principal amount of such issue, and will be deposited with DTC. If, however, the aggregate principal amount of any issue exceeds \$500 million, one certificate will be issued with respect to each \$500 million of principal amount, and an additional certificate will be issued with respect to any remaining principal amount of such issue.

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. securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, clearing corporations, and certain other organizations. DTC is a wholly owned subsidiary of The Depository Trust & Clearing Corporation ("DTCC"). DTCC is the holding company for DTC, National Securities Clearing Corporation and Fixed Income Clearing Corporation, all of which are registered clearing agencies. DTCC is owned by the users of its regulated subsidiaries. Access to the DTC system is also available to others such as both U.S. and non-U.S. securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, and clearing corporations that clear through or maintain a custodial relationship with a Direct Participant, either directly or indirectly ("Indirect Participants"). DTC has 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](http://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 an issue are being redeemed, DTC's practice is to determine by lot the amount of the interest of each Direct Participant in such issue to be redeemed.

Neither DTC nor Cede & Co. (nor any other DTC nominee) will consent or vote with respect to 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 securities held for the accounts of customers in bearer form or registered in "street name," and will be the responsibility of such Participant and not of DTC, 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 to Cede & Co. (or such other nominee as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC) is the responsibility of Issuer or 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.

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

The information in this section concerning DTC and DTC's book-entry system has been obtained from sources that Issuer believes to be reliable, but Issuer takes no responsibility for the accuracy thereof.

NEITHER THE SCHOOL DISTRICT 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 School District and the Paying Agent 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 Official Statement.*

## **SECURITY AND SOURCES OF PAYMENT FOR THE BONDS**

### **General Obligation Pledge**

The Bonds are general obligations of the School District, payable from its local taxes and other general revenues, including available state subsidies, on a parity basis with each other, and other existing or future general obligation debt of the School District. The taxing powers of the School District are described more fully in **APPENDIX A – TAXING POWERS AND LIMITS**. The School District has covenanted in the Resolution that it will include in its budget for each fiscal year, and will appropriate 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, 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.

### **Actions in the Event of Default on the Bonds**

In the event of a failure by 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 holders of the Bonds shall be entitled to remedies specified 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.

## **Sinking Fund**

Under the Resolution, the School District has created a sinking fund, designated as the “Sinking Fund – Conestoga Valley School District, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, Series of 2025” (the “Sinking Fund”) as required by the Debt Act and segregated from all other funds of the School District. The School District shall deposit in the respective Sinking Funds, not later than the date when principal or interest is to become due on the Bonds, an amount sufficient to provide for the payment of interest and principal becoming due on the Bonds.

The Sinking Fund shall be held by the Sinking Fund Depository (the “Sinking Fund Depository”) and invested by the Sinking Fund Depository in such securities 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 Sinking Fund Depository, and such deposits and securities, together with the interest thereon, shall be a part of the Sinking Funds.

The Paying Agent is authorized and directed to pay from the Sinking Fund the principal of and interest on the respective Bonds 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”), 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 of the Pennsylvania Department of Education (“PDE”) 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. In addition, enforcement may also be limited by bankruptcy, insolvency, or other laws or equitable principles affecting the enforcement of creditors’ rights generally. See “**Pennsylvania Budget Adoption**” herein.

## **Pennsylvania Budget Adoption Impasses**

The Commonwealth’s fiscal year begins on July 1. The budgets for the 2018-19 and the 2019-20 fiscal years were adopted timely. Due to the uncertainty of funding and expenditures caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, on May 29, 2020, the Governor approved a five-month stopgap budget for fiscal year 2020-21. This budget provided five months of flat funding for most state programs and a full twelve months of flat funding for public education. On November 20, 2020, the General Assembly passed Senate Bill 1350 and House Bill 2536, which included the 2020-21 Supplemental Budget to fund the Commonwealth through the remaining seven-months of fiscal year 2020-21. The legislation was sent to the Governor’s desk for approval and on November 23, 2020, the Governor approved the 2020-21 Supplemental Budget, which included mostly flat funding for public education similar to the stopgap budget adopted for the first five months of the 2020-21 fiscal year.

The Governor signed the state’s 2021-2022 fiscal year budget on June 30, 2021. The budget included an increase of \$300 million for basic education, with \$100 million of that targeted to the 100 historically underfunded school districts that included districts in both urban and rural areas of the Commonwealth. Special education received a \$50 million increase, boosting that budget line to \$1.24 billion, while preschool and Head Start programs received a \$30 million increase, to \$311.5 million. All told, funding for K-12 schools reached a record high of \$13.55 billion in the 2021-22 budget.

After a week’s delay and intense negotiations, the \$45.2 billion budget for Pennsylvania’s 2022-23 fiscal year was signed by Governor Tom Wolf on July 8, 2022. The 2022-23 enacted budget included \$7,625,124,000 for the basic education funding appropriation and \$225,000,000 to supplement those school districts with a higher at risk student population. The total amount allocated for education included a \$767,820,000 (10.83%) increase over the 2021-2022 fiscal year appropriation.

After over a month delay, a \$45.5 billion budget for the state’s 2023-24 fiscal year was signed by Governor Josh Shapiro on August 3, 2023, which included \$8.4 billion for the basic education funding appropriation. The total amount included a \$796.6 million (10.45%) increase over the 2022-23 fiscal year appropriation. The budget also provided \$50 million in additional aid to school districts for special education services for a total of \$1.3 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.

After a two week delay, a \$47.6 billion budget for the state’s 2024-25 fiscal year was signed by Governor Josh Shapiro on July 11, 2024, which included an increase of \$1.11 billion for K-12 education funding. The total basic education funding appropriation is \$8,157,444,000 which is a 3.62% increase over the 2023-24 enacted fiscal year appropriation. Also, the budget provides for \$100 million increase in additional aid to school districts for special education services.

During a state budget impasse, school districts in the Commonwealth cannot be certain that 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 Public School Code. Act 85 of 2016 was adopted to address the timeliness of the withholding provisions of Section 633 of the Public School Code during any future budget impasses. See “Act 85 of 2016” below.**

#### **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 PDE otherwise due a school district that is 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" Sections 633 of the Public School Code. The School District's general obligation debt, including the Bonds, are subject to Section 633 of the Public School Code.

Act 85 of 2016 provides that the amounts as 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 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 of Act 85 of 2016 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 subject to an intercept statute or intercept agreement must deliver to PDE, in the format PDE directs, information pertaining to each eligible borrowing within thirty (30) days of receipt of the proceeds of the obligations. The School District intends to submit this information 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.*

#### **BONDHOLDER CONSIDERATIONS**

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

#### **Cybersecurity**

The School District, like other public and private entities, relies on computer and other digital networks and systems to conduct its operations. As a recipient and provider of personal, private or other electronic sensitive information, the School District may be the subject of cyber threats including, but not limited to, hacking, viruses, malware and other attacks on computer and other sensitive digital networks and systems. Entities or individuals may attempt to gain unauthorized remote access to the School District's systems for the purposes of misappropriating assets or information or causing operational disruption or damage, or demanding ransom for restored access to files or information. The School District has never had a material cyber breach or a cyber breach that resulted in a financial loss. No assurance can be given that the School District's current efforts to manage cyber threats and security will, in all cases, be successful. The School District cannot

predict what future cyber security events may occur and what impact said events could have on its operations or finances. In addition to the various processes in place to safeguard against cyber security attacks, the School District also maintains a comprehensive insurance policy which includes privacy liability, cyber incident response, data breach, network security, internet media and network extortion coverages.

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

### **Climate Change**

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

### **Risk of Audit by Internal Revenue Service**

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

## **CONTINUING DISCLOSURE UNDERTAKING**

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

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

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

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

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

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

The School District's filing history of its annual financial and operating information during the past five (5) years are outlined in the following table.

<b>Fiscal Year Ending</b>	<b>Filing Due Date</b>	<b>Filing Date:</b>		
		<b>Audit</b>	<b>Operating Data</b>	<b>Budget</b>
6/30/2024	3/27/2025	3/18/2025	3/18/2025	9/04/2024
6/30/2023	3/26/2024	11/27/2023	11/27/2023	11/27/2023
6/30/2022	3/27/2023	1/25/2023	11/30/2022	6/21/2022
6/30/2021	3/27/2022	11/18/2021	11/18/2021	6/22/2021
6/30/2020	1/26/2021	11/17/2020	11/17/2020 <sup>(1)</sup>	6/22/2020

<sup>(1)</sup>A portion of the School District's operating data, "Pupil Enrollment" was not included in the initial filing; however, was subsequently included in the 2021 Audit and filed to EMMA on 11/18/2021.

The School District has reasonable procedures in place designed to facilitate ongoing timely filings with respect to its continuing disclosure requirements.

## NO LITIGATION

As a condition to the settlement for the Bonds, the School District will deliver a certificate, and the School District's Solicitor's opinion will include a paragraph, stating that there is no pending litigation challenging or pertaining to the Bonds.

## TAX MATTERS

### Federal Tax Exemption

In the opinion of Bond Counsel, under existing law, and assuming continuing compliance by the School District with certain certifications and agreements relating to the use of the Bond proceeds and covenants to comply with provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code") and all applicable regulations thereunder, now or hereafter enacted, interest on the Bonds is excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes and is not an item of tax preference for purposes of the federal alternative minimum tax.

The opinion of Bond Counsel on federal tax matters will be based upon and will assume the accuracy of certain representations and certifications, and compliance with certain covenants, of the School District to be contained in the transcript of proceedings for the issuance of the Bonds and that are intended to evidence and assure that the Bonds are and will remain obligations the interest on which is excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes. Bond Counsel will not independently verify the accuracy of those certifications and representations or covenants.

The Code prescribes a number of qualifications and conditions for the interest on state and local obligations to be and to remain excludable from gross income for federal income purposes, some of which require future or continued compliance after issuance of the obligations in order for the interest to be and to continue to be so excluded from the date of issuance. Noncompliance with these requirements by the School District may cause the interest on the Bonds to be included in gross income for federal income tax purposes and thus to be subject to federal income tax retroactively to their date of issuance. The School District has covenanted to take the actions required of it for the interest on the Bonds to be and to remain excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes and not to take any actions that would adversely affect that exclusion. Bond Counsel has not undertaken to evaluate, determine or inform any person, including any holder of the Bonds, whether any actions taken or not taken, events, events occurring or not occurring, or other matters that might come to attention of Bond Counsel, would adversely affect the value of, or tax status of the interest on, the Bonds.

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

Bond Counsel is not rendering any opinion as to any federal tax matters other than those described under this caption "**Federal Tax Exemption**" and expressly stated in the proposed form of the opinion of Bond Counsel included as Appendix \_\_ hereto. PROSPECTIVE PURCHASERS OF THE BONDS SHOULD CONSULT THEIR INDEPENDENT TAX ADVISORS WITH REGARD TO ALL FEDERAL TAX MATTERS.

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

### Risk of Future Legislative Changes and/or Court Decisions

Under the provisions of the Code, the Treasury Department is authorized and empowered to promulgate regulations implementing the intent of Congress under the Code which could affect the tax exemption and/or tax consequences of holding tax-exempt obligations, such as the Bonds. In addition, legislation may be introduced and enacted in the future which could change the provisions of the Code relating to the tax-exempt bonds of a state or local governmental unit, such as the School District, or the taxability of interest in general.

Proposals to alter or eliminate the exclusion of interest on tax-exempt bonds from gross income for some or all taxpayers have been made in the past and may be made again in the future. Future legislation, if enacted into law, or clarification of the Code may cause interest on the Bonds to be subject, directly or indirectly, to federal income taxation, or otherwise prevent Beneficial Owners from realizing the full current benefit of the tax status of such interest. The introduction or enactment of any such future legislation or clarification of the Code may also affect the market price for, or marketability of, the Bonds. PROSPECTIVE PURCHASERS OF THE BONDS SHOULD CONSULT THEIR OWN TAX ADVISERS REGARDING ANY PROPOSED FEDERAL TAX LEGISLATION, AS TO WHICH BOND COUNSEL EXPRESSES NO OPINION.

No representation is made or can be made by the School District or any other party associated with the issuance of the Bonds as to whether or not any other legislation now or hereafter introduced and enacted will be applied retroactively so as to subject interest on the Bonds to federal income taxes or so as to otherwise affect the marketability or market value of the Bonds.

#### **Original Issue Discount and Original Issue Premium**

The Bonds maturing on \_\_\_\_\_ are offered at a discount (“original issue discount”) equal generally to the difference between public offering price and principal amount. For federal income tax purposes, original issue discount on a Bond accrues periodically over the term of the Bond as interest with the same tax exemption and alternative minimum tax status as regular interest. The accrual of original issue discount increases the holder’s tax basis in a Bond for determining taxable gain or loss from sale or from redemption prior to maturity. Holders should consult their tax advisors for an explanation of the accrual rules.

The Bonds maturing on \_\_\_\_\_ are offered at a premium (“original issue premium”) over their principal amount. For federal income tax purposes, original issue premium is amortizable periodically over the term of a Bond through reductions in the holder’s tax basis for the Bond for determining taxable gain or loss from sale or from redemption prior to maturity. Amortization of premium does not create a deductible expense or loss. Holders should consult their tax advisors for an explanation of the amortization rules.

#### **State Tax Exemption**

Under the laws of the Commonwealth as presently enacted and construed, the interest on the Bonds is exempt from Pennsylvania personal income tax and Pennsylvania corporate net income tax.

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

#### **Other**

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

#### **LEGAL OPINIONS**

The issuance of the Bonds is subject to the approving legal opinion of McNees Wallace & Nurick LLC, in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, as Bond Counsel to the School District, substantially in the form of Appendix C. Certain legal matters will be passed on for the School District by Saxton & Stump, LLC, in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, Solicitor to the School District, and Eckert Seamans Cherin & Mellott, in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, will pass upon certain legal matters as Limited Scope Counsel to the Underwriter.

#### **RATING**

S&P Global Ratings, a business unit of Standard & Poor’s Financial Services LLC (“S&P”) has assigned the School District an underlying rating of “AA-” (Stable Outlook). This underlying rating may be changed, suspended or withdrawn as a result in, or unavailability of, information.

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

#### **PAYING AGENT**

Pursuant to the provisions of the Resolution, Manufacturers and Traders Trust Company, as paying agent and sinking fund depository, (the “Paying Agent”), has the limited duty of receiving payments from the School District, depositing such payments in a sinking fund and making payments to the owners of the Bonds of the principal of, interest on, and premium, if any, on the Bonds when due, but only to the extent such moneys have been received. As registrar and transfer agent, the Paying Agent has the limited duty of handling the registration and transfer of the

Bonds. Accordingly, the Paying Agent performs ministerial duties not involving the exercise of discretion and assumes no fiduciary relationship with respect to the owners of the Bonds.

The Paying Agent may now or in the future have banking relationships with the School District which involve making loans to the School District; these loans may have a security feature which is different from that of the security feature associated with the Bonds. The Paying Agent may also serve as trustee or paying agent and sinking fund depository on other obligations issued by or on behalf of the School District.

#### **UNDERWRITING**

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

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

#### **CERTAIN OTHER MATTERS**

All references to sections or language of the Debt Act, Act 1, the Bonds and the Resolution set forth in this Official Statement are made subject to all the detailed provisions thereof, to which reference is hereby made for further information, and this Official Statement does not purport to be complete statements of any or all such provisions.

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

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

**CONESTOGA VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Lancaster County, Pennsylvania**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
President, Board of School Directors

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## **APPENDIX A**

### **SUMMARIES OF OPERATING DATA REGARDING THE SCHOOL DISTRICT**

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## DESCRIPTION OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT

### Introduction

Conestoga Valley School District is located in central Lancaster County adjacent to the City of Lancaster, Pennsylvania and covers an area of approximately 54 square miles. The School District's boundaries are coterminous with those of the Townships of East Lampeter, Upper Leacock and West Earl. The rich and fertile farmland which is characteristic of the area has a topography of rolling hills and gentle slopes. The School District is approximately 60 miles west of metropolitan Philadelphia, 30 miles east of Harrisburg and 20 miles south of Reading. Many well-known unincorporated communities are located within the School District and these include Bird in Hand in East Lampeter Township, Leola and Leacock in Upper Leacock Township and Brownstown in West Earl Township.

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

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

### School Facilities

<u>School</u>	<u>Year Constructed</u>	<u>Additions/ Alterations</u>	<u>Grades</u>	<u>Planned Pupil Capacity</u>	<u>2024-25 Enrollment</u>
<u>Elementary:</u>					
Brownstown.....	1964	2019	K-5	600	409
J.E. Fritz.....	1969	2005	K-5	775	551
Leola .....	1961	2025	K-5	450	323
Smoketown .....	1962	2024	K-5	600	506
<u>Secondary:</u>					
Middle School.....	2022	N/A	6-8	1,175	855
Senior High School.....	1957	2005	9-12	1,818	1,306
<b>Total School District.....</b>					<b>3,950</b>

Source: School District

### Pupil Enrollment

The present, current and projected enrollments within the School District are shown below:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Elementary</u>	<u>Secondary</u>	<u>Total</u>
2021-22 .....	2,095	1,953	4,048
2022-23 .....	2,017	1,956	3,973
2023-24 .....	1,988	1,922	3,910
2024-25 (Current) .....	1,675	2,174	3,849
2025-26 (Projected) .....	1,581	2,117	3,698

Source: School District Officials – October 1<sup>st</sup> “Enrollment Report” as filed with the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

## SCHOOL DISTRICT FINANCES

### Financial Reporting

The “**Summary and Discussion of Financial Results**” herein are summaries only and are not intended to be a complete report. For more complete information, the individual financial statements and the budget of the School District should be reviewed at its Business Office.

The School District keeps its books and prepares its financial reports according to a modified accrual basis. Major accrual items are payroll taxes and pension fund contributions payable, loans receivable from other funds, and revenues receivable from other governmental units.

The School District keeps its books and prepares its financial reports according to a modified accrual basis. Major accrual items are payroll taxes and pension fund contributions payable, loans receivable from other funds, and revenues receivable from other governmental units. Its financial statements are audited annually by a firm of independent certified public accountants, as required by State law. The firm of Withum, Smith & Brown, PC, currently serves as the School District auditor.

### Budgeting Process in accordance with the Public School Code and 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 (“PDE”). An annual operating budget is prepared by school district administrative officials on a uniform form furnished by PDE and submitted to the board of school directors for approval prior to the beginning of the school districts’ fiscal year beginning on 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 by Act 25 of 2011 (together, the “Taxpayer Relief Act” or “Act 1”) 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 election preceding the next 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 prior 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 PDE suggest 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 Public School Code. The School District follows the requirements of Act 1 and the guidance of PDE pursuant to the requirements of the Public School Code.

If the adopted preliminary budget includes an increase in the rate of any tax levied, the school district must submit information on the increase to PDE on a uniform form furnished by PDE. Such information must be submitted no later than 85 days prior to the date of the election immediately preceding the school district’s next fiscal year. PDE compares the proposed percentage increase in the rate of any tax with an index established annually (see “**The Taxpayer Relief Act (Act 1)**” herein) and within 10 days of the receipt of the information but not later than 75 days prior to the date of the election immediately preceding the beginning of the school district’s next fiscal year, PDE informs the school district whether the proposed tax rate increase is less than or equal to the index. If PDE determines that the proposed percentage increase in the rate of the tax exceeds the index, PDE notifies the school district that: (1) the proposed tax increase must be reduced to an amount less than or equal to the index; or (2) the proposed tax increase must be approved by the electorate at the election immediately preceding the beginning of the school district’s next fiscal year; or (3) the School District seek approval to utilize one or more of the referendum exceptions authorized under the Taxpayer Relief Act.

With respect to the utilization of any of the Taxpayer Relief Act referendum exceptions for which PDE approval is required (see “**The Taxpayer Relief Act (Act 1)**” herein), the school district must publish notice of its intent to seek PDE approval not less than one week before submitting its request for approval to PDE and, if PDE determines to schedule a public hearing on the request, a notice of the date, time and place of such hearing. PDE is required by the Taxpayer Relief Act to rule on the school district’s request and inform the school district of its decision no later than 55 days prior to the upcoming election so that, if PDE denies the school district’s request, the school district may submit a referendum question to the local election officials at least 50 days before the upcoming election if it so chooses.

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

Simplified Procedures in Certain Cases. The above budgetary procedures will not apply to a school district if the board of school directors adopts a resolution no later than 110 days prior to the election immediately preceding the upcoming fiscal year declaring that it will not increase any tax at a rate that exceeds the applicable 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 that the school district comply with the procedures in Section 687 of the School Code for the adoption of its proposed and final budgets. Section 687 of the School Code requires that the school district adopt a proposed budget at least thirty (30) days prior to the adoption of the annual budget; that the proposed budget be made available for public inspection at least twenty (20) days prior to the date set for the adoption of the annual budget; and that action shall not be taken on the annual budget until after ten (10) days public notice. No referendum exceptions are available to a school district adoption such resolution.

## Summary and Discussion of Financial Results

The following table presents general fund revenues, expenditures and fund balances for the past five audited fiscal years and the current budget.

### CONESTOGA VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT Comparative Statement of General Fund Financials and Fund Balances (Fiscal Years Ending June 30)

	ACTUAL					Budgeted 2025
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	
<b>Revenues</b>						
Local Sources.....	\$53,440,586	\$55,654,190	\$57,680,362	\$61,868,700	\$63,408,251	\$65,559,823
State Sources.....	15,371,955	15,155,680	15,806,363	18,596,818	20,137,789	22,421,221
Federal Sources.....	2,684,713	4,266,916	4,332,479	9,376,535	8,766,498	3,605,567
<b>Total Revenues</b> .....	<b>\$71,497,254</b>	<b>\$75,076,786</b>	<b>\$77,819,204</b>	<b>\$89,842,053</b>	<b>\$92,312,538</b>	<b>\$91,586,611</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>						
Instructional Services.....	\$45,243,763	\$49,369,354	\$48,139,071	\$50,503,271	\$53,641,446	\$55,382,960
Support Services .....	17,403,940	18,144,141	20,119,387	22,107,713	25,593,661	25,798,493
Noninstructional Services .....	1,489,611	1,576,842	1,579,288	1,666,160	1,972,367	1,600,002
Facilities acquisition, construction and improvement Services.....	3,000	3,801	3,010	4,120,602	3,525,635	0
Debt Service.....	0	0	0	986,071	924,632	0
<b>Total Expenditures</b> .....	<b>\$64,140,314</b>	<b>\$69,094,138</b>	<b>\$69,840,756</b>	<b>\$79,383,817</b>	<b>\$85,657,741</b>	<b>\$82,781,455</b>
<b>Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>						
Sale of/compensation for capital assets.	\$13,692	\$0	\$22,462	\$17,052	\$6,018	\$25,000
Operating transfers in (out).....	(5,624,056)	(5,737,454)	(7,252,957)	(10,253,261)	(7,984,301)	(8,075,449)
Refund of prior year receipts .....	(17,666)	(10,879)	(10,735)	0	(30)	(50,000)
Budgetary reserve .....	0	0	0	0	0	(1,699,916)
<b>Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>	<b>(\$5,628,030)</b>	<b>(\$5,748,333)</b>	<b>(\$7,241,230)</b>	<b>(\$10,236,209)</b>	<b>(\$7,978,313)</b>	<b>(\$9,800,365)</b>
<b>Excess Expenditures Over (Under) Revenues</b> .....	<b>\$1,728,910</b>	<b>\$234,315</b>	<b>\$737,218</b>	<b>\$222,027</b>	<b>(\$1,323,516)</b>	<b>(\$995,209)</b>
<b>Beginning Fund Balance</b> .....	<b>\$13,763,337</b>	<b>\$15,492,247</b>	<b>\$15,726,562</b>	<b>\$16,463,780</b>	<b>\$16,685,807</b>	
<b>Fund Balance June 30</b> .....	<b>\$15,492,247</b>	<b>\$15,726,562</b>	<b>\$16,463,780</b>	<b>\$16,685,807</b>	<b>\$15,362,291</b>	

Source: School District Audits and Budget.

## TAXING POWERS AND LIMITS

### In General

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

1. An 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 or note issue which provided a school building prior to the first Monday of July 1959.
3. An annual per capita tax on each resident 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, a per capita tax, an earned income and net profits 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")/Tax Equalization Division ("TED")) multiplied by twelve mills. All local taxing authorities are required by the Local Tax Enabling Act to exempt disabled veterans and members of the armed forces reserve who are called to active duty at any time during the tax year from any local services tax and to exempt from any local services tax levied at a rate in excess of \$10 those persons whose total income and net profits from all sources within the political subdivision is less than \$12,000 for the tax year. The Local Tax Enabling Act also authorizes, but does not require, taxing authorities to exempt from per capita, occupation, and earned income taxes and any local services tax levied at a rate of \$10 or less per year, any person whose total income from all sources is less than \$12,000 per year.

### PENNSYLVANIA ACTS AFFECTING CERTAIN LOCAL TAXING POWERS OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS

#### Taxpayer Relief Act (Act 1)

**The information set forth below is a partial summary of relevant sections of Act 1 and their impact. This summary is not intended to be an exhaustive discussion of the provisions of Act 1 nor intended to provide a legal interpretation of any provision of Act 1. A prospective purchaser of the Bonds should review the full text of Act 1 as a part of any decision to purchase the Bonds.**

Under the Taxpayer Relief Act (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 or more of the 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 ("Act 72"), or (ii) prior to June 27, 2006, in the case of a school district which had not elected to become subject to Act 72 (as in the case of the School District); (a) to pay interest and principal on any indebtedness approved by the voters at referendum (electoral debt); and (b) 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;
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 the provisions of Act 1), subject to the limitation that the salary base used for calculating estimated payments is capped at the 2011-12 salary base level, per PDE Referendum Exception Guidelines."

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, as the case may be. If a school district's petition or request to increase taxes by more than the Index pursuant to one or more of the allowable exceptions is not approved, the school district may submit the proposed tax increase to a referendum.

"Index" is defined in Act 1 as follows:

#### INDEX

1. Except as set forth in paragraph (2), the average of the percentage increase in the Statewide Average Weekly Wage and the Employment Cost Index.
2. For a school district with a market value/income aid ratio great than 0.400 for the school fiscal year prior to the school fiscal year for which the Index is calculated, the value under paragraph (1) multiplied by the sum of:
  - (i) 0.75; and
  - (ii) the school district's market value/income aid ratio for the school fiscal year prior to the school fiscal year for which the Index is calculated.

"Statewide Average Weekly Wage" is defined in Act 1 as follows:

#### STATEWIDE AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGE

That amount determined by the Department of Labor and Industry in the same manner that it determines the average weekly wage under section 404(e)(2) of the Act of December 5, 1936 (2<sup>nd</sup> Sp. Sess., 1937 P.L. 2897, No. 1), known as the Unemployment Compensation Law, except that it shall be calculated for the preceding calendar year.

The Act 1 Index applicable to the School District for the next fiscal year, current fiscal year and prior four fiscal years is as follows:

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Index %</u>
2024-25	5.3%
2023-24	4.1%
2022-23	3.4%
2021-22	3.0%
2020-21	2.6%

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Source: Pennsylvania Department of Education website.

In accordance with Act 1, a board of school directors may submit, but is not required to submit, a referendum question to the voters in any future municipal election seeking approval to levy or increase the rate of an earned income tax ("EIT") or impose a personal income tax ("PIT") for the purpose of funding homestead and farmstead exclusions, but 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 under law. The referendum was not approved by a majority of the voters at the primary election.

#### **Status of the Bonds Under the Taxpayer Relief Act (Act 1)**

The debt service payable on the Bonds described in this Official Statement is not eligible for a specific exception to the Index limits of Act 1.

#### **Limitations on School District Fund Balance**

**Set forth below is a summary of relevant sections of Act 48. This summary is not intended to be an exhaustive discussion of the provisions of Act 48 nor intended to provide a legal interpretation of any provisions of Act 48. A prospective purchaser of the Bonds should review the full text of Act 48 as a part of any decision to purchase the Bonds.**

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

**Total Budgeted Expenditures:**

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 Undesignated Fund Balance as a Percentage of Total Budgeted Expenditures<sup>(1)</sup>:**

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

\*Applicable to the School District

<sup>(1)</sup> Effective June 30, 2011, Governmental Accounting Standards Statement #54 adopted the term “Unassigned” to refer to general fund balances that would fall within the definition of “Unreserved and Undesignated Fund Balance” in the statute known as Act 48 of 2003.

**TAX REVENUES OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT****Tax Levies****2024-2025 Real Estate and Non-Real Estate Tax Rates**

<u>Municipality</u>	<u>Real Estate (Mills)</u>		
	<u>School District</u>	<u>Municipal</u>	<u>County</u>
East Lampeter Township	15.7620	1.957	2.911
Upper Leacock Township	15.7620	1.695	2.911
West Earl Township	15.7620	1.615	2.911

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

**Non-Realty Tax Rates**

<u>Municipality</u>	<u>Real Estate Transfer</u>		<u>Earned Income</u>		<u>Local Services</u>		<u>Amusement</u>	
	<u>Municipal</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Municipal</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Municipal</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Municipal</u>	<u>School</u>
East Lampeter Township	0.5%	0.5%	0.5%	0.5%	\$42.00	\$10.00	5.0%	2.0%
Upper Leacock Township	0.5%	0.5%	0.5%	0.5%	\$42.00	\$10.00	---	2.0%
West Earl Township	0.5%	0.5%	0.5%	0.5%	\$42.00	\$10.00	---	2.0%

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

## Real Estate Tax Collection Record

The School District's realty tax collection record for the current and previous five fiscal years ending June 30<sup>th</sup>, of the years shown below, is as follows:

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Adjusted Tax Levy</b>	<b>Current Collections</b>	<b>Percent Collected</b>	<b>Current Plus Delinquent Collection</b>	<b>Percent Collected</b>
2019-20	\$46,801,574	\$45,363,642	96.93%	\$45,949,030	98.18%
2020-21	48,364,350	46,820,764	96.81%	47,612,611	98.45%
2021-22	49,552,194	48,123,504	97.12%	48,583,701	98.05%
2022-23	51,549,233	50,696,130	98.35%	51,251,603	99.42%
2023-24	53,371,385	51,817,097	97.09%	52,609,600	98.57%

Source: School District

## Trends in Assessed and Market Valuation

The trend in assessed valuation of real estate in the School District is shown below:

<b><u>Fiscal Year</u></b>	<b><u>Market Value</u></b>	<b><u>Assessed Value</u></b>
2019-20	\$3,214,897,729	\$3,437,429,800
2020-21	3,359,373,093	3,455,027,100
2021-22	3,356,241,036	3,452,905,400
2022-23	3,607,315,713	3,487,393,500
2023-24	3,623,307,153	3,501,899,700

Source: Pennsylvania State Tax Equalization Board (STEB). Valuations are certified in June of following year. Market Values are based upon Common Level Ratio for Lancaster County as reported by STEB.

## Ten Most Valuable Taxable Parcels in the School District

The following table represents the ten real estate parcels having the highest assessed values in the School District. These taxpayers represent approximately 17.18% of the School District's total most recent assessed value.

<b><u>Taxpayer</u></b>	<b><u>Taxable Aggregate Assessed Valuation</u></b>
High Properties	\$347,504,900
Dart Container Corp. of PA	54,094,900
Lancaster New Holland Real Estate	44,124,600
Tanger Properties Limited Partner	38,802,000
TKG Mill Creek Shopping Center	31,833,800
Calumet Enterprises LLC	20,810,400
Fairmount Homes	20,539,800
East Lampeter Associates	15,886,100
Cedar Acres East	14,961,500
LSC Communications US LLC/Donnelly	13,159,400
<b><i>Totals</i></b>	<b><u>\$601,717,400</u></b>

Source: County Assessment Office

## COMMONWEALTH AID TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS

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.

Basic education funding is allocated to all school districts in an amount equal to: (1) a fixed sum equal to the school district's Fiscal Year 2014-15 basic educational funding; plus (2) an additional increment determined annually pursuant to statutory formula which adjusts a school district's average daily membership by a number of factors specific to the composition of the student population as well as the school district's median household income, local tax effort and capacity to generate local revenue. The additional increment as calculated above for any individual school district may be zero.

Information concerning the calculation of the School District's basic education funding can be found on the Pennsylvania Department of Education's website at <https://www.education.pa.gov>.

School districts also receive subsidies for special education, pupil transportation, career and technical education and health services, among other things.

### **Lack of Commonwealth Appropriations for Debt Service Reimbursement**

Commonwealth law presently provides that the School District will receive reimbursement from the Commonwealth for a portion of the debt service on some or all of the School District's outstanding bonds after said bonds have received final approval from the Department of Education (see **"DEBT STATEMENT AND DEBT LIMITS"** herein). Commonwealth reimbursement is based on the "Reimbursable Percentage" assigned to the Bonds and the School District's Aid Ratio or CARF, whichever is higher. The School District's CARF is currently higher at 30.65%. The Reimbursable Percentage is determined through a process known as the "Planning and Construction Workbook" or "PlanCon". 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 expired on June 30, 2017. On November 6, 2017, House Bill 178 became law without the signature of the Governor and became known as Act 55 of 2017. Contained in Act 55 of 2017 was an extension of the PlanCon moratorium through the end of the 2017-18 fiscal year and a retroactive effective date of July 1, 2017. Subsequently, the Commonwealth enacted Act 42 of 2018, which permitted PlanCon applications submitted between July 1, 2017 and November 6, 2017, and whose school district votes to proceed with construction and award bids on their construction contracts no later than July 1, 2021, to receive PlanCon funding as permitted by law, if made available by the Commonwealth. On June 22, 2018, the Governor approved and signed House Bill 1448, known as Act 39 of 2018, extending the PlanCon moratorium through the end of the 2018-2019 fiscal year. On June 28, 2019, the Governor approved and signed House Bill 1615, known as Act 16 of 2019, that included a continuation of the moratorium on new PlanCon Part A submittals through the end of the 2019-20 fiscal year. Act 30 of 2020 extended the moratorium on new PlanCon Part A submittals through the end of the 2020-21 fiscal year. On June 30, 2021, the Governor approved and signed Senate Bill 381 known as School Code or Act 26 of 2021, which extended the moratorium on new PlanCon Part A submittals through the end of the 2021-2022 fiscal year.

To date, the CFA has issued \$1,903,065,000, to provide for PlanCon reimbursements owed to school districts, consisting of 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 and its Revenue Bonds, Series of 2019 (Federally Taxable) in the total amount of \$412,520,000 issued on January 18, 2018, its Revenue 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 will be used to provide PlanCon reimbursement to the School District for the current and future 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 Commonwealth would start to allow applicants to enter into the new program. There is a moratorium for the new PlanCon program, which still remains in place.

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.

## DEBT STATEMENT AND DEBT LIMITS

Residents of the School District are responsible for the following debt within the School District, the municipalities within the School District and the County following the settlement of the Bonds. The School District has never defaulted on the payment of debt service.

<b><u>DIRECT DEBT</u></b>	<b>Gross</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Effective</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Local</b>
<b><u>NONELECTORAL DEBT</u></b>	<b><u>Outstanding</u></b>	<b><u>Reimbursable</u></b>	<b><u>Reimbursement</u></b>	<b><u>Share</u></b>	<b><u>Share</u></b>
<b><u>Issue Type</u></b>		<b><u>Percent (%)</u></b>			
General Obligation Bonds, Series of 2025	\$ 15,000,000	0.00%	0.00%	\$ 0	\$ 15,000,000
General Obligation Bonds, Series of 2022	45,545,000	3.40%	1.04%	474,624	45,070,376
General Obligation Bonds, Series A of 2021	34,245,000	16.72%	5.12%	1,754,947	32,490,053
General Obligation Notes, Series B of 2019	1,025,000	56.19%	17.22%	176,528	848,472
General Obligation Bonds, Series of 2019	38,715,000	15.63%	4.79%	1,854,679	36,860,321
<b>Total Principal of Nonelectoral Debt</b>	<b>\$134,530,000</b>			<b>\$4,260,778</b>	<b>\$130,269,222</b>
<b><u>LEASE RENTAL DEBT</u></b>					
<b>Total Principal of Lease Rental Debt</b>	<b>\$ 1,043,574</b>				
<b>TOTAL DIRECT DEBT</b>	<b>\$135,573,574</b>				
<b><u>OVERLAPPING DEBT</u></b>					
Component Municipalities Debt	\$ 19,283,936				
Lancaster County	15,054,671				
<b>Total Principal of Overlapping Debt</b>	<b>\$ 34,338,608</b>				
<b>TOTAL DIRECT AND OVERLAPPING DEBT</b>	<b>\$169,912,182</b>				
<b><u>DEBT RATIOS OF DIRECT DEBT</u></b>					
Market Valuation of Real Estate	3.74%				
Assessed Valuation of Real Estate	3.87%				
Per Capita (2022 Population)	\$3,962				
<b><u>DEBT RATIOS OF DIRECT DEBT AND OVERLAPPING DEBT</u></b>					
Market Valuation of Real Estate	4.69%				
Assessed Valuation of Real Estate	4.85%				
Per Capita (2020 Population)	\$4,966				

- (1) Gives effect to current appropriations for payment of debt service and expected future State Reimbursement of School District sinking fund payments based on current Aid Ratio. See “**Commonwealth Aid to School Districts**” herein.
- (2) Pro rata 7.98% share of the County’s \$188,610,000 principal amount outstanding.

\*Preliminary, subject to change upon final pricing.

Source: Department of Community and Economic Development (“DCED”) website.

## FUTURE FINANCING

The School District does anticipate issuing additional long-term debt in the next 2 years to fund its capital improvement plan (the amount needed is currently under review).

**BORROWING CAPACITY**  
(Under Local Government Unit Debt Act)

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

	<u>2021-22</u>	<u>2022-23</u>	<u>2023-24</u>
<b>Total General Fund Revenues</b>	\$77,819,204	\$89,842,053	\$92,312,538
<b><u>Less: Required Deductions</u></b>			
a. Rental and Sinking Fund Reimbursement	\$50,726	\$898,939	\$387,178
b. Revenues for Self-Liquidating Debt	0	0	0
c. Interest Earned on Sinking Funds	0	0	0
d. Grant and Gifts for Capital Projects	0	0	0
e. Sale of Equipment and Non-Recurring Items (i.e., insurance recoveries)	0	0	0
<b>Total Deductions</b>	<u>\$50,726</u>	<u>\$898,939</u>	<u>\$387,178</u>
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<u>\$77,768,478</u>	<u>\$88,943,114</u>	<u>\$91,925,360</u>
 <b>Total Net Revenues for Three Years</b>		\$258,636,952	
<b>Borrowing Base - Average Net Revenues for Three-Year Period</b>		\$86,212,317	
 <b><u>Computation of Borrowing Capacity</u></b>			
Debt Limitation - 225% OF Borrowing Base		\$193,977,714	
Less: Net Non-Electoral and Lease Rental Debt		<u>139,640,000</u>	
<b>Current Non-Electoral and Lease Rental Borrowing Capacity</b>		<u>\$54,337,714</u>	

**LABOR RELATIONS**

**Employees and Labor Contracts**

The School District and its professional employees, represented by the Conestoga Valley Education Association, are under a new contract, which expires June 30, 2029. The School District and the Association's relations have been good.

Presently, there are 453 employees of the School District, including 399 teachers and administrators, and 54 support personnel.

**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. On December 20, 2024, the PSERS Board certified the employer rate, to be paid by the School District, of 34% for the 2025-2026 fiscal year. According to Act 120 of 2010 the employer contribution rate is suppressed for future years by using rate caps to keep the rate from rising too high, too fast.

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 transitioned 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. Both the School District and the Commonwealth are responsible for paying a portion of the employer’s share. School entities are responsible for paying 100% of the employer share of contributions to PSERS. The Commonwealth reimburses the employer for one-half the payment for employees. The School District contributions are made on a quarterly basis and employee contributions are deducted bi-weekly for each paycheck and remitted monthly. Recent School District payments, net of reimbursement, have been as follows:

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2020-21	\$4,954,517
2021-22	5,157,694
2022-23	5,081,733
2023-24	5,358,924
2024-25 (Budgeted)	6,270,937

On June 30, 2024, the District reported a liability of \$78,251,542 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2020, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by rolling forward PSERS’ total pension liability as of June 30, 2022 to June 30, 2023. The District’s proportion of the net pension liability was calculated utilizing the employer’s one-year reported covered payroll as it relates to the total one-year reported covered payroll. At June 30, 2024, the District’s proportion was 0.1759 percent, which was a decrease of 0.1981 percent from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2023.

As of June 30, 2023, the PSERS plan was 61.6% 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 on June 30, 2023. For more information, visit the PSERS website at [www.psers.pa.gov](http://www.psers.pa.gov), which is not incorporated by specific reference into this Official Statement.

Source: School District Audit and PSERS

### **Other Post-Employment Benefits (“OPEB”)**

The School District implemented Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 45, “Accounting and Financial Reporting by Employers for Post-employment Benefits Other Than Pensions,” for certain post-employment healthcare benefits and life insurance benefits provided by the School District. This statement generally provides for prospective implementation - i.e., that employers set the beginning net OPEB obligation at zero as of the beginning of the initial year.

Accordingly, for financial reporting purposes, no liability is reported for the post-employment benefits liability at the date of transition. The School District’s post-employment healthcare plan is a single-employer defined benefit healthcare plan. The plan provides medical insurance benefits to eligible retirees and their spouses. The plan does not issue any financial report and is not included in the report of any public employee retirement system or any other entity.

The contribution requirements of plan members are established and may be amended by the Board of School Directors. The required contribution is based on projected pay-as-you-go financing requirements, with any additional amount to prefund as determined annually by the Board of School Directors.

For a full description of the pension and OPEB plans, please refer to Appendix E – Financial Statements.

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## **APPENDIX B**

### **LOCAL DEMOGRAPHIC, STATISTICAL AND ECONOMIC INFORMATION**

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## Demographic Characteristics

### Population

The table below shows population comparisons for the municipalities, School District, Lancaster County, and Pennsylvania.

	<u>2000</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2020</u>
<b><i>School District</i></b>	28,551	33,000	34,218
Lancaster County	470,658	519,445	552,984
Pennsylvania	12,281,054	12,702,379	13,002,700

Source: U.S. Bureau of Census.

### Age Composition (2020)

	<u>Percent Under 18</u>	<u>Percent 65 and Over</u>
<b><i>School District</i></b>	27.0%	16.0%
Lancaster County	29.9	18.4
Pennsylvania	26.1	18.7

Source: U.S. Bureau of Census.

### Income (2020 5-year estimates)

	<u>Family Median</u>	<u>Percentage of Families below Poverty Level</u>
<b><i>School District</i></b>	\$64,314	10.3%
Lancaster County	66,056	7.7
Pennsylvania	61,744	10.9

Source: U.S. Bureau of Census.

### Housing Characteristics (2020)

	<u>Total Housing Units</u>	<u>Percent Occupied</u>	<u>Percent Owner Occupied</u>
<b><i>School District</i></b>	12,184	96.0%	63.0%
Lancaster County	213,312	94.5	68.1
Pennsylvania	5,732,628	88.1	68.9

Source: U.S. Bureau of Census.

### Medical facilities

There are 4 general acute care hospitals and one rehabilitation hospital that serve Lancaster County. These hospitals, their licensed bed capacities and number of employees (full-time and part-time) are as follows:

<u>Institution</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Licensed Beds</u>	<u>Staff</u>	
<i>Lancaster County</i>			<u>Full-Time</u>	<u>Part-Time</u>
Ephrata Community Hospital	Ephrata	141	710	269
Lancaster General Hospital	Lancaster	620	5,707	1,713
Lancaster Behavioral Health Hospital	Lancaster	148	465	154
Lancaster Rehabilitation Hospital	Lancaster	126	239	68
UPMC Pinnacle Lititz	Lititz	59	148	81

Source: Pennsylvania Department of Health, Bureau of Health Statistics; 2020 reporting period.

## **Transportation**

All of the County's major highways converge on the City of Lancaster with the exception of the Pennsylvania Turnpike, which traverses the County in an east-west direction, 15 miles to the north. U.S. Route 30 crosses the Susquehanna River at Columbia, Pennsylvania, and meets Interstate Route 83 at York, Pennsylvania, 23 miles west of Lancaster and U.S. Route 283 connects Lancaster to Harrisburg 39 mile northwest of Lancaster. Interstate Route 83 provides a route to Washington and Baltimore. U.S. Route 222 runs in a north-south direction and connects with Reading, Allentown and Easton, and intersects the Pennsylvania Turnpike approximately 15 miles north of the City of Lancaster.

Air service for the area is provided by the Lancaster Municipal Airport, located on Route 501, five miles north of the City of Lancaster. The Lancaster Municipal Airport is provided with commercial airline service.

Amtrak provides passenger service connecting Lancaster to Harrisburg and Philadelphia. Lancaster County's regional setting shows its close proximity to the large metropolitan communities of the East. Today's transportation systems, along with the County's strategic location, make the world's largest markets readily available for the many diverse products of the County.

## **Utilities**

Pennsylvania is a leader among states in implementing a deregulated, competitive electric energy market. As the Commonwealth switches to a deregulated environment, businesses will be allowed to choose their electric suppliers. Companies will shop in an open market for the best price and service. By taking a lead in this effort, Pennsylvania is providing local firms with a competitive advantage that should last for years to come.

PPL Electric Utilities provides Lancaster County with a dependable, competitively-priced supply of electric energy. The utility supplies electricity to 1.2 million customers in Lancaster and 28 other counties in central eastern Pennsylvania. PPL maintains an active presence in economic development, working to attract new businesses to the area and helping existing businesses to expand within Lancaster County.

UGI Utilities is a leader in offering firm and interruptible natural gas transportation service. The utility's distribution system consists of 607 miles of lines within Lancaster County. UGI maintains gas transportation services to more than 700 customers on its system.

## **Higher Education**

Lancaster County has a number of institutions of higher learning including: Elizabethtown College, a privately owned institution in Elizabethtown, which offers an undergraduate liberal arts education; Franklin and Marshall College, a coeducational liberal arts college in Lancaster; Millersville University, a State-owned institution in Millersville; the Lancaster campus of Harrisburg Area Community College; the Lancaster Campus of Penn State; Pennsylvania College of Art and Design, a member of the National Association of Schools of Art & Design; Lancaster Bible College, a four-year Christian career college unaffiliated with any denomination; Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology and the Pennsylvania College of Health Sciences.

In addition, the Lancaster Theological Seminary, and three vocational-technical schools are located within the County.

## **Tourism**

Because of the area's historic sites, the City of Lancaster's architectural charm, the County's rolling, well-kept farmlands, and the large Amish community, Lancaster has become more and more attractive to tourists. Each year some 8 million people visit the area, spending about \$1.2 billion and generating \$2.3 billion in indirect activity. The tourism industry employs 47,000 people in Lancaster County.

Source: Pennsylvania Dutch Convention and Visitors Bureau

## **ECONOMY**

### **Ten Largest Employers in Lancaster County**

#### **Company**

Lancaster General Hospital  
Mutual Assistance Group  
Giant Food Stores LLC  
County of Lancaster  
Eurofins Lancaster Laboratories Inc.  
School District of Lancaster  
Dart Container Corporation  
Nordstrom Inc.  
Lancaster General Medical Group  
Masonic Villages of the Grand Lodge

Source: Center for Workforce Information and Analysis – Labor & Industry (L & I), 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2024.

## Trends in Lancaster County Employment and Unemployment

<u>TIME PERIOD</u>	<u>CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE</u>	<u>EMPLOYMENT</u>	<u>UNEMPLOYMENT</u>	<u>RATE (%)</u>
April 2025	289,200	281,300	7,900	2.7
March	289,600	280,700	8,900	3.1
February	286,300	276,800	9,500	3.3
April 2024	292,300	285,700	6,600	2.3

Source: Pennsylvania Department of Labor & Industry.

### ECONOMY

#### Classification of Employment by Industry Lancaster County, Pennsylvania

LANCASTER METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA						
(Lancaster County)						
April 2025						
NONFARM JOBS - NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED						
ESTABLISHMENT DATA	Industry Employment				Net Change From:	
	Apr 2025	Mar 2025	Feb 2025	Apr 2024	Mar 2025	Apr 2024
<b>TOTAL NONFARM</b>	<b>267,800</b>	265,900	263,800	266,200	1,900	1,600
<b>TOTAL PRIVATE</b>	<b>247,100</b>	245,200	243,200	245,900	1,900	1,200
<b>GOODS-PRODUCING</b>	<b>56,300</b>	56,000	55,800	57,100	300	-800
Mining, Logging, and Construction	19,700	19,500	19,100	19,800	200	-100
Manufacturing	36,600	36,500	36,700	37,300	100	-700
Durable Goods	20,300	20,100	20,200	20,700	200	-400
Non-Durable Goods	16,300	16,400	16,500	16,600	-100	-300
Food mfg.	8,400	8,500	8,500	8,700	-100	-300
<b>SERVICE-PROVIDING</b>	<b>211,500</b>	209,900	208,000	209,100	1,600	2,400
<b>PRIVATE SERVICE-PROVIDING</b>	<b>190,800</b>	189,200	187,400	188,800	1,600	2,000
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	58,300	58,200	58,300	58,300	100	0
Wholesale Trade	13,500	13,500	13,500	13,700	0	-200
Retail Trade	29,100	29,000	28,900	29,100	100	0
General merchandise retailers	3,400	3,400	3,400	3,300	0	100
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	15,700	15,700	15,900	15,500	0	200
Information	2,400	2,400	2,400	2,600	0	-200
Financial Activities	10,700	10,600	10,700	10,500	100	200
Professional and Business Services	27,700	27,100	26,600	27,800	600	-100
Education and Health Services	52,900	53,100	52,600	51,700	-200	1,200
Health care and social assistance	45,800	45,900	45,500	44,200	-100	1,600
Hospitals	10,700	10,700	10,700	10,300	0	400
Leisure and Hospitality	25,600	24,600	23,800	25,000	1,000	600
Accommodation and food services	20,600	20,000	19,500	20,300	600	300
Food services and drinking places	17,200	16,800	16,300	17,100	400	100
Other Services	13,200	13,200	13,000	12,900	0	300
<b>Government</b>	<b>20,700</b>	20,700	20,600	20,300	0	400
Federal Government	1,300	1,300	1,300	1,300	0	0
State Government	3,300	3,300	3,300	3,200	0	100
Local Government	16,100	16,100	16,000	15,800	0	300
Data benchmarked to March 2024	***Data changes of 100 may be due to rounding***					

Source: Pennsylvania Department of Labor & Industry.

**APPENDIX C**

**FORM OF OPINION OF BOND COUNSEL**

APPENDIX C  
PROPOSED FORM OF OPINION OF BOND COUNSEL

**Below is the Proposed Form of Bond Counsel Opinion Expected to be Delivered in Connection with  
the Issuance of the Bonds**

**[Dated Date of Issuance and Delivery of Bonds]**

Conestoga Valley School District  
Lancaster County, Pennsylvania

Re: Conestoga Valley School District, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_ General Obligation Bonds, Series of 2025

We have acted as Bond Counsel to the Conestoga Valley School District, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania (the “School District”) in connection with the issuance of its \$ \_\_\_\_\_ General Obligation Bonds, Series of 2025 (the “Bonds”) pursuant to the Local Government Unit Debt Act, 53 Pa. Cons. Stat. §8001 *et seq.*, as amended (the “Act”), and pursuant to a resolution duly adopted by the Board of School Directors of the School District on June 9, 2025 (the “Resolution”).

The Bonds are being issued for the purpose of (i) undertaking certain capital projects, including the design, planning, acquisition, construction and/or equipping of renovations and improvements to certain of the School District’s elementary school buildings, and to other buildings and facilities of the School District; and (ii) paying the costs of issuing the Bonds.

The School District has covenanted in the Resolution (i) to include the amount of debt service for the Bonds for each fiscal year in which such sums are due and payable in its budget for that 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 its sinking fund or any other of its revenues or funds, the principal of, and interest on, the Bonds at the dates and places and in the manner stated in the Bonds, according to the true intent and meaning thereof; for such budgeting, appropriation and payment the School District in the Resolution has pledged its full faith, credit and taxing power.

As Bond Counsel to the School District we have examined originals or certified copies of the transcript of the proceedings of the School District filed with and approved by the Department of Community and Economic Development (the “Department”) of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (the “Commonwealth”), the Resolution, the form of the Bonds, such constitutional and statutory provisions and such other certificates, instruments and documents as we have deemed necessary or appropriate in order to enable us to render an informed opinion as to the matters set forth herein.

In rendering this opinion we have examined and relied upon (i) the opinion of counsel to the School District with respect, *inter alia*, to the due adoption by the School District of the Resolution in accordance with applicable laws; and (ii) the accuracy of the statements and representations and the performance by the School District of its covenants set forth in the Resolution and the School District's Tax and Non-Arbitrage Certificate delivered on this date in connection with the issuance of the Bonds.

As to questions of fact material to our opinion, we have relied upon the representations of the School District contained in the Resolution and in the certified proceedings and other certifications of public officials and others furnished to us without undertaking to verify the same by independent investigation.

Based on the foregoing, it is our opinion that:

1. The School District is authorized under the provisions of the Constitution and laws of the Commonwealth to issue the Bonds for the purposes above set forth, and the School District has authorized the issuance thereof.

2. The Bonds are valid and binding general obligations of the School District payable from the revenues of the School District from whatever source derived, which revenues at the time of the issuance and sale of the Bonds include *ad valorem* taxes levied upon all the taxable property within the School District, within limitations provided by law.

3. Under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania as presently enacted and construed, interest on the Bonds is exempt from Pennsylvania personal income tax and corporate net income tax.

4. Interest on the Bonds and accruals of original issue discount are excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes under existing laws as enacted and construed on the date of initial delivery of the Bonds. Interest on the Bonds is not an item of tax preference for purposes of the federal alternative minimum tax. The opinions set forth in the preceding sentences are subject to the condition that the School District comply with all requirements of the Code that must be satisfied subsequent to the issuance of the Bonds in order that the interest thereon be, or continue to be, excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes. The School District has covenanted to comply with all such requirements. Our opinion assumes compliance with such covenants, and we do not undertake to determine (or to inform any person) whether any actions taken (or not taken) or events occurring (or not occurring) after the date of issuance of the Bonds may affect the tax status of interest on the Bonds. Failure to comply with certain of such requirements may cause interest on the Bonds to be included in gross income for federal income tax purposes retroactive to the date of issuance of the Bonds.

It is to be understood that the rights of the owners of the Bonds and the enforceability of the Bonds may be subject to bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium or other laws now or hereafter enacted by any state or the federal government affecting the enforcement of creditors' rights generally.

We have not been engaged to express and do not express any opinion herein with respect to the adequacy of the security for the Bonds or the sources of payment for the Bonds. We

express no opinion herein as to the accuracy, adequacy or completeness of the Official Statement relating to the Bonds. We express no opinion with respect to any matters not specifically set forth herein.

This opinion is rendered solely for the benefit of the addressee hereof in connection with the initial issuance of the Bonds. The addressee may not rely on this opinion letter for any other purpose. This opinion letter is limited to the matters set forth herein. This opinion is subject to future changes in applicable law, and we do not undertake any obligation to update any of the opinions expressed in this letter. No opinion may be inferred or implied beyond the matters expressly stated herein, and our opinions expressed herein must be read in conjunction with the assumptions, limitations, exceptions and qualifications set forth herein. The law covered by the opinions expressed herein is limited to the laws of the Commonwealth and the federal law of the United States of America. Our engagement as Bond Counsel has concluded with the issuance of the Bonds.

McNEES WALLACE & NURICK LLC

**APPENDIX D**

**FORM OF CONTINUING DISCLOSURE CERTIFICATE**

## APPENDIX D

### FORM OF CONTINUING DISCLOSURE CERTIFICATE

This **CONTINUING DISCLOSURE CERTIFICATE** (this “Certificate”) is executed and delivered by the **CONESTOGA VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT, LANCASTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA** (the “School District”), in connection with the issuance of its General Obligation Bonds, Series of 2025 (the “Bonds”), and dated as of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025. The Bonds are being issued pursuant to the Local Government Unit Debt Act, 53 Pa. Cons. Stat. §8001 *et seq.*, as amended, and a resolution duly adopted by the Board of School Directors of the School District on June 9, 2025 (the “Resolution”).

The School District makes the following certifications and representations as an inducement to the Underwriter and others to purchase the Bonds:

SECTION 1. Purpose of the Disclosure Certificate. This Certificate is being executed and delivered by the School District for the benefit of the holders and beneficial owners of the Bonds and in order to assist the Underwriter in complying with SEC 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 Certificate unless otherwise defined in this Section, the following capitalized terms shall have the following meanings:

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

“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 Electronic Municipal Market Access (EMMA) System created by the MSRB.

“MSRB” shall mean the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board.

“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 Underwriter.

“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 Securities and Exchange Commission.

“State Repository” shall mean any public or private repository or entity designated by the Commonwealth as a state repository for the purpose of the Rule. As of the date of this Certificate, there is no State Repository.

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

SECTION 3. Provision of Annual Reports. (a) The School District shall, within 270 days following the close of each of its fiscal years, beginning with the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, file with EMMA an Annual Report that is consistent with the requirements of Sections 3 and 4 of this 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 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, the audited financial statements shall be provided separately to EMMA 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.

(b) If the School District is unable to provide an Annual Report to EMMA within the time set forth in subsection (a) immediately above, the School District will send a notice to EMMA advising them of such fact and, if appropriate, the date by which the School District expects to file the Annual Report.

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:

- an annual financial report for the most recent fiscal year of the School District which may, but need not, be its comprehensive annual financial report, if any, but which shall include, at a minimum, its financial statements for such fiscal year presented in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles and operating data of the type as described in this Certificate;
- a summary of the budget for the current fiscal year;
- the aggregate assessed value and aggregate market value of all taxable real estate for the current fiscal year;
- the taxes and millage rates imposed for the current fiscal year;
- the real property tax collection results for the most recent fiscal year, including (1) the real estate levy imposed (expressed both as a millage rate and an aggregate dollar amount), (2) the dollar amount of real estate taxes collected that represented current collections (expressed both as a percentage of such fiscal year’s levy and as an aggregate dollar amount), (3) the amount of real estate taxes collected that represented taxes levied in prior years (expressed as an aggregate dollar amount), and (4) the total amount of real estate taxes collected (expressed

both as a percentage of the current year's levy and as an aggregate dollar amount); and

- a list of the ten largest real estate taxpayers and, for each, the total assessed value of real estate for the new fiscal year.

Any or all of the items listed above may be incorporated by reference from other documents, including official statements of debt issues of the School District or related public entities which have been submitted to EMMA or the SEC. If the document incorporated by reference is a final official statement, it must be available from the MSRB. The School District shall clearly identify each other document so incorporated by reference. The School District shall provide, in a timely manner, to the MSRB via EMMA notice of its failure to provide the information listed above on or before the date specified in Section 3.

**SECTION 5. Reporting of Significant Events.** The School District will provide, in a timely manner, not to exceed ten business days after occurrence, to the MSRB via EMMA on such form and in such format as shall be required by the MSRB for such filings, notice of any of the following events with respect to the Bonds within the meaning of the Rule:

- (a) principal and interest payment delinquencies;
- (b) non-payment related defaults, if material;
- (c) unscheduled draws on debt service reserves reflecting financial difficulties;
- (d) unscheduled draws on any credit enhancements reflecting financial difficulties;
- (e) substitution of credit or liquidity providers, or their failure to perform;
- (f) adverse tax opinions, the issuance by the Internal Revenue Service of proposed or final determinations of taxability, Notices of Proposed Issue (IRS Form 5701-TEB) or other material notices or determinations with respect to the tax status of the Bonds, or other material events affecting the tax status of the Bonds;
- (g) modifications to rights of the holders of the Bonds, if material;
- (h) Bond calls, if material, and tender offers;
- (i) defeasances;
- (j) release, substitution or sale of property securing repayment of the Bonds, if material;
- (k) rating changes;
- (l) bankruptcy, insolvency, receivership or similar event of the School District;

(m) the consummation of a merger, consolidation, or acquisition, or certain asset sales, involving the School District, or entry into or termination of a definitive agreement relating to the foregoing, if material;

(n) appointment of a successor or additional paying agent or trustee or the change of name of the paying agent or trustee, if material;

(o) incurrence of a financial obligation of the School District, if material, or agreement to covenants, events of default, remedies, priority rights, or other similar terms of a financial obligation of the School District, any of which affect Bondholders, if material; and

(p) default, event of acceleration, termination event, modification of terms, or other similar events under the terms of a financial obligation of the School District, any of which reflect financial difficulties.

The foregoing sixteen events are quoted from the Rule.

The School District may from time to time choose to provide notice of the occurrence of certain other events, 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 specifically listed above.

SECTION 6. 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 Certificate, and may discharge such Dissemination Agent, with or without appointing a successor, and without notice to holders of the Bonds.

SECTION 7. Method of Filing. The School District may satisfy its obligations hereunder to file any notice, document or information by (a) transmitting such filings or giving written direction to the Dissemination Agent to transmit such filing (at the School District's expense) to EMMA, or (b) by filing the same with any dissemination agent or conduit, including any "central post office" or similar entity, assuming or charged with responsibility for accepting notices, documents or information for transmission to EMMA, to the extent permitted by the SEC or SEC staff or required by the SEC. For the purpose of (a) and (b), permission shall be deemed to have been granted by the SEC staff if and to the extent the agent or conduit has received an interpretive letter, which has not been revoked, from the SEC staff to the effect that using the agent or conduit to transmit information to EMMA will be treated for the purposes of the Rule as if such information were transmitted directly to EMMA.

SECTION 8. Termination of Disclosure Obligation. The School District's obligations under this Certificate shall terminate upon the prior redemption or payment in full of all of the Bonds or if and when the School District is no longer an “obligated person” with respect to the Bonds, within the meaning of the Rule.

SECTION 9. Amendments. The School District reserves the right to modify, from time to time, the specific types of information to be included in its Annual Report 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; provided, however, that the School District agrees that any such modification will be done in a manner not inconsistent with the Rule, as the School District may be advised by nationally recognized bond counsel or other legal counsel with appropriate knowledge and experience with the requirements of the Rule.

SECTION 10. Default. In the event of a failure of the School District to comply with any provision of this Certificate, any holder or beneficial owner of the Bonds 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 Certificate. A default under this Certificate shall not be deemed an event of default with respect to the Bonds, and the sole remedy under this Certificate in the event of any failure of the School District to comply with this Certificate shall be an action to compel performance.

**[Signature Page Follows]**

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the School District has caused this Continuing Disclosure Certificate to be executed on its behalf by the President of the Board of School Directors, as attested by the Secretary of the Board of School Directors, all as of the date first above written.

**CONESTOGA VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
LANCASTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
President

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary

**APPENDIX E**  
**AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**



**CONESTOGA VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Lancaster, Pennsylvania**  
**Lancaster County**  
**Financial Statements**  
**June 30, 2024**  
**With Independent Auditor's Report**

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Directors of  
Conestoga Valley School District:

### 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 Conestoga Valley School District, Lancaster, Pennsylvania, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise Conestoga Valley 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 Conestoga Valley School District, as of June 30, 2024, and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller 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 Conestoga Valley School District, and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

#### Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Conestoga Valley 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 Conestoga Valley 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 Conestoga Valley 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, the budgetary comparison schedule - General Fund, the schedules of the District's proportionate share of the net pension liability - PSERS and pension plan contributions - PSERS, schedule of changes in OPEB liability single-employer plan, and the schedules of the District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability - PSERS and OPEB plan contributions - PSERS on pages 4 through 16 and 58 through 64 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.

### **Report on Summarized Comparative Information**

Conestoga Valley School District's 2023 financial statements were previously audited by BBD, LLP, who joined WithumSmith+Brown, PC on April 1, 2024 and expressed unmodified audit opinions on those financial statements in their report dated November 16, 2023. In our opinion, the summarized comparative information presented herein as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023, is consistent, in all material respects, with the audited financial statements from it was derived.

### **Supplementary Information**

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise Conestoga Valley School District's basic financial statements. The combining and individual fund financial statements are presented for additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. The schedule of expenditures of federal awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards, and is not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The combining and individual fund financial statements and the schedule of expenditures of federal awards are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such 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 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 Information**

Management is responsible for the other information in the financial statements on pages 79 through 86. The other information does not include the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinions on the financial statements do not cover the other information, and we do not express an opinion or any form of assurance thereon. In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and consider whether a material inconsistency exists between the other information and the financial statements, or the other information otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work performed, we conclude that an uncorrected material misstatement of the other information exists, we are required to describe it in our report.

### **Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards**

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated March 13, 2025, on our consideration of Conestoga Valley 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 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 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 Conestoga Valley School District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "WithumSmith+Brown, PC".

March 13, 2025

# **Conestoga Valley School District Management's Discussion and Analysis - Unaudited June 30, 2024**

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Management's discussion and analysis ("MD&A") of the financial performance of the Conestoga Valley School District (the "District") provides an overview of the District's financial performance for fiscal year ended June 30, 2024. Readers should also review the basic financial statements and related notes to enhance their understanding of the District's financial performance.

## **DISTRICT PROFILE**

The District consists of four elementary schools, one middle school, one high school and a virtual academy with a student population of approximately 3,910 students. The District is located in central Lancaster County adjacent to the City of Lancaster, Pennsylvania and covers an area approximately 54 square miles that is comprised of East Lampeter, Upper Leacock and West Earl Townships. During 2023-2024, there were 453 employees in the District consisting of 368 teachers, 31 administrators, including general administration, principals and supervisors and 54 support personnel including administrative assistants and technology staff.

The mission of the District is "To educate all students to strive for personal excellence, while becoming caring and contributing citizens in a global community."

## **FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS**

- On a government-wide basis including all governmental activities and the business type activities, the liabilities and deferred inflows of resources exceeded the assets and deferred outflows of resources of the District resulting in a deficit in total net position at the close of the 2023-2024 fiscal year of \$1,018,201. During the 2023-2024 fiscal year, the District had an increase in total net position of \$11,105,115. The net position of governmental activities increased by \$10,629,727 and the net position of the business-type activities increased by \$475,388.
- The General Fund reported a decrease of fund balance of \$1,323,516, bringing the cumulative balance to \$15,362,291 at the conclusion of the 2024-2024 fiscal year.
- At June 30, 2024, the General Fund fund balance includes:
  - ◆ \$911,870 which is considered non-spendable
  - ◆ \$2,061,059 committed to retirement rate stabilization
  - ◆ \$370,000 committed to health savings account reserves
  - ◆ \$250,000 committed to special education costs
  - ◆ \$1,331,622 committed for future debt service obligations
  - ◆ \$2,350,000 committed for assessment appeals and tax increment financing
  - ◆ \$1,400,000 committed for inflation stabilization

The remaining \$6,687,740 is unassigned and represents 7.18% of the \$93,130,552 2024-2025 General Fund expenditure budget. This is in compliance with guidelines prescribed by the Pennsylvania Department of Education which allows a school district to maintain an unassigned maximum General Fund fund balance of 8% of the following year's expenditure budget.

- Actual revenues and other financing sources were \$35,127, or 0.04%, more than budgeted amounts and actual expenditures and other financing uses were \$850,975, or 0.90%, less than budgeted amounts resulting in a net positive variance of \$886,102.
- At the end of the current fiscal year, the District had total general obligation debt of \$134,366,222 consisting of \$123,830,000 in bonds payable, \$4,475,000 in notes payable, and net deferred credits of \$6,061,222.

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- The District's general obligation debt is backed by the full faith of the District and decreased by \$3,557,379, or 2.58%, during the fiscal year.
- The District reports its allocated portion of its defined benefit unfunded benefit obligation related to its participation in the Pennsylvania State Employee Retirement System ("PSERS"). The District's allocated portion of the net pension liability is an actuarially determined estimate of the unfunded cost of the pension plan obligation which totaled \$78,251,542 as of June 30, 2024. The District's net pension liability decreased by \$9,821,186 or 11.15% during the fiscal year.

**OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

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

**GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

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

The Statement of Net Position (Deficit) presents information on all of the District's assets and deferred outflows of resources and liabilities and deferred inflows of resources, with the difference between the two reported as net position. Over time, increases or decreases in net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial condition of the District is improving or deteriorating. To assess the District's overall health, the reader will need to consider additional non-financial factors such as changes in the District's property tax base and the condition of school buildings and other facilities.

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

The government-wide financial statements distinguish the functions of the District that are principally supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues from other functions that are intended to recover all or a significant portion of their costs through user fees and charges.

In the government-wide financial statements, the District's activities are divided into two categories:

**Governmental Activities**

Most of the District's basic services are included here, such as regular and special education, support services, maintenance, transportation and administration.

**Business-Type Activities**

The District charges fees to cover the costs of its food services program.

The government-wide financial statements can be found on Pages 17 and 18 of this report.

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**FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

The fund financial statements provide more detailed information about the District's funds. A fund is a group of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The District, like other state and local governments, uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. All of the District's funds can be divided into three categories: governmental funds, proprietary funds and fiduciary funds.

**Governmental Funds**

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

Because the focus of governmental funds is narrower than that of the government-wide financial statements, it is useful to compare the information presented for governmental funds with similar information presented for governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. By doing so, readers may better understand the long-term impact of the governmental near-term financing decisions. Both the Balance Sheet - Governmental Funds and Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances - Governmental Funds provide a reconciliation to facilitate this comparison between governmental funds and governmental activities.

The District maintains seven individual governmental funds. Information is presented separately in the Balance Sheet - Governmental Funds and Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances - Governmental Funds for each of the major funds.

The District adopts an annual appropriated budget for its General Fund. A budgetary comparison schedule has been provided for the General Fund to demonstrate compliance with the budget.

The governmental fund financial statements can be found on Pages 19 through 22 of this report.

**Proprietary Funds**

The District maintains two types of proprietary funds. Enterprise funds are used to report the same functions presented as business-type activities in the government-wide financial statements. The Food Service Fund is reported as an enterprise fund of the proprietary fund type. Internal service funds are used to accumulate and allocate certain costs internally among the District's various functions. The District uses its internal service fund to account for the District's self-funded healthcare program. Because an internal service fund predominantly benefits governmental rather than business-type functions, it has been included within governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements.

The proprietary fund financial statements provide separate financial information for its major fund and internal service fund. The proprietary fund financial statements can be found on Pages 23 through 25 of this report.

**Fiduciary Funds**

The District is the trustee, or fiduciary, for assets that belong to others, consisting of scholarship and student activity funds. The District is responsible for ensuring that the assets reported in these funds are used for their intended purposes and by those to whom the assets belong. Fiduciary funds are used to account for resources held for the benefit of parties outside the District. Fiduciary funds are not reflected in the government-wide financial statements because the resources of those funds are not available to support the District's own programs.

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The fiduciary fund financial statements can be found on Pages 26 and 27 of this report.

#### Notes to the Financial Statements

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

The notes to the financial statements can be found on Pages 28 through 57 of this report.

#### Other Information

In addition to the basic financial statements and accompanying notes, this report also presents certain required supplementary information which consists of the budgetary comparison schedule for the general fund, schedules of the District's proportionate share of the net pension liability and pension plan contributions-PSERS, schedule of changes in OPEB liability single-employer plan, and the schedules of the District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability and OPEB plan contributions-PSERS, as well as additional analysis which consists of combining and individual fund financial statements.

The required supplementary information and additional analysis can be found on Pages 58 through 64 of this report.

#### GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

As noted above, net position may over time serve as a useful indicator of the District's financial condition. At the close of the 2023-2024 fiscal year, the District's liabilities and deferred inflows of resources exceeded assets and deferred outflows of resources by \$1,018,201. The following table presents condensed information for the Statement of Net Position (Deficit) of the District at June 30, 2024 and 2023.

	Governmental Activities		Business-Type Activities		Totals	
	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023
<b>Assets</b>						
Current assets	\$ 74,541,120	\$ 91,277,558	\$ 2,069,421	\$ 1,879,753	\$ 76,610,541	\$ 93,157,311
Capital assets, net	153,369,304	139,609,595	1,285,935	980,431	154,655,239	140,590,026
Total assets	227,910,424	230,887,153	3,355,356	2,860,184	231,265,780	233,747,337
Deferred outflows of resources	15,824,240	15,278,210	-	-	15,824,240	15,278,210
<b>Liabilities</b>						
Current liabilities	14,240,075	19,558,820	81,712	61,928	14,321,787	19,620,748
Noncurrent liabilities	222,453,683	236,046,653	-	-	222,453,683	236,046,653
Total liabilities	236,693,758	255,605,473	81,712	61,928	236,775,470	255,667,401
Deferred inflows of resources	11,332,751	5,481,462	-	-	11,332,751	5,481,462
<b>Net position (deficit)</b>						
Net investment in capital assets	52,296,823	44,919,116	1,285,935	980,431	53,582,758	45,899,547
Restricted	7,509,112	7,619,758	-	-	7,509,112	7,619,758
Unrestricted (deficit)	(64,097,780)	(67,460,446)	1,987,709	1,817,825	(62,110,071)	(65,642,621)
Total net position (deficit)	\$ (4,291,845)	\$ (14,921,572)	\$ 3,273,644	\$ 2,798,256	\$ (1,018,201)	\$ (12,123,316)

The District's total assets as of June 30, 2024 were \$231,265,780 of which \$65,185,875 or 28.19% consisted of unrestricted cash and investments, and \$154,655,239 or 66.87% consisted of the District's net investment in capital assets. The District's total liabilities as of June 30, 2024 were \$236,775,470 of which \$134,366,222 or 56.75% consisted of general obligation debt used to acquire and construct capital assets, and \$78,251,542 or 33.05% consisted of the actuarially determined net pension liability.

The District had a deficit in unrestricted net position of \$62,110,071 at June 30, 2024. The District's unrestricted net position increased by \$3,532,550 during 2023-2024 primarily due to the current year results of operations offset by the change in the District's actuarially determined net pension liability and the related deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources.

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A portion of the District's net position reflects its restricted net position which totaled \$7,509,112 as of June 30, 2024. All of the District's restricted net position related to amounts restricted for capital expenditures.

Another portion of the District's net position reflects its investment in capital assets net of accumulated depreciation less any related debt used to acquire those assets that is still outstanding. The District uses these capital assets to provide services to students; consequently, these assets are not available for future spending. Although the District's investment in its capital assets is reported net of related debt, it should be noted that the resources needed to repay this debt must be provided from other sources since the capital assets themselves cannot be used to liquidate these liabilities. For the year ended June 30, 2024, the District's net investment in capital assets totaled \$53,582,758 at June 30, 2024. The District's investment in capital assets increased by \$7,683,211 during 2023-2024 because capital assets acquired and repayment of debt used to acquire capital assets exceeded depreciation expense.

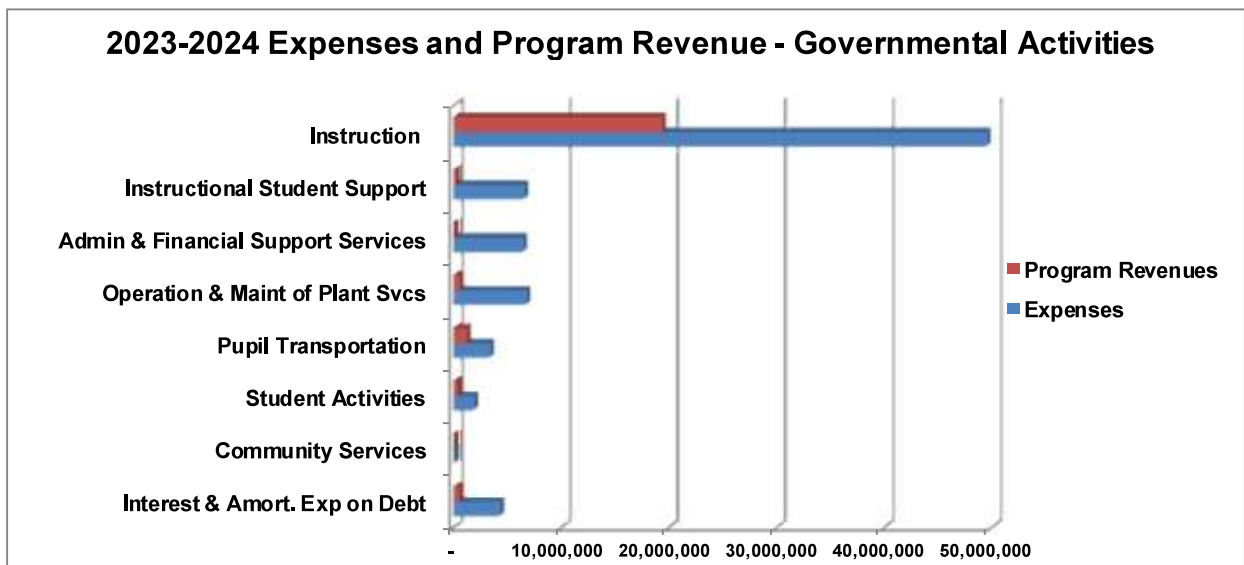
The following table presents condensed information for the Statement of Activities of the District for 2024 and 2023:

	<b>Governmental Activities</b>		<b>Business-Type Activities</b>		<b>Totals</b>	
	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
<b>Revenues</b>						
Program revenues						
Charges for services	\$ 553,784	\$ 496,314	\$ 614,961	\$ 622,877	\$ 1,168,745	\$ 1,119,191
Operating grants and contributions	17,470,516	17,140,650	2,228,284	2,086,230	19,698,800	19,226,880
Capital grants and contributions	3,521,572	4,108,879	338,393.00	-	3,859,965	4,108,879
General revenues						
Property taxes levied for general purposes	52,896,258	51,137,101	-	-	52,896,258	51,137,101
Earned income taxes levied for general purposes	6,091,678	5,935,811	-	-	6,091,678	5,935,811
Other taxes	1,553,868	2,162,742	-	-	1,553,868	2,162,742
Grants and entitlements not restricted to specific programs	8,304,320	7,134,634	-	-	8,304,320	7,134,634
Investment earnings	<u>4,313,757</u>	<u>2,853,250</u>	<u>37,262</u>	<u>19,202</u>	<u>4,351,019</u>	<u>2,872,452</u>
Total revenues	<u>94,705,753</u>	<u>90,969,381</u>	<u>3,218,900</u>	<u>2,728,309</u>	<u>97,924,653</u>	<u>93,697,690</u>
<b>Expenses</b>						
Instruction	52,752,366	49,430,256	-	-	52,752,366	49,430,256
Instructional student support services	7,488,469	6,487,417	-	-	7,488,469	6,487,417
Administrative and financial support services	6,631,501	6,373,961	-	-	6,631,501	6,373,961
Operation and maintenance of plant services	7,087,479	6,676,060	-	-	7,087,479	6,676,060
Pupil transportation	3,355,433	3,298,199	-	-	3,355,433	3,298,199
Student activities	1,857,063	1,815,201	-	-	1,857,063	1,815,201
Community services	20,406	23,307	-	-	20,406	23,307
Interest and amortization expense related to noncurrent liabilities	4,432,649	4,238,405	-	-	4,432,649	4,238,405
Food service	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,855,779</u>	<u>2,426,612</u>	<u>2,855,779</u>	<u>2,426,612</u>
Total expenses	<u>83,625,366</u>	<u>78,342,806</u>	<u>2,855,779</u>	<u>2,426,612</u>	<u>86,481,145</u>	<u>80,769,418</u>
Change in net position (deficit) before transfers	11,080,387	12,626,575	363,121	301,697	11,443,508	12,928,272
Transfers	<u>(450,660)</u>	<u>(258,431)</u>	<u>450,660</u>	<u>258,431</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Change in net position (deficit)	<u>\$ 10,629,727</u>	<u>\$ 12,368,144</u>	<u>\$ 813,781</u>	<u>\$ 560,128</u>	<u>\$ 11,443,508</u>	<u>\$ 12,928,272</u>

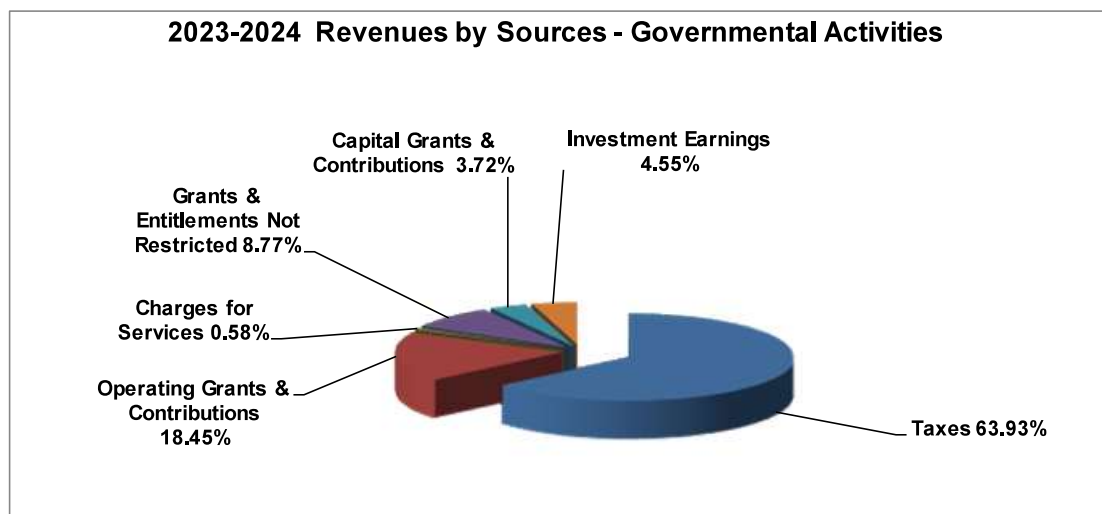
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Overall, the District's financial position has been improving but challenges such as increased medical costs, pension contributions, state-mandated programs and negotiated contracts have a potential to offset these gains in the future. Management of the District continues to aggressively implement cost efficiencies and revenue-generating strategies to combat these factors. In the governmental activities, the District's assessed property tax base drives the majority of the revenue generated. The District's property tax base is evenly distributed between residential and commercial properties, which deviates from the County average that tends to be more residential in nature. Successful property value tax assessment appeals related to commercial properties have offset gains in property tax assessments in recent years.

The Statement of Activities provides detail that focuses on how the District finances its services. The Statement of Activities compares the costs of the District functions and programs with the resources those functions and programs generate themselves in the form of program revenues. As demonstrated in the below graph, all of the District's governmental activities are not self-supporting and do not generate enough program revenue to cover their costs, as is typical of most traditional governmental services.



To the degree that the District's functions or programs cost more than they raise, the Statement of Activities shows how the District chose to finance the difference through general revenues. The below chart shows that the District relies on tax revenues to finance its governmental activities.



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**GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**

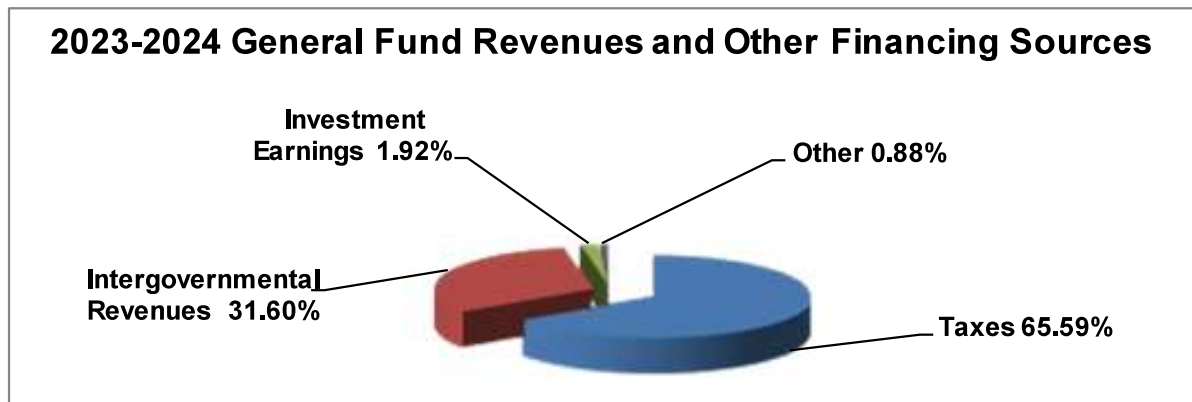
The governmental fund financial statements provide detailed information of the District's major funds. Some funds are required to be established by State statute while other funds are established by the District to manage monies restricted for a specific purpose. As of June 30, 2024, the District's governmental funds reported a combined fund balance of \$58,066,923 which is a decrease of \$11,297,642 from the prior year. The following table summarizes the District's total governmental fund balances as of June 30, 2024 and 2023, and the total 2024 change in governmental fund balances.

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>\$ Change</u>
General fund	\$ 15,362,291	\$ 16,685,807	\$ (1,323,516)
Capital projects fund	42,218,119	52,270,585	(10,052,466)
Debt service fund	-	-	-
Nonmajor governmental funds	<u>486,513</u>	<u>408,173</u>	<u>78,340</u>
	<u>\$ 58,066,923</u>	<u>\$ 69,364,565</u>	<u>\$ (11,297,642)</u>

**GENERAL FUND**

The General Fund is the District's primary operating fund. At the conclusion of the 2023-2024 fiscal year, the General Fund fund balance was \$15,362,291, representing a decrease of \$1,323,516 in relation to the prior year. The increase in the District's General Fund fund balance is due to many factors. The following analysis has been provided to assist the reader in understanding the financial activities of the General Fund during the 2023-2024 fiscal year.

The District's reliance upon tax revenues is demonstrated by the graph below indicates 65.59% of General Fund revenues are derived from local taxes.



**General Fund Revenues and Other Financing Sources**

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>\$ Change</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Taxes revenues	\$ 60,554,858	\$ 59,476,880	\$ 1,077,978	1.81%
Intergovernmental revenues	29,175,492	28,272,470	903,022	3.19%
Investment earnings	1,772,766	1,175,435	597,331	50.82%
Other	<u>815,440</u>	<u>934,320</u>	<u>(118,880)</u>	<u>-12.72%</u>
	<u>\$ 92,318,556</u>	<u>\$ 89,859,105</u>	<u>\$ 2,459,451</u>	<u>2.74%</u>

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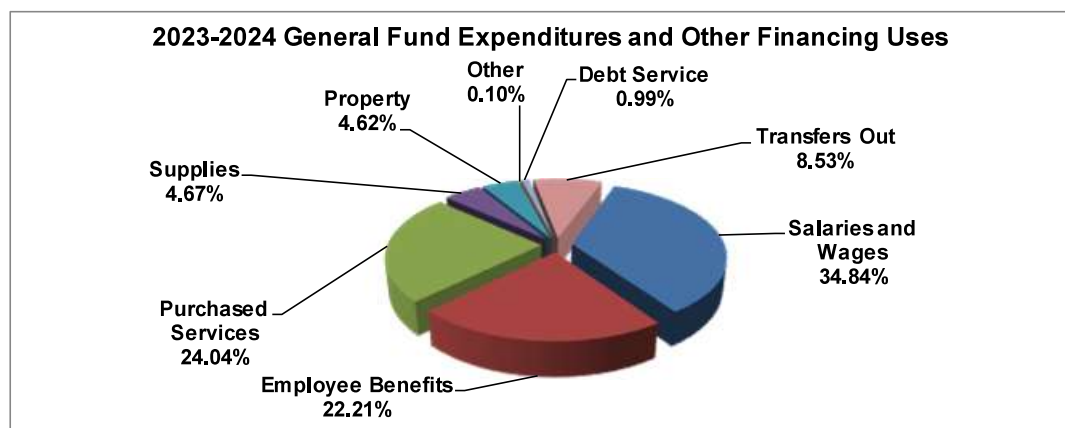
Intergovernmental revenues increased primary due to the state budget allocation provided additional funding to public education which increased the basic education and the special education subsidies.

Investment earnings increased as current interest rates increased from the prior year.

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>\$ Change</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Real estate tax	\$ 51,817,097	\$ 50,696,130	\$ 1,120,967	2.21%
Interim tax	299,712	127,444	172,268	135.17%
PURTA tax	52,901	53,216	(315)	-0.59%
Local services tax	273,699	275,885	(2,186)	-0.79%
Earned income tax	6,091,678	5,935,811	155,867	2.63%
Realty transfer tax	878,401	1,484,055	(605,654)	-40.81%
Amusement tax	348,867	348,867	-	0.00%
Delinquent real estate tax	792,503	554,753	237,750	42.86%
Delinquent per capita tax	-	719	(719)	-100.00%
	<u>\$ 60,554,858</u>	<u>\$ 59,476,880</u>	<u>\$ 1,077,978</u>	<u>1.81%</u>

Real estate tax revenue increased due to the milage increase of 2.75% in 2023-2024. Realty transfer tax revenue decreased as less properties were transferred in comparison to the prior year. Delinquent real estate tax increased as there were more collections received on delinquent taxes in the current year compared to the prior year.

As the graph below illustrates, the largest portion of General Fund expenditures are for salaries and benefits. The District is an educational service entity and as such is labor intensive.



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**General Fund Expenditures and Other Financing Uses**

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>\$ Change</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Salaries and wages	\$ 32,622,149	\$ 30,449,287	\$ 2,172,862	7.14%
Employee benefits	20,802,062	20,572,077	229,985	1.12%
Purchased services	22,515,958	19,468,929	3,047,029	15.65%
Supplies	4,369,584	3,953,363	416,221	10.53%
Property	4,328,335	3,868,597	459,738	11.88%
Other	95,051	85,493	9,558	11.18%
Debt service	924,632	986,071	(61,439)	-6.23%
Transfers out	<u>7,984,301</u>	<u>10,253,261</u>	<u>(2,268,960)</u>	<u>-22.13%</u>
	<u>\$ 93,642,072</u>	<u>\$ 89,637,078</u>	<u>\$ 4,004,994</u>	<u>4.47%</u>

Salaries and wages increased by \$2,172,862 or 7.14% in 2023-2024 compared to 2022-2024. The scheduled salary increased within the District's negotiated collective bargaining agreement, the salary adjustments done through the compensation study and the additional hiring of staff during the current year.

Purchased services increased by \$3,047,029 or 15.65%. ESSER funds were used towards Pennsylvania Department of Education ("PDE") approved capital projects. Tuition costs and special education costs increased as a result of additional students being placed in specialized programs. The District contracts with a third-party to provide staffing services for custodial, maintenance, grounds, food service, personal care assistants and paraprofessionals. The cost for those services were higher than previous year not only because of the increase in cost of the services but also because there were not as many position vacancies. In addition, costs for providing substitute teachers through a third-party were also higher than previous years due to an increased need for substitute teachers to fill teacher vacancies.

Supplies increased by \$416,221 or 10.53%. The supplies category includes technology items such as software and small equipment purchases. The costs in 2023-2024 include items purchased with ESSER funds to support educational needs.

Equipment increased \$459,738 or 11.88%. ESSER funds were used towards PDE approved capital projects completed during the current year, which included recoating and restoration of roof areas, stadium fencing, and a walking path.

Transfers out decreased \$2,268,960 as more funds were transferred from the General Fund to the Capital Reserve Fund in the prior year to support future construction and renovation costs.

**CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND**

The Capital Projects Fund accounts for construction and renovation activity associated with the District's buildings and major equipment purchases. The Capital Projects Fund receives the majority of its revenues from the issuance of general obligation debt and transfers from the General Fund. During 2023-2024, the Capital Projects Fund reported a decrease in fund balance of \$10,052,466 due to capital expenditures in excess of transfers from the General Fund in excess of amounts expended for capital expenditures. The remaining fund balance of \$42,218,119 as of June 30, 2024 is restricted for future capital expenditures.

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## **DEBT SERVICE FUND**

The Debt Service Fund accounts for the interest and principal payments due on the District's outstanding general obligation debt. Transfers are made during the year from the General Fund to finance debt service payments as they become due.

## **GENERAL FUND BUDGET INFORMATION**

Actual revenues and other financing sources were \$35,127 or 0.04% more than budgeted amounts and actual expenditures and other financing uses were \$850,975 or 0.90% less than budgeted amounts resulting in a net positive variance of \$886,102. Major budgetary highlights for 2023-2024 were as follows:

- Real estate tax collections were approximately \$357 thousand over budget primarily due to a higher collection percentage.
- Realty transfer taxes were approximately \$91 thousand under budget due less property sales than projected.
- Interest income was over budget by approximately \$495 thousand due to the unanticipated increase in interest rates.
- Basic education subsidy was higher than budget by approximately \$239 thousand. The 2023-2024 District budget was approved on June 19, 2023. The state's budget was approved on August 3, 2023 and included additional appropriations being funded for education which was not anticipated during the District's budget preparation process.
- Rental subsidies were approximately \$337 thousand over budget. PDE had placed a moratorium on funding future PlanCon construction and renovation projects. However, PDE began funding the District's projects that were submitted at the time of the moratorium.
- Federal source revenues were approximately \$1.3 million less than budget due to less than anticipated ESSER expenditures in 2023-2024.
- Salaries were under budget by approximately \$389 thousand due to administrative, professional and support staff open positions throughout the year. Additionally, social security and PSERS costs were also under budget as these costs are based upon a percentage of salary.
- The District contracts with a third-party to provide substitute teachers. The cost for this service was approximately \$235 thousand more than budget due to the professional staff vacancies.
- The District contracts with a third-party to provide custodial, maintenance, grounds, food service, personal care assistants and paraprofessional services. The cost for these services was over budget by approximately \$108 thousand primarily due to additional personal care assistants to support the needs of special education students
- Contracted services for transportation were more than original budget by approximately \$15 thousand. During the 2023-2024 year, the District added buses and recognized an overall increase in bus and van mileage. Additionally, the formula to calculate the transportation costs is based on the PDE transportation cost index which increased to 6.50% contributing to the increase in transportation costs.
- Special education contracted services and tuition costs were over budget by approximately \$677 thousand due to an increase in placements of students requiring specialized services.

## **BUSINESS-TYPE ACTIVITIES AND FOOD SERVICE FUND**

During 2023-2024, the net position of the business-type activities and Food Service Fund increased by \$475,388. As of June 30, 2024, the business-type activities and Food Service Fund had net position of \$3,273,644.

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**CAPITAL ASSETS**

The District's net investment in capital assets for its governmental and business-type activities as of June 30, 2024 amounted to \$154,655,239 net of accumulated depreciation. This investment in capital assets includes land, site improvements, buildings and improvements, furniture and equipment including vehicles and right-to-use lease and subscription assets. The total increase in the District's net investment in capital assets for the current fiscal year was \$14,065,213 or 10.00%. The increase was the result of current year capital additions in excess of depreciation expense and loss on disposals.

Current year capital expenditures were \$18,927,514 and depreciation expense was \$4,862,301

Major capital additions for the current fiscal year included the following:

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|---|-------------|
| • Leola Elementary - construction in progress               | \$5,194,913 |
| • Smoketown Elementary School - construction in progress \$ | \$8,289,076 |

**NONCURRENT LIABILITIES**

At the end of the current fiscal year, the District had total general obligation debt of \$134,366,222 consisting of \$123,830,000 in bonds payable, \$4,475,000 in notes payable, and net deferred credits of \$6,061,222. The District's general obligation debt is backed by the full faith of the District and decreased by \$3,557,379 or 2.58% during the fiscal year.

State statutes limit the amount of general obligation debt the District may issue up to 225% of its borrowing base capacity which is calculated as the annual arithmetic average of the total revenues for the preceding three fiscal years. The current debt limitation for the District is \$197,041,826 which exceeds the District's outstanding general obligation debt as of June 30, 2024.

The District reports its allocated portion of its defined benefit unfunded benefit obligation related to its participation in the Pennsylvania State Employee Retirement System ("PSERS"). The District's allocated portion of the net pension liability is an actuarially determined estimate of the unfunded cost of the pension plan obligation which totaled \$78,251,542 as of June 30, 2024. The District's net pension liability decreased by \$9,821,186 or 11.15% during the fiscal year.

The District reports a liability for its other post-employment benefits ("OPEB") related to its single employer OPEB plan and its participation in the PSERS health insurance premium assistance program. The District's OPEB liability is an actuarially determined estimate of the unfunded cost of the OPEB obligation which totaled \$6,444,411 as of June 30, 2024. The District's OPEB liability decreased by \$301,650 or 4.47% during the fiscal year.

Other noncurrent liabilities consist of the District's liabilities for leases payable, subscriptions payable, accrued retirement bonuses, and compensated absences which totaled \$3,391,508 as of June 30, 2024. These liabilities increased by \$87,245 or 2.64% during the fiscal year.

**FACTORS BEARING ON THE DISTRICT'S FUTURE**

The District adopted a balanced 2024-2025 budget totaling \$93,130,552 which used \$1,120,293 of committed General Fund fund balance as of June 30, 2024 to balance the 2024-2025 budget and raised the real estate tax millage by 2.50%.

The contract between the Conestoga Valley School Board and the Conestoga Valley Education Association expired on June 30, 2024. The District and the Education Association negotiated a five-year contract which will expire June 30, 2029. The contract includes salary increases of approximately 4.00% each year.

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The District contracts with SOS of Lancaster to provide food service, custodial, maintenance, and instructional aide positions. As such, the District continues to recognize annual savings in PSERS retirement and healthcare costs from outsourcing these positions.

Through this contract the District offers a high-deductible health care plan option to its employees. In this plan the employee assumes responsibility for health care expenses up to a \$2,000 deductible (\$4,000 for a family plan). The District will provide a match of employees' contributions up to 50%. Employees will be able to reduce their premium costs by participating in an outcome-based wellness rewards program.

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The District considers its financial condition to be sound and believes its local community support to be very positive. Future financial condition may be challenged by significant increases in the cost of District contributions to its employees' state retirement plan (contributions are paid by the District on behalf of its participating employees). As the employer contribution rate levels off, increases in the rate are not as significant; however, the rate is projected to be 38.26% in 2031-2032.

In May 2017, the School Board authorized the District to move forward with building a new 6-8 middle school and renovating the remaining buildings. The renovation of Brownstown Elementary School is complete. The new middle school was opened for the 2022/2023 school year. The District issued a fourth general obligation bond issue in the amount of \$45,560,000 which settled in May 2022. This bond issue is for the purpose of continued renovations to the remaining District buildings. While this necessitates a substantial increase in debt service as current debt is paid off, the structure and timing of the new bond issues will have minimal impact on the amount of millage needed in the budget. The District approved bids to renovate the existing middle school in July 2022, which is now complete. The renovations to the Leola Elementary School is the next project. Bids were opened in November 2023 and the renovations have commenced.

As referenced above, the 2024-2025 budget uses \$1,120,293 of General Fund committed fund designated for the employer retirement stabilization, health savings account reserves, future debt service obligations, anticipated inflationary factors and increasing special education costs. The 2024-2025 budget continues to reflect the above average cyber charter tuition costs. However, these costs are less than 2023-2024 as the District anticipates that students gradually returning to in-person learning or the Conestoga Valley Virtual Academy.

With the exception of the increase in the state retirement and basic education subsidy, support from the state is budgeted at levels consistent with the previous year. A new basic education subsidy formula was enacted beginning with the 2016-2017 fiscal year. The purpose of this new formula is to distribute this subsidy in an equitable manner according to various student and district factors such as student enrollment and district poverty levels, and provides for a local wealth adjustment and a local tax effort and capacity adjustment.

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The District prepares its budget in accordance with the mandates of Act 1 of 2006 ("Act 1"). Act 1 is likely to continue to have an effect on the financial activity of the District in future years. The Act places an (index) cap on the percent increase that the District may raise its real estate tax millage rate without requiring approval from voters in a back-end referendum. The index for the 2023-2024 fiscal year was 4.10%, the index for 2024-2025 was 5.30%, and the index for 2025-2026 will be 4.00%. Certain exceptions may be approved by the Pennsylvania Department of Education for retirement or special education costs that would permit the District to exceed this index without requiring voter approval. The available exceptions have been reduced from the 10 exceptions that had been available to the District in previous years under Act 1 of 2006. In the event that the rate of increase would exceed this Act 1 index rate, including any permissible exceptions, the District would be required to place a referendum question on the primary election ballot asking the taxpayers to approve the higher millage rate increase. School districts also have the option to adopt a resolution that the final budget will not exceed the (index) percent in the real estate tax rate to be assessed on properties located in the school district. The final date for availability for public inspection for the 2025-2026 preliminary budget or for adoption of a resolution not to exceed the index will be December 9, 2024.

The District was awarded a total amount of \$13,371,048 in ESSER II and III funding. The ESSER II grant in the amount of \$4,423,529 was spent by September 30, 2023, as required, and the ESSER III (referred to as ARP ESSER) grant in the amount of \$8,947,519 must be spent by September 30, 2024. Each of these grants have very specific guidelines on the allowable uses of the funds as it relates to COVID-19. The District developed a plan for the use of these funds over the applicable fiscal years and has shared that information publicly during the 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 budget presentations. The 2023-2024 budget includes \$6,779,221 of ESSER II and ESSER III funding. The District anticipates that the ESSER III grant was obligated by September 30, 2024, and paid by December 31, 2024.

The District maintains an AA rating (the second highest rating) from Standard & Poor's Corp., one of America's top bond credit rating agencies. Standard & Poor's comment included the following: "After strong financial performance in the past four years, the District is well-positioned to navigate the post-pandemic recovery period through its very strong available fund balance that will provide ample cushion against potential revenue losses due to any lingering financial and economic effects from the recent recession. Recent and ongoing development within the local economy continues to provide stability since property tax revenue accounts almost three-quarters of general fund revenue. S&P Global Ratings is optimistic that the recovery is beginning to accelerate, which is expected to result in additional GDP growth (see S&P Global Economics' report "Economic Outlook U.S. Q2 2021: Let The Good Times Roll," published March 24, 2021, on RatingsDirect). The stable outlook reflects our expectation that management will continue to steer the District's return to an operationally balanced budget for fiscal 2024 and beyond, thereby maintaining the very strong reserves and flexibility this provides if revenues fluctuate."

The District maintains an Aa2 rating (the third highest rating) from Moody's, one of America's top bond credit rating agencies. Calling the District's financial position "healthy with strong reserves and liquidity," Moody's states that the District is "best characterized by its high degree of stability". As challenges, the agency listed the expected increase in the District's debt burden as a result of forthcoming new issuances of debt.

In conclusion, the District has committed itself to financial and educational excellence for the future. The District's systems of budgeting and internal controls are well regarded and consistently followed. Continued diligence in all financial matters will be a key component of continued financial performance well into the future.

## **CONTACTING THE DISTRICT FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT**

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the District's finances for all those with an interest in the District's finances. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional financial information should be addressed to the Chief Finance and Operations Officer or the Director of Finance, Conestoga Valley School District, 2110 Horseshoe Road, Lancaster, PA 17601.

**Conestoga Valley School District**  
**Statement of Net Position (Deficit)**  
**June 30, 2024 With Summarized Comparative Totals for 2023**

	Governmental	Business-type	Totals	
	Activities	Activities	2024	2023
<b>Assets and Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>				
Current assets				
Cash	\$ 46,914,933	\$ 3,216,506	\$ 50,131,439	\$ 41,427,006
Investments	15,054,436	-	15,054,436	38,799,190
Taxes receivable	1,827,636	-	1,827,636	2,236,057
Due from other governments	3,487,615	19,127	3,506,742	5,948,928
Internal balances	1,328,212	(1,328,212)	-	-
Other receivables	1,029,292	68,846	1,098,138	781,706
Escrow deposits	3,508,434	-	3,508,434	3,497,570
Prepaid expenses	1,390,562	-	1,390,562	397,687
Inventories	-	93,154	93,154	69,167
Total current assets	<u>74,541,120</u>	<u>2,069,421</u>	<u>76,610,541</u>	<u>93,157,311</u>
Noncurrent assets				
Capital assets, net	<u>153,369,304</u>	<u>1,285,935</u>	<u>154,655,239</u>	<u>140,590,026</u>
Total assets	<u>227,910,424</u>	<u>3,355,356</u>	<u>231,265,780</u>	<u>233,747,337</u>
Deferred outflows of resources				
Deferred charges on proportionate share of pension - PSERS	14,430,848	-	14,430,848	13,686,467
Deferred charges OPEB - single employer	801,824	-	801,824	819,560
Deferred charges on proportionate share of OPEB - PSERS	<u>591,568</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>591,568</u>	<u>772,183</u>
Total deferred outflows of resources	<u>15,824,240</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>15,824,240</u>	<u>15,278,210</u>
<b>Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Net Position (Deficit)</b>				
Current liabilities				
Accounts payable	4,434,111	4,367	4,438,478	8,845,360
Accrued salaries, payroll withholdings and benefits	7,972,857	813	7,973,670	7,540,043
Accrued interest payable	1,654,886	-	1,654,886	1,698,568
Grants received in advance	241	-	241	1,307,836
Unearned revenue	<u>177,980</u>	<u>76,532</u>	<u>254,512</u>	<u>228,941</u>
Total current liabilities	<u>14,240,075</u>	<u>81,712</u>	<u>14,321,787</u>	<u>19,620,748</u>
Noncurrent liabilities				
Due within one year	4,629,578	-	4,629,578	4,219,810
Due in more than one year	<u>217,824,105</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>217,824,105</u>	<u>231,826,843</u>
Total noncurrent liabilities	<u>222,453,683</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>222,453,683</u>	<u>236,046,653</u>
Total liabilities	<u>236,693,758</u>	<u>81,712</u>	<u>236,775,470</u>	<u>255,667,401</u>
Deferred Inflows of resources				
Deferred credits on proportionate share of pension - PSERS	9,038,000	-	9,038,000	3,155,000
Deferred credits OPEB - single employer	1,246,751	-	1,246,751	1,400,462
Deferred credits on proportionate share of OPEB - PSERS	<u>1,048,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,048,000</u>	<u>926,000</u>
Total deferred inflows of resources	<u>11,332,751</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11,332,751</u>	<u>5,481,462</u>
Net position (deficit)				
Net investment in capital assets	52,296,823	1,285,935	53,582,758	45,899,547
Restricted	7,509,112	-	7,509,112	7,619,758
Unrestricted (deficit)	<u>(64,097,780)</u>	<u>1,987,709</u>	<u>(62,110,071)</u>	<u>(65,642,621)</u>
Total net position (deficit)	<u>\$ (4,291,845)</u>	<u>\$ 3,273,644</u>	<u>\$ (1,018,201)</u>	<u>\$ (12,123,316)</u>

The Notes to Financial Statements are an integral part of this statement.

**Conestoga Valley School District  
Statement of Activities**

**Year Ended June 30, 2024 With Summarized Comparative Totals for 2023**

	Program Revenues			Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position (Deficit)		
	Expenses	Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities
<b>Governmental activities</b>						
Instruction	\$ 52,752,366	\$ 258,135	\$ 13,738,287	\$ -	\$ (38,755,944)	\$ (38,755,944)
Instructional student support	7,488,469	-	815,391	-	(6,673,078)	\$ (36,060,513)
Administrative and financial support services	6,631,501	-	811,098	-	(5,820,403)	(5,697,426)
Operation and maintenance of plant services	7,087,479	134,489	334,803	3,521,572	(3,096,615)	(5,592,422)
Pupil transportation	3,355,433	-	1,161,846	-	(2,193,587)	(2,303,695)
Student activities	1,857,063	161,160	221,913	-	(1,473,990)	(2,151,583)
Community services	20,406	-	-	-	(20,406)	(1,428,551)
Interest, swap termination fees and amortization expense related to noncurrent liabilities	4,432,649	-	387,178	-	(4,045,471)	(23,307)
Total governmental activities	83,625,366	553,784	17,470,516	3,521,572	(62,079,494)	(3,339,466)
<b>Business-type activities</b>						
Food service	2,855,779	614,961	2,228,284	-	-	(12,534)
Total primary government	\$ 86,481,145	\$ 1,168,745	\$ 19,698,800	\$ 3,521,572	(62,079,494)	(12,534)
						282,495
<b>General revenues</b>						
Property taxes levied for general purposes					52,896,258	52,896,258
Earned income taxes levied for general purposes					6,091,678	6,091,678
Other taxes					1,553,868	1,553,868
Grants and entitlements not restricted to specific programs					8,304,320	8,304,320
Investment earnings					4,313,757	4,313,757
<b>Transfers</b>					(450,660)	450,660
Total general revenues and transfers					72,709,221	73,197,143
						69,242,740
Change in net position (deficit)					10,629,727	11,105,115
						12,928,272
<b>Net position (deficit)</b>						
Beginning of year					(14,921,572)	2,798,256
						(12,123,316)
End of year					\$ (4,291,845)	\$ (1,018,201)
						\$ (12,123,316)

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**Conestoga Valley School District**  
**Balance Sheet – Governmental Funds**  
**June 30, 2024 With Summarized Comparative Totals for 2023**

	Major Funds			Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Totals	
	General	Capital	Debt		2024	2023
	Fund	Projects Fund	Service Fund			
<b>Assets</b>						
Cash	\$ 13,408,283	\$ 29,879,477	\$ -	\$ 477,666	\$ 43,765,426	\$ 37,207,022
Investments	1,180,000	13,874,436	-	-	15,054,436	38,799,190
Taxes receivable	1,827,636	-	-	-	1,827,636	2,236,057
Due from other funds	1,333,584	-	-	1,310	1,334,894	2,993,346
Due from other governments	3,487,615	-	-	-	3,487,615	5,920,591
Other receivables	674,640	121,588	-	13,488	809,716	657,040
Escrow deposits	3,508,434	-	-	-	3,508,434	3,497,570
Prepaid items	911,870	478,692	-	-	1,390,562	395,212
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$ 26,332,062</b>	<b>\$ 44,354,193</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 492,464</b>	<b>\$ 71,178,719</b>	<b>\$ 91,706,028</b>
<b>Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Fund Balances</b>						
<b>Liabilities</b>						
Accounts payable	\$ 1,727,934	\$ 2,131,412	\$ -	5,251	\$ 3,864,597	\$ 8,476,398
Due to other funds	857,135	4,662	-	700	862,497	4,602,425
Accrued salaries, payroll withholdings and benefits	7,972,857	-	-	-	7,972,857	7,538,805
Grants received in advance	241	-	-	-	241	1,307,836
Unearned revenue	177,980	-	-	-	177,980	169,321
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>10,736,147</b>	<b>2,136,074</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5,951</b>	<b>12,878,172</b>	<b>22,094,785</b>
<b>Deferred inflows of resources</b>						
Unavailable revenues - property and per capita taxes	233,624	-	-	-	233,624	246,678
<b>Fund balances</b>						
<b>Nonspendable</b>						
Prepaid expenses	911,870	478,692	-	-	1,390,562	395,212
<b>Restricted for</b>						
Capital projects	-	41,739,427	-	-	41,739,427	51,993,158
Debt service	-	-	-	-	-	-
Athletic facilities improvement	-	-	-	260,151	260,151	203,698
Extra-curricular activities	-	-	-	183,511	183,511	157,571
Student sponsored activities	-	-	-	42,851	42,851	46,904
<b>Committed to</b>						
Retirement rate stabilization	2,061,059	-	-	-	2,061,059	2,240,809
Health savings accounts	370,000	-	-	-	370,000	370,000
Special education costs	250,000	-	-	-	250,000	500,000
Future debt service obligations	1,331,622	-	-	-	1,331,622	1,836,000
Property tax assessment appeals and tax increment financing	2,350,000	-	-	-	2,350,000	2,350,000
Inflation stabilization	1,400,000	-	-	-	1,400,000	1,900,000
Unassigned	6,687,740	-	-	-	6,687,740	7,371,213
<b>Total fund balances</b>	<b>15,362,291</b>	<b>42,218,119</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>486,513</b>	<b>58,066,923</b>	<b>69,364,565</b>
<b>Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources and fund balances</b>	<b>\$ 26,332,062</b>	<b>\$ 44,354,193</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 492,464</b>	<b>\$ 71,178,719</b>	<b>\$ 91,706,028</b>

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**Conestoga Valley School District**  
**Reconciliation of Governmental Funds Balance Sheet to Net Position (Deficit) of**  
**Governmental Activities on the Statement of Net Position (Deficit)**  
**June 30, 2024**

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<b>TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL FUND BALANCES</b>	<b>\$ 58,066,923</b>
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Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position (deficit) are different because:

Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the governmental funds balance sheet.	153,369,304
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Deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions and other post-employment benefits are not reported as assets and liabilities in the governmental funds balance sheet.	4,491,489
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Some of the District's property taxes will be collected after year-end, but are not available soon enough to pay for the current period's expenditures, and therefore are reported as deferred inflows of resources on the governmental funds balance sheet.	233,624
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The Internal Service Fund is used by management to charge the cost of health insurance claims to the General Fund. The assets and liabilities of the District's Internal Service Fund are included in the governmental activities on the government-wide statement of net position (deficit).	3,655,384
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Noncurrent liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported as liabilities in the governmental funds balance sheet.	(222,453,683)
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Accrued interest payable on long-term liabilities is included in the statement of net position (deficit), but is excluded from the governmental funds balance sheet until due and payable.	<u>(1,654,886)</u>
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<b>NET POSITION (DEFICIT) OF GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES</b>	<b><u>\$ (4,291,845)</u></b>
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The Notes to Financial Statements are an integral part of this statement.

**Conestoga Valley School District**  
**Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances –**  
**Governmental Funds**  
**Year Ended June 30, 2024 With Summarized Comparative Totals for 2023**

	Major Funds			Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Totals	
	General Fund	Capital Projects Fund	Debt Service Fund		2024	2023
<b>Revenues</b>						
Local sources	\$ 63,408,251	\$ 2,533,964	\$ -	\$ 140,073	\$ 66,082,288	\$ 63,684,771
State sources	20,137,789	-	-	-	20,137,789	18,596,818
Federal sources	8,766,498	-	-	-	8,766,498	9,376,535
Total revenues	<u>92,312,538</u>	<u>2,533,964</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>140,073</u>	<u>94,986,575</u>	<u>91,658,124</u>
<b>Expenditures</b>						
Current						
Instruction	53,641,446	1,064,393	-	-	54,705,839	53,439,025
Support services	25,593,661	1,288,619	-	-	26,882,280	23,635,850
Operation of noninstructional services	1,972,367	6,470	-	61,733	2,040,570	1,816,435
Facilities acquisition, construction and improvement services	3,525,635	10,649,102	-	-	14,174,737	23,368,728
Debt service	924,632	-	7,984,301	-	8,908,933	8,390,348
Total expenditures	<u>85,657,741</u>	<u>13,008,584</u>	<u>7,984,301</u>	<u>61,733</u>	<u>106,712,359</u>	<u>110,650,386</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	<u>6,654,797</u>	<u>(10,474,620)</u>	<u>(7,984,301)</u>	<u>78,340</u>	<u>(11,725,784)</u>	<u>(18,992,262)</u>
<b>Other financing sources (uses)</b>						
Refund of prior year receipts	(30)	-	-	-	(30.00)	-
Sale of/compensation for capital assets	6,018	-	-	-	6,018	17,052
Proceeds from right-to-use arrangements	-	872,814	-	-	872,814	1,329,287
Transfers in	-	-	7,984,301	-	7,984,301	10,253,261
Transfers out	(7,984,301)	(450,660)	-	-	(8,434,961)	(10,511,692)
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>(7,978,313)</u>	<u>422,154</u>	<u>7,984,301</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>428,142</u>	<u>1,087,908</u>
Net change in fund balances	(1,323,516)	(10,052,466)	-	78,340	(11,297,642)	(17,904,354)
<b>Fund balances</b>						
Beginning of year	<u>16,685,807</u>	<u>52,270,585</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>408,173</u>	<u>69,364,565</u>	<u>87,268,919</u>
End of year	<u>\$ 15,362,291</u>	<u>\$ 42,218,119</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 486,513</u>	<u>\$ 58,066,923</u>	<u>\$ 69,364,565</u>

The Notes to Financial Statements are an integral part of this statement.

**Conestoga Valley School District**  
**Reconciliation of Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in**  
**Fund Balances of Governmental Funds to Change in Net Position (Deficit)**  
**of Governmental Activities on the Statement of Activities**  
**Year Ended June 30, 2024**

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**NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**

\$ (11,297,642)

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

Capital outlays are reported in governmental funds as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which capital outlay expenditures exceed depreciation expense and the net book value of disposed of capital assets in the current period.

Capital outlay expenditures	\$ 18,476,854	
Depreciation expense	<u>(4,717,145)</u>	13,759,709

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 in the current period.

Deferred inflows of resources June 30, 2023	(246,678)	
Deferred inflows of resources June 30, 2024	<u>233,624</u>	(13,054)

The Internal Service Fund is used by management to charge the cost of health insurance claims to the General Fund. The change in net position of the Internal Service Fund is reported with the governmental activities.

(150,679)

while the repayment of the principal of long-term debt consumes the current financial resources of the governmental funds. Neither transaction, however, has any effect on the change in net position of governmental activities. Also, governmental funds report the effect of premiums, discounts and similar items when long-term debt is issued, whereas these amounts are deferred and amortized in the statement of activities. This amount is the net effect of these differences in the treatment of long-term debt and related items.

Repayment of bonds and notes payable	3,143,343	
Proceeds from leases and subscriptions payable	(872,814)	
Repayment of leases and subscriptions payable	875,253	
Amortization of discounts, premiums and deferred amounts on refunding	<u>414,036</u>	3,559,818

Some expenses reported in the statement of activities do not require the use of current financial resources, and, therefore are not reported as expenditures on governmental funds.

Current year change in accrued interest payable	43,682	
Current year change in compensated absences	(55,146)	
Current year change in accrued retirement bonus	(34,538)	
Current year change in net pension liability - PSERS and deferred outflows and inflows	4,682,567	
Current year change in OPEB liability - single employer and deferred outflows and inflows	(22,769)	
Current year change in net OPEB liability - PSERS and deferred outflows and inflows	<u>157,779</u>	<u>4,771,575</u>

**CHANGE IN NET POSITION (DEFICIT) OF GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES**

\$ 10,629,727

The Notes to Financial Statements are an integral part of this statement.

**Conestoga Valley School District**  
**Statement of Net Position – Proprietary Funds**  
**June 30, 2024 With Summarized Comparative Totals for 2023**

	<u>Major Fund</u>	<u>Internal</u>	<u>Totals</u>	
	<u>Food Service</u>	<u>Service</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Fund</u>		
<b>Assets</b>				
Current assets				
Cash	\$ 3,216,506	\$ 3,149,507	\$ 6,366,013	\$ 4,219,984
Due from other governments	19,127	-	19,127	28,337
Due from other funds	710	855,815	856,525	1,741,024
Other receivables	68,846	219,576	288,422	124,666
Prepaid expenses	-	-	-	2,475
Inventories	93,154	-	93,154	69,167
Total current assets	<u>3,398,343</u>	<u>4,224,898</u>	<u>7,623,241</u>	<u>6,185,653</u>
Noncurrent assets				
Capital assets, net	<u>1,285,935</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,285,935</u>	<u>980,431</u>
Total assets	<u>4,684,278</u>	<u>4,224,898</u>	<u>8,909,176</u>	<u>7,166,084</u>
<b>Liabilities and Net Position</b>				
Liabilities				
Accounts payable	4,367	569,514	573,881	368,962
Due to other funds	1,328,922	-	1,328,922	131,945
Accrued salaries, payroll withholdings and benefits	813	-	813	1,238
Unearned revenue	<u>76,532</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>76,532</u>	<u>59,620</u>
Total liabilities	<u>1,410,634</u>	<u>569,514</u>	<u>1,980,148</u>	<u>561,765</u>
Net position				
Net investment in capital assets	1,285,935	-	1,285,935	980,431
Unrestricted	<u>1,987,709</u>	<u>3,655,384</u>	<u>5,643,093</u>	<u>5,623,888</u>
Total net position	<u>\$ 3,273,644</u>	<u>\$ 3,655,384</u>	<u>\$ 6,929,028</u>	<u>\$ 6,604,319</u>

The Notes to Financial Statements are an integral part of this statement.

**Conestoga Valley School District**  
**Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position – Proprietary Funds**  
**Year Ended, June 30, 2024 With Summarized Comparative Totals for 2023**

	<u>Major Fund</u>	<u>Internal</u>	<u>Totals</u>	
	<u>Food Service</u>	<u>Service</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Fund</u>		
<b>Operating revenues</b>				
Charges for services	\$ 614,961	\$ 6,929,629	\$ 7,544,590	\$ 8,076,325
<b>Operating expenses</b>				
Salaries	149,365	-	149,365	132,944
Employee benefits	81,486	6,077,169	6,158,655	5,433,261
Purchased services - food service management	1,021,534	-	1,021,534	864,551
Purchased professional and technical services	7,464	1,062,415	1,069,879	795,383
Purchased property services	22,165	-	22,165	11,346
Other purchased services	3,025	-	3,025	4,468
Supplies	1,425,064	-	1,425,064	1,229,006
Depreciation	145,156	-	145,156	109,122
Other	520	-	520	885
Total operating expenses	<u>2,855,779</u>	<u>7,139,584</u>	<u>9,995,363</u>	<u>8,580,966</u>
Operating loss	<u>(2,240,818)</u>	<u>(209,955)</u>	<u>(2,450,773)</u>	<u>(504,641)</u>
<b>Nonoperating revenues (expenses)</b>				
Earnings on investments	37,262	59,276	96,538	116,566
State sources	290,405	-	290,405	225,205
Federal sources	1,937,879	-	1,937,879	1,861,025
Gain on sale of capital assets	-	-	-	5,334
Total nonoperating revenues (expenses)	<u>2,265,546</u>	<u>59,276</u>	<u>2,324,822</u>	<u>2,208,130</u>
Change in net position before transfer	24,728	(150,679)	(125,951)	1,703,489
<b>Transfers in</b>	<u>450,660</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>450,660</u>	<u>258,431</u>
Change in net position	475,388	(150,679)	324,709	1,961,920
<b>Net position</b>				
Beginning of year	<u>2,798,256</u>	<u>3,806,063</u>	<u>6,604,319</u>	<u>4,642,399</u>
End of year	<u>\$ 3,273,644</u>	<u>\$ 3,655,384</u>	<u>\$ 6,929,028</u>	<u>\$ 6,604,319</u>

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**Conestoga Valley School District**  
**Statement of Cash Flows – Proprietary Funds**  
**Year Ended June 30, 2024 With Summarized Comparative Totals for 2023**

	<b>Major Fund</b>	<b>Internal</b>	<b>Totals</b>	
	<b>Food Service</b>	<b>Service</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>Fund</b>	<b>Fund</b>		
<b>Operating activities</b>				
Cash received from charges for services	\$ 596,406	\$ -	\$ 596,406	\$ 584,774
Cash received from assessments made to other funds	-	7,423,564	7,423,564	6,606,019
Cash payments to employees for services	(231,275)	-	(231,275)	(224,700)
Cash payments for insurance claims	-	(5,873,447)	(5,873,447)	(5,195,576)
Cash payments to suppliers for goods and services	(853,043)	-	(853,043)	(2,202,757)
Cash payments for other operating expenses	-	(1,062,415)	(1,062,415)	(789,571)
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	<u>(487,912)</u>	<u>487,702</u>	<u>(210)</u>	<u>(1,221,811)</u>
<b>Noncapital financing activities</b>				
State sources	316,251	-	316,251	196,868
Federal sources	<u>1,733,450</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,733,450</u>	<u>1,667,467</u>
Net cash provided by noncapital financing activities	<u>2,049,701</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,049,701</u>	<u>1,864,335</u>
<b>Capital and related financing activities</b>				
Proceeds from sale of capital assets	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,334</u>
<b>Investing activities</b>				
Earnings on investments	<u>37,262</u>	<u>59,276</u>	<u>96,538</u>	<u>116,566</u>
<b>Net change in cash</b>	<b>1,599,051</b>	<b>546,978</b>	<b>2,146,029</b>	<b>764,424</b>
<b>Cash</b>				
Beginning of year	<u>1,617,455</u>	<u>2,602,529</u>	<u>4,219,984</u>	<u>3,455,560</u>
<b>End of year</b>	<u><b>\$ 3,216,506</b></u>	<u><b>\$ 3,149,507</b></u>	<u><b>\$ 6,366,013</b></u>	<u><b>\$ 4,219,984</b></u>
<b>Reconciliation of operating loss to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities:</b>				
Operating loss	\$ (2,240,818)	\$ (209,955)	\$ (2,450,773)	\$ (504,641)
Adjustments to reconcile operating loss to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities				
Depreciation	145,156	-	145,156	109,122
Donated commodities used	187,791	-	187,791	193,558
(Increase) decrease in				
Due from other funds	262,275	622,226	884,501	(1,068,102)
Other receivables	(35,467)	(128,291)	(163,758)	(70,934)
Prepaid expenses	375	2,100	2,475	31,303
Inventories	(23,987)	-	(23,987)	1,458
Increase (decrease) in				
Accounts payable	3,298	201,622	204,920	132,654
Due to other funds	1,196,977	-	1,196,977	(18,803)
Accrued salaries, payroll withholdings and benefits	(424)	-	(424)	(17,944)
Unearned revenue	<u>16,912</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>16,912</u>	<u>(9,482)</u>
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	<u><b>\$ (487,912)</b></u>	<u><b>\$ 487,702</b></u>	<u><b>\$ (210)</b></u>	<u><b>\$ (1,221,811)</b></u>
<b>Supplemental disclosure</b>				
Noncash noncapital financing activity				
USDA donated commodities	<u>\$ 187,791</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 187,791</u>	<u>\$ 193,558</u>
Noncash capital and related financing activity				
Capital contribution	<u>\$ 450,660</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 450,660</u>	<u>\$ 258,431</u>

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**Conestoga Valley School District**  
**Statement of Net Position – Fiduciary Funds**  
**June 30, 2024 With Summarized Comparative Totals for 2023**

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	Private- Purpose Trust	Custodial	Totals	
			2024	2023
<b>Assets</b>				
Cash	\$ 198,761	\$ 139,827	\$ 338,588	\$ 306,197
Other receivables	-	3,897	3,897	24,532
Total assets	<u>198,761</u>	<u>143,724</u>	<u>342,485</u>	<u>330,729</u>
<b>Liabilities and Net Position</b>				
Liabilities				
Accounts payable	-	-	-	301
Net position				
Restricted for student activities	-	143,724	143,724	138,978
Net assets held in trust for scholarships	<u>198,761</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>198,761</u>	<u>191,450</u>
	<u>\$ 198,761</u>	<u>\$ 143,724</u>	<u>\$ 342,485</u>	<u>\$ 330,428</u>

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**Conestoga Valley School District**  
**Statement of Changes in Net Position – Fiduciary Funds**  
**Year Ended June 30, 2024 With Summarized Comparative Totals for 2023**

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	Private- Purpose Trust	Custodial	Totals	
			2024	2023
<b>Additions</b>				
Receipts from student groups	\$ -	\$ 146,347	\$ 146,347	\$ 91,817
Local contributions	28,326	-	28,326	19,197
Total additions	<u>28,326</u>	<u>146,347</u>	<u>174,673</u>	<u>111,014</u>
<b>Deductions</b>				
Scholarships awarded and fees paid	21,015	-	21,015	14,425
Student activities disbursements	<u>-</u>	<u>141,601</u>	<u>141,601</u>	<u>85,812</u>
Total deductions	<u>21,015</u>	<u>141,601</u>	<u>162,616</u>	<u>100,237</u>
Change in net position	7,311	4,746	12,057	10,777
<b>Net position</b>				
Beginning of year	<u>191,450</u>	<u>138,978</u>	<u>330,428</u>	<u>319,651</u>
End of year	<u>\$ 198,761</u>	<u>\$ 143,724</u>	<u>\$ 342,485</u>	<u>\$ 330,428</u>

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**1. ORGANIZATION AND PURPOSE**

Conestoga Valley School District (the "District") operates four elementary schools, one middle school and a high school and a virtual academy to provide education and related services to the residents in the Townships of East Lampeter, Upper Leacock and West Earl. The District operates under current standards prescribed by the Pennsylvania Department of Education in accordance with the provisions of the School Laws of Pennsylvania as a school district of the second class. The District operates under a locally elected nine-member board form of government (the "School Board").

**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 authoritative standard-setting body for the establishment of governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The more significant of these accounting policies are as follows:

**Reporting Entity**

GASB has established the criteria for determining the activities, organizations and functions of government to be included in the financial statements of the reporting entity. In evaluating the District as a reporting entity, management has addressed all potential component units which may or may not fall within the District's accountability. The criteria used to evaluate component units for possible inclusion as part of the District's reporting entity are financial accountability and the nature and significance of the relationship. The District is considered to be an independent reporting entity and has no component units.

**Basis of Presentation**

*Government-Wide Financial Statements*

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

The government-wide financial statements are prepared using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of timing of related cash flow. This is the same approach used in the preparation of the proprietary fund financial statements but differs from the manner in which governmental fund financial statements are prepared as further defined below. Therefore, governmental fund financial statements include a reconciliation with brief explanations to better identify the relationship between the government-wide statements and the statements of governmental funds.

The government-wide statement of net position (deficit) presents the financial position of the District which is the difference between assets and deferred outflows of resources and liabilities and deferred inflows of resources and is classified in one of three components. Net investment in capital assets consists of capital assets net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by the outstanding balances of borrowing attributable to acquiring, constructing or improving those assets. The net position of the District is reported as restricted when constraints placed on net position use is either externally imposed by creditors (such as through debt covenants), grantors, contributors or laws or regulations of other governments or imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation. Unrestricted net position is the net position that does not meet the definition of "net investment in capital assets" or "restricted net position."

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The statement of net position (deficit) includes separate sections for deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources. Deferred outflows of resources represent a consumption of net position that applies to future periods and will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense) until that time. Deferred inflows of resources represent an acquisition of net position that applies to future periods and will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time.

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

Except for interfund activity and balances between the funds that underlie governmental activities and the funds that underlie business-type activities, which are reported as transfers and internal balances, the effect of interfund activity has been removed from these statements.

*Fund Financial Statements*

During the school year, the District segregates transactions related to certain District functions or activities in separate funds in order to aid financial management and to demonstrate legal compliance. Fund financial statements report detailed information about the District. The focus of governmental and proprietary fund financial statements is on major funds rather than reporting funds by type. Each major fund is presented in a separate column. Fiduciary fund financial statements are presented by fund type.

*Governmental Funds*

All governmental funds are accounted for using the modified accrual basis of accounting and the current financial resources measurement focus. Under this basis, revenues are recognized in the accounting period in which they become measurable and available. Expenditures are recognized in the accounting period in which the fund liability is incurred, if measurable. The District reports the following major governmental funds:

The General Fund is the government's primary operating fund. It accounts for all financial resources of the general government, except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

The Capital Projects Fund accounts for financial resources restricted, committed or assigned to be used for capital expenditures or for the acquisition, construction of capital facilities, improvements and/or equipment.

The Debt Service Fund is used to account for the accumulation of resources for, and the payment of long-term principal, interest and other related costs.

In addition, the District reports the following nonmajor governmental funds:

Special Revenue Funds are used to account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources that are restricted to expenditures for specific purposes. These funds include the District's Athletic Facilities Improvement Fund, Extra-Curricular Fund and Student Sponsored Activity Fund.

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*Revenue Recognition*

In applying the "susceptible to accrual concept" under the modified accrual basis, revenues are considered to be available when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the District considers tax revenue to be available if collected within 60 days of the end of the fiscal period. Deferred inflows of resources are reported in connection with receivables for tax revenues that are not considered to be available to liquidate liabilities of the current period. Revenue from federal, state and other grants designated for payment of specific District expenditures is recognized when the related expenditures are incurred; accordingly, when such funds are received, they are reported as unearned revenues until earned. Other receipts are recorded as revenue when received in cash because they are generally not measurable until actually received.

*Expenditure Recognition*

The measurement focus of governmental fund accounting is on decreases in net financial resources (expenditures) rather than expenses. Most expenditures are measurable and are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred. However, debt service expenditures, as well as expenditures related to compensated absences, special termination benefits, other post-employment benefits and claims and judgments are recorded only when payment is due. Allocations of costs, such as depreciation and amortization, are not recognized in the governmental funds.

*Proprietary Funds*

Like the government-wide financial statements, proprietary funds are accounted for using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. These funds account for operations that are primarily financed by user charges. The economic resource focus concerns determining costs as a means of maintaining the capital investment and management control. Revenues are recognized when they are earned and expenses are recognized when they are incurred. Allocations of certain costs, such as depreciation, are recorded in proprietary funds. The District reports the following proprietary funds:

The Food Service Fund accounts for the revenues and costs of providing meals to students during the school year.

The Internal Service Fund is used to account for the District's self-funded health insurance program.

These funds distinguish operating revenues and expenses from nonoperating items. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services and producing and delivering goods in connection with the proprietary funds' principal ongoing operations. The principal operating revenues of the District's proprietary funds are charges for services. Operating expenses for the District's proprietary funds include payroll, employee benefits, supplies and administrative costs. All revenues or expenses not meeting this definition are reported as nonoperating revenues and expenses.

*Fiduciary Funds*

Fiduciary funds reporting focuses on net assets and changes in net assets and are accounted for using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. The fiduciary fund category is split into four classifications: pension trust funds, investment trust funds, private purpose trust funds and custodial funds. The private-purpose trust fund accounts for activities in various scholarship accounts, whose sole purpose is to provide annual scholarships to particular students as described by donor stipulations. Custodial funds are used to account for assets held on behalf of individuals and/or governmental units and are , therefore not available to support the District's own programs. The District has one custodial consisting of funds held on behalf of the students.

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**Cash and Cash Equivalents**

The District's cash and cash equivalents are considered to be cash on hand, demand deposits and short-term investments with original maturities of three months or less from the date of acquisition.

**Investments**

Investments are stated at fair value based upon quoted market prices, except for certificates of deposit which are recorded at cost and external investment pools which are recorded at amortized cost, both of which approximate fair value.

**Fair Value Measurements of Assets and Liabilities**

GAAP defines fair value as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. GAAP establishes a fair value hierarchy for inputs used in measuring fair value that maximizes the use of observable inputs and minimizes the use of unobservable inputs by requiring that the most observable inputs be used when available. Observable inputs are those that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability based on market data obtained from sources independent of the District. Unobservable inputs reflect the District's assumptions about the inputs market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability based on the best information available in the circumstances. The fair value hierarchy is categorized into three levels based on the inputs as follows:

*Level 1* - Valuations based on quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the District has the ability to access. Since valuations are based on quoted prices that are readily and regularly available in an active market, valuation of these assets and liabilities does not require a significant degree of judgment.

*Level 2* - Valuations based on quoted prices in markets that are not active or for which all significant inputs are observable, either directly or indirectly.

*Level 3* - Valuations based on inputs that are unobservable, that is, inputs that reflect the District's own assumptions.

**Interfund Receivables and Payables**

Activity between funds that are representative of lending/borrowing arrangements outstanding at the end of the fiscal year are referred to as either "due to/due from other funds" (i.e., the current portion of interfund loans) or "advances to/from other funds" (i.e., the noncurrent portion of interfund loans). Any residual balances outstanding between the governmental activities and business-type activities are reported in the government-wide financial statements as "internal balances."

**Property Taxes**

Taxes are levied on July 1 and are payable in the following periods:

July 1 - August 31	-	Discount period, 2% of gross levy
September 1 - October 31	-	Face period
November 1 to collection	-	Penalty period, 10% of gross levy
January 1	-	Lien date

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The County Board of Assessments determines assessed valuations of property and the Lancaster County Tax Collection Bureau bills and collects the District's property taxes. The tax on real estate for public school purposes for fiscal 2023-2024 was 15.3776 mills (\$15.3776 for \$1,000 of assessed valuation). The District experiences very small losses from uncollectible property taxes. Property taxes constitute a lien against real property and usually can be collected in full when title transfers. Only balances that remain after tax sales are written off each year. Accordingly, an allowance for doubtful accounts has not been established by the District for property taxes receivable.

Taxpayers within the District have the option of paying in three installments. These installments have the following due dates:

Installment One	-	August 31
Installment Two	-	October 31
Installment Three	-	December 31

The discount (two percent) is not applicable to installment payments; however, the penalty (10 percent) will be added if second and third installments are paid subsequent to the due dates.

**Unearned Revenues**

Unearned revenue arises when assets are recognized before revenue recognition criteria have been satisfied.

**Prepaid Items and Inventories**

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

All inventories are valued at the lower of cost (first-in, first-out method) or market.

**Capital Assets**

Capital assets, which include property, plant and equipment, are reported in the applicable governmental or business-type activities columns in the government-wide financial statements and the proprietary fund financial statements. Capital assets are defined by the District as assets with an initial individual cost of more than \$5,000 and estimated useful life in excess of one year. Such assets are recorded at historical cost if purchased or constructed. Donated capital assets are recorded at estimated fair value at the date of donation.

The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend assets' lives are not capitalized.

Major outlays for capital assets and improvements are capitalized as projects are constructed, inclusive of ancillary costs.

Property, plant and equipment (net of salvage value) of the District is depreciated using the straight-line method over the following estimated useful lives: site improvements - 15 years; buildings and improvements - 20-50 years; furniture and equipment - 3-10 years.

**Leases - Lessee**

The District has entered in noncancellable leases as the lessee. The District recognizes a lease liability and an intangible right-to-use lease asset (lease asset) in the government-wide financial statements.

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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 costs. Subsequently, the lease asset is amortized on a straight-line basis over its useful life.

Key estimates and judgments 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 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 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 liability if certain changes occur that are expected to significantly affect the amount of the lease liability.

**Impairment of Long-Lived Assets**

The District evaluates prominent events or changes in circumstances affecting capital assets to determine whether impairment of a capital asset has occurred. A capital asset is generally considered impaired if both (a) the decline in service utility of the capital asset is large in magnitude and (b) the event or change in circumstances is outside the normal life cycle of the capital asset. If a capital asset is considered to be impaired, the amount of impairment is measured by the method that most reflects the decline in service utility of the capital asset at the lower of carrying value or fair value for impaired capital assets that will no longer be used by the District. No impairment losses were recognized in the year ended June 30, 2024.

**Compensated Absences**

District policies permit employees to accumulate earned but unused vacation, personal and sick days. The liability for these compensated absences is recorded as a noncurrent liability in the government-wide financial statements. A liability for these amounts is reported in the governmental fund financial statements only to the extent they have matured, for example, as a result of employee resignations and retirements.

**Accrued Retirement Bonus**

Upon voluntary retirement, employees with qualifying years of service according to their respective employment contract are eligible to receive a lump sum retirement bonus.

**Long-Term Obligations**

In the government-wide and proprietary fund financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities. Bonds payable are reported net of the applicable bond premium or discount. Bond premiums and discounts are deferred and amortized over the life of the bonds. Deferred amounts on refunding are recorded as a deferred outflow of resources and amortized over the life of the old debt or the life of the new debt, whichever is shorter. All amounts are amortized using the straight-line method.

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 and uses. Premiums received and discounts paid on debt issuances are reported as other financing sources and uses. Issuance costs, whether or not withheld from the actual debt proceeds received, are reported as debt service expenditures except for refundings paid from proceeds which are reported as other financing costs.

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**Fund Equity**

As prescribed by GASB, governmental funds report fund balance in classifications based primarily on the extent to which the District is bound to honor constraints on the specific purposes for which amounts in the fund can be spent. The District reports the following fund balance classifications:

*Non-spendable*

Non-spendable fund balances are amounts that cannot be spent because they are either (a) not in spendable form - such as inventory or prepaid insurance or (b) legally or contractually required to be maintained intact - such as a trust that must be retained in perpetuity.

*Restricted*

Restricted fund balances are restricted when constraints placed on the use of resources are either (a) externally imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors or laws or regulations of other governments or (b) imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

*Committed*

Committed fund balances are amounts that can only be used for specific purposes determined by a formal action of the District's highest level of decision-making authority, the School Board. Committed amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the School Board removes those constraints by taking the same type of formal action (e.g., resolution).

*Assigned*

Assigned fund balances are amounts that are constrained by the District's intent to be used for specific purposes, but are neither restricted nor committed. Assigned amounts are reviewed and approved by the Board.

Assigned fund balance includes (a) all remaining amounts that are reported in governmental funds (other than the General Fund) that are not classified as non-spendable, restricted or committed, and (b) amounts in the General Fund that are intended to be used for a specific purpose. Specific amounts that are not restricted or committed in a special revenue fund or the capital projects fund are assigned for purposes in accordance with the nature of their fund type.

*Unassigned*

Unassigned fund balance is the residual classification for the General Fund. This classification represents General Fund balance that has not been assigned to other funds, and that has not been restricted, committed or assigned to specific purposes within the General Fund.

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

The School Board has set a General Fund maximum unassigned fund balance of 8% of the following year's expenditure budget in accordance with guidelines prescribed by the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

**Comparative Data**

Comparative totals for the prior year have been presented in the accompanying financial statements in order to provide an understanding of changes in the District's financial position and operations. Certain amounts presented in the prior year have been reclassified in order to be consistent with the current year's presentation. However, presentation of prior year totals by fund and activity type have not been presented in each of the statements since their inclusion would make the statements unduly complex and difficult to read. Summarized comparative information should be read in conjunction with the District's financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2023, from which the summarized information was derived.

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**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.

**Implementation of New Accounting Pronouncements**

GASB Statement No. 100, *Accounting Changes and Error Corrections*, was effective for the District for the year ended June 30, 2023. GASB Statement No. 100 enhances 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. The implementation of GASB Statement No. 100 had no impact on the financial statements of the District for the year ended June 30, 2024.

**New Accounting Pronouncements**

GASB Statement No. 101, *Compensated Absences*, will be effective for the District for the year ended June 30, 2025. GASB Statement No. 101 will update the recognition and measurement guidance for compensated absences by aligning the recognition and measurement guidance under a unified model and by amending certain previously required disclosures. GASB Statement No. 101 will require that liabilities for compensated absences be recognized for (1) leave that has not been used and (2) leave that has been used but not yet paid in cash or settled through noncash means. A liability should be recognized for leave that has not been used if (a) the leave is attributable to services already rendered, (b) the leave accumulates, and (c) the leave is more likely than not to be used for time off or otherwise paid in cash or settled through noncash means.

GASB Statement No. 102, *Certain Risk Disclosures*, will be effective for the District for the year ended June 30, 2025. The objective of GASB Statement No. 102 is to improve financial reporting by providing users of financial statements with essential information that currently is not often provided. The disclosures will provide users with timely information regarding certain concentrations or constraints and related events that have occurred or have begun to occur that make a government vulnerable to substantial impact. As a result, users will have better information with which to understand and anticipate certain risks to a government's financial condition.

GASB Statement No. 103, *Financial Reporting Model Improvements*, will be effective for the District for the year ended June 30, 2026. The objective of GASB Statement No. 103 is to improve key components of the financial reporting model to enhance its effectiveness in providing information that is essential for decision making and assessing a government's accountability.

GASB Statement No. 104, *Disclosure of Certain Capital Assets*, will be effective for the District for the year ended June 30, 2026. The objective of GASB Statement No. 104 is to improve financial reporting by providing users of financial statements with essential information about certain types of capital assets in order to make informed decisions and assess accountability. Additionally, the disclosure requirements will improve consistency and comparability between governments.

**3. STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY**

**Budgetary Information**

An annual budget is adopted prior to the beginning of each year for the General Fund on a modified accrual basis of accounting. The General Fund is the only fund for which a budget is legally required, although project-length financial plans are adopted for the Capital Projects fund.

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The District is required to publish notice by advertisement at least once in a newspaper of general circulation in the municipalities in which it is located, and within 20 days of final action, that the proposed budget has been prepared and is available for public inspection at the administrative offices of the District. Notice that public hearings will be held on the proposed operating budget must be included in the advertisement; such hearings are required to be scheduled at least 10 days prior to when final action on adoption is taken by the School Board.

After the legal adoption of the budget, the School Board is required to file a copy of the budget with the Pennsylvania Department of Education by July 31. Additional copies of the budget also are required to be filed with the House Education Committee and the Senate Education Committee by September 15.

Legal budgetary control is maintained at the sub-function/major object level. The School Board may make transfers of funds appropriated in any particular item of expenditure by legislative action in accordance with Pennsylvania School Code. Management may amend the budget at the sub-function/sub-object level without approval from the School Board. 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.

**4. DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS**

State statutes authorize the District to invest in U.S. Treasury bills, U.S. agencies, time or share accounts of institutions insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or in certificates of deposit when they are secured by proper bond or collateral, repurchase agreements, local government investment pools or mutual funds.

**Deposits**

*Custodial Credit Risk*

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the government's deposits may not be returned. At June 30, 2024, the carrying amount of the District's deposits was \$50,470,027 and the bank balance was \$51,358,588. The District is required by state statute to deposit funds in depositories that are either banks, banking institutions or trust companies located in Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. To the extent that such deposits exceed federal insurance, the depositories must pledge as collateral obligations of the United States, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania or any political subdivision. Under Act 72 of 1971, as amended, the depositories may meet this collateralization requirement by pooling appropriate securities to cover all public funds on deposit. Of the bank balance, \$464,899 was covered by federal depository insurance and \$6,936,552 was collateralized by the District's depositories in accordance with Act 72. The remaining cash deposits of the District are in the Pennsylvania School District Liquid Asset Fund ("PSDLAF") and the Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust ("PLGIT"). Although not registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission and not subject to regulatory oversight, PSDLAF and PLGIT act like money market mutual funds in that their objective is to maintain a stable net asset value of \$1 per share, are rated by a nationally recognized statistical rating organization and are subject to an independent annual audit. As of June 30, 2024, PSDLAF and PLGIT were rated as AAA by a nationally recognized statistical rating agency.

*Escrow Deposits*

The District has entered into development agreements with East Lampeter Township and Upper Leacock Township (the "Townships") to provide financial security to the Townships to guaranty that required improvements be made related to the property development associated with the new Gerald G. Huesken middle school and Smoketown Elementary. The development agreements required deposits totaling \$7,058,129, which will be released to the District as the improvements are completed. The escrow deposits are in an account with a financial institution in the name of the Townships and totaled \$3,580,434 as of June 30, 2024.

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**Investments**

At June 30, 2024, the District had the following investments:

Investment Type	Fair Value	Investment Maturities (In Years)			
		Less than 1	1 - 6	6 - 10	11 - 15
Certificates of deposit	\$ 1,180,000	\$ 1,180,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
U.S. Treasury and agency securities	<u>13,874,436</u>	<u>13,874,436</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>\$ 15,054,436</u>	<u>\$ 15,054,436</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

U.S. Treasury and agency securities were valued using Level 2 inputs.

*Custodial Credit Risk*

For an investment, custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of the failure of the counterparty, the District will not be able to recover the value of the investments or collateral security that are in the possession of an outside party. The District had no investments subject to custodial credit risk as of June 30, 2024.

*Interest Rate Risk*

The District's investment policy limits investment maturities in accordance with state statutes as a means of managing its exposure to fair value losses arising from increasing interest rates. The District's investment in U.S. Treasury and agency securities are subject to interest rate risk.

*Credit Risk*

The District's investment policy limits its investments that are not backed by the "full faith and credit" of the federal and state government to those with the highest credit rating available for such investments issued by a recognized statistical rating organization.

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**5. CAPITAL ASSETS**

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

	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Increases</u>	<u>Decreases</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
<b>Governmental activities</b>				
Capital assets not being depreciated				
Land	\$ 2,306,905	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,306,905
Collections	635,000	-	-	635,000
Construction in progress	73,360,858	14,122,133	56,693,608	30,789,383
Total capital assets not being depreciated	<u>76,302,763</u>	<u>14,122,133</u>	<u>56,693,608</u>	<u>33,731,288</u>
Capital assets being depreciated				
Site improvements	3,229,495	-	-	3,229,495
Buildings and improvements	112,639,779	56,296,749	-	168,936,528
Right-to-use lease assets	2,695,258	755,556	-	3,450,814
Right-to-use subscription assets	652,908	117,258	-	770,166
Furniture and equipment	12,946,050	3,878,766	-	16,824,816
Total capital assets being depreciated	<u>132,163,490</u>	<u>61,048,329</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>193,211,819</u>
Less accumulated depreciation for				
Site improvements	(2,183,460)	(2,486,174)	-	(4,669,634)
Buildings and improvements	(57,728,394)	(110,207)	-	(57,838,601)
Right-to-use lease assets	(1,542,851)	(683,471)	-	(2,226,322)
Right-to-use subscription assets	(144,545)	(256,396)	-	(400,941)
Furniture and equipment	(7,257,408)	(1,180,897)	-	(8,438,305)
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>(68,856,658)</u>	<u>(4,717,145)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(73,573,803)</u>
Total capital assets being depreciated, net	<u>63,306,832</u>	<u>56,331,184</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>119,638,016</u>
Governmental activities, net	<u>\$ 139,609,595</u>	<u>\$ 70,453,317</u>	<u>\$ 56,693,608</u>	<u>\$ 153,369,304</u>
<b>Business-type activities</b>				
Capital assets not being depreciated				
Construction in progress	\$ 74,249	\$ 7,660	\$ 74,249	\$ 7,660
Capital assets being depreciated				
Machinery and equipment	1,987,932	517,249	-	2,505,181
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(1,081,750)	(145,156)	-	(1,226,906)
Total business-type capital assets being depreciated, net	<u>906,182</u>	<u>372,093</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,278,275</u>
Business-type activities, net	<u>\$ 980,431</u>	<u>\$ 379,753</u>	<u>\$ 74,249</u>	<u>\$ 1,285,935</u>

Depreciation expense was charged to functions/programs of the District as follows:

**Governmental activities**

Instruction	\$ 2,903,519
Instructional student support	72,156
Administrative and financial support services	393,591
Operation and maintenance of plant services	1,187,859
Pupil transportation	5,450
Student activities	154,570
Total depreciation expense - governmental activities	<u>\$ 4,717,145</u>

**Business-type activities**

Food service	<u>\$ 145,156</u>
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As of June 30, 2024, the District had the following outstanding amounts remaining related to construction projects to be completed:

- Leola Elementary School - \$18,659,428
- Smoketown Elementary School - \$561,342
- Gerald G. Huesken Middle School - \$60,849

**6. INTERNAL RECEIVABLES, PAYABLES AND TRANSFERS**

The composition of interfund balances as of June 30, 2024 is as follows:

<u>Receivable To</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Payable From</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Internal service fund	\$ 855,815	General fund	\$ 855,815
General fund	4,662	Capital projects fund	4,662
General fund	1,328,922	Food service fund	1,328,922
Food service fund	10	General fund	10
Food service fund	700	Nonmajor governmental funds	700
Nonmajor governmental funds	1,310	General fund	1,310
	<u>\$ 2,191,419</u>		<u>\$ 2,191,419</u>

Interfund balances between funds represent temporary loans recorded at year-end as the result of a final allocation of expenses.

A summary of interfund transfers for the year ended June 30, 2024 is as follows:

<u>Transfers In</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Transfers Out</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Food service fund	\$ 450,660	Capital projects fund	\$ 450,660
Debt service fund	7,984,301	General fund	7,984,301
	<u>\$ 8,434,961</u>		<u>\$ 8,434,961</u>

Transfers from the General Fund represent transfers to subsidize costs associated with the acquisition of capital assets and debt service requirements.

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**7. CHANGE IN NONCURRENT LIABILITIES**

The following summarizes the changes in noncurrent liabilities for the year ended June 30, 2024:

	Balance July 1, 2023	Increases	Decreases	Balance June 30, 2024	Amount Due Within One Year
<b>Governmental activities</b>					
General obligation debt					
Bonds payable	\$ 126,935,000	\$ -	\$ 3,105,000	\$ 123,830,000	\$ 215,000
Notes payable	4,513,343	-	38,343	4,475,000	3,450,000
Bond premiums (discounts)	6,475,258	-	414,036	6,061,222	390,583
Total general obligation debt	<u>137,923,601</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,557,379</u>	<u>134,366,222</u>	<u>4,055,583</u>
Other noncurrent liabilities					
Leases payable	1,113,241	755,556	648,029	1,220,768	411,347
Subscriptions payable	304,464	117,258	227,224	194,498	162,648
Compensated absences	1,104,644	55,147	-	1,159,791	-
Accrued retirement bonuses	781,914	34,538	-	816,452	-
OPEB liability	3,106,857	158,744	-	3,265,601	-
Net OPEB liability - PSERS	3,639,204	-	460,394	3,178,810	-
Net pension liability - PSERS	88,072,728	-	9,821,186	78,251,542	-
Total other noncurrent liabilities	<u>98,123,052</u>	<u>1,121,243</u>	<u>11,156,833</u>	<u>88,087,462</u>	<u>573,995</u>
Total governmental activities	<u>\$ 236,046,653</u>	<u>\$ 1,121,243</u>	<u>\$ 14,714,212</u>	<u>\$ 222,453,684</u>	<u>\$ 4,629,578</u>

Noncurrent liabilities of governmental activities are generally liquidated by the General Fund.

**8. GENERAL OBLIGATION DEBT**

General obligation debt is a direct obligation of the District for which full faith and credit are pledged and is payable from unrestricted local sources. The District has not pledged any assets as collateral for general obligation debt. General obligation debt was issued to finance capital expenditures or to finance the retirement (refund) of prior general obligation debt.

General obligation debt outstanding as of June 30, 2024 consisted of the following:

Description	Interest Rate(s)	Original Issue Amount	Final Maturity	Principal Outstanding
<b>General obligation bonds</b>				
Series of 2019	1.20% - 4.00%	\$ 38,745,000	02/01/2044	\$ 38,720,000
Series A of 2021	1.00% - 4.00%	\$ 34,265,000	02/01/2044	34,250,000
Series B of 2021	1.00% - 4.00%	\$ 5,830,000	02/01/2044	5,310,000
Series of 2022	2.88% - 4.00%	\$ 45,560,000	02/01/2051	45,550,000
Total general obligation bonds				<u>123,830,000</u>
<b>General obligation notes</b>				
Series A of 2019	2.000%	\$ 2,365,000	01/15/2025	2,365,000
Series B of 2019	1.15% - 4.00%	\$ 2,135,000	04/01/2026	2,110,000
Total general obligation notes				<u>4,475,000</u>
Total general obligation debt				<u>\$ 128,305,000</u>

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Annual debt service requirements to maturity on these obligations are as follows:

<u>Year Ending June 30,</u>	<u>Principal Maturities</u>	<u>Interest Maturities</u>	<u>Total Maturities</u>
2025	\$ 3,665,000	\$ 4,729,147	\$ 8,394,147
2026	2,980,000	4,636,180	7,616,180
2027	3,060,000	4,558,606	7,618,606
2028	3,170,000	4,448,113	7,618,113
2029	3,295,000	4,324,488	7,619,488
2030-2034	18,480,000	19,600,552	38,080,552
2035-2039	22,040,000	16,034,626	38,074,626
2040-2051	71,615,000	19,423,046	91,038,046
	<u>\$ 128,305,000</u>	<u>\$ 77,754,758</u>	<u>\$ 206,059,758</u>

**9. LEASES PAYABLE**

The District has entered into a 36-month lease as lessee for the use of copiers. An initial lease liability was recorded in the amount of \$392,701. As of June 30, 2024, the value of the lease liability is \$317,569. The District is required to make monthly fixed payments of \$6,981. The lease has an imputed interest rate of 2.66% and an estimated useful life of 5 years as of the contract commencement. The value of the right-to-use assets as of June 30, 2024 was \$298,925 with accumulated amortization of \$78,540 and included with noncurrent assets on the statement of net position (deficit).

Annually, the District enters into 48-month leases for personal technology devices for students. An initial lease liability was recorded in the amount of \$2,836,794. As of June 30, 2024, the value of the lease liabilities is \$903,199. The District is required to make annual payments ranging from \$73,763 to \$230,353. The leases have interest rates ranging from 1.88% to 3.33% and an estimated useful life of 4 years as of the contract commencement. The value of the right-to-use assets as of June 30, 2024 was \$1,724,569 with accumulated amortization of \$1,127,461 and included with noncurrent assets on the statement of net position (deficit).

Future minimum lease payments under these leases are as follows:

<u>Year Ending June 30,</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2025	\$ 411,347	\$ 18,285	\$ 429,632
2026	386,326	22,593	408,919
2027	167,930	10,638	178,568
2028	172,586	5,980	178,566
2029	82,579	1,193	83,772
	<u>\$ 1,220,768</u>	<u>\$ 58,689</u>	<u>\$ 1,279,457</u>

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**10. SUBSCRIPTIONS PAYABLE**

The District has entered into long-term lease agreements for subscription-based information technology arrangements. Initial subscription liabilities were recorded in the amount of \$770,166. As of June 30, 2024, the value of the subscription liabilities is \$194,498. The District is required to make annual fixed payments ranging from \$11,866 to \$32,758. The subscriptions payable have interest rates ranging from 2.024%-3.238% and have a useful life of 2 to 4 years at contract commencement. The value of the right-to-use asset as of June 30, 2024 of \$369,225, with accumulated amortization of \$400,941, and is included with noncurrent assets on the statement of net position (deficit).

Future minimum lease payments under these leases are as follows:

<u>Year Ending June 30,</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2025	\$ 162,648	\$ 6,025	\$ 168,673
2026	<u>31,850</u>	<u>907</u>	<u>32,757</u>
	<u>\$ 194,498</u>	<u>\$ 6,932</u>	<u>\$ 201,430</u>

**11. PENSION PLAN**

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's 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.

**Plan Description**

The Pennsylvania Public School Employees' Retirement System ("PSERS") is a governmental cost-sharing multi-employer defined benefit pension plan that provides retirement benefits to public school employees of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The members eligible to participate in PSERS include all full-time public 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.state.pa.us](http://www.psers.state.pa.us).

**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.

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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 1.00% to 2.50%, 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 2.00% or 2.50%, depending upon membership class, of the member's final average salary (as defined in the Code) multiplied by the number of years of credited service, but not less than one-third of such salary nor greater than the benefit the member would have had at normal retirement age. Members over normal retirement age may apply for disability benefits.

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

**Contributions**

*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%
				7.50%
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: 10.8%
T-G	On or after July 1, 2019	5.50% base rate with shared risk provision	2.75%	Prior to 7/1/21: 8.25% After 7/1/21: 9.00%
T-H	On or after July 1, 2019	4.50% base rate with shared risk provision	3.00%	Prior to 7/1/21: 7.50% After 7/1/21: 8.25%
DC	On or after July 1, 2019	N/A	7.50%	7.50%

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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 District's contractually required contribution rate for fiscal year ended June 30, 2024 was 33.36% 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 plan from the District were \$10,717,848 for the year ended June 30, 2024.

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

At June 30, 2024, the District reported a liability of \$78,251,542 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2023, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by rolling forward PSERS' total pension liability as of June 30, 2022 to June 30, 2023. The District's proportion of the net pension liability was calculated utilizing the employer's one-year reported covered payroll as it relates to the total one-year reported covered payroll. At June 30, 2024, the District's proportion was 0.1759 percent, which was a decrease of 0.1981 percent from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2023. As of June 30, 2024, the net pension liability is related to the governmental funds and is recorded in the governmental activities in the government-wide statement of net position (deficit).

For the year ended June 30, 2024, the District recognized pension expense of \$5,105,000. At June 30, 2024, the District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>
Difference between projected and actual experience	\$ 18,000	\$ 1,071,000
Changes in assumptions	1,168,000	-
Net difference between expected and actual investment earnings	2,214,000	-
Changes in proportions	313,000	7,967,000
Contributions subsequent to the measurement date	10,717,848	-
	<u>\$ 14,430,848</u>	<u>\$ 9,038,000</u>

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\$10,717,848 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, 2024. 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,**

2025	\$ (1,665,000)
2026	(4,294,000)
2027	(105,000)
2028	<u>739,000</u>
	<u>\$ (5,325,000)</u>

**Actuarial Assumptions**

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

- Valuation date - June 30, 2022
- Actuarial cost method - entry age normal - level % of pay
- Investment return - 7.00%, includes inflation at 2.50%
- Salary growth - Effective average of 4.50%, comprised of inflation of 2.50% and 2.00% for real wage growth and for merit or seniority increases.
- Mortality rates were based on a blend of 50% PubT-2010 and 50% PubG-2010 retiree tables for males and females, adjusted to reflect PSERS' experience and projected using a modified version of the MP-2020 improvement scale.
- The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.00% as of June 30, 202 and as of June 30, 2023.
- 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, 2023 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial valuation experience study that was performed for the five year period ending June 30, 2020.

The long-term expected rate of return on 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 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 weighing the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation.

The 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.

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<b>Asset Class</b>	<b>Target Allocation</b>	<b>Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return</b>
Global public equity	30.00%	5.20%
Private equity	12.00%	7.90%
Fixed income	33.00%	3.20%
Commodities	7.50%	2.70%
Infrastructure/MLPs	10.00%	5.40%
Real estate	11.00%	5.70%
Absolute return	4.00%	4.10%
Cash	3.00%	1.20%
Leverage	<u>-10.50%</u>	1.20%
	<u>100.00%</u>	

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, 2023.

**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 the 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 represents 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:

	<b>1% Decrease 6.00%</b>	<b>Current Discount Rate 7.00%</b>	<b>1% Increase 8.00%</b>
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability	<u>\$ 101,435,572</u>	<u>\$ 78,251,542</u>	<u>\$ 58,691,158</u>

**Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position**

Detailed information about the PSERS' fiduciary net position is available in PSERS Comprehensive Annual Financial Report which can be found on the system's website at [www.psers.state.pa.us](http://www.psers.state.pa.us).

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**12. OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS**

**Single-Employer Defined Benefit OPEB Plan**

The District's other post-employment benefits ("OPEB") include a single-employer defined benefit plan that provides medical and dental insurance to all retirees and their dependents. The School Board has the authority to establish and amend benefit provisions. The OPEB Plan does not issue any financial report and is not included in the report of any public employee retirement system or any other entity.

**OPEB Plan Membership**

Membership in the OPEB plan consisted of the following at July 1, 2022:

Active employees	342
Retirees and beneficiaries currently receiving benefits	24
Terminated OPEB plan members entitled to but not yet receiving benefits	<u>-</u>
	<u>366</u>

**Funding Policy**

The District's contributions are funded on a pay-as-you-go basis. The contribution requirements of retirees are established and may be amended by the School Board.

**OPEB Liability**

The District's OPEB liability has been measured as of June 30, 2024. The total OPEB liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2022, and by rolling forward the liabilities from the July 1, 2022 actuarial valuation through the measurement date. No significant events or changes in assumptions occurred between the valuation date and the fiscal year end. The OPEB liability is \$3,265,601, all of which is unfunded. As of June 30, 2024, the OPEB liability is related to the governmental funds and is recorded in the governmental activities in the government-wide statement of net position (deficit).

The District's change in its OPEB liability for the year ended June 30, 2024 was as follows:

<b>Balances as of July 1, 2023</b>	<u>\$ 3,106,857</u>
Changes for the year:	
Service cost	153,759
Interest on total OPEB liability	128,590
Differences between expected and actual experience	-
Changes in assumptions	48,749
Benefit payments	<u>(172,354)</u>
Net changes	<u>158,744</u>
<b>Balances as of June 30, 2024</b>	<u>\$ 3,265,601</u>

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

For the year ended June 30, 2023, the District recognized OPEB expense of \$201,534. At June 30, 2024, the District had deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to the OPEB plan from the following sources:

	<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>
Difference between projected and actual experience	\$ 275,522	\$ 360,152
Changes of assumptions	347,537	886,599
Contributions subsequent to the measurement date	178,765	-
	<u>\$ 801,824</u>	<u>\$ 1,246,751</u>

\$178,765 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, 2024. 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,**

2025	\$ (80,815)
2026	(80,815)
2027	(80,815)
2028	(80,815)
2029	(80,815)
Thereafter	(219,617)
	<u>\$ (623,692)</u>

**Sensitivity of the OPEB Liability to Change in Healthcare Cost Trend Rates**

The following presents the OPEB liability for June 30, 2024, calculated using current healthcare cost trends as well as what the OPEB liability would be if health cost trends were 1-percentage point lower or 1-percentage point higher than the current rate:

	<u>1% Decrease</u>	<u>Trend Rate</u>	<u>1% Increase</u>
OPEB liability	<u>\$ 2,929,260</u>	<u>\$ 3,265,601</u>	<u>\$ 3,657,039</u>

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

The following presents the net OPEB liability of the District calculated using the discount rate of 4.13%, as well as what the OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using the discount rate that is one percentage point lower (3.13%) or 1 percentage point higher (5.13%) than the current rate:

	<b>1% Decrease 3.13%</b>	<b>Current Discount Rate 4.13%</b>	<b>1% Increase 5.13%</b>
OPEB liability	<u>\$ 3,491,655</u>	<u>\$ 3,265,601</u>	<u>\$ 3,051,084</u>

**Actuarial Methods and Significant Assumptions**

The OPEB liability as of June 30, 2024, was determined by rolling forward the OPEB Liability as of July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024 using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

- Actuarial cost method - entry age normal
- Discount rate - 4.13% - Standard and Poors 20-year municipal bond rate. The discount rate changed from 4.06% to 4.13%.
- Salary growth - salary increases are composed of 2.50% cost-of-living adjustment, 1.50% for real wage growth and 0.00% to 2.75% for merit or seniority increases.
- Assumed healthcare cost trends - 7.00% in 2023 with 0.50% decrease per year until 5.50% in 2026. Rates gradually decrease from 5.4% in 2027 4.1% in 2075.
- Mortality rates were based on a PubT-2010 headcount-weighted mortality table for contingent survivors for teachers and PubG-2010 headcount-weighted mortality table for contingent survivors for all other employees.

**Cost Sharing Multiple-Employer Defined Benefit 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 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 (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value.

**Plan Description**

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

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Retirees of PSERS can participate in the health insurance premium assistance program if they satisfy the following criteria:

- Have 24 ½ or more years of service, or
- Are a disability retiree, or
- Have 15 or more years of service and retired after reaching superannuation age, and
- Participate in the PSERS' health options program or employer-sponsored health insurance program.

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.

**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. As of June 30, 2023, there were no assumed future benefit increases to participating eligible retirees.

**Employer Contributions**

The District's contractually required contribution rate for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024 was 0.64% of covered payroll, actuarially determined as an amount that, when combined with employee contributions, is expected to finance the costs of benefits earned by employees during the year, with an additional amount to finance any unfunded accrued liability. Contributions to the OPEB plan from the District were \$234,568 for the year ended June 30, 2024.

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

At June 30, 2024, the District reported a liability of \$3,178,810 for its proportionate share of the net OPEB liability. The net OPEB liability was measured as of June 30, 2021, and the total OPEB liability used to calculate the net OPEB liability was determined by rolling forward PSERS' 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, 2024, the District's proportion was 0.1757 percent, which was a decrease of 0.0220 percent from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2023. As of June 30, 2024, the net OPEB liability is related to the governmental funds and is recorded in the governmental activities in the government-wide statement of net position (deficit).

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For the year ended June 30, 2024, the District recognized OPEB expense of \$29,000. At June 30, 2024, the District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

	<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>
Difference between projected and actual experience	\$ 21,000	\$ 31,000
Changes of assumptions	275,000	602,000
Net difference between expected and actual investment earnings	7,000	-
Changes in proportions	54,000	415,000
Contributions subsequent to the measurement date	234,568	-
	<u>\$ 591,568</u>	<u>\$ 1,048,000</u>

\$234,568 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, 2024. 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,**

2025	\$ (123,000)
2026	(148,000)
2027	(161,000)
2028	(178,000)
2029	(82,000)
	<u>\$ (692,000)</u>

**Actuarial Assumptions**

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

- Actuarial cost method - entry age normal - level % of pay
- Investment return - 4.13% - Standard & Poors 20 year municipal bond rate
- Salary growth - Effective average of 4.5%, comprised of inflation of 2.50% and 2.00% for real wage growth and for merit or seniority increases.
- Premium assistance reimbursement is capped at \$1,200 per year.
- Assumed healthcare cost trends were applied to retirees with less than \$1,200 in premium assistance per year.
- Mortality rates were based on a blend of 50% PubT-2010 and 50% PubG-2010 Retiree Tables for Males and Females, adjusted to reflect PSERS' experience and projected using a modified version of the MP-2020 Improvement Scale.

Participation rate:

- Eligible retirees will elect to participate pre age 65 at 50%
- Eligible retirees will elect to participate post age 65 at 70%

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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 June 30, 2020.

The following assumptions were used to determine the contribution rate:

- The results of the actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2021 determined the employer contribution rate for fiscal year 2023.
- Cost method - amount necessary to assure solvency of premium assistance through the third fiscal year after the valuation date.
- Asset valuation method: market value.
- Participation rate: 63% of eligible retirees are assumed to elect premium assistance.
- 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 OPEB 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 health insurance premium assistance are established to provide reserves in the health insurance account that are sufficient for the payment of health insurance premium assistance benefits for each succeeding year.

<b>OPEB - Asset Class</b>	<b>Target Allocation</b>	<b>Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return</b>
Cash	<u>100.00%</u>	1.20%

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, 2023.

**Discount Rate**

The discount rate used to measure the OPEB liability was 4.13%. Under the OPEB plan's funding policy, contributions are structured for short term funding of health insurance premium assistance. The funding policy sets contribution rates necessary to assure solvency of health insurance premium assistance through the third fiscal year after the actuarial valuation date. The health insurance premium assistance account is funded to establish reserves that are sufficient for the payment of health insurance 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 OPEB plan is considered a "pay-as-you-go" plan. A discount rate of 4.13% which represents the Standard & Poors 20 year municipal bond rate at June 30, 2023, was applied to all projected benefit payments to measure the total OPEB liability.

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**Sensitivity of District's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability to Change in Healthcare Cost Trend Rates**

Healthcare cost trends were applied to retirees receiving less than \$1,200 in annual health insurance premium assistance. As of June 30, 2023, retirees health insurance premium assistance benefits are not subject to future healthcare cost increases. The healthcare insurance premium assistance reimbursement for qualifying retirees is capped at a maximum of \$1,200. 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 net OPEB liability for June 30, 2023, calculated using current healthcare cost trends as well as what net OPEB liability would be if it health cost trends were 1-percentage point lower or 1-percentage point higher than the current rate:

	<u>1% Decrease</u>	<u>Trend Rate</u>	<u>1% Increase</u>
District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability	<u>\$ 3,178,511</u>	<u>\$ 3,178,810</u>	<u>\$ 2,831,254</u>

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

The following presents the net OPEB liability, calculated using the discount rate of 4.13%, as well as what the net OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage point lower (3.13%) or 1-percentage-point higher (5.13%) than the current rate:

	<u>1% Decrease</u>	<u>Current Discount Rate</u>	<u>1% Increase</u>
	<u>3.13%</u>	<u>4.13%</u>	<u>5.13%</u>
District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability	<u>\$ 3,594,017</u>	<u>\$ 3,178,810</u>	<u>\$ 2,831,254</u>

**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 PSERS's website at [www.psers.pa.gov](http://www.psers.pa.gov).

**13. JOINT VENTURES AND JOINTLY GOVERNED ORGANIZATION**

**Joint Ventures**

*Lancaster County Career and Technology Center*

The District and the other 15 Lancaster County school districts participate in the Lancaster County Career and Technology Center ("LCCTC"). The LCCTC provides vocational-technical training and education to students of the participating school districts. The LCCTC is controlled by a joint board comprised of representative school board members of the participating school districts. District oversight of the LCCTC operations is the responsibility of the joint board. The District's share of operating costs for the LCCTC fluctuates based on the District's percentage of enrollment. The District's share of operating costs for 2023-2024 was \$1,216,985.

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*Lancaster County Career and Technology Center Authority*

The District and the other 15 Lancaster County school districts also participate in a joint venture for the operation of the Lancaster County Career and Technology Center Authority (the "Authority"). The Authority oversees acquiring, holding, constructing, improving and maintaining the LCCTC school buildings and facilities. The Authority is controlled by a joint board comprised of representative school board members of the participating school districts in the Authority. As further described below, the participating school districts have entered into a long-term lease agreement with the Authority to provide rental payments sufficient to retire the Authority's outstanding debt obligations. The District's share of rent expense for 2023-2024 was \$109,700.

On September 20, 2011, the Authority authorized the issuance of Guaranteed Lease Revenue Bonds, Series of 2011 (the "2011 Revenue Bonds"), in the maximum aggregate principal amount of \$43,000,000 to provide funds for the renovations and additions to the Brownstown, Mount Joy and Willow Street campuses of the LCCTC and pay for the costs of issuance. The District and the 15 Lancaster County school districts have entered into a long-term lease agreement with the Authority stipulating that each school district will pay its proportionate share of the lease rentals in order to retire the 2011 Revenue Bonds based on real estate market values as set forth in the LCCTC organization agreement. The 2011 Revenue Bonds were issued in three different series over three years. The amount of each series was not to exceed \$10,000,000 without the participating school districts' approval. The 2011 Revenue Bonds were intended to be repaid over a period not to exceed thirty years, with gross annual debt service not to exceed \$1,985,000 and net annual debt service (after reimbursement by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania) of \$1,330,000. On June 29, 2012, the Authority issued the first of three series in the total amount of \$9,995,000. On September 20, 2013, the Authority issued the second of three series in the total amount of \$9,995,000 which was refinanced in February 2017 and on July 9, 2014, the Authority issued the final of the three series in the total amount of \$3,900,000. On June 1, 2020, the Authority refinanced its Series of 2013 and Series of 2014 Revenue Bonds by issuing the Series of 2020 Revenue Bonds in the amount of \$11,145,000. The District's lease rental obligations for estimated minimum rental payments related to the issued debt are as follows:

**Year Ending June 30,**

2025	\$ 110,014
2026	110,588
2027	109,836
2028	109,178
2029	109,199
2030-2034	540,662
2035-2037	322,714
	<u>\$ 1,412,191</u>

Both the LCCTC and the Authority prepare financial statements that are available to the public from their administrative office located at 1730 Hans Herr Drive, P.O. Box 527, Willow Street, PA 17584.

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**Jointly Governed Organizations**

*Lancaster-Lebanon Intermediate Unit*

The District and the other Lancaster and Lebanon County school districts are participating members of the Lancaster-Lebanon Intermediate Unit (the "LLIU"). The LLIU is a regional educational service agency, established by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, which is governed by a joint committee consisting of School Board members from each participating school district. The School Board of each participating school district must approve the annual program budget for the LLIU but the participating school districts have no ongoing fiduciary interest or responsibility to the LLIU. The LLIU is a self-sustaining organization that provides a broad array of services to the participating school districts which include: curriculum development and instructional improvement; educational planning services; instructional material; continuing professional development; pupil personnel services; management services and federal liaison services. During 2024-2024, the District contracted with the LLIU for special education services which totaled \$1,713,836.

*Lancaster-Lebanon Joint Authority*

The District and the other Lancaster and Lebanon County school districts are also participating members of the Lancaster-Lebanon Joint Authority (the "Authority"). The Authority oversees acquiring, holding, constructing, improving and maintaining the buildings and facilities maintained for the participating school districts and the LLIU, which is governed by a joint committee consisting of School Board members from each participating school district. During 2023-2024, the District did not have any financial transactions with the Authority.

*Lancaster County Tax Collection Bureau*

The District and the other 15 Lancaster County school districts along with Octorara Area School District of Chester County and the municipalities represented by those school districts are participating members of the Lancaster County Tax Collection Bureau (the "Bureau"). Each participating school district appoints one member to serve on the joint operating committee and 16 members are appointed by the participating municipalities. The Bureau is a self-sustaining organization in which the participating members have no ongoing fiduciary interest or responsibility. The District contracts with the Bureau for the collection of property and earned incomes taxes. During 2023-2024, the District contracted with the Bureau for tax collection services which totaled \$141,683.

*Lancaster County Academy*

The Lancaster County Academy (the "Academy") is an alternative public school organized by the District and 7 other Lancaster County school districts to provide services in the County. Each of the participating school districts appoints one member to serve on the joint operating committee. The District is considered to have an ongoing financial responsibility to fund the operations of the Academy. During 2023-2024, the District's portion of operating expenditures for the Academy totaled \$57,695.

**14. CONTINGENCIES AND COMMITMENTS**

**Government Grants and Awards**

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

**Litigation**

The District could be a defendant in various matters of litigation and claims. These matters result from the normal course of business. It is not presently possible to determine the ultimate outcome or settlement cost, if any, of these matters.

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**15. RISK MANAGEMENT**

**Health Insurance**

The District participates in a consortium with the LLIU to provide a self-insurance program for health insurance and related expenses for eligible employees, spouses and dependents. Accordingly, benefit payments plus an administrative charge are made to a third party who approves and process all claims. The District was limited in liability to \$450,000 per individual and \$7,529,530 in total for self-insurance medical claims for the year ended June 30, 2024.

The District has recorded a liability in the Internal Service Fund for claims incurred through June 30, 2024 which has been historically satisfied within 60 days after June 30. The following table presents the components of the self-insurance medical claims liability and the related changes in the claims liability for the year ended June 30, 2024 and 2023:

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Insurance claims liability - beginning of year	\$ 367,892	\$ 235,697
Current year insurance claims and changes in estimates	7,139,584	6,149,020
Insurance claims paid	<u>(6,937,962)</u>	<u>(6,016,825)</u>
Insurance claims liability - end of year	<u>\$ 569,514</u>	<u>\$ 367,892</u>

**Property and Liability**

The District and 15 participating member school districts, the LLIU, the Lancaster County Academy, and the LCCTC participate in the Lancaster-Lebanon Public Schools Insurance Pool (the "Pool"), which is a public entity risk pool currently operating as a common risk management and insurance program. The District and the other participating members pay an annual premium to the Pool for the purpose of seeking prevention or lessening of casualty losses to participating members from injuries to persons or property which might result in claims being made against participating members and to the pools insurance risks, reserves, claims and losses and providing self-insurance and reinsurance thereof. It is the intent of the participating members of the Pool, that the Pool will utilize funds contributed by the participating members to provide self-insurance and reimbursement to the members for certain losses, to defend and protect each participating member of the Pool against certain liabilities and losses, and to purchase excess and aggregate stop-loss insurance for claims greater than \$100,000 per occurrence. As of June 30, 2024, the District is not aware of any additional assessments relating to the Pool.

**Workers' Compensation**

The District and 16 participating member school districts the LLIU, and the Lancaster County Academy participate in the Lancaster-Lebanon Public Schools Workers' Compensation Fund (the "Fund"), which is a cooperative voluntary trust arrangement. The District and the other participating members pay an annual premium to the Fund for the purpose of seeking prevention or lessening of claims due to injuries of employees of the participating members and pooling workers' compensation and occupational disease insurance risks, reserves, claims and losses and providing self-insurance and reinsurance thereof. It is the intent of the participating members of the Fund that the Fund will utilize funds contributed by the participating members, which shall be held in trust by the Fund, to provide self-insurance and reimbursement to the members for their obligations to pay compensation as required under the Workers' Compensation Act and the Pennsylvania Occupational Disease Act and to purchase excess and aggregate insurance. As of June 30, 2024, the District is not aware of any additional assessments relating to this Fund.

**Unemployment**

The District administers a self-insurance program for unemployment compensation rather than contribute to the state fund. Transactions for this program are reflected in the General Fund.

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**Other Risks**

The District is exposed to other risks of loss, including errors and omissions. The District has purchased a commercial insurance policy to safeguard its assets from risk of loss due to errors and omissions. Settlement amounts have not exceeded insurance coverage for the current year or the three prior years.

**16. TAX INCREMENT FINANCING DISTRICT**

The District, East Lampeter Township and Lancaster County (the "taxing bodies") have entered into a tax increment financing agreement ("TIF agreement") with the East Lampeter Industrial and Commercial Authority (the "Authority"). In conjunction with the TIF agreement, the Authority has created a tax increment financing district ("TIF District") in the Township of East Lampeter and prepared a project plan ("TIF project") which includes, among other things, transportation and related infrastructure improvements for the benefit of the TIF District. Under the TIF agreement, the District will allocate to the Authority 65% of real estate taxes resulting from an increase in the total market value of taxable real property in the TIF District as a result of changes in the assessed valuation in excess of the real estate tax assessment as determined by the Lancaster County Property Assessment Office as of June, 2017. The Authority will expend the real estate tax revenues generated by the TIF District for reasonable and necessary costs of the TIF project. The TIF District will terminate after a period of 20 years and any remaining balance after payment of all costs of the TIF project will be returned to the taxing bodies. During 2023-2024, the District paid the Authority \$150,000 under the TIF agreement.

**17. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

Management has evaluated subsequent events through March 13, 2025, the date on which the financial statements were available to be issued. No material subsequent events have occurred since June 30, 2024 that required recognition or disclosure in the financial statements.

## **REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

**Conestoga Valley School District**  
**Budgetary Comparison Schedule – General Fund**  
**Year Ended June 30, 2024**

	<b>Budgeted Amounts</b>			<b>Variance Budget Positive (Negative)</b>
	<b>Original</b>	<b>Final</b>	<b>Actual</b>	
<b>Revenues</b>				
Local sources	\$ 62,358,120	\$ 62,358,120	\$ 63,408,251	\$ 1,050,131
State sources	19,612,053	19,612,053	20,137,789	525,736
Federal sources	9,783,878	9,783,878	8,766,498	(1,017,380)
Total revenues	91,754,051	91,754,051	92,312,538	558,487
<b>Expenditures</b>				
Instruction				
Regular programs	37,695,703	37,441,909	36,474,405	967,504
Special programs	13,455,612	14,283,595	14,186,418	97,177
Vocational programs	1,539,476	1,615,976	1,615,177	799
Other instructional programs	283,232	330,364	320,051	10,313
Nonpublic school programs	85,335	100,335	83,117	17,218
Pre-kindergarten	557,944	964,044	962,278	1,766
Total instruction	53,617,302	54,736,223	53,641,446	1,094,777
Support services				
Pupil support services	3,150,787	3,181,187	3,142,963	38,224
Instructional staff services	3,370,782	4,107,165	3,960,832	146,333
Administrative services	3,989,801	3,971,449	3,895,011	76,438
Pupil health	766,741	827,661	809,014	18,647
Business services	879,237	915,937	908,601	7,336
Operation and maintenance of plant services	6,641,895	7,310,195	7,208,105	102,090
Student transportation services	3,765,667	3,719,267	3,626,830	92,437
Support services - central	2,136,406	2,010,756	1,998,335	12,421
Other support services	45,000	45,000	43,970	1,030
Total support services	24,746,316	26,088,617	25,593,661	494,956
Operation of noninstructional services				
Student activities	1,584,599	1,959,822	1,951,961	7,861
Community services	15,074	25,529	20,406	5,123
Total operation of noninstructional services	1,599,673	1,985,351	1,972,367	12,984
Facilities acquisition, construction and improvement services	-	3,526,600	3,525,635	965
Debt service	50,000	-	924,632	(924,632)
Total expenditures	80,013,291	86,336,791	85,657,741	679,050
Excess (deficiencies) of revenues over (under) expenditures	11,740,760	5,417,260	6,654,797	1,237,537

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**Conestoga Valley School District**  
**Budgetary Comparison Schedule – General Fund**  
**Year Ended June 30, 2024**

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**Other financing sources (uses)**

Refund of prior year expenditures (receipts)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (30)	\$ (30)
Sale of/compensation for capital assets	25,000	25,000	6,018	(18,982)
Transfers in	504,378	504,378	-	(504,378)
Transfers out	(8,129,546)	(8,156,046)	(7,984,301)	171,745
Budgetary reserve	<u>(6,350,210)</u>	<u>(210)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>210</u>
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>(13,950,378)</u>	<u>(7,626,878)</u>	<u>(7,978,313)</u>	<u>(351,435)</u>

Net change in fund balance	<u>\$ (2,209,618)</u>	<u>\$ (2,209,618)</u>	(1,323,516)	<u>\$ 886,102</u>
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**Fund balance**

Beginning of year			<u>16,685,807</u>	
End of year			<u>\$ 15,362,291</u>	

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**Conestoga Valley School District  
Schedule of the District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability - PSERS  
Year Ended June 30, 2024**

	Measurement Date									
	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
District's proportion of the net pension liability	0.1759%	0.1981%	0.2007%	0.1981%	0.1962%	0.1966%	0.1932%	0.1934%	0.2134%	0.2137%
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 78,251,542	\$ 88,072,728	\$ 82,400,857	\$ 97,542,491	\$ 91,787,477	\$ 94,377,761	\$ 95,418,398	\$ 95,843,000	\$ 92,434,000	\$ 84,583,000
District's covered-employee payroll	\$ 26,911,899	\$ 29,064,724	\$ 28,386,927	\$ 27,767,388	\$ 27,053,732	\$ 26,478,676	\$ 25,722,617	\$ 25,045,713	\$ 27,455,288	\$ 25,751,265
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	290.77%	303.02%	290.28%	351.28%	339.28%	356.43%	370.95%	382.67%	336.67%	328.46%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total net pension liability	61.85%	61.34%	63.67%	54.32%	55.66%	54.00%	51.84%	50.00%	54.00%	57.24%

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**Conestoga Valley School District  
Schedule of the District's Pension Plan Contributions - PSERS  
Year Ended June 30, 2024**

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Contractually required contribution	\$ 10,717,848	\$ 9,211,027	\$ 9,874,728	\$ 9,537,893	\$ 9,495,235	\$ 8,786,299	\$ 8,342,383	\$ 7,389,722	\$ 6,153,000	\$ 5,510,000
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	\$ 10,717,848	\$ 9,211,027	\$ 9,874,728	\$ 9,537,893	\$ 9,495,235	\$ 8,786,299	\$ 8,342,383	\$ 7,389,722	\$ 6,153,000	\$ 5,510,000
Contribution deficiency (excess)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
District's covered-employee payroll	\$ 32,127,842	\$ 26,911,899	\$ 29,064,724	\$ 28,386,927	\$ 27,767,388	\$ 27,053,732	\$ 26,478,676	\$ 25,722,617	\$ 25,045,713	\$ 27,455,288
Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	33.36%	34.23%	33.97%	33.60%	34.20%	32.48%	31.51%	28.73%	24.57%	20.07%

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**Conestoga Valley School District  
Schedule of Changes in OPEB Liability – Single Employer Plan  
Year Ended June 30, 2024**

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
<b>Total OPEB liability</b>							
Service cost	\$ 153,759	\$ 223,277	\$ 227,814	\$ 190,331	\$ 193,027	\$ 234,978	\$ 224,316
Interest on total OPEB liability	128,590	80,967	64,627	103,581	88,514	111,769	80,125
Changes of benefit terms	-	-	-	-	-	(91,206)	-
Differences between projected and actual experience	-	330,626	-	(164,671)	-	(500,747)	-
Changes of assumptions	48,749	(801,511)	(93,190)	330,905	(79,087)	(205,304)	178,194
Benefit payments	(172,354)	(118,715)	(117,420)	(92,104)	(81,474)	(139,758)	(140,886)
Net change in total OPEB liability	158,744	(285,356)	81,831	368,042	120,980	(590,268)	341,749
Total OPEB liability, beginning	3,106,857	3,392,213	3,310,382	2,942,340	2,821,360	3,411,628	3,069,879
Total OPEB liability, ending	<u>\$ 3,265,601</u>	<u>\$ 3,106,857</u>	<u>\$ 3,392,213</u>	<u>\$ 3,310,382</u>	<u>\$ 2,942,340</u>	<u>\$ 2,821,360</u>	<u>\$ 3,411,628</u>
Fiduciary net position as a % of total OPEB liability	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Covered payroll	\$ 25,565,188	\$ 25,565,188	\$ 26,248,252	\$ 26,248,252	\$ 24,934,528	\$ 24,934,528	\$ 24,178,245
Net OPEB liability as a % of covered payroll	12.77%	12.15%	12.92%	12.61%	11.80%	11.32%	14.11%

In accordance with GASB Statement No. 75, this schedule has been prepared prospectively. This schedule will accumulate each year until sufficient information to present a ten-year trend is available.

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**Conestoga Valley School District  
Schedule of the District's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability - PSERS  
Year Ended June 30, 2024**

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
District's proportion of the net OPEB liability	0.1757%	0.1977%	0.2002%	0.1978%	0.1962%	0.1966%	0.1932%
District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability	\$ 3,178,810	\$ 3,639,204	\$ 4,744,906	\$ 4,273,859	\$ 4,172,864	\$ 4,099,010	\$ 3,936,280
District's covered-employee payroll	\$ 26,911,899	\$ 29,064,724	\$ 28,386,927	\$ 27,767,388	\$ 27,053,732	\$ 26,478,676	\$ 25,722,617
District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	11.81%	12.52%	16.72%	15.39%	15.42%	15.48%	15.30%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total net OPEB liability	7.22%	6.86%	5.30%	5.69%	5.56%	5.56%	6.00%

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**Conestoga Valley School District  
Schedule of the District's OPEB Plan Contributions - PSERS  
Year Ended June 30, 2024**

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Contractually required contribution	\$ 234,568	\$ 200,927	\$ 230,860	\$ 232,963	\$ 232,856	\$ 224,788	\$ 219,649	\$ 168,206
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	\$ 234,568	\$ 200,927	\$ 230,860	\$ 232,963	\$ 232,856	\$ 224,788	\$ 219,649	\$ 168,206
Contribution deficiency (excess)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
District's covered-employee payroll	\$ 32,127,842	\$ 26,911,899	\$ 29,064,724	\$ 28,386,927	\$ 27,767,388	\$ 27,053,732	\$ 26,478,676	\$ 25,722,617
Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	0.64%	0.75%	0.79%	0.82%	0.84%	0.83%	0.83%	0.83%

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## **COMBINING AND INDIVIDUAL FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**Conestoga Valley School District**  
**Combining Balance Sheet – Capital Projects Fund**  
**June 30, 2024**

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	<b>Capital Reserve Fund</b>	<b>Capital Projects Fund</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Assets</b>			
Cash	\$ 7,378,139	\$ 22,501,338	\$ 29,879,477
Investments	-	13,874,436	13,874,436
Other receivables	-	121,588	121,588.00
Prepaid items	<u>130,973</u>	<u>347,719</u>	<u>478,692</u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 7,509,112</u>	<u>\$ 36,845,081</u>	<u>\$ 44,354,193</u>
<b>Liabilities and Fund Balances</b>			
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Accounts payable	\$ -	\$ 2,131,412	\$ 2,131,412
Due to other funds	<u>-</u>	<u>4,662</u>	<u>4,662</u>
Total liabilities	<u>-</u>	<u>2,136,074</u>	<u>2,136,074</u>
<b>Fund balances</b>			
Nonspendable			
Prepaid items	130,973	347,719	478,692
Restricted for			
Capital projects	<u>7,378,139</u>	<u>34,361,288</u>	<u>41,739,427</u>
Total fund balances	<u>7,509,112</u>	<u>34,709,007</u>	<u>42,218,119</u>
Total liabilities and fund balances	<u>\$ 7,509,112</u>	<u>\$ 36,845,081</u>	<u>\$ 44,354,193</u>

**Conestoga Valley School District**  
**Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances –**  
**Capital Projects Fund**  
**Year Ended June 30, 2024**

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	<b>Capital Reserve Fund</b>	<b>Capital Projects Fund</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Revenues</b>			
Local sources	\$ 311,944	\$ 2,222,020	\$ 2,533,964
<b>Expenditures</b>			
Current			
Instruction	-	1,064,393	1,064,393
Support services	398,090	890,529	1,288,619
Operation of noninstructional services	-	6,470	6,470
Facilities acquisition, construction and improvement services	24,500	10,624,602	10,649,102
Total expenditures	422,590	12,585,994	13,008,584
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	(110,646)	(10,363,974)	(10,474,620)
<b>Other financing sources (uses)</b>			
Proceeds from extended term financing	-	872,814	872,814
Transfers in	-	-	-
Transfers out	-	(450,660)	(450,660)
Total other financing sources (uses)	-	422,154	422,154
Net change in fund balances	(110,646)	(9,941,820)	(10,052,466)
<b>Fund balances</b>			
Beginning of year	7,619,758	44,650,827	52,270,585
End of year	\$ 7,509,112	\$ 34,709,007	\$ 42,218,119

**Conestoga Valley School District**  
**Combining Balance Sheet - Nonmajor Governmental Funds**  
**June 30, 2024**

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	<b><u>Athletic Facilities Improvement</u></b>	<b><u>Extra- Curricular Fund</u></b>	<b><u>Student Sponsored Activity Fund</u></b>	<b><u>Total</u></b>
<b>Assets</b>				
Cash	\$ 258,841	\$ 172,078	\$ 46,747	\$ 477,666
Accounts receivable	-	12,133	1,355	13,488
Due from other funds	<u>1,310</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,310</u>
 Total assets	 <u>\$ 260,151</u>	 <u>\$ 184,211</u>	 <u>\$ 48,102</u>	 <u>\$ 492,464</u>
 <b>Liabilities and Fund Balances</b>				
<b>Liabilities</b>				
Accounts payable	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,251	\$ 5,251
Due to other funds	<u>-</u>	<u>700</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>700</u>
Total liabilities	<u>-</u>	<u>700</u>	<u>5,251</u>	<u>5,951</u>
 <b>Fund balances</b>				
Restricted for				
Athletic facilities improvement	260,151	-	-	260,151
Extra-curricular activities	-	183,511	-	183,511
Student sponsored activities	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>42,851</u>	<u>42,851</u>
Total fund balances	<u>260,151</u>	<u>183,511</u>	<u>42,851</u>	<u>486,513</u>
 Total liabilities and fund balances	 <u>\$ 260,151</u>	 <u>\$ 184,211</u>	 <u>\$ 48,102</u>	 <u>\$ 492,464</u>

**Conestoga Valley School District**  
**Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances -**  
**Nonmajor Governmental Funds**  
**Year Ended June 30, 2024**

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	<b><u>Athletic Facilities Improvement</u></b>	<b><u>Extra- Curricular Fund</u></b>	<b><u>Sponsored Activity Fund</u></b>	<b><u>Total</u></b>
<b>Revenues</b>				
Local sources	<u>\$ 77,980</u>	<u>\$ 27,649</u>	<u>\$ 34,444</u>	<u>\$ 140,073</u>
<b>Expenditures</b>				
Current				
Operation of noninstructional services	<u>21,527</u>	<u>1,709</u>	<u>38,497</u>	<u>61,733</u>
Excess (deficiency of revenues over (under) expenditures and net change in fund balances	<u>56,453</u>	<u>25,940</u>	<u>(4,053)</u>	<u>78,340</u>
<b>Fund balances</b>				
Beginning of year	<u>203,698</u>	<u>157,571</u>	<u>46,904</u>	<u>408,173</u>
End of year	<u>\$ 260,151</u>	<u>\$ 183,511</u>	<u>\$ 42,851</u>	<u>\$ 486,513</u>

## **SINGLE AUDIT**

# **Conestoga Valley School District** **Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards** **Year Ended June 30, 2024**

Federal Grantor/Pass-Through Grantor/Project Title	Source Code	Federal ALN Number	Pass-Through Grantor's Numbre	Grant Period Beginning/ Ending Dates	Grant Amount	Total Received for Year	Accrued (Deferred) Revenue July 1, 2023	Revenue Recognized	Expenditures	Accrued (Deferred) Revenue June 30, 2024	Passed Through to Subrecipients
<u>U.S. Department of Education</u>											
Passed-Through the Pennsylvania Department of Education											
Title I - Improving Basic Programs	I	84.010	013-240096	07/01/23-09/30/24	\$ 1,295,482	\$ 1,102,110	\$ -	\$ 1,257,393	\$ 1,257,393	\$ 155,283	\$ -
Title I - Improving Basic Programs	I	84.010	013-230096	07/01/22-09/30/23	1,514,288	538,639	500,033	38,606	38,606	-	-
Total ALN #84.010						1,640,749	500,033	1,295,999	1,295,999	155,283	-
Title II - Improving Teacher Quality	I	84.367	020-240096	07/01/23-09/30/24	146,288	113,879	-	140,862	140,862	26,983	-
Title II - Improving Teacher Quality	I	84.367	020-230096	07/01/22-09/30/23	162,503	36,699	31,520	5,179	5,179	-	-
Total ALN #84.367						150,578	31,520	146,041	146,041	26,983	-
Title III - Language Instruction LEP/Immigrant Students	I	84.365	010-240096	07/01/23-09/30/24	60,014	27,227	-	26,987	26,987	(240)	-
Title III - Language Instruction LEP/Immigrant Students	I	84.365	010-230096	07/01/22-09/30/23	43,122	8,264	2,325	5,939	5,939	-	-
Total ALN #84.365						35,491	2,325	32,926	32,926	(240)	-
Title IV - Student Support and Academic Enrichment	I	84.424	144-240096	07/01/23-09/30/24	118,548	77,056	-	82,045	82,045	4,989	-
Title IV - Student Support and Academic Enrichment	I	84.424	144-230096	07/01/22-09/30/23	128,287	40,996	19,383	21,613	21,613	-	-
Total ALN #84.424						118,052	19,383	103,658	103,658	4,989	-
COVID-19 CRRSA Act - ESSER II	I	84.425D	200-210096	03/13/20-09/30/23	4,423,529	1,851,710	1,788,012	63,698	63,698	-	-
COVID-19 ARP - ESSER III	I	84.425U	223-210096	03/13/20-09/30/24	8,947,519	3,904,372	(1,297,349)	5,528,360	5,528,360	326,639	-
COVID-19 ARP ESSER 7%	I	84.425U	225-210096	03/13/20-09/30/24	695,422	151,728	(9,587)	193,315	193,315	32,000	-
COVID-19 ARP ESSER Homeless Children & Youth	I	84.425W	181-212099	07/01/21-09/30/24	65,583	21,861	21,861	-	-	-	-
Total ALN #84.425						5,929,671	502,937	5,785,373	5,785,373	358,639	-

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**Conestoga Valley School District  
Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards  
Year Ended June 30, 2024**

Federal Grantor/Pass-Through Grantor/Project Title	Source Code	Federal ALN Number	Pass- Through Grantor's Numbre	Grant Period Beginning/ Ending Dates	Grant Amount	Total Received for Year	Accrued (Deferred) Revenue July 1, 2023	Revenue Recognized	Expenditures	Accrued (Deferred) Revenue June 30, 2024	Passed Through to Subrecipients
Passed Through the Lancaster-Lebanon I.U.											
COVID-19 I.D.E.A. - Part B, Section 611	I	84.027	062-220013	07/01/21-09/30/23	141,835	117,809	40,743	77,066	77,066	-	-
PA Training and Technical Assistance	I	84.027	062-240033	07/01/23-09/30/24	50,000	5,916	-	9,515	9,515	3,599	-
I.D.E.A. - Part B, Section 611	I	84.027	062-240013	07/01/22-09/30/23	904,083	349,091	-	904,083	904,083	554,992	-
I.D.E.A. - Part B, Section 611	I	84.027	062-230013	07/01/22-09/30/23	821,574	506,069	506,069	-	-	-	-
Total ALN #84.027						978,885	546,812	990,664	990,664	558,591	-
I.D.E.A. - Part B, Section 619											
I.D.E.A. - Part B, Section 619	I	84.173	131-230013	07/01/23-09/30/24	6,426	-	-	6,426	6,426	6,426	-
Total ALN #84.173					5,564	5,564	5,564	-	-	-	-
Total U.S. Department of Education						8,858,990	1,608,574	8,361,087	8,361,087	1,110,671	-
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services											
Passed Through the Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare											
Medical Assistance Program	I	93.778	N/A	07/01/22-06/30/23	N/A	4,915	-	4,915	4,915	-	-
U.S. Department of Agriculture											
Passed-Through the Pennsylvania Department of Education											
Breakfast Program	I	10.553	N/A	07/01/22-06/30/23	N/A	447,833	-	452,381	452,381	4,548	-
P-EBT Local Admin Funds	I	10.649	N/A	07/01/22-06/30/23	N/A	5,763	-	5,763	5,763	-	-
National School Lunch Program	I	10.555	N/A	07/01/22-06/30/23	N/A	1,279,854	-	1,291,944	1,291,944	12,090	-
National School Lunch Program	I	10.555	N/A	07/01/22-06/30/23	N/A	a) 216,044 b)	(17,947) c)	187,791	187,791 d)	(46,200)	-
Total ALN #10.555						1,495,898	(17,947)	1,479,735	1,479,735	(34,110)	-
Total U.S. Department of Agriculture						1,949,494	(17,947)	1,937,879	1,937,879	(29,562)	-

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# **Conestoga Valley School District** **Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards** **Year Ended June 30, 2024**

Federal Grantor/Pass-Through Grantor/Project Title	Source Code	Federal ALN Number	Pass- Through Grantor's Numbre	Grant Period Beginning/ Ending Dates	Grant Amount	Total Received for Year	Accrued (Deferred) Revenue July 1, 2023	Revenue Recognized	Expenditures	Accrued (Deferred) Revenue June 30, 2024	Passed Through to Subrecipients
Total Federal awards						\$ 10,813,399	\$ 1,590,627	\$ 10,303,881	\$ 10,303,881	\$ 1,081,109	\$ -
Special Education Cluster (IDEA) (ALN's #84,027 and #84,173)						\$ 984,449	\$ 552,376	\$ 997,090	\$ 997,090	\$ 565,017	\$ -
Child Nutrition Cluster (ALN's #10,553 and #10,555)						\$ 1,943,731	\$ (17,947)	\$ 1,932,116	\$ 1,932,116	\$ (29,562)	\$ -
Medicaid Cluster (ALN #93,778)						\$ 4,915	\$ -	\$ 4,915	\$ 4,915	\$ -	\$ -

**Footnotes**

- Total amount of commodities received
- Beginning inventory July 1
- Total amount of commodities used
- Ending inventory June 30

**Source Codes**

- D - Direct Funding
- I - Indirect Funding
- S - State Funding
- ALN - Assistance Listing Number

See Independent Auditor's Report.

**Conestoga Valley School District**  
**Notes to Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards**  
**June 30, 2024**

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**1. FEDERAL EXPENDITURES**

The Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards reflects federal expenditures for all individual grants which were active during the fiscal year.

**2. BASIS OF ACCOUNTING**

The District uses the modified accrual method of recording transactions except as noted for the accounting of donated commodities in Note 3. Revenues are recorded when measurable and available. Expenditures are recorded when incurred.

**3. NONMONETARY FEDERAL AWARDS - DONATED FOOD**

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania distributes federal surplus food to institutions (schools, hospitals and prisons) and to the needy. Expenditures reported in the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards under ALN #10.555 USDA Commodities represent federal surplus food consumed by the District during the 2023-2024 fiscal year.

**4. ACCESS PROGRAM**

The District participates in the ACCESS Program which is a medical assistance program that reimburses local educational agencies for direct eligible health-related services provided to enrolled special needs students. Reimbursements are federal source revenues but are classified as fee-for-service and are not considered federal financial assistance. The amount of ACCESS funding recognized for the year ended June 30, 2024 was \$400,497.

**5. INDIRECT COSTS**

The District has elected not to use the 10-percent de minimis indirect cost rate as allowed under the Uniform Guidance. No indirect costs were charged to the District's Federal awards for the year ended June 30, 2024.

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

To the Board of School Directors of  
Conestoga Valley School District:

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Conestoga Valley School District, Lancaster, Pennsylvania, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise Conestoga Valley School District's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated March 13, 2025.

**Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered Conestoga Valley 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 Conestoga Valley School District's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Conestoga Valley School District's internal control.

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

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

**Report on Compliance and Other Matters**

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

### Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the 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.

*WithumSmith+Brown, PC*

March 13, 2025

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

To the Board of School Directors of  
Conestoga Valley School District:

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

#### **Opinion on Each Major Federal Program**

We have audited Conestoga Valley School District's compliance with the types of compliance requirements identified as subject to audit in the OMB Compliance Supplement that could have a direct and material effect on each of Conestoga Valley School District's major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2024. Conestoga Valley 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, Conestoga Valley School District complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2024.

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

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

We are required to be independent of Conestoga Valley 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 Conestoga Valley 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 Conestoga Valley 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 Conestoga Valley 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 Conestoga Valley 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 Conestoga Valley 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 Conestoga Valley 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 Conestoga Valley School District's internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

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

### **Report on Internal Control over Compliance**

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

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

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

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

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Withum Smith & Brown, PC'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

March 13, 2025

**Conestoga Valley School District  
Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs  
Year Ended June 30, 2024**

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**Summary of Auditor's Results**

1. The auditor's report expresses an unmodified opinion on whether the financial statements of Conestoga Valley School District were prepared in accordance with GAAP.
2. No significant deficiencies or material weaknesses relating to the audit of the financial statements of Conestoga Valley School District are reported in the 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.
3. No instances of noncompliance material to the financial statements of Conestoga Valley School District, which would be required to be reported in accordance with Government Auditing Standards, were disclosed during the audit.
4. No significant deficiencies or material weaknesses in internal control over the major federal award programs are reported in the independent auditor's report on compliance for each major program and on internal control over compliance required by the Uniform Guidance.
5. The auditor's report on compliance for the major federal award programs for Conestoga Valley School District expresses an unmodified opinion on all major federal programs.
6. There are no audit findings that are required to be reported in accordance with 2 CFR Section 200.516(a).
7. The programs tested as major programs were:  
  
Special Education Cluster  
I.D.E.A. - Part B, Section 611 - Assistance Listing #84.027  
I.D.E.A. - Part B, Section 619 - Assistance Listing #84.173  
  
Education Stabilization Fund - Assistance Listing #84.425
8. The threshold used for distinguishing between Type A and B programs was \$750,000.
9. Conestoga Valley School District did qualify as a low-risk auditee.

**Findings—Financial Statement Audit**

None.

**Findings and Questioned Costs—Major Federal Award Programs Audit**

None.

**Summary Schedule of Prior Year Audit Findings**

None.

## OTHER INFORMATION

**Conestoga Valley School District  
Real Estate Tax Levies and Collections  
Last Ten Fiscal Years Ending June 30**

School Year	Assessed Value	Base Millage	Act 1		Current Year Collections As a Percentage				Total Collection As a Percentage
			Gross Tax Levy	Property Tax Reduction Allocation	Gross Adjusted Tax Levy	Current Collections Amount	Delinquent Tax Collections	Total Collections Amount	
2014-2015	\$ 2,681,997,700	14.8330	\$ 39,782,072	\$ 699,065	\$ 39,083,007	\$ 37,842,885	\$ 717,398	\$ 38,560,283	98.66%
2015-2016	2,688,355,900	15.2064	40,880,215	700,553	40,179,662	39,129,793	630,670	39,760,463	98.96%
2016-2017	2,706,397,200	15.9240	43,096,669	701,315	42,395,354	41,272,962	534,577	41,807,539	98.61%
2017-2018	2,718,332,800	16.3220	44,368,628	707,426	43,661,202	42,346,972	674,669	43,021,641	98.54%
2018-2019	3,467,500,300	13.3940	46,443,699	706,526	45,737,173	44,381,363	663,179	45,044,542	98.49%
2019-2020	3,444,267,500	13.7940	47,510,226	708,652	46,801,574	45,363,642	585,388	45,949,030	98.18%
2020-2021	3,467,515,900	14.1526	49,074,366	710,016	48,364,350	46,820,764	791,847	47,612,611	98.45%
2021-2022	3,472,515,800	14.4739	50,260,846	708,652	49,552,194	48,123,504	460,197	48,583,701	98.05%
2022-2023	3,504,470,800	14.9660	52,447,910	898,677	51,549,233	50,696,130	554,753	51,251,603	99.42%
2023-2024	3,529,481,000	15.3776	54,274,947	903,565	53,371,382	51,817,097	792,503	52,609,600	98.57%
2024-2025	3,544,188,800	15.7620	55,863,504	1,043,169	54,820,335	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

**Conestoga Valley School District**  
**Real Estate Tax Rates (Mills)**  
**Last Ten Fiscal Years Ending June 30**

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<b><u>Municipality</u></b>	<b><u>2014-2015 School District</u></b>	<b><u>2014 Municipal</u></b>	<b><u>2014 County</u></b>
East Lampeter Township	14.833	1.600	3.735
Upper Leacock Township	14.833	1.700	3.735
West Earl Township	14.833	1.590	3.735

<b><u>Municipality</u></b>	<b><u>2015-2016 School District</u></b>	<b><u>2015 Municipal</u></b>	<b><u>2015 County</u></b>
East Lampeter Township	15.2064	1.600	3.735
Upper Leacock Township	15.2064	1.700	3.735
West Earl Township	15.2064	1.590	3.735

<b><u>Municipality</u></b>	<b><u>2016-2017 School District</u></b>	<b><u>2016 Municipal</u></b>	<b><u>2016 County</u></b>
East Lampeter Township	15.9240	1.730	3.735
Upper Leacock Township	15.9240	1.700	3.735
West Earl Township	15.9240	1.590	3.735

<b><u>Municipality</u></b>	<b><u>2017-2018 School District</u></b>	<b><u>2017 Municipal</u></b>	<b><u>2017 County</u></b>
East Lampeter Township	16.3220	1.990	3.735
Upper Leacock Township	16.3220	2.000	3.735
West Earl Township	16.3220	1.590	3.735

<b><u>Municipality</u></b>	<b><u>2018-2019 School District</u></b>	<b><u>2018 Municipal</u></b>	<b><u>2018 County</u></b>
East Lampeter Township	13.3940	1.750	2.910
Upper Leacock Township	13.3940	1.695	2.910
West Earl Township	13.3940	1.267	2.910

<b><u>Municipality</u></b>	<b><u>2019-2020 School District</u></b>	<b><u>2019 Municipal</u></b>	<b><u>2019 County</u></b>
East Lampeter Township	13.7940	1.900	2.911
Upper Leacock Township	13.7940	1.695	2.911
West Earl Township	13.7940	1.267	2.911

**Conestoga Valley School District**  
**Real Estate Tax Rates (Mills) (Continued)**  
**Last Ten Fiscal Years Ending June 30**

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<b><u>Municipality</u></b>	<b><u>2020-2021 School District</u></b>	<b><u>2020 Municipal</u></b>	<b><u>2020 County</u></b>
East Lampeter Township	14.1526	1.900	2.911
Upper Leacock Township	14.1526	1.695	2.911
West Earl Township	14.1526	1.267	2.911

<b><u>Municipality</u></b>	<b><u>2021-2022 School District</u></b>	<b><u>2021 Municipal</u></b>	<b><u>2021 County</u></b>
East Lampeter Township	14.4739	1.900	2.911
Upper Leacock Township	14.4739	1.695	2.911
West Earl Township	14.4739	1.267	2.911

<b><u>Municipality</u></b>	<b><u>2022-2023 School District</u></b>	<b><u>2022 Municipal</u></b>	<b><u>2022 County</u></b>
East Lampeter Township	14.9660	1.900	2.911
Upper Leacock Township	14.9660	1.695	2.911
West Earl Township	14.9660	1.267	2.911

<b><u>Municipality</u></b>	<b><u>2023-2024 School District</u></b>	<b><u>2023 Municipal</u></b>	<b><u>2023 County</u></b>
East Lampeter Township	15.3776	1.900	2.911
Upper Leacock Township	15.3776	1.695	2.911
West Earl Township	15.3776	1.561	2.911

<b><u>Municipality</u></b>	<b><u>2024-2025 School District</u></b>	<b><u>2024 Municipal</u></b>	<b><u>2024 County</u></b>
East Lampeter Township	15.7620	1.957	2.911
Upper Leacock Township	15.7620	1.695	2.911
West Earl Township	15.7620	1.615	2.911

**Conestoga Valley School District**  
**Non-Real Estate Tax Rates**  
**Last Ten Fiscal Years Ending June 30**

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<b>2015</b> <b><u>Municipality</u></b>	<b><u>Realty Transfer Tax</u></b>		<b><u>Earned Income Tax</u></b>		<b><u>Local Services</u></b>		<b><u>Amusement Tax</u></b>	
	<b><u>Municipal</u></b>	<b><u>School</u></b>	<b><u>Municipal</u></b>	<b><u>School</u></b>	<b><u>Municipal</u></b>	<b><u>School</u></b>	<b><u>Municipal</u></b>	<b><u>School</u></b>
East Lampeter Township	0.5%	0.5%	0.5%	0.5%	\$ 42	\$ 10	5.0%	2.0%
Upper Leacock Township	0.5%	0.5%	0.5%	0.5%	\$ 42	\$ 10		2.0%
West Earl Township	0.5%	0.5%	0.5%	0.5%	\$ 42	\$ 10		2.0%

<b>2016</b> <b><u>Municipality</u></b>	<b><u>Realty Transfer Tax</u></b>		<b><u>Earned Income Tax</u></b>		<b><u>Local Services</u></b>		<b><u>Amusement Tax</u></b>	
	<b><u>Municipal</u></b>	<b><u>School</u></b>	<b><u>Municipal</u></b>	<b><u>School</u></b>	<b><u>Municipal</u></b>	<b><u>School</u></b>	<b><u>Municipal</u></b>	<b><u>School</u></b>
East Lampeter Township	0.5%	0.5%	0.5%	0.5%	\$ 42	\$ 10	5.0%	2.0%
Upper Leacock Township	0.5%	0.5%	0.5%	0.5%	\$ 42	\$ 10		2.0%
West Earl Township	0.5%	0.5%	0.5%	0.5%	\$ 42	\$ 10		2.0%

<b>2017</b> <b><u>Municipality</u></b>	<b><u>Realty Transfer Tax</u></b>		<b><u>Earned Income Tax</u></b>		<b><u>Local Services</u></b>		<b><u>Amusement Tax</u></b>	
	<b><u>Municipal</u></b>	<b><u>School</u></b>	<b><u>Municipal</u></b>	<b><u>School</u></b>	<b><u>Municipal</u></b>	<b><u>School</u></b>	<b><u>Municipal</u></b>	<b><u>School</u></b>
East Lampeter Township	0.5%	0.5%	0.5%	0.5%	\$ 42	\$ 10	5.0%	2.0%
Upper Leacock Township	0.5%	0.5%	0.5%	0.5%	\$ 42	\$ 10		2.0%
West Earl Township	0.5%	0.5%	0.5%	0.5%	\$ 42	\$ 10		2.0%

<b>2018</b> <b><u>Municipality</u></b>	<b><u>Realty Transfer Tax</u></b>		<b><u>Earned Income Tax</u></b>		<b><u>Local Services</u></b>		<b><u>Amusement Tax</u></b>	
	<b><u>Municipal</u></b>	<b><u>School</u></b>	<b><u>Municipal</u></b>	<b><u>School</u></b>	<b><u>Municipal</u></b>	<b><u>School</u></b>	<b><u>Municipal</u></b>	<b><u>School</u></b>
East Lampeter Township	0.5%	0.5%	0.5%	0.5%	\$ 42	\$ 10	5.0%	2.0%
Upper Leacock Township	0.5%	0.5%	0.5%	0.5%	\$ 42	\$ 10		2.0%
West Earl Township	0.5%	0.5%	0.5%	0.5%	\$ 42	\$ 10		2.0%

<b>2019</b> <b><u>Municipality</u></b>	<b><u>Realty Transfer Tax</u></b>		<b><u>Earned Income Tax</u></b>		<b><u>Local Services</u></b>		<b><u>Amusement Tax</u></b>	
	<b><u>Municipal</u></b>	<b><u>School</u></b>	<b><u>Municipal</u></b>	<b><u>School</u></b>	<b><u>Municipal</u></b>	<b><u>School</u></b>	<b><u>Municipal</u></b>	<b><u>School</u></b>
East Lampeter Township	0.5%	0.5%	0.5%	0.5%	\$ 42	\$ 10	5.0%	2.0%
Upper Leacock Township	0.5%	0.5%	0.5%	0.5%	\$ 42	\$ 10		2.0%
West Earl Township	0.5%	0.5%	0.5%	0.5%	\$ 42	\$ 10		2.0%

<b>2020</b> <b><u>Municipality</u></b>	<b><u>Realty Transfer Tax</u></b>		<b><u>Earned Income Tax</u></b>		<b><u>Local Services</u></b>		<b><u>Amusement Tax</u></b>	
	<b><u>Municipal</u></b>	<b><u>School</u></b>	<b><u>Municipal</u></b>	<b><u>School</u></b>	<b><u>Municipal</u></b>	<b><u>School</u></b>	<b><u>Municipal</u></b>	<b><u>School</u></b>
East Lampeter Township	0.5%	0.5%	0.5%	0.5%	\$ 42	\$ 10	5.0%	2.0%
Upper Leacock Township	0.5%	0.5%	0.5%	0.5%	\$ 42	\$ 10		2.0%
West Earl Township	0.5%	0.5%	0.5%	0.5%	\$ 42	\$ 10		2.0%

**Conestoga Valley School District**  
**Non-Real Estate Tax Rates (Continued)**  
**Last Ten Fiscal Years Ending June 30**

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<b>2020 Municipality</b>	<b><u>Realty Transfer Tax</u></b>		<b><u>Earned Income Tax</u></b>		<b><u>Local Services</u></b>		<b><u>Amusement Tax</u></b>	
	<b><u>Municipal</u></b>	<b><u>School</u></b>	<b><u>Municipal</u></b>	<b><u>School</u></b>	<b><u>Municipal</u></b>	<b><u>School</u></b>	<b><u>Municipal</u></b>	<b><u>School</u></b>
East Lampeter Township	0.5%	0.5%	0.5%	0.5%	\$ 42	\$ 10	5.0%	2.0%
Upper Leacock Township	0.5%	0.5%	0.5%	0.5%	\$ 42	\$ 10		2.0%
West Earl Township	0.5%	0.5%	0.5%	0.5%	\$ 42	\$ 10		2.0%

<b>2021 Municipality</b>	<b><u>Realty Transfer Tax</u></b>		<b><u>Earned Income Tax</u></b>		<b><u>Local Services</u></b>		<b><u>Amusement Tax</u></b>	
	<b><u>Municipal</u></b>	<b><u>School</u></b>	<b><u>Municipal</u></b>	<b><u>School</u></b>	<b><u>Municipal</u></b>	<b><u>School</u></b>	<b><u>Municipal</u></b>	<b><u>School</u></b>
East Lampeter Township	0.5%	0.5%	0.5%	0.5%	\$ 42	\$ 10	5.0%	2.0%
Upper Leacock Township	0.5%	0.5%	0.5%	0.5%	\$ 42	\$ 10		2.0%
West Earl Township	0.5%	0.5%	0.5%	0.5%	\$ 42	\$ 10		2.0%

<b>2022 Municipality</b>	<b><u>Realty Transfer Tax</u></b>		<b><u>Earned Income Tax</u></b>		<b><u>Local Services</u></b>		<b><u>Amusement Tax</u></b>	
	<b><u>Municipal</u></b>	<b><u>School</u></b>	<b><u>Municipal</u></b>	<b><u>School</u></b>	<b><u>Municipal</u></b>	<b><u>School</u></b>	<b><u>Municipal</u></b>	<b><u>School</u></b>
East Lampeter Township	0.5%	0.5%	0.5%	0.5%	\$ 42	\$ 10	5.0%	2.0%
Upper Leacock Township	0.5%	0.5%	0.5%	0.5%	\$ 42	\$ 10		2.0%
West Earl Township	0.5%	0.5%	0.5%	0.5%	\$ 42	\$ 10		2.0%

<b>2023 Municipality</b>	<b><u>Realty Transfer Tax</u></b>		<b><u>Earned Income Tax</u></b>		<b><u>Local Services</u></b>		<b><u>Amusement Tax</u></b>	
	<b><u>Municipal</u></b>	<b><u>School</u></b>	<b><u>Municipal</u></b>	<b><u>School</u></b>	<b><u>Municipal</u></b>	<b><u>School</u></b>	<b><u>Municipal</u></b>	<b><u>School</u></b>
East Lampeter Township	0.5%	0.5%	0.5%	0.5%	\$ 42	\$ 10	5.0%	2.0%
Upper Leacock Township	0.5%	0.5%	0.5%	0.5%	\$ 42	\$ 10		2.0%
West Earl Township	0.5%	0.5%	0.5%	0.5%	\$ 42	\$ 10		2.0%

<b>2024 Municipality</b>	<b><u>Realty Transfer Tax</u></b>		<b><u>Earned Income Tax</u></b>		<b><u>Local Services</u></b>		<b><u>Amusement Tax</u></b>	
	<b><u>Municipal</u></b>	<b><u>School</u></b>	<b><u>Municipal</u></b>	<b><u>School</u></b>	<b><u>Municipal</u></b>	<b><u>School</u></b>	<b><u>Municipal</u></b>	<b><u>School</u></b>
East Lampeter Township	0.5%	0.5%	0.5%	0.5%	\$ 42	\$ 10	5.0%	2.0%
Upper Leacock Township	0.5%	0.5%	0.5%	0.5%	\$ 42	\$ 10		2.0%
West Earl Township	0.5%	0.5%	0.5%	0.5%	\$ 42	\$ 10		2.0%

**Conestoga Valley School District**  
**Principal Taxpayers**  
**June 30, 2024**

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<u>Taxpayer</u>	<u>Assessed Valuation</u>
High Properties	\$ 347,504,900
Dart Container Corp Of PA	54,094,900
Lancaster New Holland Real Estate	44,124,600
Tanger Properties Limited PRTN	38,802,000
TKG Mill Creek Shopping Center	31,833,800
Calumet Enterprises LLC	20,810,400
Fairmount Homes	20,539,800
East Lampeter Associates	15,886,100
Cedar Acres East	14,961,500
LSC Communications US LLC/Donnelly	<u>13,159,400</u>
	<u>\$ 601,717,400</u>
 Total Taxable Assessed Value	 <u>\$ 3,529,481,000</u>
 10 Largest as a Percentage of Total Assessment	 <u>17.05%</u>

Above assessment values are based upon July 1, 2023 values.

**Conestoga Valley School District**  
**Property Assessment Data**  
**June 30, 2024**

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<b>Calendar Year</b>	<b>Assessed Value</b>	<b>Market Value</b>	<b>Common Ratio</b>
2014	\$ 2,676,741,600	\$ 2,926,156,117	77.50%
2015	2,680,065,800	2,929,799,573	75.50%
2016	2,694,851,500	3,060,134,766	73.70%
2017	2,717,612,600	3,088,259,918	100.00%
2018 *	3,450,025,400	3,222,605,595	87.00%
2019	3,437,429,800	3,214,897,729	83.40%
2020	3,455,027,100	3,359,373,093	78.10%
2021	3,452,905,400	3,356,241,036	68.10%
2022	3,487,393,500	3,607,315,713	60.40%
2023	3,501,899,700	3,623,307,153	56.40%

*Source: Pennsylvania State Tax Equalization Board*

\* Lancaster County underwent a countywide reassessment in 2018.

**Conestoga Valley School District**  
**Enrollment Data**  
**June 30, 2024**

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<u>School Year</u>	<u>Elementary</u>	<u>Secondary</u>	
2014-2015	2175	2064	4239
2015-2016	2228	1990	4218
2016-2017	2151	2025	4176
2017-2018	2291	1900	4191
2018-2019	2200	1945	4145
2019-2020	2218	1933	4151
2020-2021	1963	1854	3817
2021-2022	2095	1953	4048
2022-2023	2017	1956	3973
2023-2024	1988	1922	3910
2024-2025*	1683	2161	3844

\* Projected

**APPENDIX F**  
**BOND AMORTIZATION SCHEDULE**