

**ALPHA BOROUGH
SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**Alpha Borough School District
Board of Education
Alpha, Warren County
New Jersey**

**Annual Comprehensive Financial Report
For The Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023**

Annual Comprehensive

Financial Report

of the

Alpha Borough School District

Board of Education

Alpha, New Jersey

For the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2023

Prepared by

Alpha Borough School District

Board of Education

Finance Department

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Introductory Section

Alpha Board of Education

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Honorable President and
Members of the Board of Education
Alpha School District
County of Warren, New Jersey

Dear Board Members:

The annual comprehensive financial report of the Township of Alpha School District (District) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023, is hereby submitted. Responsibility for both the accuracy of the data and completeness and fairness of the presentation, including all disclosures, rests with the management of the Board of Education (Board). To the best of our knowledge and belief, the data presented in this report is accurate in all material respects and is reported in a manner designed to present fairly the financial position and results of operations of the various funds and account groups of the District. All disclosures necessary to enable the reader to gain an understanding of the District's financial activities have been included.

The annual comprehensive financial report is presented in four sections: introductory, financial, statistical and single audit. The introductory section includes this transmittal letter, the District's organizational chart and list of principal officials. The financial section includes the general-purpose financial statements and schedules, as well as the auditor's report thereon. The statistical section includes selected financial and demographic information, generally presented on a multi-year basis. The District is required to undergo an annual single audit in conformity with the provisions of the Single Audit Act of 1984 and the U.S. Office of Management and Budget Uniform Guidance, "Audits of State and Local Governments and Non Profit Organizations", and the state Treasury Circular Letter 15-08 OMB, "Single Audit Policy for Recipients of Federal Grants, State Grants and State Aid". Information related to this single audit, including the auditor's report on the internal control structure and compliance with applicable laws and regulations and findings and recommendations, are included in the single audit section of this report.

REPORTING ENTITY AND ITS SERVICES: The Alpha School District is an independent reporting entity within the criteria adopted by the GASB as established by NCGA Statement No. 3. All funds and account groups of the District are included in this report.

The Alpha Board of Education and all its schools constitute the District's reporting entity.

The district provides a full range of educational services appropriate to grade levels K through 8. These include regular as well as special education for handicapped youngsters. The district

completed the 2022-23 fiscal year with an enrollment of 201 students. The following details the changes in the student enrollment over the last five years.

| Fiscal Year | <u>Average Daily Enrollment</u> | |
|-------------|---------------------------------|-------------------|
| | Student Enrollment | Percentage Change |
| 2022-23 | 201 | 3.07 |
| 2021-22 | 195 | 7.14 |
| 2020-21 | 182 | -11.2 |
| 2019-20 | 205 | -2.38 |
| 2018-19 | 210 | 1.0 |
| 2017-18 | 208 | 7.7 |

TUITION PUPILS: Alpha School District sends our grade 9 to 12 students to Phillipsburg High School on a tuition basis. Approximately 84 students attended Phillipsburg High School while 23 students attended the Warren County Technical School District.

Currently the district sends approximately 13 children, ages three through twenty-one, for special educational instruction outside the Alpha School District as per the individual student's educational placement requirements.

PRESENT CONDITION AND OUTLOOK

Our enrollment has slightly inclined in the last several years.

The Alpha School receives regular cleaning and maintenance of all building systems. Community groups and sports teams hold many activities and events on nights and weekends inside and outside of the building. Student activities and events at night cause heavy use of the facilities.

MAJOR INITIATIVES/PLANNING:

The Alpha School District has been focusing on improving instructional practices to address the Common Core State Standards and the new PARCC testing requirements. This year we are continuing to expand the Workshop Model for Language Arts. This is a proven best-practice that allows teachers to individualize instruction. This requires investment in class libraries and training. We will continue to partner with Debbie Diller Associates, an industry leader, to train the staff. We are also supporting the Math curriculum with a new text that has a spiraled approach and an online component to better engage and prepare the students.

BUDGETARY CONTROLS: In addition to internal accounting controls, the District maintains budgetary controls. The objective of these budgetary controls is to ensure compliance with legal provisions embodied in the annual appropriated budget approved by the voters of the municipality. Annual appropriated budgets are adopted for the general fund, the special revenue fund and the debt service fund. The final budget amount is reflected in the financial section. An encumbrance accounting system is used to record outstanding purchase commitments on a line item basis. Open encumbrances at year-end are either canceled or are included as re-

appropriation of fund balance in the subsequent year. Those amounts to be re-appropriated are reported as reservations of fund balance at June 30, 2023.

ACCOUNTING SYSTEM AND REPORTS: The District's accounting records reflect generally accepted accounting principles, as promulgated by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB). The accounting system of the District is organized on the basis of funds and account groups.

ECONOMIC CONDITION: As demonstrated by the various statements and schedules included in the financial section of this report, the District continues to meet its responsibility for sound financial management.

BUDGET INFORMATION SHEET - OVERALL COMMENTS:

The Alpha School District's 2022-23 School Budget encompassed the educational programs for students from grades kindergarten through twelfth grade in regular education, and preschool through age twenty-one in special education. In addition, the district's budget included the operational expenses for the township school.

The 2022-23 budget was developed to stay within the "Maximum Permitted Net Budget" as defined by the State of New Jersey Department of Education. The 2022-23 budget needed to support the educational and operational costs of delivering a thorough and efficient education was developed using the allowable spending growth limitation adjustments in the area of non-remote transportation.

Revenues to support the 2022-23 budget were principally derived from local tax levy.

DEBT ADMINISTRATION: The district has no debt.

CASH MANAGEMENT: The investment policy of the District is guided in large part by state statute. The District has adopted a cash management plan, which requires it to deposit public funds in public depositories protected from loss under the provision of the Governmental Unit Deposit Protection Act ("GUDPA"). GUDPA was enacted in 1970 to protect Government Units from a loss of funds on deposit with a failed banking institution in New Jersey. The law requires governmental units to deposit public funds only in public depositories located in New Jersey, where the funds are secured in accordance with the Act. Cash, not immediately required for district payments, is invested in a Municipal Sweep account with PNC.

RISK MANAGEMENT: The Board carries various forms of insurance, including but not limited to general liability and hazard and theft insurance on property and contents. During 2020-21, the district participated in the School Alliance Insurance Fund. This is a joint insurance fund specializing in insurance for public education entities.

OTHER INFORMATION: State statutes require an annual audit by independent certified public accountants or registered municipal accounts. The Board selected the accounting firm of Ardito &

accountants or registered municipal accounts. The Board selected the accounting firm of Ardito & Co. In addition to meeting the requirements set forth in state statutes, the audit also was designed to meet the requirements of the Single Audit Act of 1984 and the related OMB Circular A-133 and state Treasury Circular Letter 04-04 OMB. The auditor's report on the general-purpose financial statements and combining and individual fund statements and schedules is included in the financial section of this report. The auditor's reports related specifically to the single audit are included in the single audit section of this report.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS: We would like to express our appreciation to the members of the Alpha Board of Education for their concern in providing fiscal accountability to the citizens and taxpayers of the school district and thereby contributing their full support to the development and maintenance of our financial operation. The preparation of this report could not have been accomplished without the efficient and diligent auditing services of the firm of Ardito & Co.

Respectfully submitted,



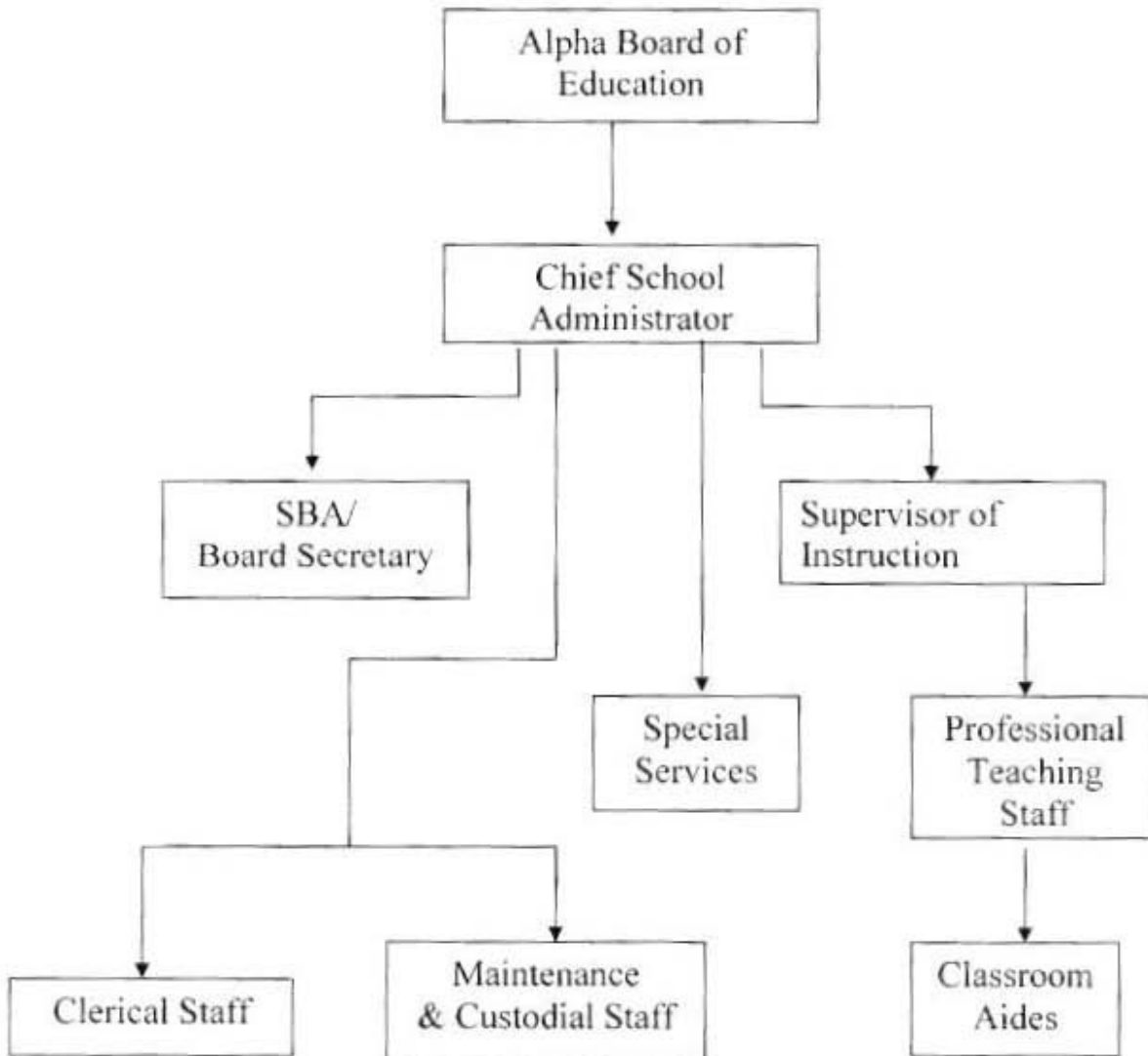
Seth Cohen
Superintendent



Tim Mantz
Board Secretary/Business Administrator

Alpha Board of Education

Organization Chart



**ALPHA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

ROSTER OF OFFICIALS

June 30, 2023

Members of the Board of Education

Term Expires

| | |
|--------------------------------|------|
| Jennifer Pettinelli, President | 2024 |
| Patrick Smith, Vice President | 2025 |
| Christopher McGee | 2023 |
| Loretta Reed | 2023 |
| Travis Conway | 2024 |
| Louis Hardy | 2024 |
| Carl Johnson | 2025 |

Other Officials

Seth Cohen, Chief School Administrator

Tim Mantz, Board Secretary/School Business Administrator

Lorraine England, Treasurer

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BOARD OF EDUCATION**

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Independent Auditor's Report



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Independent Auditor's Report

The Honorable President and
Members of the Board of Education
Alpha Borough School District
County of Warren
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Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the financial statements of the government activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Alpha Borough School District Board of Education, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Alpha Borough School District Board of Education, as of June 30, 2023, and the respective changes in financial position, and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Alpha Borough School District Board of Education, 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 these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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

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Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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

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

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

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

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis, budgetary comparison information and pension and post-employment benefit trend information as noted in the table of contents be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Alpha Borough School District Board of Education's basic financial statements. The combining and individual non-major

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fund financial statements, and the schedule of expenditures of federal awards and state financial assistance, as required by Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards*; and New Jersey OMB's Circulars 15-08, *Single Audit Policy for Recipients of Federal Grants, State Grants and State Aid*, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the combining and individual non-major fund financial statements, and the schedule of expenditures of federal awards and state financial assistance 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 included in the annual report. The other information comprises the the introductory and statistical sections but does not include the basic financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinions on the basic financial statements do not cover the other information, and we do not express an opinion or any form of assurance thereon.

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

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated October 26, 2023, on our consideration of the District's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* the District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

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October 26, 2023

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Required Supplementary Information - Part I

Management's Discussion and Analysis

ALPHA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023
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The discussion and analysis of Alpha Borough School District's financial performance provides an overall review of the School District's financial activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023. The intent of this discussion and analysis is to look at the School District's financial performance as a whole; readers should also review the notes to the basic financial statements and financial statements to enhance their understanding of the School District's financial performance.

Financial Highlights

Key financial highlights for 2023 are as follows:

- ◆ In total, Net Position increased \$290,008 which represents a 25.9% increase from 2022.
- ◆ General revenues accounted for \$3,983,972 in revenue or 51.4% of all revenues. Program specific revenues in the form of charges for services, operating grants and contributions, and capital grants and contributions accounted for \$3,771,609 or 48.6% of total revenues of \$7,755,581.
- ◆ Total assets of governmental activities decreased by \$364,750, as cash and cash equivalents increased by \$96,853, receivables decreased by \$431,214, and capital assets decreased by \$32,875.
- ◆ The School District had \$7,465,573 in expenses; only \$3,771,609 of these expenses were offset by program specific charges for services, grants or contributions. General revenues (primarily property taxes) of \$3,983,972 were available to provide for these programs.
- ◆ Among major funds, the General Fund had \$7,309,079 in revenues and \$7,096,888 in expenditures. The General Fund's surplus balance increased \$212,191 over 2022, which compares favorably to the budgeted decrease of \$502,265.

Using this Generally Accepted Accounting Principals Report (GAAP)

This annual report consists of a series of financial statements and notes to those statements. These statements are organized so the reader can understand Alpha Borough School District as a financial whole, an entire operating entity. The statements then proceed to provide an increasingly detailed look at specific financial activities. The Statement of Net Position and Statement of Activities provide information about the activities of the whole School District, presenting both an aggregate view of the School District's finances and a longer-term view of those finances. Fund financial statements provide the next level of detail.

For governmental funds, these statements tell how services were financed in the short-term as well as what remains for future spending. The fund financial statements also look at the School District's most significant funds with all other non-major funds presented in total in one column. In the case of Alpha Borough School District, the General Fund is by far the most significant fund.

ALPHA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023
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Reporting the School District as a Whole

Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities

While this document contains the large number of funds used by the School District to provide programs and activities, the view of the School District as a whole looks at all financial transactions and asks the question, "How did we do financially during 2023?" The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities answer this question. These statements include all assets and liabilities using the accrual basis of accounting similar to the accounting used by most private-sector companies. This basis of accounting takes into account all of the current year's revenues and expenses regardless of when cash is received or paid.

These two statements report the School District's Net Position and changes in those assets. This change in Net Position is important because it tells the reader that, for the School District as a whole, the financial positions of the School District has improved or diminished. The causes of this change may be the result of many factors, some financial, and some not. Nonfinancial factors include the School District's property tax base, current laws in New Jersey restricting revenue growth, facility condition, required educational programs and other factors.

In the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities, the School District is divided into two distinct kinds of activities:

- Governmental activities--All of the School District's programs and services are reported here including instruction, support services, operation and maintenance of plant facilities, pupil transportation and extracurricular activities.
- Business-type Activity--This service is provided on a charge for goods or services basis to recover all the expenses of the goods or services provided. The Food Service enterprise fund is reported as a business activity.

Reporting the School District's Most Significant Funds

Fund Financial Statements

The analysis of the School District's major funds begins on page 24. Fund financial reports provide detailed information about the School District's major funds. The School District uses many funds to account for a multitude of financial transactions. However, these fund financial statements focus on the School District's most significant funds. The School District's major governmental funds are the General Fund, Special Revenue Fund, Capital Projects Fund and Debt Service Fund.

ALPHA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023
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Governmental Funds

The School District’s activities are reported in governmental funds, which focus on how money flows into and out of those funds and the balances left at year-end available for spending in the future years. These funds are reported using an accounting method called modified accrual accounting, which measures cash and all other financial assets that can readily be converted to cash. The governmental fund statements provide a detailed short-term view of the School District’s general government operations and the basic services it provides. Governmental fund information helps you determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance educational programs. The relationship (or differences) between governmental activities (reported in the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities) and governmental funds is reconciled in the financial statements.

The School District as a Whole

Recall that the Statement of Net Position provides the perspective of the School District as a whole.

Table 1 provides a summary of the School District’s Net Position for 2023 compared to 2022.

**Table 1
Net Position**

| | <u>2023</u> | <u>2022</u> |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|
| Assets | | |
| Current and Other Assets | \$ 1,941,120 | \$ 2,272,995 |
| Capital Assets | <u>555,725</u> | <u>588,600</u> |
| Total Assets | <u>2,496,845</u> | <u>2,861,595</u> |
| Deferred Outflows of Resources | <u>302,333</u> | <u>155,102</u> |
| Liabilities | | |
| Long-Term Liabilities | 682,222 | 461,204 |
| Other Liabilities | <u>472,032</u> | <u>1,017,767</u> |
| Total Liabilities | <u>1,154,254</u> | <u>1,478,971</u> |
| Deferred Inflows of Resources | <u>234,973</u> | <u>417,783</u> |
| Net Position | | |
| Invested in Capital Assets, Net of Debt | 555,725 | 588,600 |
| Restricted | 1,299,663 | 725,132 |
| Unrestricted | <u>(445,437)</u> | <u>(193,789)</u> |
| Total Net Position | <u>\$ 1,409,951</u> | <u>\$ 1,119,943</u> |

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Total assets of governmental activities decreased by \$364,750, as cash and cash equivalents increased by \$96,853, receivables decreased by \$431,214, and capital assets decreased by \$32,875.

The cash increase and receivable decrease was due to reimbursement of prior year federal grants spending .

Table 2 shows the changes in Net Position from fiscal year 2022.

Table 2
Changes in Net Position

| | <u>2023</u> | <u>2022</u> |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|
| Revenues | | |
| Program Revenues: | | |
| Charges for Services | \$ 30,279 | \$ 6,088 |
| Operating Grants and Contributions | 3,741,330 | 3,478,662 |
| General Revenues: | | |
| Property Taxes | 3,963,708 | 3,885,988 |
| Other | <u>20,264</u> | <u>15,088</u> |
| Total Revenues | <u>7,755,581</u> | <u>7,385,826</u> |
| Program Expenses | | |
| Instruction | 3,593,118 | 3,175,505 |
| Support Services: | | |
| Pupils and Instructional Staff | 2,384,082 | 2,668,575 |
| General Administration, School Administration, Business | 458,164 | 473,494 |
| Operations and Maintenance of Facilities | 433,456 | 440,558 |
| Pupil Transportation | 501,058 | 329,891 |
| Business-Type Activities | <u>95,695</u> | <u>114,073</u> |
| Total Expenses | <u>7,465,573</u> | <u>7,202,096</u> |
| Increase in Net Position | <u>\$ 290,008</u> | <u>\$ 183,730</u> |

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Governmental Activities

The unique nature of property taxes in New Jersey creates the need to routinely seek voter approval for the School District operations. Property taxes made up 51.1% percent of revenues for governmental activities for the Alpha Borough School District for the fiscal year 2023.

Instruction comprises 48.1% of district expenses. Support services expenses make up 50.6% of the expenses.

The Statement of Activities shows the cost of program services and the charges for services and grants offsetting those services. Table 3 shows the total cost of services and the net cost of services compared to 2022. That is, it identifies the cost of these services supported by tax revenue and unrestricted State entitlements.

Table 3

| | <u>Total Cost of Services 2023</u> | <u>Net Cost of Services 2023</u> | <u>Total Cost of Services 2022</u> | <u>Net Cost of Services 2022</u> |
|---|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|
| Instruction | 3,593,118 | 1,525,542 | \$3,175,505 | \$1,477,462 |
| Support Services: | | | | |
| Pupils and Instructional Staff | 2,384,082 | 1,338,335 | 2,668,575 | 1,526,311 |
| General Admin., School Admin., Business | 458,164 | 273,687 | 473,494 | 273,926 |
| Operation and Maintenance of Facilities | 433,456 | 258,792 | 440,558 | 254,732 |
| Pupil Transportation | 501,058 | 299,153 | 329,891 | 190,744 |
| Business-Type Activities | <u>95,695</u> | <u>(1,545)</u> | <u>114,073</u> | <u>(5,829)</u> |
| Total Expenses | <u>\$ 7,465,573</u> | <u>\$ 3,693,964</u> | <u>\$ 7,202,096</u> | <u>\$ 3,717,346</u> |

Instruction expenses include activities directly dealing with the teaching of pupils and the interaction between teacher and student.

Pupils and instructional staff include the activities involved with assisting staff with the content and process of teaching to students.

General administration, school administration and business include expenses associated with administrative and financial supervision of the District.

Operation and maintenance of facilities activities involve keeping the school grounds, buildings and equipment in an effective working condition.

Pupil transportation includes activities involved with the conveyance of students to and from school, as well as to and from school activities, as provided by state law.

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Business-type activities includes expenses related to activities provided by the School District which are designed to provide for students to participate in food service.

Interest and fiscal charges involve the transactions associated with the payment of interest and other related charges to debt of the School District and unallocated depreciation.

The dependence upon tax revenues is apparent. Over 42.5% of instruction activities are supported through taxes and other general revenues; for all activities general revenue support is 57.5%. The community, as a whole, is the primary support for the Alpha Borough School District.

The School District's Funds

Information about the School District's major funds starts on page 24. These funds are accounted for using the modified accrual basis of accounting. All governmental funds had total revenues and other sources of \$8,029,092 and expenditures of \$7,816,777. The General Fund's surplus balance increased \$212,191 over 2022, which compares favorably to the budgeted decrease of \$502,265.

General Fund Budgeting Highlights

The School District's budget is prepared according to New Jersey law, and is based on accounting for certain transactions on a basis of cash receipts, disbursements, and encumbrances. The most significant budgeted fund is the General Fund.

During the course of the fiscal 2023 year, the School District amended its General Fund budget as needed. The School District uses program based budgeting and the budgeting systems are designed to tightly control total program budgets but provide flexibility for program management.

For the General Fund, budget basis revenue and other financing sources, excluding on-behalf payments, was \$6,294,208, \$443,860 over original budgeted estimates of \$5,850,348. This difference was due primarily to MOE aid and miscellaneous non-budgeted revenue.

General fund revenues exceeded expenditures by \$209,649. Again this surplus compares to a budgeted deficit of \$502,265, which was due to the budgeted use of prior year's excess surplus in the 2022-2023 budget. The budgeted deficit was reduced due to cost savings in instruction.

Overall general fund balance (budget basis) was \$1,585,891, and amounts ear-marked and reserved for future purposes were \$1,280,193, creating a surplus in unreserved fund balance of \$305,698. Management believes the district can maintain unreserved fund balances at or near the statutory maximum 4% level of \$305,698.

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Capital Assets

At the end of the fiscal year 2023, the School District had \$555,725 invested in land, buildings, furniture and equipment, and vehicles. Table 4 shows fiscal 2023 balances compared to 2022.

Table 4
Capital Assets (Net of Depreciation) at June 30,

| | <u>2023</u> | <u>2022</u> |
|----------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Land | \$ 291,300 | \$ 291,300 |
| Land Improvements | 1 | 1 |
| Buildings and Improvements | 264,424 | 297,299 |
| Machinery and Equipment | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> |
| Totals | <u>\$ 555,725</u> | <u>\$ 588,600</u> |

Overall capital assets decreased \$32,875 from fiscal year 2022 to fiscal year 2023, net of depreciation expense for the year.

No major capital improvements were purchased during fiscal year 2023.

Debt Administration

At June 30, 2023, the School District had \$164,288 as outstanding long term debt. Of this amount, \$164,288 is for compensated absences.

At June 30, 2023, the School District's overall legal debt margin was \$6,966,168 and the unvoted debt margin was the same.

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For the Future

The Alpha Borough School District is in very good financial condition presently. A major concern is the continued reliance on local property taxes and future decreases in state aid.

In conclusion, the Alpha Borough School District has committed itself to financial excellence for many years. In addition, the School District's system for financial planning, budgeting, and internal financial controls are well regarded. The School District plans to continue its sound fiscal management to meet the challenge of the future.

Contacting the School District's Financial Management

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, investors and creditors with a general overview of the School District's finances and to show the School District's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional information contact Tim Mantz, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary at Alpha Borough School District, 817 North Blvd., Alpha, NJ 08865.

Basic Financial Statements

DISTRICT-WIDE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The statement of net position and the statement of activities display information about the District. These statements include the financial activities of the overall District, except for fiduciary activities. Eliminations have been made to minimize the double-counting of internal activities. These statements distinguish between the governmental and business-type activities of the District.

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Exhibit A-1

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION

June 30, 2023

| | GOVERNMENTAL BUSINESS-TYPE | | |
|---|----------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| | <u>ACTIVITIES</u> | <u>ACTIVITIES</u> | TOTAL |
| ASSETS | | | |
| Cash and Cash Equivalents | \$ 1,397,032 | \$ 25,537 | \$ 1,422,569 |
| Receivables, Net | 505,609 | 395 | 506,004 |
| Inventory | | 5,850 | 5,850 |
| Restricted Assets: | | | |
| Capital Reserve Account - Cash | 3,509 | | 3,509 |
| Emergency Reserve Account - Cash | 3,188 | | 3,188 |
| Capital Assets, Net (Note 5): | 555,725 | | 555,725 |
| Total Assets | <u>2,465,063</u> | <u>31,782</u> | <u>2,496,845</u> |
| DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES | | | |
| Pension Deferred Outflows | <u>302,333</u> | | <u>302,333</u> |
| LIABILITIES | | | |
| Accounts Payable | | 933 | 933 |
| Payroll Deductions and Withholdings | 93,581 | | 93,581 |
| Unearned Revenue | 375,720 | 1,798 | 377,518 |
| Net Pension Liability (Note 7) | 517,934 | | 517,934 |
| Noncurrent Liabilities (Note 6): | | | |
| Due Within One Year | | | |
| Due Beyond One Year | 164,288 | | 164,288 |
| Total Liabilities | <u>1,151,523</u> | <u>2,731</u> | <u>1,154,254</u> |
| DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES | | | |
| Pension Deferred Inflows | <u>234,973</u> | | <u>234,973</u> |
| NET POSITION | | | |
| Invested in Capital Assets, Net of Related Debt | 555,725 | | 555,725 |
| Restricted for: | | | |
| Capital Reserve Account | 3,509 | | 3,509 |
| Emergency Reserve Account | 3,188 | | 3,188 |
| Other Purposes | 1,292,966 | | 1,292,966 |
| Unrestricted | (474,488) | 29,051 | (445,437) |
| Total Net Position | <u>\$ 1,380,900</u> | <u>\$ 29,051</u> | <u>\$ 1,409,951</u> |

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

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Exhibit A-2

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

| Functions/Programs | PROGRAM REVENUES | | | NET(EXPENSE) REVENUE AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION | | | |
|--|---------------------|-------------------------|--|---|----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|
| | EXPENSES | CHARGES FOR SERVICES | OPERATING GRANTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS | CAPITAL GRANTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS | GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES | BUSINESS-TYPE ACTIVITIES | TOTAL |
| Governmental Activities: | | | | | | | |
| Instruction: | | | | | | | |
| Regular | \$ 2,810,737 | \$ 4,275 | \$ 1,748,035 | | \$ (1,058,427) | | \$ (1,058,427) |
| Special Education | 661,737 | | 266,652 | | (395,085) | | (395,085) |
| Other Special Instruction | 120,644 | | 48,614 | | (72,030) | | (72,030) |
| Support Services: | | | | | | | |
| Tuition | 1,704,433 | | 686,815 | | (1,017,618) | | (1,017,618) |
| Student & Instruction Related Services | 679,649 | | 358,932 | | (320,717) | | (320,717) |
| School Administrative Services | 37,014 | | 14,915 | | (22,099) | | (22,099) |
| General and Business Admin. Services | 421,150 | | 169,562 | | (251,588) | | (251,588) |
| Plant Operations and Maintenance | 433,456 | | 174,664 | | (258,792) | | (258,792) |
| Pupil Transportation | 501,058 | | 201,905 | | (299,153) | | (299,153) |
| Total Governmental Activities | 7,369,878 | 4,275 | 3,670,094 | | (3,695,509) | | (3,695,509) |
| Business-Type Activities: | | | | | | | |
| Food Service | 95,695 | \$ 26,004 | 71,236 | | | \$ 1,545 | 1,545 |
| Total Business-Type Activities | 95,695 | 26,004 | 71,236 | - | - | 1,545 | 1,545 |
| Total Primary Government | \$ 7,465,573 | \$ 30,279 | \$ 3,741,330 | | \$ (3,695,509) | \$ 1,545 | \$ (3,693,964) |
| General Revenues: | | | | | | | |
| Taxes: | | | | | | | |
| Property Taxes, Levied for General Purposes, Net | | | | | \$ 3,963,708 | | \$ 3,963,708 |
| Investment Earnings | | | | | 739 | - | 739 |
| Miscellaneous Income | | | | | 19,525 | | 19,525 |
| Total General Revenues, Special Items, Extraordinary Items and Transfers | | | | | 3,983,972 | - | 3,983,972 |
| Change in Net Position | | | | | 288,463 | 1,545 | 290,008 |
| Net Position—Beginning | | | | | 1,092,437 | 27,506 | 1,119,943 |
| Prior Period Adjustment | | | | | - | - | - |
| Net Position—Beginning (As Restated) | | | | | 1,092,437 | 27,506 | 1,119,943 |
| Net Position—Ending | | | | | \$ 1,380,900 | \$ 29,051 | \$ 1,409,951 |

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

FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Individual Fund statements and schedules present more detailed information for the individual fund in a format that segregates information by fund type.

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Exhibit B-1

BALANCE SHEET
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
June 30, 2023

| | GENERAL FUND | SPECIAL REVENUE FUND | TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS |
|--|---------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| ASSETS | | | |
| Cash and Cash Equivalents | \$ 1,361,004 | \$ 42,725 | \$ 1,403,729 |
| Interfund Receivable | 4,857 | | 4,857 |
| Receivables from Other Governments | 446,564 | 59,045 | 505,609 |
| TOTAL ASSETS | \$ 1,812,425 | \$ 101,770 | \$ 1,914,195 |
| LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES | | | |
| Liabilities: | | | |
| Payroll Deductions and Withholdings | \$ 93,581 | | \$ 93,581 |
| Interfund Payable | | \$ 4,857 | 4,857 |
| Unearned Revenue | 321,532 | 54,188 | 375,720 |
| Total Liabilities | 415,113 | 59,045 | 474,158 |
| Fund Balances: | | | |
| <u>Restricted for:</u> | | | |
| Capital Reserve Account | 3,509 | | 3,509 |
| Emergency Reserve | 3,188 | | 3,188 |
| Excess Surplus - Designated for Subseq. Year's Expenditures | 173,574 | | 173,574 |
| Excess Surplus | 752,901 | | 752,901 |
| Student Activities | | 42,725 | 42,725 |
| <u>Assigned to:</u> | | | |
| Year-End Encumbrances | 23,255 | | 23,255 |
| Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures | 323,766 | | 323,766 |
| <u>Unassigned:</u> | | | |
| General Fund - Undesignated | 117,119 | | 117,119 |
| Total Fund Balances | 1,397,312 | 42,725 | 1,440,037 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE | \$ 1,812,425 | \$ 101,770 | \$ 1,914,195 |

Amounts reported for *governmental activities* in the statement of net position (A-1) are different because:

| | |
|--|---------------------|
| Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds. The cost of the assets is \$1,711,308 and the accumulated depreciation is \$1,155,583 (see Note 5). | \$ 555,725 |
| Deferred Outflows related to pension contributions subsequent to the Net Pension Liability measurement date and other deferred items are not current financial resources and therefore are not reported in the fund statements. (See Note 7) | 302,333 |
| Deferred Inflows related to pension actuarial gains from experience and differences in actual return and assumed returns and other deferred items are not reported as liabilities in the fund statements. (See Note 7) | (234,973) |
| Long-term liabilities, including Net Pension Liability, are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported as liabilities in the funds (see Note 7) | (517,934) |
| Long-term liabilities, including compensated absences, are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported as liabilities in the funds (see Note 6). | (164,288) |
| Net Position of governmental activities | <u>\$ 1,380,900</u> |

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

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Exhibit B-2

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

| | General Fund | Special Revenue Fund | Total Governmental Funds |
|--|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|
| REVENUES | | | |
| Local sources: | | | |
| Local Tax Levy | \$ 3,963,708 | | \$ 3,963,708 |
| Tuition | 4,275 | | 4,275 |
| Interest on Capital Reserve | 5 | | 5 |
| Miscellaneous | 734 | \$ 19,525 | 20,259 |
| Total - Local Sources | <u>3,968,722</u> | <u>19,525</u> | <u>3,988,247</u> |
| State Sources | 3,340,357 | | 3,340,357 |
| Federal Sources | | 700,488 | 700,488 |
| Total Revenues | <u>7,309,079</u> | <u>720,013</u> | <u>8,029,092</u> |
| EXPENDITURES | | | |
| Current: | | | |
| Regular Instruction | 1,781,730 | 623,783 | 2,405,513 |
| Special Education Instruction | 573,156 | | 573,156 |
| Other Special Instruction | 104,494 | | 104,494 |
| Support services and undistributed costs: | | | |
| Tuition | 1,704,433 | | 1,704,433 |
| Student and Instruction Related Services | 500,649 | 85,062 | 585,711 |
| School Administrative Services | 31,073 | | 31,073 |
| Other Administrative Services | 362,163 | | 362,163 |
| Plant Operations and Maintenance | 371,160 | | 371,160 |
| Pupil Transportation | 501,058 | | 501,058 |
| Unallocated Benefits | 1,166,615 | | 1,166,615 |
| Transfer to Charter School | - | | - |
| Capital Outlay | 357 | 11,044 | 11,401 |
| Total Expenditures | <u>7,096,888</u> | <u>719,889</u> | <u>7,816,777</u> |
| Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures | <u>212,191</u> | <u>124</u> | <u>212,315</u> |
| Net Change in Fund Balances | 212,191 | 124 | 212,315 |
| Fund Balance—July 1 | 1,185,121 | 42,601 | 1,227,722 |
| Prior Period Adjustment | | - | - |
| Fund Balance—July 1 (Restated) | <u>1,185,121</u> | <u>42,601</u> | <u>1,227,722</u> |
| Fund Balance—June 30 | <u>\$ 1,397,312</u> | <u>\$ 42,725</u> | <u>\$ 1,440,037</u> |

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

ALPHA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

Exhibit B-3

**RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES,
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

Total Net Change in Fund Balances - Governmental Funds (from B-2) \$ 212,315

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities (A-2) 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 as depreciation expense.

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

| | | | |
|--|----------------------|--------------------|----------|
| | Depreciation Expense | \$ (32,875) | |
| | Capital Outlays | <u> -</u> | (32,875) |

Pension contributions are reported in governmental funds as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the contributions are adjusted for actuarial valuation adjustments, including service and interest costs, administrative costs, investment returns, and experience/assumption.

This is the amount by which net pension liability and deferred inflows/outflows related to pension changed during the period.

104,598

In the statement of activities, compensated absences is accrued regardless of when paid. In the governmental funds, compensated absences are reported when paid. This amount is the amount by which the current year's compensated absence payments exceed the current year's amount earned.

4,425

Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities \$ 288,463

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Exhibit B-4

STATEMENT OF PROPRIETARY NET POSITION
PROPRIETARY FUNDS

June 30, 2023

| | Business-Type Activities - Enterprise Funds | |
|--|--|------------------|
| | Food Service | Totals |
| ASSETS | | |
| Current assets: | | |
| Cash and Cash Equivalents | \$ 25,537 | \$ 25,537 |
| Accounts Receivable | 395 | 395 |
| Inventories | 5,850 | 5,850 |
| Total Current Assets | <u>31,782</u> | <u>31,782</u> |
| Noncurrent Assets: | | |
| Furniture, Machinery and Equipment | 46,812 | 46,812 |
| Less Accumulated Depreciation | (46,812) | (46,812) |
| Total Noncurrent Assets | | |
| | <u>31,782</u> | <u>31,782</u> |
| LIABILITIES | | |
| Current liabilities: | | |
| Accounts Payable | 933 | 933 |
| Deferred Revenue | 1,798 | 1,798 |
| Total Current Liabilities | <u>2,731</u> | <u>2,731</u> |
| Total Liabilities | <u>2,731</u> | <u>2,731</u> |
| NET POSITION | | |
| Invested in Capital Assets Net of Related Debt | | |
| Unrestricted | 29,051 | 29,051 |
| Total Net Position | <u>\$ 29,051</u> | <u>\$ 29,051</u> |

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

**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN FUND NET POSITION
PROPRIETARY FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

| | Business-type Activities - Enterprise Fund | |
|---|---|-----------------------------|
| | Food Service | Total Enterprise |
| Operating Revenues: | | |
| Charges for Services: | | |
| Daily Sales - Reimbursable Programs | \$ 18,078 | \$ 18,078 |
| Daily Sales - Non-Reimb. Programs | 7,926 | 7,926 |
| Miscellaneous Income | - | - |
| Total Operating Revenues | <u>26,004</u> | <u>26,004</u> |
| Operating Expenses: | | |
| Cost of Sales - Reimbursable Programs | 22,832 | 22,832 |
| Cost of Sales - Non-reimbursable Programs | 16,590 | 16,590 |
| Salaries | 30,800 | 30,800 |
| Employee Benefits | 8,366 | 8,366 |
| Other Purchased Professional Services | 8,836 | 8,836 |
| Miscellaneous | 8,271 | 8,271 |
| Depreciation | | |
| Total Operating Expenses | <u>95,695</u> | <u>95,695</u> |
| Operating Income (Loss) | <u>(69,691)</u> | <u>(69,691)</u> |
| Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses): | | |
| State Sources: | | |
| State School Lunch Program | 922 | 922 |
| Federal Sources: | | |
| National School Lunch Program | 36,778 | 36,778 |
| National Breakfast Lunch Program | 2,165 | 2,165 |
| Supply Chain Assistance | 23,332 | 23,332 |
| Food Distribution Program | 8,039 | 8,039 |
| Total Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses) | <u>71,236</u> | <u>71,236</u> |
| Income (Loss) | 1,545 | 1,545 |
| Change in Net Position | <u>1,545</u> | <u>1,545</u> |
| Total Net Position—Beginning | 27,506 | 27,506 |
| Total Net Position—Ending | <u>\$ 29,051</u> | <u>\$ 29,051</u> |

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

ALPHA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

Exhibit B-6

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
PROPRIETARY FUNDS

For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

| | Business-Type Activities - Enterprise Funds | |
|--|--|-----------------------------|
| | Food Service | Total Enterprise |
| CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES | | |
| Receipts from Customers | \$ 26,004 | \$ 26,004 |
| Payments to Employees | (30,800) | (30,800) |
| Payments for Employee Benefits | (8,366) | (8,366) |
| Payments to Suppliers | (50,734) | (50,734) |
| Net Cash Provided by (used for) Operating Activities | (63,896) | (63,896) |
| CASH FLOWS FROM NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES | | |
| State Sources | 943 | 943 |
| Federal Sources | 63,982 | 63,982 |
| Operating Transfers from Other Funds | - | - |
| Net Cash Provided by (used for) Non-Capital Financing Activities | 64,925 | 64,925 |
| Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents | 1,029 | 1,029 |
| Balances—Beginning of Year | 24,508 | 24,508 |
| Balances—End of Year | \$ 25,537 | \$ 25,537 |
| Reconciliation of Operating Income (Loss) to Net Cash Provided (used) by Operating Activities: | | |
| Operating Income (Loss) | \$ (69,691) | \$ (69,691) |
| Adjustments to Reconcile Operating Income (Loss) to Net Cash Provided by (used for) Operating Activities: | | |
| Depreciation and Net Amortization | | |
| Federal Commodities | 8,039 | 8,039 |
| (Increase) Decrease in Accounts Receivable, Net | - | - |
| (Increase) Decrease in Inventories | (2,487) | (2,487) |
| Increase (Decrease) in Accounts Payable | 243 | 243 |
| Total Adjustments | 5,795 | 5,795 |
| Net Cash Provided by (used for) Operating Activities | \$ (63,896) | \$ (63,896) |

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Notes to Financial Statements

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SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements of the Board of Education (Board) of the Alpha Borough School District (District) have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as applied to governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The more significant of the Board's accounting policies are described below.

In June 1999, the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) unanimously approved Basic Financial Statements and Management's Discussion and Analysis for State and Local Governments (Statement No.34). This Statement provided for the most significant change in financial reporting in over twenty years was phased-in (based on amount of revenues) starting with fiscal years ending 2002 (for larger governments). The District was not required to implement the new model until the 2003-2004 school year.

In addition, the School District has implemented GASB Statement No.37, Basic Financial Statements and Management's Discussion and Analysis for State and Local Governments: Omnibus, Statement No.38, Certain Financial Statement Note Disclosures, Statement No.40, Deposit and Investment Risk Disclosures, an amendment of GASB Statement No.3, and Statement 44, Economic Condition Reporting: The Statistical Section (GASB 44), an amendment of NCGA Statement 1, Governmental Accounting and Financial Reporting Principles is found in the Introduction, a revised statistical section in the Outline of the ACFR, GASB Statement No. 45, Other Post-retirement Employee Benefits, GASB No. 54, Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions, and GASB No. 63 and 65, Deferred Outflows and Inflows and Net Position, and Items Previously Reported as Assets and Liabilities, GASB No. 68, Accounting for Pensions, an amendment of GASB No. 27, GASB No. 75, Accounting for OPEB, and GASB 84, Fiduciary Activities. The implementation of these statements did not effect net position balances as previously reported for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2022.

A. Reporting Entity:

The Alpha Borough School District is a Type II district located in the County of Warren, State of New Jersey. As a Type II district, the School District functions independently through a Board of Education. The board is comprised of nine members elected to three-year terms. The purpose of the district is to educate students in grades K-8. The Alpha Borough School District had an approximate enrollment at June 30, 2023, of 201 students.

The primary criterion for including activities within the District's reporting entity, as set forth in Section 2100 of the GASB *Codification of Governmental Accounting and Financial Reporting Standards*, is whether:

- the organization is legally separate (can sue or be sued in their own name)
- the District holds the corporate powers of the organization
- the District appoints a voting majority of the organization's board
- the District is able to impose its will on the organization
- the organization has the potential to impose a financial benefit/burden on the District
- there is a fiscal dependency by the organization on the District

Based on the aforementioned criteria, the District has no component units.

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NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

B. Basis of Presentation, Basis of Accounting:

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

Basis of Presentation

District-wide Statements: The statement of net position and the statement of activities display information about the District as a whole. These statements include the financial activities of the overall District, except for fiduciary activities. Eliminations have been made to minimize the double-counting of internal activities. These statements distinguish between the governmental and business-type activity of the District. Governmental activities generally are financed through taxes, intergovernmental revenues, and other nonexchange transactions. Business-type activities are financed in whole or in part by fees and charged to external parties. The statement of net position presents the financial condition of the governmental and business-type activity of the School District at fiscal year end. The statement of activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for the business-type activity of the District and for each function of the District's

governmental activities. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with a program or function and, therefore, are clearly identifiable to a particular function. Program revenues include (a) fees and charges paid by the recipients of goods or services offered by the programs and (b) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program. Revenues that are not classified as program revenues, including all taxes, are presented as general revenues. The comparison of direct expenses with program revenues identifies the extent to which each governmental function or business segment is self-financing or draws from the general revenues of the School District.

Fund Financial Statements: During the fiscal year, the School District segregates transactions related to certain School District functions or activities in separate funds in order to aid financial management and to demonstrate legal compliance. The fund financial statements provide information about the District's funds, including its fiduciary funds. Separate statements for each fund category—*governmental*, *proprietary*, and *fiduciary*—are presented. The New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) has elected to require New Jersey districts to treat each governmental fund as a major fund in accordance with the option noted in GASB No.34, paragraph 76. The NJDOE believes that the presentation of all funds as major is important for public interest and to promote consistency among district financial reporting models.

GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

The District reports the following governmental funds:

General Fund - The General Fund is the general operating fund of the District and is used to account for all expendable financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund. Included are certain expenditures for vehicles and movable instructional or noninstructional equipment which are classified in the Capital Outlay subfund.

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NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

B. Basis of Presentation, Basis of Accounting (Continued):

GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS (Continued)

As required by the New Jersey State Department of Education, the District includes budgeted Capital Outlay in this fund. Generally accepted accounting principles as they pertain to governmental entities state that General Fund resources may be used to directly finance capital outlays for long-lived improvements as long as the resources in such cases are derived exclusively from unrestricted revenues. Resources for budgeted capital outlay purposes are normally derived from State of New Jersey Aid, district taxes and appropriated fund balance. Expenditures are those that result in the acquisition of or additions to fixed assets for land, existing buildings, improvements of grounds, construction of buildings, additions to or remodeling of buildings and the purchase of built-in equipment. These resources can be transferred from and to Current Expense by board resolution.

Special Revenue Fund - The Special Revenue Fund is used to account for the proceeds of specific revenue from State and Federal Government, (other than major capital projects, debt service or the enterprise funds) and local appropriations that are legally restricted to expenditures for specified purposes.

Capital Projects Fund - The Capital Projects Fund is used to account for all financial resources to be used for the acquisition or construction of major capital facilities (other than those financed by proprietary funds). The financial resources are derived from temporary notes or serial bonds that are specifically authorized by the voters as a separate question on the ballot either during the annual election or at a special election.

PROPRIETARY FUNDS

The District reports the following proprietary fund:

Enterprise (Food Service) Fund - The Enterprise Fund accounts for all revenues and expenses pertaining to the Board's cafeteria operations. The food service fund is utilized to account for operations that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises. The stated intent is that the costs (i.e. expenses including depreciation and indirect costs) of providing goods or services to the students on a continuing basis be financed or recovered primarily through user charges.

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NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

B. Basis of Presentation, Basis of Accounting (Continued):

Additionally, the District reports the following fund type:

Fiduciary Funds - The Fiduciary Funds are used to account for assets held by the District on behalf of others and include the Student Activities Fund and Payroll Agency Fund.

Basis of Accounting

Basis of accounting determines when transactions are recorded in the financial records and reported on the financial statements.

District-wide, Proprietary, and Fiduciary Fund Financial Statements: The District-wide financial statements are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting. Governmental funds use the modified accrual basis of accounting; the enterprise fund and fiduciary funds use the accrual basis of accounting. Differences in the accrual and modified accrual basis of accounting arise in the recognition of revenue, the recording of deferred revenue, and in the presentation of expenses versus expenditures. Ad Valorem (Property) Taxes are susceptible to accrual as under New Jersey Statute a municipality is required to remit to its school district the entire balance of taxes in the amount voted upon or certified, prior to the end of the school year.

The District records the entire approved tax levy as revenue (accrued) at the start of the fiscal year, since the revenue is both measurable and available. The District is entitled to receive monies under the established payment schedule and the unpaid amount is considered to be an "accounts receivable". Revenue from grants, entitlements and donations is recognized in the fiscal year in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied.

Governmental Fund Financial Statements: Governmental funds are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under this method, revenues are recognized when measurable and available. "Measurable" means the amount of the transaction can be determined and "available" means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current period. Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred, except for principal and interest on general long-term debt, claims and judgments, and compensated absences, which are recognized as expenditures to the extent they have matured. General capital asset acquisitions are reported as expenditures in governmental funds. Proceeds of general long-term debt and acquisitions under capital leases are reported as other financing sources.

All governmental and business-type activities and enterprise funds of the District follow FASB Statements and Interpretations issued on or before November 30, 1989, Accounting Principles Board Opinions, and Accounting Research Bulletins, unless those pronouncements conflict with GASB pronouncements.

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NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

C. Budgets/Budgetary Control:

Annual appropriated budgets are prepared in the spring of each year for the general, special revenue, and debt service funds. The budgets are submitted to the county office for approval and are voted upon at the annual school election on the third Tuesday in April. Budgets are prepared using the modified accrual basis of accounting, except for the special revenue funds. The legal level of budgetary control is established at line item accounts within each fund. Line item accounts are defined as the lowest (most specific) level of detail as established pursuant to the minimum chart of accounts referenced in N.J.A.C. 6:20-2A.2(m)1. All budget amendments/transfers must be approved by School Board resolution. In addition, transfers are also covered by changes in N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-2.3 that can require approval through the state department. All budget amounts presented in the accompanying supplementary information reflect the original budget and the amended budget (which have been adjusted for legally authorized revisions of the annual budgets during the year).

Appropriations, except remaining project appropriations, encumbrances and unexpended grant appropriations, lapse at the end of each fiscal year. The capital projects fund presents the remaining project appropriations compared to current year expenditures.

Formal budgetary integration into the accounting system is employed as a management control device during the fiscal year. For governmental funds, there are no substantial differences between the budgetary basis of accounting and generally accepted accounting principles with the exception of the legally mandated revenue recognition of the last state aid payment for budgetary purposes only and the special revenue fund as noted below. Encumbrance accounting is also employed as an extension of formal budgetary integration in the governmental fund types. Unencumbered appropriations lapse at fiscal year end.

The accounting records of the special revenue fund are maintained on the grant accounting budgetary basis. The grant accounting budgetary basis differs from GAAP in that the grant accounting budgetary basis recognizes encumbrances as expenditures and also recognizes the related revenues, whereas the GAAP basis does not. Sufficient supplemental records are maintained to allow for the presentation of GAAP basis financial reports.

D. Encumbrance Accounting:

Under encumbrance accounting purchase orders, contracts and other commitments for the expenditure of resources are recorded to reserve a portion of the applicable appropriation. Open encumbrances in governmental funds, other than the special revenue fund, are reported as reservations of fund balances at fiscal year end as they do not constitute expenditures or liabilities but rather commitments related to unperformed contracts for goods and services.

Open encumbrances in the special revenue fund, for which the District has received advances, are reflected in the balance sheet as deferred revenues at fiscal year end.

The encumbered appropriation authority carries over into the next fiscal year. An entry will be made at the beginning of the next fiscal year to increase the appropriation reflected in the certified budget by the outstanding encumbrance amount as of the current fiscal year end.

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NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

E. Assets, Liabilities and Equity:

Cash and Cash Equivalents:

Cash and cash equivalents includes petty cash, change funds, amounts in deposits, money market accounts and short-term investments with original maturities of three months or less.

Interfund Transactions:

Transfers between governmental and business-type activities on the District-wide statements are reported in the same manner as general revenues.

Exchange transactions between funds are reported as revenues in the seller funds and as expenditures/expenses in the purchaser funds. Flows of cash or goods from one fund to another without a requirement for repayment are reported as interfund transfers. Interfund transfers are reported as other financing sources/uses in governmental funds and after non-operating revenues/expenses in the enterprise fund. Repayments from funds responsible for particular expenditures/expenses to the funds that initially paid for them are not presented on the financial statements.

Inventories:

Inventory purchases, other than those recorded in the enterprise fund, are recorded as expenditures during the year of purchase. Enterprise fund inventories are valued at cost, which approximates market, using the first-in, first-out (FIFO) method.

Allowance for Uncollectible Accounts:

No allowance for uncollectible accounts has been recorded as all amounts are considered collectible.

Capital Assets:

The District has established a formal system of accounting for its capital assets. Purchased or constructed capital assets are reported at cost. Donated capital assets are valued at their estimated fair market value on the date received. The cost of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend assets' lives are not capitalized. The School District does not possess any infrastructure. The capitalization threshold used by school districts in the State of New Jersey is \$2,000.

All reported capital assets except for land and construction in progress are depreciated. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method under the half-year convention over the following estimated useful lives:

| <u>Asset Class</u> | <u>Estimated Useful Lives</u> |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| School Buildings | 50 |
| Building Improvements | 20 |
| Electrical/Plumbing | 30 |
| Vehicles | 8 |
| Office and Computer Equipment | 5-10 |
| Instructional Equipment | 10 |
| Grounds Equipment | 15 |

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NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

E. Assets, Liabilities and Equity (Continued):

In the fund financial statements, fixed assets used in governmental fund operations are accounted for as capital outlay expenditures of the governmental fund upon acquisition. Fixed assets are not capitalized and related depreciation is not reported in the fund financial statements.

Compensated Absences:

The District accounts for compensated absences (e.g., unused vacation, sick leave) as directed by Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No.16 (GASB 16), "Accounting for Compensated Absences". A liability for compensated absences attributable to services already rendered and not contingent on a specific event that is outside the control of the employer and employee is accrued as employees earn the rights to the benefits.

District employees are granted varying amounts of vacation and sick leave with the District's personnel policies. Upon termination, employees are paid accrued vacation. The District's policy permits employees to accumulate unused sick leave and carry forward the full amount to subsequent years. Upon retirement employees shall be paid by the District for the unused sick leave in accordance with the District's agreements with the various employee unions.

The liability for compensated absences was accrued using the termination payment method, whereby the liability is calculated based on the amount of sick leave that is expected to become eligible for payment upon termination. The District estimates its accrued compensated absences liability based on the accumulated sick and vacation days at the balance sheet date by those employees who are currently eligible to receive termination payments. Salary related payments for the employer's share of social security and medicare taxes, as well as pension contributions, are included.

For the District-wide Statements, the current portion is the amount estimated to be used in the following year. In accordance with GAAP, for the governmental funds, in the Fund Financial Statements, all of the compensated absences are considered long-term and therefore, are not a fund liability and represents a reconciling item between the fund level and District-wide presentations.

Deferred Revenue:

Deferred revenue arises when assets are recognized before revenue recognition criteria have been satisfied. Property taxes for which there is an enforceable legal claim as of June 30, 2023, but which were levied to finance subsequent fiscal year operations, have been recorded as deferred revenue. Grants and entitlement received before the eligible requirements are met are also recorded as deferred revenue.

Accrued Liabilities and Long-Term Obligations:

All payables, accrued liabilities and long-term obligations are reported on the District-wide financial statements. In general, governmental fund payables and accrued liabilities that, once incurred, are paid in a timely manner and in full from current financial resources, are reported as obligations of the funds. However, contractually required pension contributions and compensated absences that are paid from governmental funds are reported as liabilities on the fund financial statements only to the extent that they are due for payment during the current year. Bonds are recognized as a liability on the fund financial statements when due.

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NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

E. Assets, Liabilities and Equity (Continued):

Net Position:

Net Position represents the difference between assets and liabilities. Net Position invested in capital assets, net of related debt consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, reduced by the outstanding balance of any borrowing used for the acquisition, construction or improvement of those assets. Net Position is reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed on their use either through the enabling legislation adopted by the School District or through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors or laws or regulations of other governments. The School District's policy is to first apply restricted resources when an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net position are available.

Fund Balance Reserves:

The School District reserves those portions of fund balance which are legally segregated for a specific future use or which do not represent available expendable resources and, therefore, are not available for appropriation or expenditure. Unreserved fund balance indicates that portion which is available for appropriation in future periods. A fund balance reserve has been established for encumbrances.

Revenues—Exchange and Nonexchange Transactions

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

Nonexchange transactions, in which the School District receives value without directly giving equal value in return, include property taxes, income taxes, grants, entitlements and donations. On the accrual basis, revenue from property taxes is recognized in the fiscal year for which the taxes are levied. Revenue from income taxes is recognized in the period in which the income is earned. Revenue from grants, entitlements and donations is recognized in the fiscal year in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied.

Eligibility requirements include timing requirements, which specify the year when the resources are required to be used or the fiscal year when use is first permitted; matching requirements, in which the School District must provide local resources to be used for a specified purpose; and expenditure requirements, in which the resources are provided to the School District on a reimbursement basis. On the modified accrual basis, revenue from nonexchange transactions must also be available before it can be recognized.

Under the modified accrual basis, the following revenue sources are considered to be both measurable and available at fiscal year end: property taxes available as an advance, interest and tuition.

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NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

E. Assets, Liabilities and Equity (Continued):

Operating Revenues and Expenses:

Operating revenues are those revenues that are generated directly from the primary activity of the enterprise fund. For the School District, these revenues are sales for food service. Operating expenses are necessary costs incurred to provide the service that is the primary activity of the enterprise fund.

Allocation of Indirect Expenses:

The District reports all direct expenses by function in the Statement of Activities. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a function. Indirect expenses are allocated to functions but are reported separately in the Statement of Activities. Employee benefits, including the employer's share of social security, workers compensation and medical and dental benefits, were allocated based on salaries of that program. Depreciation expense, where practicable, is specifically identified by function and is included in the indirect expense column of the Statement of Activities. Depreciation expense, that could not be attributed to a specific function, is considered an indirect expense and is reported separately on the Statement of Activities. Interest on long-term debt is considered an indirect expense and is reported separately on the Statement of Activities.

Extraordinary and Special Items:

Extraordinary items are transactions or events that are unusual in nature and infrequent in occurrence. Special items are transactions or events that are within the control of management and are either unusual in nature or infrequent in occurrence. Neither of these types of transactions occurred during the fiscal year.

Management Estimates:

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of revenues and expenditures/expenses during the reporting period. Actual amounts could differ from those estimates.

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NOTE 2: CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Deposits:

New Jersey statutes require that school districts deposit public funds in public depositories located in New Jersey, which are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, the Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corporation, or by any other agency of the United States that insures deposits made in public depositories. School districts are also permitted to deposit public funds in the State of New Jersey Cash Management Fund.

New Jersey statutes require public depositories to maintain collateral for deposits of public funds that exceed depository insurance limits as follows:

The market value of the collateral must equal at least 5% of the average daily balance of collected public funds on deposit.

In addition to the above collateral requirement, if the public funds deposited exceed 75% of the capital funds of the depository, the depository must provide collateral having a market value at least equal to 100% of the amount exceeding 75%.

All collateral must be deposited with the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia, the Federal Home Loan Bank of New York, or a banking institution that is a member of the Federal Reserve System and has capital funds of not less than \$25,000,000.

The Board has no policy regarding custodial risk for deposits.

Pursuant to GASB Statement No. 40, "Deposit and Investment Risk Disclosures" ("GASB 40"), the district's accounts are profiled in order to determine exposure, if any, to Custodial Credit Risk (risk that in the event of failure of the counterparty the municipality would not be able to recover the value of its deposits or investment). Deposits are considered to be exposed to Custodial Credit Risk if they are: uncollateralized or collateralized with securities held by the financial institution's trust department or agent but not in the government's name. At June 30, 2023, all of the district's deposits were collateralized by securities held in its name and, accordingly, not exposed to custodial credit risk. The district does not have a policy for custodial credit risk.

As of June 30, 2023, cash and cash equivalents of the District consisted of the following:

| | Cash and Cash <u>Equivalents (A-1)</u> |
|-------------------|---|
| Checking Accounts | <u>\$1,429,266</u> |
| | <u><u>\$1,429,266</u></u> |

The carrying amount of the Board's cash and cash equivalents at June 30, 2023, was \$1,429,266 and the bank balance was \$1,469,855. All bank balances were covered by federal depository insurance and/or covered by a collateral pool maintained by the banks as required by New Jersey statutes. Of these bank balances, \$250,000 was covered by federal depository insurances and \$1,219,855 was covered by collateral pool.

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NOTE 3: RECEIVABLES

Receivables at June 30, 2023, consisted of intergovernmental grants and aid. All receivables are considered collectible in full. A summary of the principal items of intergovernmental receivables follows:

| | Governmental Fund Financial <u>Statements</u> | Government-Wide Financial <u>Statements</u> |
|---------------------------------|---|---|
| State Aid | \$ 446,564 | \$ 446,573 |
| Federal Aid | 59,045 | 59,431 |
| Gross Receivable | 505,609 | 506,004 |
| Less: Allow. for Uncollectibles | - | - |
| Total Receivables, Net | \$ 505,609 | \$ 506,004 |

NOTE 4: INVENTORY

Inventory in the Food Service Fund at June 30, 2023, consisted of the following:

| | |
|------|-----------------|
| Food | \$ <u>5,850</u> |
|------|-----------------|

The value of Federal donated commodities as reflected on Schedule A (required by the Single Audit Law of 1996, as revised) is the difference between market value and cost of the commodities at the date of purchase and has been included as an item of nonoperating revenue in the financial statements.

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NOTE 5: CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital asset activity for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023, was as follows:

| | Beginning <u>Balance</u> | <u>Additions</u> | <u>Retirements</u> | Ending <u>Balance</u> |
|--|-----------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|
| Governmental Activities: | | | | |
| Land | \$ 291,300 | | | \$ 291,300 |
| <i>Capital Assets Being Depreciated:</i> | | | | |
| Land Improvements | 47,500 | | | 47,500 |
| Buildings and Building Improvements | 1,308,208 | | | 1,308,208 |
| Machinery and Equipment | 64,300 | | | 64,300 |
| Total at Historical Cost | 1,711,308 | - | - | 1,711,308 |
| Less Accumulated Depreciation for: | | | | |
| Land Improvements | (47,499) | | | (47,499) |
| Building and Improvements | (1,010,909) | \$ (32,875) | | (1,043,784) |
| Equipment | (64,300) | | | (64,300) |
| Total Accumulated Depreciation | (1,122,708) | (32,875) | | (1,155,583) |
| Total Capital Assets Being Depreciated, net of Accumulated Depreciation | 588,600 | (32,875) | - | 555,725 |
| Government Activity Capital Assets, Net | \$ 588,600 | \$ (32,875) | \$ - | \$ 555,725 |

On January 11, 2001, the NJ State Department of Education announced that effective July 1, 2001, the capitalization threshold used by school districts in the State of New Jersey is increased to \$2,000. The previous threshold was \$500. Applying the higher capitalization threshold retroactively (removal of old assets from the General Fixed Assets Account Group) will be permitted by the State regulations in situations where (1) the assets have been fully depreciated, or (2) the assets have exceeded their useful lives. The retirement of machinery and equipment is due to the retroactive application of the higher threshold of equipment capitalization. That is, the District has removed from their records assets with a historical cost greater than \$500 but not greater than \$2,000 that were fully depreciated or had exceeded their useful lives.

Depreciation expense was charged to functions as follows:

| | |
|-------------------------|-----------|
| Regular Instruction | \$ 22,355 |
| Support - Students | 2,959 |
| General Administration | 1,644 |
| School Administration | 986 |
| Business Administration | 658 |
| Plant and Operations | 4,273 |
| Total | \$ 32,875 |

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NOTE 6: LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS

A. Long-Term Obligation Activity:

Changes in long-term obligations for the year ended June 30, 2023, are as follows:

| | Balance 7/1/22 | <u>Increases</u> | <u>Decreases</u> | Balance 6/30/23 | Amounts Due Within <u>One Year</u> |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|------------------|------------------|--------------------|--|
| Governmental Activities: | | | | | |
| Other Liabilities: | | | | | |
| Compensated Absences Payable | \$168,713 | | (\$4,425) | \$164,288 | - |
| Total | \$168,713 | | (\$4,425) | \$164,288 | - |

Compensated absences have been liquidated in the General Fund.

As of June 30, 2023, the District had no authorized but not issued bonds.

NOTE 7: DEFERRED COMPENSATION

The Board offers its employees a choice of the following deferred compensation plans created in accordance with Internal Revenue Code Section 403(b). The plans, which are administered by the entities listed below, permits participants to defer a portion of their salary until future years. Amounts deferred under the plans are not available to employees until termination, retirement, death or unforeseeable emergency. The plan administrators are as follows:

Equitable
Lincoln Financial Group

NOTE 8: PENSION PLANS

Description of Plans - All required employees of the District are covered by either the Public Employees' Retirement System or the Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund which have been established by state statute and are administered by the New Jersey Division of Pension and Benefits (Division). According to the State of New Jersey Administrative Code, all obligations of both Systems will be assumed by the State of New Jersey should the Systems terminate. The Division issues a publicly available financial report that includes the financial statements and required supplementary information for the Public Employees Retirement System and the Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund. These reports may be obtained by writing to the Division of Pension and Benefits, PO Box 295, Trenton, New Jersey, 08625 or on the internet at <http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions/annrpts.shtml>.

Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund (TPAF) - The Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund was established as of January 1, 1955, under the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:66 to provide retirement benefits, death, disability and medical benefits to certain qualified members. The Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund is considered a cost-sharing multiple-employer plan with a special funding situation, as under current statute, 100% of employer contributions are made by the State of New Jersey on behalf of the District and the system's other related non-contributing employers. Membership is mandatory for substantially all teachers or members of the professional staff certified by the State Board of Examiners, and employees of the Department of Education who have titles that are unclassified, professional and certified.

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NOTE 8: PENSION PLANS (Continued)

Summary of Significant Accounting Policies - 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 Teachers Pension and Annuity Fund (TPAF) and additions to/deductions from the TPAF's fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by the TPAF. 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.

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

The employer contributions for the district are legally required to be funded by the State in accordance with N.J.S.A 18:66-33. Therefore, the district (employer) is considered to be in a special funding situation as defined by GASB Statement No. 68 and the State is treated as a nonemployer contributing entity. Since the district (employer) does not contribute directly to the plan (except for employer specific financed amounts), there is no net pension liability or deferred outflows or inflows to report in the financial statements of the district. However, the state's portion of the net pension liability that was associated with the district was \$8,231,608 as measured on June 30, 2022 and \$6,739,404 measured on June 30, 2021.

For the year ended June 30, 2023, the District recognized pension expense of \$221,536 and revenue of \$221,536 for support provided by the State. The measurement period for the pension expense and revenue reported in the district's financial statements (A-2) at June 30, 2023 is based upon changes in the collective net pension liability with a measurement period of June 30, 2021 through June 30, 2022. Accordingly, the pension expense and the related revenue associated with the support provided by the State is based upon the changes in the collective net pension liability between July 1, 2021 and June 30, 2022.

Although the district does not report net pension liability or deferred outflows or inflows related to the TPAF, the following schedule illustrates the collective net pension liability and deferred items and the State's portion of the net pension liability associated with the district. The collective amounts are the total of all New Jersey local governments participating in the TPAF plan.

| | <u>6/30/2022</u> | <u>6/30/2023</u> |
|--|------------------|------------------|
| Collective deferred outflows of resources | \$6,356,228,800 | \$4,996,491,160 |
| Collective deferred inflows of resources | \$27,175,330,929 | \$19,532,696,776 |
| Collective net pension liability (Nonemployer-State of New Jersey) | \$48,075,188,642 | \$51,594,415,806 |
| State's portion of the net pension liability that was associated with the district | \$6,739,404 | \$8,231,608 |
| State's portion of the net pension liability that was associated with the district as a percentage of the collective net pension liability | 0.014018% | 0.015954% |

Actuarial assumptions - The total pension liability for the June 30, 2022 measurement date was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2021, which was rolled forward to June 30, 2022. This actuarial valuation used the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods in the measurement:

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NOTE 8: PENSION PLANS (Continued)

| | |
|---------------------------|------------|
| Inflation: | |
| Price | 2.75% |
| Wage | 3.25% |
| Salary Increases | 2.75-5.65% |
| Investment Rate of Return | 7.00% |

The actuarial assumptions used in the July 1, 2021 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2021.

Pre-retirement mortality rates were based on the Pub-2010 Teachers Above-Median Income Employee mortality table with a 93.9% adjustment for males and 85.3% adjustment for females, and with future improvement from the base year of 2010 on a generational basis. Post-retirement mortality rates were based on the Pub-2010 Teachers Above-Median Income Healthy Retiree mortality table with a 114.7% adjustment for males and 99.6% adjustment for females, and with future improvement from the base year of 2010 on a generational basis. Disability mortality rates were based on the Pub-2010 Non-Safety Disabled Retiree mortality table with a 106.3% adjustment for males and 100.3% adjustment for females, and with future improvement from the base year of 2010 on a generational basis. Mortality improvement is based on Scale MP-2021.

Long-Term Expected Rate of Return- In accordance with State statute, the long-term expected rate of return on plan investments (7.0% at June 30, 2022) is determined by the State Treasurer, after consultation with the Directors of the Division of Investment and Division of Pensions and Benefits, the board of trustees and the actuaries. The long-term expected rate of return was determined using a building block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. Best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class included in TPAF's target asset allocation as of June 30, 2022 are summarized in the following table:

| <u>Asset Class</u> | <u>Target Allocation</u> | <u>Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return</u> |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------|---|
| US Equity | 27.00% | 8.12% |
| Non-US devel.markets equity | 13.50% | 8.38% |
| Emerging markets equity | 5.50% | 10.33% |
| Private Equity | 13.00% | 11.80% |
| Real Estate | 8.00% | 11.19% |
| Real Assets | 3.00% | 7.60% |
| High Yeild | 4.00% | 4.95% |
| Private Credit | 8.00% | 8.10% |
| Investment Grade Credit | 7.00% | 3.38% |
| Cash equivalents | 4.00% | 1.75% |
| US Treasuries | 4.00% | 1.75% |
| Risk mitigation | 3.00% | 4.91% |

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NOTE 8: PENSION PLANS (Continued)

Discount rate - The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.00% as of June 30, 2022. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from plan members will be made at the current member contribution rates and that contributions from employers will be based on 100% of the actuarially determined contributions for the State. Based on those assumptions, the 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 plan investments was applied to all projected benefit payments in determining the total pension liability.

Sensitivity of the State's net pension liability to changes in the discount rate - Since the District has no proportionate share of the net pension liability because of the special funding situation, the district would not be sensitive to any changes in the discount rate. The following presents the State's net pension liability measured as of June 30, 2022, calculated using the discount rate shown above, as well as what the State's net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower or 1-percentage-point higher than the current rate:

| | <u>1% Decrease</u> | <u>Current Discount Rate</u> | <u>1% Increase</u> |
|--|--------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------|
| | <u>(6.00%)</u> | <u>(7.00%)</u> | <u>(8.00%)</u> |
| State's Collective Net Pension Liability | \$ 60,591,896,759 | \$ 51,676,587,303 | \$ 44,166,559,329 |

Pension plan fiduciary net position - Detailed information about the pension plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued State of New Jersey Divisions of Pensions and Benefits financial report at <http://www.nj.gov/treasury/pensions/financial-rprts-home.shtml>. The plan fiduciary net position as of June 30, 2022 was \$24,640,530,532.

Amortization of Deferred Outflows and Inflows of Resources - Amount reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources (excluding employer specific amounts) related to pensions will be recognized in the state's pension expense as follows:

| | <u>Year Ended June 30:</u> |
|------------|----------------------------|
| 2023 | (\$2,658,825,381) |
| 2024 | (3,823,762,872) |
| 2025 | (3,351,102,048) |
| 2026 | (1,509,375,379) |
| 2027 | (1,647,727,819) |
| Thereafter | <u>(1,687,721,983)</u> |
| Total | <u>(\$14,678,515,482)</u> |

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NOTE 8: PENSION PLANS (Continued)

Pension Expense - The components of allocable pension expense and pension expense related to specific liabilities of individual employers, for state and local employers for the year ending June 30, 2022 are as follows:

| | |
|---|------------------------|
| Service cost | \$1,195,044,307 |
| Interest on total pension liability | 5,146,965,905 |
| Member contributions | (907,326,471) |
| Administrative expense | 12,635,916 |
| Expected investment return net of investment expenses | (1,983,153,368) |
| Pension expense related to specific liabilities of individual employers | (395,540) |
| Recognition (amortization) of deferred inflows/outflows: | |
| Differences between expected and actual experience | 200,689,404 |
| Changes in assumptions | (2,396,459,882) |
| Difference between projected and actual investment earnings on pension plan investments | <u>122,761,073</u> |
| Total pension expense | <u>\$1,390,761,344</u> |

Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) - The Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) was established as of January 1, 1955 under the provisions of N.J.S.A. 43:15A to provide retirement, death, disability and medical benefits to certain qualified members. The Public Employees' Retirement System is a cost-sharing multiple-employer plan. Membership is mandatory for substantially all full-time employees of the State of New Jersey or any county, municipality, school district, or public agency, provided the employee is not required to be a member of another state-administered retirement system or other state or local jurisdiction.

Summary of Significant Accounting Policies - 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 PERS and additions to/deductions from PERS fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by PERS. 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.

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

At June 30, 2023, the District reported a liability of \$517,934 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2022, and the total pension liability to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2021, which was rolled forward to June 30, 2022. The total pension liability for the June 30, 2021 valuation was determined by an experience study for the period July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2021. The District's proportion of the net pension liability is based on the ratio of the contributions as an individual employer to total contributions to the PERS during the years ended June 30, 2022 and 2021. At June 30, 2022, the District's proportion was 0.00343% which was an increase of 0.00096% from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2021.

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For the year ended June 30, 2023, the District recognized pension expense/(benefit) of (\$46,954). At June 30, 2023, the District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to PERS from the following sources:

| | <u>Deferred</u> <u>Outflows of</u> <u>Resources</u> | <u>Deferred</u> <u>Inflows of</u> <u>Resources</u> |
|---|---|--|
| Differences between expected and actual experience | \$ 3,738 | \$ 3,297 |
| Changes of assumptions | 1,605 | 77,555 |
| Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments | 21,437 | - |
| Changes in proportion and differences between District contributions and proportionate share of contributions | 232,274 | 154,121 |
| District contributions subsequent to the measurement date | 43,279 | |
| Total | <u>\$ 302,333</u> | <u>\$ 234,973</u> |

\$43,279 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from school district contributions subsequent to the measurement date (i.e. for the school year ending June 30, 2023, the plan measurement date is June 30, 2022) will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability measured as of June 30, 2023. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

| | <u>Year Ended June 30:</u> |
|-------|----------------------------|
| 2023 | \$19,786 |
| 2023 | 10,080 |
| 2024 | 4,916 |
| 2025 | (10,725) |
| 2026 | <u>24</u> |
| Total | <u>\$24,081</u> |

| | <u>6/30/2022</u> | <u>6/30/2023</u> |
|--|------------------|------------------|
| Collective deferred outflows of resources | \$1,164,738,169 | \$1,660,772,008 |
| Collective deferred inflows of resources | 8,339,123,762 | 3,236,303,935 |
| Collective net pension liability (Non State - Local Group) | \$11,846,496,875 | \$15,091,376,611 |
| District's portion of net pension liability | \$292,491 | \$517,934 |
| District's proportion % | 0.00246901% | 0.00343199% |

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Actuarial assumptions - The collective total pension liability for the June 30, 2022 measurement date was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2021, which was rolled forward to June 30, 2022. This actuarial valuation used the following actuarial assumptions:

| | |
|----------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Inflation: | |
| Price | 2.75% |
| Wage | 3.25% |
| Salary Increases: | 2.75%-6.55% based on years of service |
| Investment Rate of Return: | 7.00% |

Pre-retirement mortality rates were based on the Pub-2010 General Below-Median Income Employee mortality table with an 82.2% adjustment for males and 101.4% adjustment for females, and with future improvement from the base year of 2010 on a generational basis. Post-retirement mortality rates were based on the Pub-2010 General Below-Median Income Healthy Retiree mortality table with a 91.4% adjustment for males and 99.7% adjustment for females, and with future improvement from the base year of 2010 on a generational basis. Disability retirement rates used to value disabled retirees were based on the Pub-2010 Non-Safety Disabled Retiree mortality table with a 127.7% adjustment for males and 117.2% adjustment for females, and with future improvement from the base year of 2010 on a generational basis. Mortality improvement is based on Scale MP-2021

The actuarial assumptions used in the July 1, 2021 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2021.

Long-Term Expected Rate of Return - In accordance with State statute, the long-term expected rate of return on plan investments (7.00% at June 30, 2022) is determined by the State Treasurer, after consultation with the Directors of the Division of Investment and Division of Pensions and Benefits, the board of trustees and the actuaries. The long-term expected rate of return was determined using a building block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. Best estimates of arithmetic rates of return for each major asset class included in PERS's target asset allocation as of June 30, 2022 are summarized in the following table:

| <u>Asset Class</u> | <u>Target Allocation</u> | <u>Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return</u> |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------|---|
| US Equity | 27.00% | 8.12% |
| Non-US devel.markets equity | 13.50% | 8.38% |
| Emerging markets equity | 5.50% | 10.33% |
| Private Equity | 13.00% | 11.80% |
| Real Estate | 8.00% | 11.19% |
| Real Assets | 3.00% | 7.60% |
| High Yeild | 4.00% | 4.95% |
| Private Credit | 8.00% | 8.10% |
| Investment Grade Credit | 7.00% | 3.38% |
| Cash equivalents | 4.00% | 1.75% |
| US Treasuries | 4.00% | 1.75% |
| Risk mitigation | 3.00% | 4.91% |

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NOTE 8: PENSION PLANS (Continued)

Discount rate - The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.00% as of June 30, 2022. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from plan members will be made at the current member contribution rates and that contributions from employers and the nonemployer contributing entity will be based on 100% of the actuarially determined contributions for the State employer and 100% of actuarially determined contributions for the local employers. Based on those assumptions, the 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 plan investments was applied to all projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

Sensitivity of the District's proportionate share of the net pension liability to changes in the discount rate - The following presents the District's proportionate share of the net pension liability measured as of June 30, 2022, calculated using the discount rate as disclosed above, as well as what the District's proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower or 1-percentage-point higher than the current rate:

| | <u>1% Decrease</u> | <u>Current Discount Rate</u> | <u>1% Increase</u> |
|---|--------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------|
| | <u>(6.00%)</u> | <u>(7.00%)</u> | <u>(8.00%)</u> |
| District's proportionate share of the net pension liability | \$ 665,393 | \$517,934 | \$ 392,440 |

Pension Expense - The components of allocable pension expense and pension expense related to specific liabilities of individual employers, for state and local employers for the year ending June 30, 2022 are as follows:

| | |
|---|--------------------------|
| Service cost | \$31,251 |
| Interest on total Pension liability | 125,340 |
| Benefit changes | 364 |
| Member contributions | (26,062) |
| Administrative expense | 560 |
| Expected investment return net of investment expenses | (83,669) |
| Pension expense related to specific liabilities of individual employers | (449) |
| Recognition (amortization) of deferred inflows/outflows: | |
| Differences between expected and actual experience | 1,484 |
| Changes in assumptions | (93,692) |
| Difference between projected and actual investment earnings on pension plan investments | <u>(2,081)</u> |
| Total pension expense | <u><u>(\$46,954)</u></u> |

Pension plan fiduciary net position. Detailed information about the pension plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued State of New Jersey Divisions of Pensions and Benefits financial report at <http://www.nj.gov/treasury/pensions/financial-rprts-home.shtml>.

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Defined Contribution Retirement Plan (DCRP) - The Defined Contribution Retirement Program (DCRP) was established as of July 1, 2007 under the provisions of Chapter 92, P.L. 2007 and Chapter 103, P.L. 2007 (N.J.S.A. 43:15C-1 et seq.). The DCRP is a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined contribution pension fund. The DCRP provides eligible members, and their beneficiaries with a tax-sheltered, defined contribution retirement benefit, along with life insurance and disability coverage. Vesting and benefit provisions are established by N. J.S.A. 43:15C-1 et seq.

The contribution requirements of plan members are determined by state statute. In accordance with Chapter 92, P.L. 2007 and Chapter 103, P.L. 2007, plan members are required to contribute 5.5% of their annual covered salary. The State Treasurer has the right under current law to make temporary reductions in member rates based on the existence of surplus plan assets in the retirement system; however statute also requires the return to the normal rate when such surplus pension assets no longer exist.

PERS and TPAF Vesting and Benefit Provisions - The vesting and benefit provisions for PERS are set by N.J.S.A. 43:15A and 43.3B, and N.J.S.A. 18A:6C for TPAF. All benefits vest after eight to ten years of service, except for medical benefits that vest after 25 years of service. Retirement benefits for age and service are available at age 60 and are generally determined to be 1/60 of the final average salary for each year of service credit, as defined. Final average salary equals the average salary for the final three years of service prior to retirement (or highest three years' compensation if other than the final three years). Members may seek early retirement after achieving 25 years of service credit or they may elect deferred retirement after achieving eight to ten years of service in which case benefits would begin the first day of the month after the member attains normal retirement age.

The TPAF and PERS provides for specified medical benefits for members who retire after achieving 25 years of qualified service, as defined, or under the disability provisions of the System. Members are always fully vested for their own contributions and, after three years of service credit, become vested for 2% of related interest earned on the contributions. In the case of death before retirement, members' beneficiaries are entitled to full interest credited to the members' accounts.

Significant Legislation - Chapter 78, P.L. 2011, effective June 28, 2011 made various changes to the manner in which the Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) and the Police and Firemen's Retirement System (PFRS) operate and to the benefit provisions of those systems.

Chapter 78's provisions impacting employee pension and health benefits include:

□ New members of the PERS hired on or after June 28, 2011 (Tier 5 members) will need 30 years of creditable service and age 65 for receipt of the early retirement benefit without a reduction of ¼ of 1% for each month that the member is under age 65. □ The eligibility age to qualify for a service retirement in the PERS is increased from age 63 to 65 for Tier 5 members. □ The annual benefit under special retirement for new PFRS members enrolled after June 28, 2011 (Tier 3 members), will be 60% instead of 65% of the member's final compensation plus 1% for each year of creditable service over 25 years but not to exceed 30 years. □ Increases in active member contribution rates. PERS active member rates increase from 5.5% of annual compensation to 6.5% plus an additional 1% phased-in over 7 years; PFRS active member rate increase from 8.5% to 10%. For fiscal year 2012, the member contribution rates increased in October 2011. The phase-in of the additional incremental member contribution rates for PES members will take place in July of each subsequent fiscal year.

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NOTE 8: PENSION PLANS (Continued)

□ The payment of automatic cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) additional increases to current and future retirees and beneficiaries is suspended until reactivated as permitted by this law. □ New employee contribution requirements towards the cost of employer-provided health benefit coverage. Employees are required to contribute a certain percentage of the cost of coverage. The rate of contribution is determined based on the employee’s annual salary and the selected level of coverage. The increased employee contributions will be phased in over a 4-year period for those employed prior to Chapter 78’s effective date with a minimum contribution required to be at least 1.5% of salary. □ In addition, this new legislation changes the method for amortizing the pension systems’ unfunded accrued liability (from a level percent of pay method to a level dollar of pay).

Contribution Requirements - The contribution policy is set by N.J.S.A. 43:15A, Chapter 62, P.L. of 1994, Chapter 115, P.L. of 1997 (PERS) and N.J.S.A. 18:66 (TPAF) requires contributions by active members and contributing employers. Plan member and employer contributions may be amended by State of New Jersey legislation. TPAF and PERS provide for employee contributions of 6.5% of employees’ annual compensation, as defined. Employers are required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate in both TPAF and PERS. The current TPAF rate is 6.5% and the PERS rate is 6.5% of covered payroll.

| <u>Three-Year Trend Information for PERS</u> | | |
|--|--|--|
| <u>Year</u> <u>Funding</u> | <u>Annual</u> <u>Pension</u> <u>Cost</u> | <u>Percentage</u> <u>of APC</u> <u>Contributed</u> |
| 6/30/2023 | \$43,279 | 100% |
| 6/30/2022 | \$28,915 | 100% |
| 6/30/2021 | \$19,985 | 100% |

| <u>Three-Year Trend Information for TPAF (Paid on-behalf of the District)</u> | | |
|---|---|--|
| <u>Year</u> <u>Funding</u> | <u>Annual</u> <u>Pension/</u> <u>PMR Cost</u> | <u>Percentage</u> <u>of APC</u> <u>Contributed</u> |
| 6/30/2023 | \$860,111 | 100% |
| 6/30/2022 | \$821,912 | 100% |
| 6/30/2021 | \$545,528 | 100% |

During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023, the State of New Jersey did contribute \$860,111 to the TPAF for post-retirement benefits on behalf of the District. Also, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:66-66 the State of New Jersey reimbursed the District \$152,218 during the year ended June 30, 2023, for the employer's share of social security contributions for TPAF members, as calculated on their base salaries. The PERS amounts have been included in the fund-based statements as pension expense and the TPAF on-behalf amounts have been included in fund-based statements as revenues and expenditures. The PERS and TPAF amounts have been modified and included in the District-wide financial statements in accordance with GASB Statement No. 68.

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Note 9: POST-RETIREMENT BENEFITS

Plan description and benefits provided

The State provides post-retirement medical (PRM) benefits for certain State and other retired employees meeting the service credit eligibility requirements.

The State of New Jersey reports a liability as a result of its statutory requirements to pay other post-employment (health) benefit for State Health Benefit Local Education Retired Employees Plan. The State Health Benefit Local Education Retired Employees Plan is a multiple-employer defined benefit OPES plan that is administered on a pay-as-you-go basis. Accordingly, no assets are accumulated in a qualifying trust that meets the criteria in paragraph 4 of GASB Statement No. 75, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for the Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions*. The State Health Benefit Local Education Retired Employees Plan provides medical, prescription drug, and Medicare Part B reimbursement to retirees and their covered dependents of local education employers.

State Health Benefit State Retired Employees Plan:

Pension and Other Postemployment Benefits (OPEB) Obligations in Fiscal Year 2022 the State funded the various defined benefit pension systems at 108 percent of the full actuarially determined contributions. Employer contributions to the pension plans are calculated per the requirements of the governing State statutes using generally accepted actuarial procedures and practices. The actuarial funding method used to determine the State's contribution is a matter of State law. Any change to the funding method requires the approval of the State Legislature and the Governor. The amount the State actually contributes to the pension plans may differ from the actuarially determined contributions of the pension plans because the State's contribution to the pension plans is subject to the appropriation of the State Legislature and actions by the Governor. GASB Statement No. 68, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions*, requires participating employers to recognize their proportionate share of the collective net pension liability. Under the new statement, the calculation of the pension liability was changed to a more conservative methodology and each employer was allocated a proportional share of the pension plans' net pension liability. The State's share of the net pension liability, based on a measurement date of June 30, 2021, which is required to be recorded on the financial statements, is \$75.1 billion.

The Fiscal Year 2023 projected aggregate State contribution to the pension plans of \$6.8 billion represents 104 percent of the actuarially determined contribution. The State provides post-retirement medical (PRM) benefits for certain State and other retired employees meeting the service credit eligibility requirements. In Fiscal Year 2022, the State paid PRM benefits for 161,238 State and local retirees. The State funds post-retirement medical benefits on a "pay-as-you-go" basis, which means that the State does not pre-fund, or otherwise establish a reserve or other pool of assets against the PRM expenses that the State may incur in future years. For Fiscal Year 2022, the State contributed \$1.9 billion to pay for "pay-as-you-go" PRM benefit costs incurred by covered populations, a slight increase from \$1.8 billion in Fiscal Year 2021. The State has appropriated \$2.1 billion in Fiscal Year 2023 as the State's contribution to fund increases in prescription drugs and medical claims costs. In accordance with the provisions of GASB Statement No. 75, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions*, the State is required to quantify and disclose its obligations to pay Other Postemployment Benefits (OPEB) to retired plan members. This new standard supersedes the previously issued guidance, GASB Statement No. 45, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions*, effective for Fiscal Year 2018. The State is now required to accrue a liability in all instances where statutory language names the State as the legal obligor for benefit payments. The Fiscal Year 2022 State OPEB liability to provide these benefits is \$88.9 billion, a decrease of \$12.7 billion, or 12.5 percent from the \$101.6 billion liability recorded in Fiscal Year 2021. Additional information on Pensions and OPEB can be accessed on the Division of Pensions & Benefits Financial Reports webpage: <https://www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions/financial-reports.shtml>.

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Note 9: POST-RETIREMENT BENEFITS-(Continued)

Total Nonemployer OPEB Liability

The State, a nonemployer contributing entity, is the only entity that has a legal obligation to make employer contributions to OPEB for qualified retired PERS and TPAF participants. The LEA’s proportionate share percentage determined under paragraphs 193 and 203 through 205 of GASBS No. 75 is zero percent. Accordingly, the LEA did not recognize any portion of the collective net OPEB liability on the Statement of Net Position. Accordingly, the following OPEB liability note information is reported at the State’s level and is not specific to the board of education.

The total nonemployer OPEB liability does not include certain other postemployment benefit obligations that are provided by the local education employers. The reporting of these benefits are the responsibility of the individual local education employers.

Actuarial assumptions and other imputes. The June 30, 2023 GASB 75 reporting is based on a measurement date of June 30, 2022. The total nonemployer OPEB liability as of June 30, 2022 was determined by an actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2021, which was rolled forward to June 30, 2022. The actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2021 valuation were based on the results of actuarial experience studies for the periods July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2021 for TPAF, PERS and PFRS. The actuarial assumptions vary for each plan member depending on the pension plan the member is enrolled in. This actuarial valuation used the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods in the measurement:

Total Nonemployer OPEB Liability: \$ 50,646,462,966

| | TPAF/ABP | PERS | PFRS |
|------------------|------------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Salary Increases | 2.75% to 4.25% | 2.75% to 6.55% | 3.25% to 16.25% |
| | Based on service years | | |

(a) Health Care Trend Assumptions

For pre-Medicare medical benefits, the trend rate is initially 6.25% and decreases to a 4.50% long-term trend rate after eight years. For post-65 medical benefits PPO, the trend is initially -1.99% in fiscal year 2023, increasing to 13.44% in fiscal year 2026 and decreases to 4.50% in fiscal year 2033. For HMO the trend is initially -3.54% in fiscal year 2023, increasing to 15.19% in fiscal year 2026 and decreases to 4.50% in fiscal year 2033. For prescription drug benefits, the initial trend rate is 8.00% and decreases to a 4.50% long-term trend rate after eight years. For the Medicare Part B reimbursement, the trend rate is 5.00%.

(b) Discount Rate

The discount rate used to measure the total OPEB liability wa 3.54%. This represents the municipal bond return rate as chosen by the Division. The source is the Bond Buyer Go 20-Bond Municipal Bond Index, which includes tax-exempt general obligation municipal bonds with an average rating of AA/Aa or higher. As the long-term rate of return is less than the municipal bond rate, it is not considered in the calculation of the discount rate, rather the discount rate is set at the municipal bond rate.

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Note 9: POST-RETIREMENT BENEFITS-(Continued)

Preretirement mortality rates were based on the Pub-2010 Healthy "Teachers" (TPAF/ABP), "General" (PERS), and "Safety" (PFRS) classification headcount-weighted mortality table with fully generational mortality improvement projections from the central year using Scale MP-2021. Postretirement mortality rates were based on the Pub-2010 "General" classification headcount-weighted mortality table with fully generational mortality improvement projections from the central year using Scale MP-2021. Disability mortality was based on the Pub-2010 "General" classification headcount-weighted disabled mortality table with fully generational mortality improvement projections from the central year using Scale MP-2021 for current disabled retirees. Future disabled retirees was based on the Pub-2010 "Safety" (PFRS), "General" (PERS), and "Teachers" (TPAF/ABP) classification headcount-weighted disabled mortality table with fully generational mortality improvement projections from the central year using Scale MP-2021.

Changes in the Total OPEB Liability reported by the State of New Jersey

| | <u>Total OPEB Liability</u> |
|---|---------------------------------|
| The State's Total OPEB Liability Balance at 6/30/2021 | \$60,007,650,970 |
| <u>Changes for the year:</u> | |
| Service Cost | 2,770,618,025 |
| Interest on the Total OPEB Liability | 1,342,187,139 |
| Change in Benefit Terms | - |
| Differences Between Expected and Actual Experience | 1,399,200,736 |
| Changes of Assumptions | (13,586,368,097) |
| Gross Benefit Payments | (1,329,476,059) |
| Contributions from Members | <u>42,650,252</u> |
| Net changes | <u>(9,361,188,004)</u> |
| The State's Total OPEB Liability Balance at 6/30/2022 | <u>\$50,646,462,966</u> |
| The State's total OPEB liability attributable to the District: | \$11,505,683 |

Benefit Changes: The decrease in liability from June 30, 2021 to June 30, 2022 is due to employers adopting Chapter 44 provisions.

Changes of assumptions and other inputs reflects a change in the discount rate from 2.16 percent in 2021 to 3.54 percent in 2022 and other changes.

Sensitivity of the total OPEB liability to changes in the discount rate. The following presents the total OPEB liability of the State for school board retirees, as well as what the State's total OPEB liability for school board would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage -point lower or 1- percentage-point higher than the current discount rate:

| | June 30, 2022 | | |
|--|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| | At 1% Decrease <u>2.54%</u> | At Discount Rate <u>3.54%</u> | At 1% Increase <u>4.54%</u> |
| Total OPEB Liability (School Retirees) | \$59,529,589,697 | \$50,646,462,966 | \$43,527,080,995 |

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NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

Note 9: POST-RETIREMENT BENEFITS-(Continued)

| | June 30, 2021 | | |
|--|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | At 1% Decrease | At Discount Rate | At 1% Increase |
| | <u>1.16%</u> | <u>2.16%</u> | <u>3.16%</u> |
| Total OPEB Liability (School Retirees) | \$71,879,745,555 | \$60,007,650,970 | \$50,659,089,138 |

Sensitivity of the total OPEB liability to changes in the healthcare cost trend rates. The following presents the total OPEB liability of the State, as well as what the State’s total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using healthcare cost trend rates that are 1-percentage-point lower or 1-percentage- point higher than the current healthcare cost trend rates:

| | June 30, 2022 | | |
|--|-----------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| | Health Care Cost | | |
| | <u>At 1% Decrease</u> | <u>Trend Rate</u> | <u>At 1% Increase</u> |
| Total OPEB Liability (School Retirees) | \$41,862,397,291 | \$50,646,462,966 | \$62,184,866,635 |

| | June 30, 2021 | | |
|--|-----------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| | Health Care Cost | | |
| | <u>At 1% Decrease</u> | <u>Trend Rate</u> | <u>At 1% Increase</u> |
| Total OPEB Liability (School Retirees) | \$48,576,388,417 | \$60,007,650,970 | \$75,358,991,782 |

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

For the year ended June 30, 2022, the board of education recognized OPEB expense and related revenue of \$143,551 determined by the State as the total OPEB liability for benefits provided through a defined benefit OPEB plan that is not administered through a trust that meets the criteria in paragraph 4 of GASBS No. 75 and in which there is a special funding situation.

In accordance with GASBS No. 75, the District's proportionate share of school retirees OPEB is zero, and there is no recognition of the allocation of proportionate share of deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources. At June 30, 2022, the State reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to retired school employee’s OPEB from the following sources:

| | <u>Deferred Outflows</u> | <u>Deferred Inflows</u> |
|--|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| Differences Between Expected and Actual Experience | \$9,042,402,619 | \$15,462,950,679 |
| Changes of assumptions or other inputs | <u>8,765,620,577</u> | <u>17,237,289,230</u> |
| Total | <u>\$17,808,023,196</u> | <u>\$32,700,239,909</u> |

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Note 9: POST-RETIREMENT BENEFITS-(Continued)

Amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to retired school employee's OPEB will be recognized in OPEB expense as follows:

| Year ended June 30: | |
|---------------------|---------------------------|
| 2023 | (\$2,517,151,602) |
| 2024 | (\$2,517,151,602) |
| 2025 | (\$2,517,151,602) |
| 2026 | (\$2,175,449,761) |
| 2027 | (1,243,951,140) |
| Thereafter | <u>(3,921,361,006)</u> |
| | <u>(\$14,892,216,713)</u> |

NOTE 10: COMPENSATED ABSENCES

The District accounts for compensated absences (e.g., unused vacation, sick leave) as directed by Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No.16 (GASB 16), "Accounting for Compensated Absences". A liability for compensated absences attributable to services already rendered and not contingent on a specific event that is outside the control of the employer and employee is accrued as employees earn the rights to the benefits.

District employees are granted vacation and sick leave in varying amounts under the District's personnel policies. In the event of retirement within the state pension plan, an employee is reimbursed for accumulated vacation and/or unused sick days. Sick leave benefits provide for ordinary sick pay and begin vesting with the employee after initial employment. The balance at June 30, 2023 is \$164,288.

In the district-wide *Statement of Assets*, the liabilities whose average maturities are greater than one year should be reported in two components--the amount due within one year and the amount due in more than one year.

The liability for vested compensated absences of the proprietary fund types is recorded within those funds as the benefits accrue to employees. As of June 30, 2023, no liability existed for compensated absences in the proprietary fund types.

NOTE 11: RISK MANAGEMENT

The District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors

New Jersey Unemployment Compensation Insurance - The District has elected to fund its NJ Unemployment Compensation Insurance under the "Contributory Method". Under this plan, the District is required to remit the entire employee deduction of unemployment compensation to the State of New Jersey. Any claim for unemployment are paid for by the State of New Jersey.

Property and Liability Insurance - The District maintains commercial insurance coverage for property, liability, student accident and surety bonds. A complete schedule of insurance coverage can be found in the Statistical Section of this Annual Comprehensive Financial Report.

Joint Insurance Fund - The District participates in the School Alliance Insurance Fund (SAIF) comprised of state-wide boards of education. It was formed July 1, 1996 under the provisions of NJSA 18A:18B-1 et. seq. The group offers its member districts worker's compensation and employer's liability, automobile and equipment liability, general liability and property damage, school board legal liability, and boiler and machinery coverage.

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NOTE 11: RISK MANAGEMENT - (Continued)

The District is assessed for the contributions for those funds and is responsible for any reserve deficiencies. No contingency or provision has been made in these financial statements, as no deficiencies occurred as of June 30, 2023 for the joint insurance pool. The coverage in this program is shown on exhibit J-20.

NOTE 12: CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

GRANT PROGRAMS

The Board participates in state and federally assisted grant programs. These programs are subject to program compliance audits by the grantors or their representatives. The Board is potentially liable for any expenditures which may be disallowed pursuant to the terms of these grant programs. Management is not aware of any material items of noncompliance which would result in the disallowance of program expenditures.

LITIGATION

The Board is not involved in claims and lawsuits incidental to its operations

NOTE 13: FUND BALANCE APPROPRIATED

General Fund (Exhibit B-1) - Of the \$1,397,312 General Fund fund balance at June 30, 2023, \$926,475 is reserved as excess surplus in accordance with N.J.S.A.18A:7F-7 (\$173,574 of the total reserve for excess surplus has been appropriated and included as anticipated revenue for the year ending June 30, 2024); \$3,509 is reserved in the Capital Reserve Account; \$3,188 is reserved in the Emergency Reserve Account; \$23,255 is reserved for encumbrances; \$323,766 has been appropriated and included as anticipated revenue for the year ending June 30, 2024; and \$117,119 is unreserved and undesignated.

NOTE 14: CALCULATION OF EXCESS SURPLUS

The designation for Reserved Fund Balance – Excess Surplus is a required calculation pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:7F-7, as amended. New Jersey school districts are required to reserve General Fund fund balance at the fiscal year end of June 30 if they did not appropriate a required minimum amount as budgeted fund balance in their subsequent years' budget. The excess fund balance at June 30, 2023 is \$752,901.

NOTE 15: CAPITAL RESERVE ACCOUNT

A capital reserve account was initially established in a prior year by the Alpha Borough School District Board of Education by inclusion of \$1, for the accumulation of funds for use as capital outlay expenditures in subsequent fiscal years. The capital reserve account is maintained in the general fund and its activity is included in the general fund annual budget.

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NOTE 15: CAPITAL RESERVE ACCOUNT-(Continued)

Funds placed in the capital reserve account are restricted to capital projects in the district's approved Long Range Facilities Plan (LRFP). Upon submission of the LRFP to the department, a district may increase the balance in the capital reserve by appropriating funds in the annual general fund budget certified for taxes or by transfer by board resolution at year end of any unanticipated revenue or unexpended line-item appropriation amounts, or both. A district may also appropriate additional amounts when the express approval of the voters has been obtained either by a separate proposal at budget time or by a special question at one of the four special elections authorized pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:60-2. Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.13(g), the balance in the account cannot at any time exceed the local support costs of uncompleted capital projects in its approved LRFP.

The activity of the capital reserve for the July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023 fiscal year is as follows:

| | | |
|---------------------------------|----|---------------------|
| Beginning Balance, July 1, 2022 | \$ | 3,504 |
| Interest Earnings | | <u>5</u> |
| Ending Balance, June 30, 2023 | \$ | <u><u>3,509</u></u> |

NOTE 16: EMERGENCY RESERVE ACCOUNT

An emergency reserve account was established by the School District Board of Education in fiscal year 2022, for the accumulation of funds for use in accordance with PL 2007 c.62 (A1). The emergency reserve account is maintained in the general fund and its activity is included in the general fund annual budget.

The activity of the emergency reserve for the July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023 fiscal year is as follows:

| | | |
|--------------------------------|----|---------------------|
| Beginning balance July 1, 2022 | \$ | <u>3,188</u> |
| Ending balance June 30, 2023 | \$ | <u><u>3,188</u></u> |

NOTE 17: INTERFUND RECEIVABLES AND PAYABLES

There are no interfund balances as of June 30, 2023.

NOTE 18: TAX ABATEMENTS

As defined by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB), a tax abatement is an agreement between a government and an individual or entity in which the government promises to forgo tax revenues and the individual or entity promises to subsequently take a specific action that contributes to economic development or otherwise benefits the government or its citizens. School districts are not authorized by New Jersey statute to enter into tax abatement agreements. However, the county or municipality in which the school district is situated may have entered into tax abatement agreements, and that potential must be disclosed in these financial statements. If the county or municipality entered into tax abatement agreements, those agreements will not directly affect the school district's local tax revenue because N.J.S.A. 54:4-75 and N.J.S.A. 54:4-76 require that amounts so forgiven must effectively be recouped from other taxpayers and remitted to the school district.

NOTE 19: UNEARNED REVENUE

The Borough of Alpha is the collection agent for the school district and turns over the levy to the school on a monthly basis. The \$321,532 in unearned revenue is a pre-payment of the subsequent year's school levy.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION - PART II

BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULES

ALPHA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

Exhibit C-1

**BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE
GENERAL FUND**

Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023

| | <u>Original Budget</u> | <u>Budget Transfers</u> | <u>Final Budget</u> | <u>Actual</u> | Variance Final to Actual Favorable/ (Unfavorable) |
|---|----------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|------------------|--|
| REVENUES: | | | | | |
| Local Sources: | | | | | |
| Local Tax Levy | \$ 3,963,708 | | \$ 3,963,708 | \$ 3,963,708 | |
| Tuition from Other Sources - Pre-K | - | | - | 4,275 | \$ 4,275 |
| Interest on Capital Reserve | - | | - | 5 | 5 |
| Miscellaneous | 500 | | 500 | 734 | 234 |
| Total - Local Sources | 3,964,208 | | 3,964,208 | 3,968,722 | 4,514 |
| State Sources: | | | | | |
| Equalization Aid | 1,603,176 | | 1,603,176 | 1,603,176 | |
| Transportation Aid | 73,684 | | 73,684 | 73,684 | |
| Special Education Aid | 199,203 | | 199,203 | 199,203 | |
| Security Aid | 10,077 | | 10,077 | 10,077 | |
| Maintenance of Equity Aid | | | | 383,648 | 383,648 |
| Other State Aid | | | | 55,698 | 55,698 |
| TPAF Pension (On-Behalf - Non-Budgeted) | | | | 680,992 | 680,992 |
| TPAF Post Retirement Medical (PRM) (On-Behalf - Non-Budgeted) | | | | 178,895 | 178,895 |
| TPAF Pension LTD Insurance (On-Behalf - Non-Budgeted) | | | | 224 | 224 |
| TPAF Social Security (Reimbursed - Non-Budgeted) | | | | 152,218 | 152,218 |
| Total State Sources | 1,886,140 | | 1,886,140 | 3,337,815 | 1,451,675 |
| TOTAL REVENUES | 5,850,348 | | 5,850,348 | 7,306,537 | 1,456,189 |

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Exhibit C-1

**BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE
GENERAL FUND**

Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023

| | <u>Original Budget</u> | <u>Budget Transfers</u> | <u>Final Budget</u> | <u>Actual</u> | Variance Final to Actual Favorable/ (Unfavorable) |
|---|----------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|------------------|--|
| EXPENDITURES: | | | | | |
| Current Expense: | | | | | |
| Regular Programs - Instruction | | | | | |
| Pre-Kindergarten - Salaries of Teachers | 74,348 | | 74,348 | 74,144 | 204 |
| Kindergarten - Salaries of Teachers | 88,759 | | 88,759 | 83,910 | 4,849 |
| Grades 1-5 - Salaries of Teachers | 610,075 | 43,500 | 653,575 | 637,823 | 15,752 |
| Grades 6-8 - Salaries of Teachers | 571,943 | 17,500 | 589,443 | 561,053 | 28,390 |
| Regular Programs - Undistributed Instruction | | | | | |
| Purchased Technical Services | 45,500 | (5,994) | 39,506 | 14,727 | 24,779 |
| Other Purchased Services (400-500 series) | 59,010 | | 59,010 | 52,624 | 6,386 |
| General Supplies | 79,628 | 7,900 | 87,528 | 81,338 | 6,190 |
| Other Objects | 650 | 39 | 689 | 689 | |
| Employee Benefits | 326,696 | (779) | 325,917 | 263,195 | 62,722 |
| Tuition Reimbursement | 20,000 | | 20,000 | 12,227 | 7,773 |
| TOTAL REGULAR PROGRAMS - INSTRUCTION | 1,876,609 | 62,166 | 1,938,775 | 1,781,730 | 157,045 |
| SPECIAL EDUCATION - INSTRUCTION | | | | | |
| Resource Room/Resource Center: | | | | | |
| Salaries of Teachers | 290,222 | 18,474 | 308,696 | 296,953 | 11,743 |
| Other Salaries for Instruction | 154,455 | (32,500) | 121,955 | 118,624 | 3,331 |
| General Supplies | 1,500 | | 1,500 | 1,424 | 76 |
| Employee Benefits | 156,155 | | 156,155 | 156,155 | |
| Total Resource Room/Resource Center | 602,332 | (14,026) | 588,306 | 573,156 | 15,150 |
| TOTAL SPECIAL EDUCATION - INSTRUCTION | 602,332 | (14,026) | 588,306 | 573,156 | 15,150 |

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Exhibit C-1

**BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE
GENERAL FUND**

Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023

| | <u>Original Budget</u> | <u>Budget Transfers</u> | <u>Final Budget</u> | <u>Actual</u> | Variance Final to Actual Favorable/ (Unfavorable) |
|---|----------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|------------------|--|
| Basic Skills/Remedial - Instruction | | | | | |
| Salaries of Teachers | 60,691 | | 60,691 | 59,969 | 722 |
| General Supplies | 300 | | 300 | 300 | |
| Employee Benefits | 35,375 | | 35,375 | 35,375 | |
| Total Basic Skills/Remedial - Instruction | <u>96,366</u> | | <u>96,366</u> | <u>95,644</u> | <u>722</u> |
| School Sponsored Co/Extra Curricular Activities-Instruction: | | | | | |
| Salaries | 8,850 | | 8,850 | 8,850 | |
| Total School Sponsored Co/Extra Curricular Activities-Instr. | <u>8,850</u> | | <u>8,850</u> | <u>8,850</u> | |
| TOTAL INSTRUCTION | <u>2,584,157</u> | <u>48,140</u> | <u>2,632,297</u> | <u>2,459,380</u> | <u>172,917</u> |
| UNDISTRIBUTED EXPENDITURES | | | | | |
| Instruction: | | | | | |
| Tuition to Other LEAs Within the State-Regular | 1,286,667 | 4,457 | 1,291,124 | 1,291,123 | 1 |
| Tuition to Other LEAs Within the State-Special | 335,000 | (212,628) | 122,372 | 120,261 | 2,111 |
| Tuition to County Voc. School Dist. - Regular | 64,676 | (7,356) | 57,320 | 56,470 | 850 |
| Tuition to Private Schools for the Disabled - Within State | 162,093 | 92,269 | 254,362 | 236,579 | 17,783 |
| Total Instruction | <u>1,848,436</u> | <u>(123,258)</u> | <u>1,725,178</u> | <u>1,704,433</u> | <u>20,745</u> |

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BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE

GENERAL FUND

Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023

| | <u>Original Budget</u> | <u>Budget Transfers</u> | <u>Final Budget</u> | <u>Actual</u> | Variance Final to Actual Favorable/ (Unfavorable) |
|---|----------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|----------------|--|
| Health Services: | | | | | |
| Salaries | 57,441 | | 57,441 | 55,869 | 1,572 |
| Employee Benefits | 35,375 | | 35,375 | 35,375 | |
| Purchased Professional and Technical Services | 1,800 | | 1,800 | | 1,800 |
| Supplies and Materials | 3,000 | 223 | 3,223 | 1,503 | 1,720 |
| Other Objects | 360 | | 360 | 123 | 237 |
| Total Health Services | 97,976 | 223 | 98,199 | 92,870 | 5,329 |
| Other Supp. Services Students-Related Services: | | | | | |
| Purchased Professional - Educational Services | 110,000 | | 110,000 | 94,478 | 15,522 |
| Total Other Supp. Services Students-Related Services | 110,000 | | 110,000 | 94,478 | 15,522 |
| Other Supp. Services Students-Extra. Services: | | | | | |
| Salaries | 19,434 | (18,474) | 960 | | 960 |
| Other Supp. Services Students-Extra. Services | 19,434 | (18,474) | 960 | | 960 |
| Health Services: | | | | | |
| Salaries of Other Professional Staff | 90,945 | | 90,945 | 89,249 | 1,696 |
| Employee Benefits | 12,876 | | 12,876 | 12,876 | |
| Supplies and Materials | 500 | | 500 | 500 | |
| Other Objects | 100 | | 100 | | 100 |
| Total Health Services | 104,421 | | 104,421 | 102,625 | 1,796 |

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Exhibit C-1

**BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE
GENERAL FUND**

Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023

| | <u>Original Budget</u> | <u>Budget Transfers</u> | <u>Final Budget</u> | <u>Actual</u> | Variance Final to Actual Favorable/ (Unfavorable) |
|--|----------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|----------------|--|
| Other Supp. Services Students-Special: | | | | | |
| Salaries of Other Professional Staff | | | 18,113 | 17,850 | 263 |
| Salaries of Secretarial and Clerical Assistants | 18,113 | | 18,113 | 17,850 | 263 |
| Purchased Professional - Educational Services | 58,500 | | 58,500 | 17,557 | 40,943 |
| Total Other Supp. Services Students-Special | 76,613 | | 76,613 | 35,407 | 41,206 |
| Educational Media Services/School Library: | | | | | |
| Salaries | 61,757 | | 61,757 | 60,969 | 788 |
| Purchased Prof. and Tech. Services | 2,000 | | 2,000 | 1,464 | 536 |
| Supplies and Materials | 2,000 | | 2,000 | 1,754 | 246 |
| Total Educational Media Services/School Library | 65,757 | | 65,757 | 64,187 | 1,570 |
| Instructional Staff Training Services: | | | | | |
| Salary of Supervisor of Instruction | 92,868 | | 92,868 | 86,595 | 6,273 |
| Purchased Professional - Educational Services | | 20,282 | 20,282 | 20,282 | |
| Other Purchased Services (400-500 series) | 6,200 | | 6,200 | 4,205 | 1,995 |
| Total Instructional Staff Training Services | 99,068 | 20,282 | 119,350 | 111,082 | 8,268 |

ALPHA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

Exhibit C-1

BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE

GENERAL FUND

Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023

| | <u>Original Budget</u> | <u>Budget Transfers</u> | <u>Final Budget</u> | <u>Actual</u> | Variance Final to Actual Favorable/ (Unfavorable) |
|---|----------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|----------------|--|
| Supp. Services - General Administration: | | | | | |
| Salaries | 200,210 | 11,105 | 211,315 | 211,315 | |
| Employee Benefits | 35,375 | | 35,375 | 35,375 | |
| Legal Services | 20,000 | (5,887) | 14,113 | 5,945 | 8,168 |
| Audit Fees | 12,000 | (718) | 11,282 | 11,282 | |
| Other Purchased Professional Services | 8,100 | | 8,100 | 8,037 | 63 |
| Communications/Telephone | 5,430 | (1,000) | 4,430 | 3,037 | 1,393 |
| BOE Other Purchased Services | 3,500 | (3,500) | | | |
| Other Purchased Services (400-500) | 9,200 | 960 | 10,160 | 9,814 | 346 |
| General Supplies | 2,000 | | 2,000 | 1,814 | 186 |
| BOE Membership Dues and Fees | 5,600 | | 5,600 | 5,544 | 56 |
| Total Supp. Services - General Administration | 301,415 | 960 | 302,375 | 292,163 | 10,212 |
| Support Services - School Administration: | | | | | |
| Salaries of Secretarial and Clerical Assistants | 19,113 | | 19,113 | 17,850 | 1,263 |
| Employee Benefits | 12,876 | | 12,876 | 12,876 | |
| Supplies and Materials | 1,000 | | 1,000 | 347 | 653 |
| Total Support Services - School Administration | 32,989 | | 32,989 | 31,073 | 1,916 |
| Central Services: | | | | | |
| Purchased Professional Services | 70,000 | | 70,000 | 70,000 | |
| Total Central Services | 70,000 | | 70,000 | 70,000 | |
| Required Maintenance for School Facilities: | | | | | |
| Salaries | 48,612 | | 48,612 | 47,442 | 1,170 |
| Cleaning, Repair and Maintenance Services | 45,000 | | 45,000 | 5,693 | 39,307 |
| General Supplies | 5,000 | | 5,000 | 5,000 | |
| Total Required Maintenance for School Facilities | 98,612 | | 98,612 | 58,135 | 40,477 |

ALPHA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

Exhibit C-1

**BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE
GENERAL FUND**

Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023

| | Original Budget | Budget Transfers | Final Budget | Actual | Variance Final to Actual Favorable/ (Unfavorable) |
|--|----------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|----------------|--|
| Other Operations and Maintenance of Plant: | | | | | |
| Salaries | 98,758 | (3,855) | 94,903 | 73,561 | 21,342 |
| Employee Benefits | 70,749 | | 70,749 | 70,749 | |
| Purchased Prof. and Tech. Services | 5,000 | 435 | 5,435 | 3,788 | 1,647 |
| Cleaning, Repair and Maintenance Services | 23,700 | 33,579 | 57,279 | 46,380 | 10,899 |
| Other Purchased Property Services | 3,000 | 407 | 3,407 | 3,407 | |
| Insurance | 25,844 | | 25,844 | 18,975 | 6,869 |
| General Supplies | 15,000 | 35 | 15,035 | 10,469 | 4,566 |
| Energy (Natural Gas) | 500 | | 500 | 387 | 113 |
| Energy (Electricity) | 80,000 | 4,934 | 84,934 | 84,934 | |
| Other Objects | 500 | | 500 | 375 | 125 |
| Total Other Operations and Maintenance of Plant | 323,051 | 35,535 | 358,586 | 313,025 | 45,561 |
| Student Transportation Services | | | | | |
| Contracted Services - Aid in Lieu of Payments-Nonpublic Sch. | 10,000 | 220 | 10,220 | 10,220 | |
| Contracted Services (Other than Bet.Home & School)-Vendors | 6,500 | 1,158 | 7,658 | 7,658 | |
| Contracted Services (Between Home and School)-Joint Agrmts. | 75,000 | 42,650 | 117,650 | 117,650 | |
| Contracted Services (Special Education Students)-Vendors | 260,000 | 113,108 | 373,108 | 365,530 | 7,578 |
| Contracted Services (Regular Students)-ESC's & CTSA's | 2,500 | (1,378) | 1,122 | | 1,122 |
| Total Student Transportation Services | 354,000 | 155,758 | 509,758 | 501,058 | 8,700 |
| UNALLOCATED BENEFITS | | | | | |
| Social Security Contributions | 50,000 | | 50,000 | 42,365 | 7,635 |
| Other Retirement Contributions-Regular | 42,500 | 779 | 43,279 | 43,279 | |
| Unemployment Compensation | 12,000 | | 12,000 | 9,930 | 2,070 |
| Workmen's Compensation | 54,577 | | 54,577 | 54,577 | |
| Other Employee Benefits | 7,250 | | 7,250 | 4,135 | 3,115 |
| TOTAL UNALLOCATED BENEFITS | 166,327 | 779 | 167,106 | 154,286 | 12,820 |

ALPHA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

Exhibit C-1

**BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE
GENERAL FUND**

Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023

| | <u>Original Budget</u> | <u>Budget Transfers</u> | <u>Final Budget</u> | <u>Actual</u> | Variance Final to Actual Favorable/ (Unfavorable) |
|---|----------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|------------------|--|
| On-behalf TPAF pension Contrib. (non-budgeted) | | | | 680,992 | (680,992) |
| On-behalf TPAF PRM Contrib. (non-budgeted) | | | | 178,895 | (178,895) |
| On-behalf TPAF pension LTD Ins. (non-budgeted) | | | | 224 | (224) |
| Reimbursed TPAF Social Security Contrib. (non-budgeted) | | | | 152,218 | (152,218) |
| TOTAL ON-BEHALF CONTRIBUTIONS | | | | 1,012,329 | (1,012,329) |
| TOTAL PERSONAL SERVICES-EMPLOYEE BENEFITS | 166,327 | 779 | 167,106 | 1,166,615 | (999,509) |
| TOTAL UNDISTRIBUTED EXPENDITURES | 3,768,099 | 71,805 | 3,839,904 | 4,637,151 | (797,247) |
| TOTAL GENERAL CURRENT EXPENSE | 6,352,256 | 119,945 | 6,472,201 | 7,096,531 | (624,330) |
| Transfer of Funds to Charter Schools | | | | | |
| CAPITAL OUTLAY | | | | | |
| Facilities Acquisition and Construction: | | | | | |
| Assessment for Debt Service on SDA Funding | 357 | | 357 | 357 | |
| Total Facilities Acquisition and Construction | 357 | | 357 | 357 | |
| TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY | 357 | | 357 | 357 | |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURES | 6,352,613 | 119,945 | 6,472,558 | 7,096,888 | (624,330) |

ALPHA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

Exhibit C-1

**BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE
GENERAL FUND**

Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023

| | <u>Original Budget</u> | <u>Budget Transfers</u> | <u>Final Budget</u> | <u>Actual</u> | Variance Final to Actual Favorable/ (Unfavorable) |
|---|----------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|--|
| Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures | (502,265) | (119,945) | (622,210) | 209,649 | 831,859 |
| Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Financing Sources (Uses) | (502,265) | (119,945) | (622,210) | 209,649 | 831,859 |
| Fund Balance, July 1 | 1,376,242 | | 1,376,242 | 1,376,242 | |
| Fund Balance, June 30 | \$ 873,977 | \$ (119,945) | \$ 754,032 | \$ 1,585,891 | \$ 831,859 |
| Recapitulation: | | | | | |
| Restricted for: | | | | | |
| Capital Reserve | | | | \$ 3,509 | |
| Emergency Reserve | | | | 3,188 | |
| Excess Surplus | | | | 752,901 | |
| Excess Surplus - Designated for Subseq. Year's Expenditures | | | | 173,574 | |
| Assigned to: | | | | | |
| Year-End Encumbrances | | | | 23,255 | |
| Designated for Subseq. Year's Expenditures | | | | 323,766 | |
| Unassigned: | | | | | |
| Unrestricted Fund Balance | | | | <u>305,698</u> | |
| Fund Balance per Governmental Funds(Budgetary Basis) | | | | \$ 1,585,891 | |
| Reconciliation to Governmental Funds Statement(GAAP Basis): | | | | | |
| Current Year Last State Aid Payment not recognized on GAAP basis until received | | | | <u>(188,579)</u> | |
| Fund Balance per Governmental Funds(GAAP Basis) | | | | <u>\$ 1,397,312</u> | |

ALPHA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

Exhibit C-2

**BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE
SPECIAL REVENUE FUND**

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023

| | Original Budget | Budget Transfers | Final Budget | Actual | Variance Final to Actual Favorable/ (Unfavorable) |
|---|----------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|--|
| REVENUES: | | | | | |
| Local Sources | | \$ 19,525 | \$ 19,525 | \$ 19,525 | - |
| Federal Sources | \$ 712,235 | - | 712,235 | 658,047 | \$ (54,188) |
| Total Revenues | 712,235 | 19,525 | 731,760 | 677,572 | (54,188) |
| EXPENDITURES: | | | | | |
| Instruction | | | | | |
| Salaries | 96,600 | | 96,600 | 69,241 | 27,359 |
| Tuition | 66,893 | | 66,893 | 66,893 | |
| Other Purchased Services | 480,535 | | 480,535 | 465,215 | 15,320 |
| General Supplies | 3,437 | | 3,437 | 3,437 | |
| Total Instruction | 647,465 | | 647,465 | 604,786 | 42,679 |
| Support Services: | | | | | |
| Employee Benefits | | | - | - | |
| Other Purchased Services | 62,770 | | 62,770 | 53,261 | 9,509 |
| Supplies and Materials | 2,000 | | 2,000 | - | 2,000 |
| Student Activities | | 19,401 | 19,401 | 19,401 | |
| Total Support Services | 64,770 | 19,401 | 84,171 | 72,662 | 11,509 |
| Total Expenditures | \$ 712,235 | \$ 19,401 | \$ 731,636 | \$ 677,448 | \$ 54,188 |
| Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Financing Sources (Uses) | | 124 | 124 | 124 | |
| Fund Balance Beginning | | | | 42,601 | |
| Prior Period Adjustment | | | | - | |
| Fund Balance Beginning (Restated) | | | | 42,601 | |
| Fund Balance Ending | | | | <u>\$ 42,725</u> | |
| Recapitulation: | | | | | |
| Restricted: | | | | | |
| Student Activities | | | | \$ 42,725 | |
| Total Fund Balance | | | | <u>\$ 42,725</u> | |

**NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE**

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023

**Explanation of Differences between Budgetary Inflows and Outflows and
GAAP Revenues and Expenditures**

| | General Fund | Special Revenue Fund |
|---|---------------------|----------------------------|
| | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |
| Sources/Inflows of Resources | | |
| Actual amounts (budgetary basis) "revenue" | | |
| from the budgetary comparison schedule (Exhibits C-1 and C-2, respectively) | \$ 7,306,537 | \$ 677,572 |
| Difference - budget to GAAP: | | |
| Grant accounting budgetary basis differs from GAAP in that encumbrances are recognized as expenditures, and the related revenue is recognized. | | |
| Prior Year | N/A | 42,441 |
| Current Year | N/A | - |
| Adjustment for: Prior year Final State Aid Payment excluded in State Source Revenues that is considered a revenue for GAAP reporting purposes | 191,121 | |
| Adjustment for: Current Year Final State Aid Payment included in State Source Revenues that is not considered a revenue for GAAP reporting purposes | <u>(188,579)</u> | <u> -</u> |
| Total revenues as reported on the statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances - governmental funds. (Exhibit B-2) | <u>\$ 7,309,079</u> | <u>\$ 720,013</u> |
| Uses/outflows of resources | | |
| Actual amounts (budgetary basis) "total outflows" from the budgetary comparison schedules (Exhibits C-1 and C-2, respectively) | \$ 7,096,888 | \$ 677,448 |
| Differences - budget to GAAP | | |
| Encumbrances for supplies and equipment ordered but not received are reported in the year the order is placed for <i>budgetary</i> purposes, but in the year the supplies are received for <i>financial reporting</i> purposes. | | |
| Prior Year | N/A | 42,441 |
| Current Year | N/A | - |
| Transfers to and from other funds are presented as outflows of budgetary resources but are not expenditures for financial reporting purposes. | N/A | N/A |
| Net transfers (outflows) to general fund | <u>N/A</u> | <u>N/A</u> |
| Total expenditures as reported on the statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances - governmental funds (Exhibit B-2) | <u>\$ 7,096,888</u> | <u>\$ 719,889</u> |

Alpha Borough School District
Required Supplementary Information - Part III
Schedule of the District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability
Last Ten Fiscal Years

Exhibit L-3

Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund (TPAF)

| | <u>2023</u> | <u>2022</u> | <u>2021</u> | <u>2020</u> | <u>2019</u> | <u>2018</u> | <u>2017</u> | <u>2016</u> | <u>2015</u> | <u>2014</u> |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| District's proportion of the net pension liability (asset) ** | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| District's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset) ** | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| State's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset) associated with the District | <u>\$ 8,231,608</u> | <u>\$ 6,739,404</u> | <u>\$ 9,661,820</u> | <u>\$ 9,182,741</u> | <u>\$ 9,444,688</u> | <u>\$ 11,487,049</u> | <u>\$ 13,253,182</u> | <u>\$ 11,978,538</u> | <u>\$ 10,188,369</u> | <u>\$ 9,033,101</u> |
| Total | <u>\$ 8,231,608</u> | <u>\$ 6,739,404</u> | <u>\$ 9,661,820</u> | <u>\$ 9,182,741</u> | <u>\$ 9,444,688</u> | <u>\$ 11,487,049</u> | <u>\$ 13,253,182</u> | <u>\$ 11,978,538</u> | <u>\$ 10,188,369</u> | <u>\$ 9,033,101</u> |
| District's covered employee payroll | \$ 2,060,985 | \$ 1,619,574 | \$ 1,893,514 | \$ 1,753,384 | \$ 1,586,629 | \$ 1,524,827 | \$ 1,522,199 | \$ 1,622,768 | \$ 1,842,735 | \$ 1,911,319 |
| District's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset) as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll ** | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability | 32.29% | 35.50% | 24.60% | 26.95% | 26.49% | 25.41% | 22.33% | 28.71% | 33.64% | 33.76% |

** Note: TPAF is a special funding situation as defined by GASB Statement No. 68 in which the State of New Jersey is 100% responsible for contributions to the plan. Since the district (employer) does not contribute directly to the plan there is no net pension liability to report in the financial statements of the district.

Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS)

Exhibit L-1

| | <u>2023</u> | <u>2022</u> | <u>2021</u> | <u>2020</u> | <u>2019</u> | <u>2018</u> | <u>2017</u> | <u>2016</u> | <u>2015</u> | <u>2014</u> |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| District's proportion of the net pension liability (asset) | 0.00343199% | 0.00246901% | 0.00182687% | 0.00325926% | 0.00357061% | 0.00367932% | 0.00329699% | 0.00334023% | 0.00318977% | 0.00395326% |
| District's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset) | <u>\$ 517,934</u> | <u>\$ 292,491</u> | <u>\$ 297,914</u> | <u>\$ 587,269</u> | <u>\$ 703,035</u> | <u>\$ 856,488</u> | <u>\$ 976,474</u> | <u>\$ 749,814</u> | <u>\$ 597,212</u> | <u>\$ 755,546</u> |
| District's covered employee payroll | \$ 283,521 | \$ 280,900 | \$ 197,534 | \$ 175,272 | \$ 225,061 | \$ 218,578 | \$ 245,439 | \$ 456,860 | \$ 379,979 | \$ 421,709 |
| District's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset) as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll | 182.68% | 104.13% | 150.82% | 335.06% | 312.38% | 391.85% | 397.85% | 164.12% | 157.17% | 179.16% |
| Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability (Local) | 62.91% | 70.33% | 58.32% | 56.27% | 53.60% | 58.18% | 40.14% | 47.92% | 52.08% | 48.72% |

**Alpha Borough School District
Required Supplementary Information - Part III
Schedule of District Contributions
Last Ten Fiscal Years**

Exhibit L-2

Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund (TPAF)

| | <u>2023</u> | <u>2022</u> | <u>2021</u> | <u>2020</u> | <u>2019</u> | <u>2018</u> | <u>2017</u> | <u>2016</u> | <u>2015</u> | <u>2014</u> |
|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Contractually required contribution ** | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution ** | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Contribution deficiency (excess) | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| District's covered employee payroll | \$ 2,060,985 | \$ 1,619,574 | \$ 1,893,514 | \$ 1,753,384 | \$ 1,586,629 | \$ 1,524,827 | \$ 1,522,199 | \$ 1,622,768 | \$ 1,842,735 | \$ 1,911,319 |
| Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |

** Note: TPAF is a special funding situation as defined by GASB Statement No. 68 in which the State of New Jersey is 100% responsible for contributions to the plan. The district (employer) does not contribute to the plan.

Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS)

| | <u>2023</u> | <u>2022</u> | <u>2021</u> | <u>2020</u> | <u>2019</u> | <u>2018</u> | <u>2017</u> | <u>2016</u> | <u>2015</u> | <u>2014</u> |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Contractually required contribution | \$ 43,279 | \$ 28,915 | \$ 19,985 | \$ 31,771 | \$ 35,600 | \$ 34,409 | \$ 29,290 | \$ 28,717 | \$ 26,296 | \$ 29,787 |
| Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution | <u>(43,279)</u> | <u>(28,915)</u> | <u>(19,985)</u> | <u>(31,771)</u> | <u>(35,600)</u> | <u>(34,409)</u> | <u>(29,290)</u> | <u>(28,717)</u> | <u>(26,296)</u> | <u>(29,787)</u> |
| Contribution deficiency (excess) | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> |
| District's covered employee payroll | \$ 283,521 | \$ 280,900 | \$ 197,534 | \$ 175,272 | \$ 225,061 | \$ 218,578 | \$ 245,439 | \$ 456,860 | \$ 379,979 | \$ 421,709 |
| Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll | 15.26% | 10.29% | 10.12% | 18.13% | 15.82% | 15.74% | 11.93% | 6.29% | 6.92% | 7.06% |

Alpha Borough School District
Required Supplementary Information - Part III
Schedule of Changes in the State's Total OPEB Liability and Related Ratios
Last Ten Fiscal Years *

Exhibit M-1

State Health Benefit Local Education Retired Employees Plan (TPAF and PERS)

| The State of New Jersey's Total OPEB Liability | <u>2023</u> | <u>2022</u> | <u>2021</u> | <u>2020</u> | <u>2019</u> | <u>2018</u> | <u>2017</u> | <u>2016</u> | <u>2015</u> | <u>2014</u> |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Service Cost | \$ 2,770,618,025 | \$ 3,217,184,264 | \$ 1,790,973,822 | \$ 1,734,404,850 | \$ 1,984,642,729 | \$ 2,391,878,884 | \$ 1,723,999,319 | | | |
| Interest | 1,342,187,139 | 1,556,661,679 | 1,503,341,357 | 1,827,787,206 | 1,970,236,232 | 1,699,441,736 | 1,823,643,792 | | | |
| Change in Benefit Terms | - | (63,870,842) | | | | | | | | |
| Differences Between Expected and Actual Experience | 1,399,200,736 | (11,385,071,658) | 11,544,750,637 | (7,323,140,818) | (5,002,065,740) | | | | | |
| Benefit Payments | (13,586,368,097) | 59,202,205 | (1,180,515,618) | (1,280,958,373) | (1,232,987,247) | (1,242,412,566) | (1,223,298,019) | | | |
| Contributions from Members | (1,329,476,059) | - | 35,781,384 | 37,971,171 | 42,614,005 | 45,748,749 | 46,273,747 | | | |
| Changes of Assumptions or other inputs | 42,650,252 | (1,186,417,186) | 12,386,549,981 | 622,184,027 | (5,291,448,855) | (7,086,599,129) | 8,611,513,521 | | | |
| Net change in total OPEB liability | <u>(9,361,188,004)</u> | <u>(7,802,311,638)</u> | <u>26,080,881,563</u> | <u>(4,381,751,937)</u> | <u>(7,529,008,876)</u> | <u>(4,191,942,326)</u> | <u>10,982,132,360</u> | | | |
| Total OPEB Liability - Beginning | <u>\$ 60,007,650,970</u> | <u>\$ 67,809,962,608</u> | <u>\$ 41,729,081,045</u> | <u>\$ 46,110,832,982</u> | <u>\$ 53,639,841,858</u> | <u>\$ 57,831,784,184</u> | <u>\$ 46,849,651,824</u> | | | |
| Total OPEB Liability - Ending | <u>\$ 50,646,462,966</u> | <u>\$ 60,007,650,970</u> | <u>\$ 67,809,962,608</u> | <u>\$ 41,729,081,045</u> | <u>\$ 46,110,832,982</u> | <u>\$ 53,639,841,858</u> | <u>\$ 57,831,784,184</u> | | | |
| The State of New Jersey's total OPEB liability ** | \$ 50,646,462,966 | \$ 60,007,650,970 | \$ 67,809,962,608 | \$ 41,729,081,045 | \$ 46,110,832,982 | \$ 53,639,841,858 | \$ 57,831,784,184 | | | |
| The State of New Jersey's OPEB liability attributable to the District ** | \$ 11,505,683 | \$ 12,987,445 | \$ 15,103,829 | \$ 9,116,838 | \$ 10,786,602 | \$ 12,488,791 | \$ 13,588,082 | | | |
| The District's proportionate share of the total OPEB liability | Zero | Zero | Zero | Zero | Zero | Zero | Zero | | | |
| District's covered employee payroll | \$ 2,344,506 | \$ 1,900,474 | \$ 2,091,048 | \$ 1,928,656 | \$ 1,811,690 | \$ 1,767,638 | \$ 2,079,628 | | | |
| Total District's OPEB liability as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | | | |
| District's contribution | None | None | None | None | None | None | None | | | |
| State's covered employee payroll *** | \$ 14,753,355,408 | \$ 14,425,669,769 | \$ 14,267,738,657 | \$ 13,929,083,479 | \$ 13,640,275,833 | \$ 13,493,400,208 | \$ 13,493,400,208 | | | |
| Total State's OPEB liability as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll | 343.29% | 415.98% | 475.27% | 299.58% | 338.05% | 397.53% | 428.59% | | | |

** Note: Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB) for employees of the Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund (TPAF) and the Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) is considered a special funding situation as defined by GASB Statement No. 75 in which the State of New Jersey is 100% responsible for contributions to the health insurance plan. The district (employer) does not contribute to the plan and the district's OPEB liability is zero.

*** Covered payroll for the Measurement Period ending June 30, 2021 and June 30, 2022 is based on the payroll on the June 30, 2020 and June 30, 2021 census data, respectively

* - Until a full ten year trend is compiled, information will be presented for those years for which information is available.

ALPHA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION-PART III
Pension and Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB) Schedules

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023

Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund (TPAF)

Pension Schedules

Changes of benefit terms. The vesting and benefit provisions are set by N.J.S.A. 18A:66. TPAF provides retirement, death and disability benefits. All benefits vest after ten years of service, except for medical benefits, which vest after 25 years of service or under the disability provisions of TPAF. Members are always fully vested for their own contributions and, after three years of service credit, become vested for 2% of related interest earned on the contributions. In the case of death before retirement, members' beneficiaries are entitled to full interest credited to the members' accounts.

Changes of assumptions. Pre-retirement mortality rates were based on the Pub-2010 Teachers Above-Median Income Employee mortality table with a 93.9% adjustment for males and 85.3% adjustment for females, and with future improvement from the base year of 2010 on a generational basis. Post-retirement mortality rates were based on the Pub-2010 Teachers Above-Median Income Healthy Retiree mortality table with a 114.7% adjustment for males and 99.6% adjustment for females, and with future improvement from the base year of 2010 on a generational basis. Disability mortality rates were based on the Pub-2010 Non-Safety Disabled Retiree mortality table with a 106.3% adjustment for males and 100.3% adjustment for females, and with future improvement from the base year of 2010 on a generational basis. Mortality improvement is based on Scale MP-2021.

OPEB Schedules

No assets are accumulated in a trust that meets the criteria in paragraph 4 of GASBS No. 75.

Changes of benefit terms. The decrease in liability from June 30, 2021 to June 30, 2022 is due to employers adopting Chapter 44 provisions.

Changes of assumptions. Changes of assumptions and other inputs reflects a change in the discount rate from 2.16 percent in 2021 to 3.54 percent in 2022.

Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS)

Pension Schedules

Changes of benefit terms. The vesting and benefit provisions are set by N.J.S.A. 43:15A. PERS provides retirement, death and disability benefits. All benefits vest after ten years of service, except for medical benefits, which vest after 25 years of service or under the disability provisions of PERS.

Changes of assumptions. Pre-retirement mortality rates were based on the Pub-2010 Teachers Above-Median Income Employee mortality table with a 93.9% adjustment for males and 85.3% adjustment for females, and with future improvement from the base year of 2010 on a generational basis. Post-retirement mortality rates were based on the Pub-2010 Teachers Above-Median Income Healthy Retiree mortality table with a 114.7% adjustment for males and 99.6% adjustment for females, and with future improvement from the base year of 2010 on a generational basis. Disability mortality rates were based on the Pub-2010 Non-Safety Disabled Retiree mortality table with a 106.3% adjustment for males and 100.3% adjustment for females, and with future improvement from the base year of 2010 on a generational basis. Mortality improvement is based on Scale MP-2021.

OPEB Schedules

No assets are accumulated in a trust that meets the criteria in paragraph 4 of GASBS No. 75.

Changes of benefit terms. The decrease in liability from June 30, 2021 to June 30, 2022 is due to employers adopting Chapter 44 provisions.

Changes of assumptions. Changes of assumptions and other inputs reflects a change in the discount rate from 2.16 percent in 2021 to 3.54 percent in 2022.

OTHER SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

**SPECIAL REVENUE FUND
DETAIL STATEMENTS**

The Special Revenue Fund is used to account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources (other than expendable trusts or major capital projects) that are legally restricted to expenditures for specific purposes.

ALPHA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

Exhibit E-1

SPECIAL REVENUE FUND
 COMBINING SCHEDULE OF PROGRAM REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES - BUDGETARY BASIS

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023

| | Title I | Title II | Title IV | IDEA Basic | IDEA Pre-School | ARP ESSER III | ARP Accel Learn | ARP Summer | ARP Beyond Sch Day | ARP Mental Health | Student Activities | Totals |
|--|------------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| REVENUES | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Local Sources | | | | | | | | | | | \$ 19,525 | \$ 19,525 |
| Federal Sources | \$ 56,600 | \$ 9,552 | \$ 10,000 | \$ 66,893 | \$ 1,937 | \$ 412,332 | \$ 43,709 | \$ 12,641 | \$ 14,680 | \$ 29,703 | | 658,047 |
| TOTAL REVENUES | 56,600 | 9,552 | 10,000 | 66,893 | 1,937 | 412,332 | 43,709 | 12,641 | 14,680 | 29,703 | 19,525 | 677,572 |
| EXPENDITURES: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Instruction: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Instructional Salaries | 56,600 | | | | | | | 12,641 | | | | 69,241 |
| Tuition | | | | 66,893 | | | | | | | | 66,893 |
| Other Purchased Services | | | 8,500 | | | 412,332 | | | 14,680 | 29,703 | | 465,215 |
| General Supplies | | | 1,500 | | 1,937 | | | | | | | 3,437 |
| Total Instruction | 56,600 | - | 10,000 | 66,893 | 1,937 | 412,332 | - | 12,641 | 14,680 | 29,703 | - | 604,786 |
| Support Services: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Employee Benefits | | | | | | | | | | | | - |
| Other Purchased Services | | 9,552 | | | | | 43,709 | | | | | 53,261 |
| Student Activities | | | | | | | | | | | 19,401 | 19,401 |
| Total Support Services | - | 9,552 | - | - | - | - | 43,709 | - | - | - | 19,401 | 72,662 |
| Facilities Acquisition and Contract Svs: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Buildings | | | | | | | | | | | | - |
| Instructional Equipment | | | | | | | | | | | | - |
| Non-Instructional Equipment | | | | | | | | | | | | - |
| Total Facilities Services | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURES | \$ 56,600 | \$ 9,552 | \$ 10,000 | \$ 66,893 | \$ 1,937 | \$ 412,332 | \$ 43,709 | \$ 12,641 | \$ 14,680 | \$ 29,703 | \$ 19,401 | \$ 677,448 |
| Total Outflows | \$ 56,600 | \$ 9,552 | \$ 10,000 | \$ 66,893 | \$ 1,937 | \$ 412,332 | \$ 43,709 | \$ 12,641 | \$ 14,680 | \$ 29,703 | \$ 19,401 | \$ 677,448 |
| Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 124 | 124 |
| Fund Balance Beginning | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 42,601 | 42,601 |
| Prior Period Adjustment | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Fund Balance Beginning (Restated) | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 42,601 | 42,601 |
| Fund Balance Ending | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | \$ 42,725 | \$ 42,725 |

**CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND
DETAIL STATEMENTS**

The Capital Projects Fund is used to account for the acquisition and construction of major capital facilities and equipment purchases other than those financed by proprietary funds.

N/A

**PROPRIETARY FUND
DETAIL STATEMENTS**

Proprietary Funds are used to account for operations that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises - where the intent of the district's board is that the costs of providing goods or services be financed through user charges.

Food Services Fund - This fund provides for the operation of food services in all schools within the school district.

THIS SECTION HAS ALREADY BEEN INCLUDED IN STATEMENTS B-4, B-5 AND B-6.

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| <p style="text-align: center;">FIDUCIARY FUND DETAIL STATEMENTS</p> |
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Fiduciary Funds are defined by GASB No. 84 as four funds. (1) pension (and other employee benefit) trust funds, (2) investment trust funds, (3) private-purpose trust funds, and (4) custodial funds.

N/A

LONG-TERM DEBT SCHEDULES

The Long-Term Schedules are used to reflect the outstanding principal balances of the general long-term liabilities of the school district. This includes serial bonds outstanding and obligations under capital leases.

Not Applicable; The District has no long-term debt

Alpha Borough School District
Statistical Section

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Sources:

Unless otherwise noted, the information in these schedules is derived from the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) for the relevant year. The district implemented GASB Statement 34 in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2003; schedules presenting district-wide information include information subsequent to that year.

**Alpha Borough School District
Net Position by Component,
Last Ten Fiscal Years**

(accrual basis of accounting)

Exhibit J-1

| | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 |
|--|---------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Governmental activities | | | | | | | | | | |
| Invested in capital assets, net of related debt | \$ 794,627 | \$ 779,514 | \$ 648,240 | \$ 615,191 | \$ 582,142 | \$ 552,794 | \$ 519,884 | \$ 546,475 | \$ 588,600 | \$ 555,725 |
| Restricted | 1,037,490 | 827,590 | 818,628 | 623,388 | 689,492 | 907,809 | 1,022,939 | 1,031,449 | 725,132 | 1,299,663 |
| Unrestricted | 11,511 | (752,001) | (767,719) | (599,124) | (751,655) | (793,810) | (769,785) | (663,388) | (221,295) | (474,488) |
| Total governmental activities net position | <u>\$ 1,843,628</u> | <u>\$ 855,103</u> | <u>\$ 699,149</u> | <u>\$ 639,455</u> | <u>\$ 519,979</u> | <u>\$ 666,793</u> | <u>\$ 773,038</u> | <u>\$ 914,536</u> | <u>\$ 1,092,437</u> | <u>\$ 1,380,900</u> |
| Business-type activities | | | | | | | | | | |
| Invested in capital assets, net of related debt | \$ 4,905 | \$ 3,317 | \$ 1,729 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Restricted | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Unrestricted | 42,368 | 30,025 | 27,639 | \$ 26,940 | \$ 19,012 | \$ 18,617 | \$ 17,425 | \$ 21,677 | \$ 27,506 | \$ 29,051 |
| Total business-type activities net position | <u>\$ 47,273</u> | <u>\$ 33,342</u> | <u>\$ 29,368</u> | <u>\$ 26,940</u> | <u>\$ 19,012</u> | <u>\$ 18,617</u> | <u>\$ 17,425</u> | <u>\$ 21,677</u> | <u>\$ 27,506</u> | <u>\$ 29,051</u> |
| District-wide | | | | | | | | | | |
| Invested in capital assets, net of related debt | \$ 799,532 | \$ 782,831 | \$ 649,969 | \$ 615,191 | \$ 582,142 | \$ 552,794 | \$ 519,884 | \$ 546,475 | \$ 588,600 | \$ 555,725 |
| Restricted | 1,037,490 | 827,590 | 818,628 | 623,388 | 689,492 | 907,809 | 1,022,939 | 1,031,449 | 725,132 | 1,299,663 |
| Unrestricted | 53,879 | (721,976) | (740,080) | (572,184) | (732,643) | (775,193) | (752,360) | (641,711) | (193,789) | (445,437) |
| Total district net position | <u>\$ 1,890,901</u> | <u>\$ 888,445</u> | <u>\$ 728,517</u> | <u>\$ 666,395</u> | <u>\$ 538,991</u> | <u>\$ 685,410</u> | <u>\$ 790,463</u> | <u>\$ 936,213</u> | <u>\$ 1,119,943</u> | <u>\$ 1,409,951</u> |

Source: ACFR Schedule A-1

Alpha Borough School District
Changes in Net Position, Last Ten Fiscal Years
(accrual basis of accounting)

Exhibit J-2

| | Fiscal Year Ending June 30, | | | | | | | | | |
|---|-----------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 |
| Expenses | | | | | | | | | | |
| Governmental activities | | | | | | | | | | |
| Instruction | | | | | | | | | | |
| Regular | \$ 1,719,139 | \$ 1,927,434 | \$ 2,045,994 | \$ 1,934,514 | \$ 2,152,728 | \$ 2,150,237 | \$ 1,896,405 | \$ 2,603,974 | \$ 2,438,840 | \$ 2,810,737 |
| Special education | 588,195 | 639,059 | 676,239 | 852,112 | 774,593 | 660,744 | 772,686 | 539,068 | 613,554 | 661,737 |
| Other special education | 223,230 | 254,129 | 270,312 | 198,156 | 205,697 | 53,438 | 82,103 | 80,765 | 123,111 | 120,644 |
| Other Instruction | | | | | | | | | | |
| Support Services: | | | | | | | | | | |
| Tuition | 1,201,172 | 1,781,588 | 1,655,924 | 1,606,884 | 1,649,816 | 1,560,540 | 1,518,956 | 1,642,391 | 2,065,101 | 1,704,433 |
| Student & instruction related services | 613,179 | 562,729 | 489,118 | 662,436 | 554,662 | 620,588 | 779,466 | 860,945 | 603,474 | 679,649 |
| General administrative services | 331,265 | 482,544 | 491,604 | 362,094 | 524,485 | 487,036 | 481,815 | 500,567 | 434,471 | 421,150 |
| School administrative services | 99,836 | 2,209 | 3,340 | 215,840 | 82,124 | 80,571 | 22,151 | 26,366 | 39,023 | 37,014 |
| Plant operations and maintenance | 335,418 | 339,193 | 441,079 | 451,237 | 755,121 | 470,864 | 477,765 | 454,283 | 440,558 | 433,456 |
| Pupil transportation | 175,966 | 193,326 | 184,319 | 265,746 | 259,916 | 284,729 | 286,767 | 263,167 | 329,891 | 501,058 |
| Total governmental activities expenses | <u>5,287,400</u> | <u>6,182,211</u> | <u>6,257,929</u> | <u>6,549,019</u> | <u>6,959,142</u> | <u>6,368,747</u> | <u>6,318,114</u> | <u>6,971,526</u> | <u>7,088,023</u> | <u>7,369,878</u> |
| Business-type activities: | | | | | | | | | | |
| Food service | 78,405 | 103,654 | 78,702 | 68,951 | 88,070 | 74,136 | 62,411 | 60,945 | 114,073 | 95,695 |
| Total business-type activities expense | <u>78,405</u> | <u>103,654</u> | <u>78,702</u> | <u>68,951</u> | <u>88,070</u> | <u>74,136</u> | <u>62,411</u> | <u>60,945</u> | <u>114,073</u> | <u>95,695</u> |
| Total district expenses | <u>\$ 5,365,805</u> | <u>\$ 6,285,865</u> | <u>\$ 6,336,631</u> | <u>\$ 6,617,970</u> | <u>\$ 7,047,212</u> | <u>\$ 6,442,883</u> | <u>\$ 6,380,525</u> | <u>\$ 7,032,471</u> | <u>\$ 7,202,096</u> | <u>\$ 7,465,573</u> |
| Program Revenues | | | | | | | | | | |
| Governmental activities: | | | | | | | | | | |
| Charges for services: | | | | | | | | | | |
| Regular Instruction | 5,950 | 13,425 | 6,325 | 425 | - | - | - | 7,488 | - | 4,275 |
| Special Education | | | | | | | | | | |
| Other Special Education | | | | | | | | | | |
| Other Instruction | | | | | | | | | | |
| Student & instruction related services | | | | | | | | | | |
| General administrative services | | | | | | | | | | |
| Plant operations and maintenance | | | | | | | | | | |
| Pupil transportation | | | | | | | | | | |
| Operating grants and contributions | 2,407,533 | 2,863,662 | 3,088,194 | 3,319,321 | 3,572,989 | 3,099,669 | 2,831,934 | 3,488,193 | 3,364,848 | 3,670,094 |
| Capital grants and contributions | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total governmental activities program revenues | <u>2,413,483</u> | <u>2,877,087</u> | <u>3,094,519</u> | <u>3,319,746</u> | <u>3,572,989</u> | <u>3,099,669</u> | <u>2,831,934</u> | <u>3,495,681</u> | <u>3,364,848</u> | <u>3,674,369</u> |
| Business-type activities: | | | | | | | | | | |
| Charges for services: | | | | | | | | | | |
| Food service | 39,153 | 40,716 | 36,242 | 33,926 | 35,755 | 29,853 | 19,415 | 1,240 | 6,088 | 26,004 |
| Operating grants and contributions | 45,555 | 47,777 | 38,454 | 32,533 | 44,368 | 43,888 | 41,804 | 63,957 | 113,814 | 71,236 |
| Total business type activities program revenues | <u>84,708</u> | <u>88,493</u> | <u>74,696</u> | <u>66,459</u> | <u>80,123</u> | <u>73,741</u> | <u>61,219</u> | <u>65,197</u> | <u>119,902</u> | <u>97,240</u> |
| Total district program revenues | <u>\$ 2,498,191</u> | <u>\$ 2,965,580</u> | <u>\$ 3,169,215</u> | <u>\$ 3,386,205</u> | <u>\$ 3,653,112</u> | <u>\$ 3,173,410</u> | <u>\$ 2,893,153</u> | <u>\$ 3,560,878</u> | <u>\$ 3,484,750</u> | <u>\$ 3,771,609</u> |
| Net (Expense)/Revenue | | | | | | | | | | |
| Governmental activities | \$ (2,873,917) | \$ (3,305,124) | \$ (3,163,410) | \$ (3,229,273) | \$ (3,386,153) | \$ (3,269,078) | \$ (3,486,180) | \$ (3,475,845) | \$ (3,723,175) | \$ (3,695,509) |
| Business-type activities | 6,303 | (15,161) | (4,006) | (2,492) | (7,947) | (395) | (1,192) | 4,252 | 5,829 | 1,545 |
| Total district-wide net expense | <u>\$ (2,867,614)</u> | <u>\$ (3,320,285)</u> | <u>\$ (3,167,416)</u> | <u>\$ (3,231,765)</u> | <u>\$ (3,394,100)</u> | <u>\$ (3,269,473)</u> | <u>\$ (3,487,372)</u> | <u>\$ (3,471,593)</u> | <u>\$ (3,717,346)</u> | <u>\$ (3,693,964)</u> |

Alpha Borough School District
Changes in Net Position, Last Ten Fiscal Years
(accrual basis of accounting)

Exhibit J-2

| | Fiscal Year Ending June 30, | | | | | | | | | |
|---|-----------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 |
| General Revenues and Other Changes in Net Position | | | | | | | | | | |
| Governmental activities: | | | | | | | | | | |
| Property taxes levied for general purposes, net | \$ 2,984,194 | \$ 3,043,877 | \$ 3,104,754 | \$ 3,166,849 | \$ 3,261,165 | \$ 3,394,958 | \$ 3,542,857 | \$ 3,613,714 | \$ 3,885,988 | \$ 3,963,708 |
| Unrestricted grants and contributions | | | | | | | | | | |
| Investment earnings | 1,415 | 1,176 | 926 | 1,016 | 5,512 | 5,544 | 4,755 | 3,629 | 199 | 739 |
| Miscellaneous income | 18,863 | - | 1 | 1,714 | - | 15,390 | - | - | 14,889 | 19,525 |
| Transfers | | | | | | | | | | |
| Special Items | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total governmental activities | <u>3,004,472</u> | <u>3,045,053</u> | <u>3,105,681</u> | <u>3,169,579</u> | <u>3,266,677</u> | <u>3,415,892</u> | <u>3,547,612</u> | <u>3,617,343</u> | <u>3,901,076</u> | <u>3,983,972</u> |
| Business-type activities: | | | | | | | | | | |
| Investment earnings | 1,277 | 1,230 | 32 | 64 | 19 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Miscellaneous Income | | | | | | | | | | |
| Transfers | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total business-type activities | <u>1,277</u> | <u>1,230</u> | <u>32</u> | <u>64</u> | <u>19</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> |
| Total district-wide | <u>\$ 3,005,749</u> | <u>\$ 3,046,283</u> | <u>\$ 3,105,713</u> | <u>\$ 3,169,643</u> | <u>\$ 3,266,696</u> | <u>\$ 3,415,892</u> | <u>\$ 3,547,612</u> | <u>\$ 3,617,343</u> | <u>\$ 3,901,076</u> | <u>\$ 3,983,972</u> |
| Change in Net Position | | | | | | | | | | |
| Governmental activities | \$ 130,555 | \$ (57,729) | \$ (57,729) | \$ (59,694) | \$ (119,476) | \$ 146,814 | \$ 61,432 | \$ 141,498 | \$ 177,901 | \$ 288,463 |
| Business-type activities | 7,580 | (3,974) | (3,974) | (2,428) | (7,928) | (395) | (1,192) | 4,252 | 5,829 | 1,545 |
| Total district | <u>\$ 138,135</u> | <u>\$ (61,703)</u> | <u>\$ (61,703)</u> | <u>\$ (62,122)</u> | <u>\$ (127,404)</u> | <u>\$ 146,419</u> | <u>\$ 60,240</u> | <u>\$ 145,750</u> | <u>\$ 183,730</u> | <u>\$ 290,008</u> |

Source: ACFR Schedule A-2

Alpha Borough School District
Fund Balances, Governmental Funds,
Last Ten Fiscal Years
(modified accrual basis of accounting)

Exhibit J-3

| | Fiscal Year Ending June 30, | | | | | | | | | |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 |
| General Fund | | | | | | | | | | |
| Reserved | \$ 1,055,862 | \$ 834,975 | \$ 837,533 | \$ 845,423 | \$ 756,086 | \$ 957,066 | \$ 1,022,799 | \$ 1,111,515 | \$ 802,476 | \$ 1,280,193 |
| Unreserved | 68,801 | 65,086 | 69,577 | 67,626 | 64,341 | 57,739 | 58,749 | 52,285 | 382,645 | 117,119 |
| Total general fund | <u>\$ 1,124,663</u> | <u>\$ 900,061</u> | <u>\$ 907,110</u> | <u>\$ 913,049</u> | <u>\$ 820,427</u> | <u>\$ 1,014,805</u> | <u>\$ 1,081,548</u> | <u>\$ 1,163,800</u> | <u>\$ 1,185,121</u> | <u>\$ 1,397,312</u> |
| All Other Governmental Funds | | | | | | | | | | |
| Reserved | - | - | - | - | - | - | \$ 44,813 | \$ 41,641 | \$ 42,601 | \$ 42,725 |
| Unreserved, reported in: | | | | | | | | | | |
| Special revenue fund | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Capital projects fund | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Debt service fund | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Permanent fund | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total all other governmental funds | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>\$ 44,813</u> | <u>\$ 41,641</u> | <u>\$ 42,601</u> | <u>\$ 42,725</u> |

Source: ACFR Schedule B-1

**Alpha Borough School District
Changes in Fund Balances, Governmental Funds,
Last Ten Fiscal Years**

Exhibit J-4

| | <u>2014</u> | <u>2015</u> | <u>2016</u> | <u>2017</u> | <u>2018</u> | <u>2019</u> | <u>2020</u> | <u>2021</u> | <u>2022</u> | <u>2023</u> |
|--|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Revenues | | | | | | | | | | |
| Tax levy | \$ 2,984,194 | \$ 3,043,877 | \$ 3,104,754 | \$ 3,166,849 | \$ 3,261,165 | \$ 3,394,958 | \$ 3,542,857 | \$ 3,613,714 | \$ 3,885,988 | \$ 3,963,708 |
| Tuition Charges | 5,950 | 13,425 | 6,325 | 425 | - | - | - | - | - | 4,275 |
| Interest on Investments | | | | | | | | | | |
| Miscellaneous | 20,278 | 1,176 | 927 | 2,730 | 5,512 | 20,934 | 4,755 | 11,117 | 15,088 | 20,264 |
| State sources | 2,241,232 | 2,295,537 | 2,323,815 | 2,373,291 | 2,387,806 | 2,505,368 | 2,530,065 | 2,653,040 | 3,206,038 | 3,340,357 |
| Federal sources | 166,301 | 122,357 | 167,867 | 142,037 | 144,658 | 118,967 | 174,871 | 214,337 | 375,290 | 700,488 |
| Total revenue | <u>5,417,955</u> | <u>5,476,372</u> | <u>5,603,688</u> | <u>5,685,332</u> | <u>5,799,141</u> | <u>6,040,227</u> | <u>6,252,548</u> | <u>6,492,208</u> | <u>7,482,404</u> | <u>8,029,092</u> |
| Expenditures | | | | | | | | | | |
| Instruction | | | | | | | | | | |
| Regular Instruction | 1,507,214 | 1,456,962 | 1,471,791 | 1,333,866 | 1,448,069 | 1,557,256 | 1,524,740 | 1,786,034 | 2,014,051 | 2,405,513 |
| Special education instruction | 519,747 | 499,136 | 504,337 | 592,466 | 520,231 | 492,106 | 628,278 | 394,473 | 514,106 | 573,156 |
| Other special instruction | 197,253 | 198,487 | 201,598 | 137,776 | 138,139 | 39,799 | 66,759 | 59,101 | 103,157 | 104,494 |
| Other instruction | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Support Services: | | | | | | | | | | |
| Tuition | 1,201,172 | 1,781,588 | 1,655,924 | 1,606,884 | 1,649,816 | 1,560,540 | 1,518,956 | 1,642,391 | 2,065,101 | 1,704,433 |
| Student & instruction related services | 540,463 | 438,158 | 361,809 | 457,612 | 369,519 | 459,558 | 630,829 | 627,965 | 502,701 | 585,711 |
| General Administrative services | 216,361 | 300,535 | 299,137 | 159,357 | 284,913 | 295,679 | 325,122 | 299,901 | 296,449 | 292,163 |
| School Administrative services | 87,765 | 1,272 | 1,500 | 149,081 | 54,161 | 59,127 | 16,366 | 18,157 | 31,712 | 31,073 |
| Central Services | 75,297 | 75,297 | 65,186 | 60,000 | 65,000 | 65,000 | 65,000 | 65,000 | 65,000 | 70,000 |
| Plant operations and maintenance | 294,420 | 262,961 | 324,659 | 309,445 | 304,653 | 325,676 | 350,491 | 329,474 | 364,877 | 371,160 |
| Pupil transportation | 175,966 | 193,326 | 184,319 | 265,746 | 259,916 | 284,729 | 286,767 | 263,167 | 329,891 | 501,058 |
| Unallocated employee benefits | 455,037 | 492,895 | 526,022 | 576,713 | 599,221 | 685,182 | 727,201 | 801,718 | 1,093,048 | 1,166,615 |
| Capital outlay | 13,607 | 357 | 357 | 30,447 | 198,165 | 21,197 | 33,706 | 115,401 | 79,444 | 11,401 |
| Transfer to Charter Schools | | | | | | | 11,590 | 10,346 | 586 | - |
| Total expenditures | <u>5,284,302</u> | <u>5,700,974</u> | <u>5,596,639</u> | <u>5,679,393</u> | <u>5,891,803</u> | <u>5,845,849</u> | <u>6,185,805</u> | <u>6,413,128</u> | <u>7,460,123</u> | <u>7,816,777</u> |
| Excess (Deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures | 133,653 | (224,602) | 7,049 | 5,939 | (92,662) | 194,378 | 66,743 | 79,080 | 22,281 | 212,315 |
| Other Financing Sources (uses) | | | | | | | | | | |
| Prior Year Receivable Canceled | | | | | | | | | | |
| Proceeds of Refunding Bonds | | | | | | | | | | |
| Payment to Refunded Bond Escrow | | | | | | | | | | |
| Transfers in | | | | | | | | | | |
| Transfers out | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total other financing sources (uses) | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> |
| Net change in fund balances | \$ 133,653 | \$ (224,602) | \$ 7,049 | \$ 5,939 | \$ (92,662) | \$ 194,378 | \$ 66,743 | \$ 79,080 | \$ 22,281 | \$ 212,315 |

Source: ACFR Schedule B-2

ALPHA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
GENERAL FUND OTHER LOCAL REVENUE BY SOURCE
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS
UNAUDITED

Exhibit J-5

| <u>Fiscal Year</u> <u>Ended June 30,</u> | <u>Interest on</u> <u>Investments</u> | <u>Refunds</u> | <u>Tuition</u> | <u>Miscellaneous</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|---|--|----------------|----------------|----------------------|--------------|
| 2014 | \$ 1,415 | | \$ 5,950 | \$ 18,863 | \$ 26,228 |
| 2015 | 1,176 | | 13,425 | | 14,601 |
| 2016 | 926 | | 6,325 | 1 | 7,252 |
| 2017 | 1,016 | | 425 | 1,714 | 3,155 |
| 2018 | 5,512 | | - | - | 5,512 |
| 2019 | 5,544 | | 15,390 | - | 20,934 |
| 2020 | 4,755 | | - | - | 4,755 |
| 2021 | 3,629 | | - | - | 3,629 |
| 2022 | 199 | | - | 2,045 | 2,244 |
| 2023 | 739 | | 4,275 | | 5,014 |

SOURCE: District Records

**Alpha Borough School District
Assessed Value and Actual Value of Taxable Property,
Last Ten Fiscal Years**

Exhibit J-6

| <u>Fiscal Year Ended June 30,</u> | <u>Vacant Land</u> | <u>Residential</u> | <u>Farm Reg.</u> | <u>Qfarm</u> | <u>Commercial</u> | <u>Industrial</u> | <u>Apartment</u> | <u>Total Assessed Value</u> | <u>Less: Tax- Exempt Property</u> | <u>Public Utilities a</u> | <u>Net Valuation Taxable</u> | <u>Total Direct School Tax Rate b</u> | <u>Estimated Actual (County Equalized Value)</u> |
|---|------------------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------------------------|---|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|--|
| 2014 | \$9,229,720 | \$146,461,600 | \$692,200 | \$224,008 | \$28,231,800 | \$20,660,800 | \$6,614,000 | \$230,415,061 | \$17,782,700 | \$518,233 | \$212,632,361 | \$1.403 | \$209,830,166 |
| 2015 | 9,229,720 | 145,874,800 | 692,200 | 462,164 | 28,541,800 | 21,206,000 | 6,614,000 | 230,662,655 | 17,782,700 | 259,271 | 212,879,955 | 1.432 | 208,369,398 |
| 2016 | 9,229,820 | 145,680,900 | 692,200 | 227,608 | 28,531,000 | 21,208,000 | 6,614,000 | 228,670,023 | 16,224,400 | 262,095 | 212,445,623 | 1.461 | 198,686,035 |
| 2017 | 8,498,300 | 145,484,900 | 911,000 | 590,208 | 28,274,300 | 21,004,200 | 6,614,000 | 228,148,877 | 16,532,100 | 239,869 | 211,616,777 | 1.497 | 211,101,403 |
| 2018 | 3,563,300 | 145,455,000 | 911,000 | 590,208 | 28,293,100 | 21,004,200 | 6,614,000 | 228,266,341 | 21,603,800 | 231,733 | 206,662,541 | 1.579 | 207,743,573 |
| 2019 | 3,146,300 | 145,794,000 | 911,000 | 223,787 | 28,235,800 | 21,004,200 | 6,620,700 | 228,635,521 | 22,461,400 | 238,334 | 206,174,121 | 1.647 | 202,368,218 |
| 2020 | 3,580,900 | 146,600,900 | 911,000 | 223,787 | 27,886,600 | 21,004,200 | 6,620,700 | 229,531,029 | 22,463,000 | 239,942 | 207,068,029 | 1.711 | 201,256,446 |
| 2021 | 4,067,800 | 146,663,300 | 692,200 | 206,630 | 39,464,100 | 20,959,700 | 6,672,300 | 241,674,014 | 22,706,100 | 241,884 | 218,967,914 | 1.650 | 218,967,914 |
| 2022 | 3,851,500 | 146,854,500 | 692,200 | 211,140 | 37,536,300 | 20,969,700 | 6,672,300 | 239,941,395 | 22,910,700 | 243,055 | 217,030,695 | 1.791 | 221,934,470 |
| 2023 | 3,851,500 | 147,025,800 | 692,200 | 213,070 | 37,486,300 | 20,969,700 | 6,672,300 | 240,066,438 | 22,910,700 | 244,868 | 217,155,738 | 1.825 | 231,653,853 |

Source: District records Tax list summary & Municipal Tax Assessor

Note: Real property is required to be assessed at some percentage of true value (fair or market value) established by each county board of taxation.

Reassessment occurs when ordered by the County Board of Taxation

a Taxable Value of Machinery, Implements and Equipment of Telephone, Telegraph and Messenger System Companies

b Tax rates are per \$100

**Alpha Borough School District
Direct and Overlapping Property Tax Rates
Last Ten Fiscal Years**

Exhibit J-7

(rate per \$100 of assessed value)

| Fiscal Year Ended June 30, | Alpha Borough School District | | | Overlapping Rates | | Total Direct and Overlapping Tax Rate |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|--|--------------|-------------------|------------------|---|
| | Basic Rate ^a | General Obligation Debt Service ^b | Total Direct | Borough | Warren County | |
| 2014 | \$1.403 | N/A | \$1.403 | \$0.898 | \$0.653 | \$2.954 |
| 2015 | \$1.432 | N/A | \$1.432 | \$0.896 | \$0.702 | \$3.030 |
| 2016 | \$1.461 | N/A | \$1.461 | \$0.899 | \$0.676 | \$3.036 |
| 2017 | \$1.497 | N/A | \$1.497 | \$0.897 | \$0.709 | \$3.103 |
| 2018 | \$1.579 | N/A | \$1.579 | \$0.897 | \$0.714 | \$3.190 |
| 2019 | \$1.647 | N/A | \$1.647 | \$0.896 | \$0.663 | \$3.206 |
| 2020 | \$1.711 | N/A | \$1.711 | \$0.874 | \$0.647 | \$3.232 |
| 2021 | \$1.650 | N/A | \$1.650 | \$0.871 | \$0.670 | \$3.191 |
| 2022 | \$1.791 | N/A | \$1.791 | \$0.873 | \$0.657 | \$3.321 |
| 2023 | \$1.825 | N/A | \$1.825 | \$0.890 | \$0.667 | \$3.382 |

Source: District Records and Municipal Tax Collector

Note:

NJSA 18A:7F-5d limits the amount that the district can submit for a general fund tax levy . The levy when added to other components of the district's net budget may not exceed the prebudget year net budget by more than the spending growth limitation calculated as follows: the prebudget year net budget increased by the cost of living or 2.5%, whichever is greater, plus any spending growth adjustments.

a The district's basic tax rate is calculated from the A4F form which is submitted with the budget and the Net valuation taxable.

b Rates for debt service are based on each year's requirements.

**Alpha Borough School District
Principal Property Tax Payers
Current Year and Nine Years Ago**

Exhibit J-8

| Taxpayer | 2021 | | | 2003 | | |
|---|------------------------|-----------------|--|------------------------|-----------------|--|
| | Taxable Assessed Value | Rank [Optional] | % of Total District Net Assessed Value | Taxable Assessed Value | Rank [Optional] | % of Total District Net Assessed Value |
| BWS Properties LLC | \$ 8,283,300 | 1 | 3.81% | | | |
| GJ Oliver Inc. | 4,999,700 | 2 | 2.30% | \$ 3,198,500 | 2 | 2.64% |
| Baramax LLC | 4,359,700 | 3 | 2.01% | 2,710,800 | 3 | 2.24% |
| 962 High Street LLC | 3,522,200 | 4 | 1.62% | 3,230,000 | 1 | 2.67% |
| Hunterdon Transformer Co., Inc. | 3,278,300 | 5 | 1.51% | | | |
| Trapaziod Associates | 2,793,700 | 6 | 1.29% | | | |
| Alpha Press Company | 1,389,900 | 7 | 0.64% | | | |
| Alpha Lehigh Tool and Machine Shop and Save Shopping Center | 1,337,700 | 8 | 0.62% | 866,340 | 7 | 0.72% |
| Alphawarren Properties | 1,150,000 | 9 | 0.53% | | | |
| | 1,006,200 | 10 | 0.46% | | | |
| Individual Property Owner | | | | 1,706,700 | 4 | 1.41% |
| Sheridan printing Company | | | | 1,075,800 | 5 | 0.89% |
| Woodhill Alpha LLC | | | | 899,790 | 6 | 0.74% |
| Alma School Landfill Inc. | | | | 805,000 | 8 | 0.67% |
| Alpha Lumber Co. | | | | 725,000 | 9 | 0.60% |
| Glen Magnetics | | | | 640,000 | 10 | 0.53% |
| Total | <u>\$ 32,120,700</u> | | <u>14.79%</u> | <u>\$ 15,857,930</u> | | <u>13.11%</u> |

Source: District ACFR & Municipal Tax Assessor

**Alpha Borough School District
Property Tax Levies and Collections,
Last Ten Fiscal Years**

Exhibit J-9

| Fiscal Year Ended June 30, | Taxes Levied for the Fiscal Year | Collected within the Fiscal Year of the Levy | | Collections in Subsequent Years |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|-----------------------|---------------------------------------|
| | | Amount | Percentage of Levy | |
| 2014 | \$ 2,984,194 | \$ 2,984,194 | 100.00% | - |
| 2015 | \$ 3,043,877 | \$ 3,043,877 | 100.00% | - |
| 2016 | \$ 3,104,754 | \$ 3,104,754 | 100.00% | - |
| 2017 | \$ 3,166,849 | \$ 3,166,849 | 100.00% | - |
| 2018 | \$ 3,261,165 | \$ 3,261,165 | 100.00% | - |
| 2019 | \$ 3,394,958 | \$ 3,394,958 | 100.00% | - |
| 2020 | \$ 3,542,857 | \$ 3,542,857 | 100.00% | - |
| 2021 | \$ 3,613,714 | \$ 3,613,714 | 100.00% | - |
| 2022 | \$ 3,885,988 | \$ 3,885,988 | 100.00% | - |
| 2023 | \$ 3,963,708 | \$ 3,963,708 | 100.00% | - |

Source: District records including the Certificate and Report of School Taxes (A4F form)

Note: School taxes are collected by the Municipal Tax Collector. Under New Jersey State Statute, a municipality is required to remit to the school district the entire property tax balance, in the amount voted upon or certified prior to the end of the school year.

**Alpha Borough School District
Ratios of Outstanding Debt by Type
Last Ten Fiscal Years**

Exhibit J-10

| Fiscal Year Ended June 30, | Governmental Activities | | | | Business-Type Activities | | Percentage of Personal Income ^a | Per Capita ^a |
|----------------------------------|---|----------------------------------|-------------------|---|-----------------------------|----------------|--|-------------------------|
| | General Obligation Bonds ^b | Certificates of Participation | Capital Leases | Bond Anticipation Notes (BANs) | Capital Leases | Total District | | |
| 2014 | | | | | | | | |
| 2015 | | | | | | | | |
| 2016 | | | | | | | | |
| 2017 | | | | | | | | |
| 2018 | Not Applicable; The district has no bonded debt for the last ten fiscal years | | | | | | | |
| 2019 | | | | | | | | |
| 2020 | | | | | | | | |
| 2021 | | | | | | | | |
| 2022 | | | | | | | | |
| 2023 | | | | | | | | |

Source: District ACFR Schedules I-1, I-2

Note: Details regarding the district's outstanding debt can be found in the notes to the financial statements.

a See Exhibit NJ J-14 for personal income and population data. These ratios are calculated using personal income and population for the prior calendar year.

b Includes Early Retirement Incentive Plan (ERIP) refunding

**Alpha Borough School District
Ratios of Net General Bonded Debt Outstanding
Last Ten Fiscal Years**

Exhibit J-11

| Fiscal Year Ended June 30, | General Bonded Debt Outstanding | | | Percentage of Actual Taxable Value ^a of Property | Per Capita ^b |
|-------------------------------|---|------------|---|--|-------------------------|
| | General Obligation Bonds | Deductions | Net General Bonded Debt Outstanding | | |
| 2014 | | | | | |
| 2015 | | | | | |
| 2016 | | | | | |
| 2017 | Not Applicable; The district has no bonded debt for the last ten fiscal years | | | | |
| 2018 | | | | | |
| 2019 | | | | | |
| 2020 | | | | | |
| 2021 | | | | | |
| 2022 | | | | | |
| 2023 | | | | | |

Note: Details regarding the district's outstanding debt can be found in the notes to the financial statements.

a See Exhibit NJ J-6 for property tax data.

b Population data can be found in Exhibit NJ J-14.

* Current data unavailable

**Alpha Borough School District
 Ratios of Overlapping Governmental Activities Debt
 As of June 30, 2023**

Exhibit J-12

| <u>Governmental Unit</u> | <u>Debt Outstanding</u> | <u>Estimated Percentage Applicable ^a</u> | <u>Estimated Share of Overlapping Debt</u> |
|--|-----------------------------|---|--|
| Debt repaid with property taxes | | | |
| Alpha Borough | \$ 3,563,004 | 100.000% | \$ 3,563,004 |
| Other debt | | | |
| Warren County | 830,000 | 1.910% | <u>15,850</u> |
| Subtotal, overlapping debt | | | 3,578,854 |
| Alpha Borough School District Direct Debt | | | <u>-</u> |
| Total direct and overlapping debt | | | <u><u>\$ 3,578,854</u></u> |

Sources: Constituent Boroughs Finance Officers, Warren County Finance Office and Utility Authorities

Note: Overlapping governments are those that coincide, at least in part, with the geographic boundaries of the District. This schedule estimates the portion of the outstanding debt of those overlapping governments that is borne by the residents and businesses of the district. This process recognizes that, when considering the District's ability to issue and repay long-term debt, the entire debt burden borne by the residents and businesses should be taken into account. However this does not imply that every taxpayer is a resident, and therefore responsible for repaying the debt, of each overlapping payment.

a For debt repaid with property taxes, the percentage of overlapping debt applicable is estimated using taxable assessed property values. Applicable percentages were estimated by determining the portion of another governmental unit's taxable value that is within the district's boundaries and dividing it by each unit's total taxable value.

**Alpha Borough School District
Legal Debt Margin Information
Last Ten Fiscal Years**

Exhibit J-13

Legal Debt Margin Calculation for Fiscal Year 2023

| | |
|---|---------------------------|
| | Equalized valuation basis |
| | 2020 222,863,797 |
| | 2021 230,525,230 |
| | 2022 243,227,807 |
| | [A] \$ <u>696,616,834</u> |
| Average equalized valuation of taxable property | [A/3] \$ 232,205,611 |
| Debt limit (3 % of average equalization value) | [B] 6,966,168 |
| Net bonded school debt | [C] - |
| Legal debt margin | [B-C] \$ <u>6,966,168</u> |

| | <u>2014</u> | <u>2015</u> | <u>2016</u> | <u>2017</u> | <u>2018</u> | <u>2019</u> | <u>2020</u> | <u>2021</u> | <u>2022</u> | <u>2023</u> |
|---|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Debt limit | \$6,311,437 | \$6,128,710 | \$6,151,758 | \$6,198,726 | \$6,235,801 | \$6,120,776 | \$6,126,822 | \$6,340,518 | \$6,654,128 | \$6,966,168 |
| Total net debt applicable to limit | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Legal debt margin | <u>\$6,311,437</u> | <u>\$6,128,710</u> | <u>\$6,151,758</u> | <u>\$6,198,726</u> | <u>\$6,235,801</u> | <u>\$6,120,776</u> | <u>\$6,126,822</u> | <u>\$6,340,518</u> | <u>\$6,654,128</u> | <u>\$6,966,168</u> |
| Total net debt applicable to the limit as a percentage of debt limit | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% |

Source: Abstract of Ratables and District Records ACFR Schedule J-7

a Limit set by NJSA 18A:24-19 for a K through 8 district; other % limits would be applicable for other districts

**Alpha Borough School District
Demographic and Economic Statistics
Last Ten Fiscal Years**

Exhibit J-14

| <u>Year</u> | <u>Population ^a</u> | <u>Personal Income (thousands of dollars) ^b</u> | <u>Per Capita Personal Income ^c</u> | <u>Unemploymen t Rate ^d</u> |
|-------------|--------------------------------|--|--|--|
| 2014 | 2,315 | \$112,601,566 | \$48,887 R | 5.6% |
| 2015 | 2,314 | \$116,721,192 | \$50,741 R | 4.3% |
| 2016 | 2,306 | \$119,013,102 | \$51,503 R | 3.8% |
| 2017 | 2,289 | \$118,447,108 | \$53,149 R | 3.8% |
| 2018 | 2,278 | \$118,189,838 | \$54,973 R | 3.5% |
| 2019 | 2,274 | \$121,675,963 | \$56,956 R | 3.5% |
| 2020 | 2,263 | \$121,675,963 | \$60,525 R | 8.1% |
| 2021 | 2,263 | \$136,968,075 | \$63,041 R | 5.2% |
| 2022 | 2,337 | \$141,446,925 | \$63,041 * | 3.4% |
| 2023 | 2,344 | \$147,768,104 | \$63,041 * | * |

Source:

^a Combined Population information provided by the NJ Dept of Labor and Workforce Development

^b Personal Income provided by US Dept of Commerce

^c Per Capita provided by NJ Dept of Labor

^d Unemployment data provided by the NJ Dept of Labor and Workforce Development

R =Revised

P =Projected

* Current figure unavailable

**Alpha Borough School District
Principal Employers,
Current Year and Nine Years Ago**

Exhibit J-15

| Employer | 2023 | | | 2014 | | |
|-----------------|------------------|----------------------------|---|------------------|------------------------|---|
| | Employees | Rank (Optional) | Percentage of Total Employment | Employees | Rank (Optional) | Percentage of Total Employment |
| | | N/A | | | N/A | |
| | - | | 0.00% | - | | 0.00% |

Source:
Information not available at municipal or county level

**Alpha Borough School District
Full-time Equivalent District Employees by Function/Program,
Last Ten Fiscal Years**

Exhibit J-16

| <u>Function/Program</u> | <u>2014</u> | <u>2015</u> | <u>2016</u> | <u>2017</u> | <u>2018</u> | <u>2019</u> | <u>2020</u> | <u>2021</u> | <u>2022</u> | <u>2023</u> |
|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Instruction | | | | | | | | | | |
| Regular | 20.5 | 20.5 | 17.8 | 20.0 | 20.0 | 20.0 | 20.0 | 21.5 | 21.5 | 20.5 |
| Special education | 6.0 | 4.5 | 4.5 | 4.5 | 4.5 | 4.5 | 4.5 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 5.0 |
| Other Special Education | 2.0 | 2.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 |
| Support Services: | | | | | | | | | | |
| Student & instruction related services | 1.0 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 4.0 | 4.0 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 5.5 | 5.5 | 6.0 |
| General administrative services | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 |
| School administrative services | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.5 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 |
| Central services | - | - | - | | | | | | | |
| Plant operations and maintenance | 2.3 | 3.0 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 |
| Total | 34.8 | 33.5 | 29.8 | 35.0 | 35.0 | 36.0 | 36.0 | 39.5 | 39.5 | 39.0 |

Source: District Personnel Records

**Alpha Borough School District
Operating Statistics
Last Ten Fiscal Years**

Exhibit J-17

| Fiscal Year | Enrollment | Operating Expenditures^a | Cost Per Pupil | Percentage Change | Teaching Staff^b | Pupil/Teacher Ratio | Average Daily Enrollment (ADE)^c | Average Daily Attendance (ADA)^c | % Change in Average Daily Enrollment | Student Attendance Percentage |
|--------------------|-------------------|---|-----------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|---|---|---|--------------------------------------|
| 2014 | 239 | \$5,270,695 | \$22,053 | 6.16% | 35.00 | 1:6.8 | 238.9 | 227.8 | -6.73% | 95.35% |
| 2015 | 242 | 5,700,617 | 23,556 | 6.82% | 35.00 | 1:6.9 | 221.9 | 213.6 | -7.12% | 96.26% |
| 2016 | 209 | 5,596,282 | 26,776 | 13.67% | 30.00 | 1:7.0 | 204.0 | 195.9 | -8.05% | 96.03% |
| 2017 | 193 | 5,648,946 | 29,269 | 9.31% | 35.00 | 1:5.5 | 193.3 | 183.6 | -5.26% | 94.98% |
| 2018 | 211 | 5,693,598 | 26,984 | -7.81% | 35.00 | 1:6.0 | 208.4 | 198.5 | 7.81% | 95.25% |
| 2019 | 214 | 5,824,652 | 27,218 | 0.87% | 35.00 | 1:6.1 | 209.8 | 200.5 | 0.67% | 95.57% |
| 2020 | 205 | 6,140,509 | 29,954 | 10.05% | 36.00 | 1:5.7 | 206.7 | 200.7 | -1.48% | 97.10% |
| 2021 | 182 | 6,287,381 | 34,546 | 15.33% | 39.50 | 1:4.6 | 154.5 | 140.7 | -25.25% | 91.07% |
| 2022 | 195 | 7,380,093 | 37,847 | 9.55% | 39.50 | 1:4.9 | 191.4 | 173.4 | 23.88% | 90.60% |
| 2023 | 201 | 7,805,376 | 38,833 | 2.61% | 39.50 | 1:5.1 | 201.5 | 187.6 | 5.27% | 93.11% |

Sources: District records, ASSA and Schedules J-4.

Note: Enrollment based on annual October district count.

- a Operating expenditures equal total expenditures less debt service and capital outlay; Schedule J-1
- b Teaching staff includes only full-time equivalents of certificated staff.
- c Average daily enrollment and average daily attendance are obtained from the School Register Summary (SRS).

**Alpha Borough School District
School Building Information
Last Ten Fiscal Years**

Exhibit J-18

| | <u>2014</u> | <u>2015</u> | <u>2016</u> | <u>2017</u> | <u>2018</u> | <u>2019</u> | <u>2020</u> | <u>2021</u> | <u>2022</u> | <u>2023</u> |
|---------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| <u>District Building</u> | | | | | | | | | | |
| <u>Elementary</u> | | | | | | | | | | |
| Alpha Public School (1917) | | | | | | | | | | |
| Square Feet | 22,547 | 22,547 | 22,547 | 22,547 | 22,547 | 22,547 | 22,547 | 22,547 | 22,547 | 22,547 |
| Capacity (students) | 350 | 350 | 350 | 350 | 350 | 350 | 350 | 350 | 350 | 350 |
| Enrollment | 239 | 242 | 209 | 193 | 211 | 214 | 205 | 182 | 195 | 201 |

Number of Schools at June 30, 2023
Elementary & Middle = 1

Source: District Facilities Office

Note: Year of original construction is shown in parentheses. Increases in square footage and capacity are the result of renovations and/or additions. Enrollment is based on the annual October district count.

Alpha Borough School District

GENERAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF REQUIRED MAINTENANCE FOR SCHOOL FACILITIES
Last Ten Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2023

Exhibit J-19

UNDISTRIBUTED EXPENDITURES - REQUIRED
 MAINTENANCE FOR SCHOOL FACILITIES
 11-000-261-xxx

| <u>School Facilities</u> | <u>Project #</u> | <u>2014</u> | <u>2015</u> | <u>2016</u> | <u>2017</u> | <u>2018</u> | <u>2019</u> | <u>2020</u> | <u>2021</u> | <u>2022</u> | <u>2023</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|--------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Alpha Borough School | 040 | \$ 56,780 | \$ 46,723 | \$ 66,587 | \$ 63,266 | \$ 60,939 | \$ 55,484 | \$ 75,925 | \$ 34,136 | \$ 51,782 | \$ 58,135 | \$ 569,757 |
| Grand Total | | \$ 56,780 | \$ 46,723 | \$ 66,587 | \$ 63,266 | \$ 60,939 | \$ 55,484 | \$ 75,925 | \$ 34,136 | \$ 51,782 | \$ 58,135 | \$ 569,757 |

ALPHA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

INSURANCE SCHEDULE

June 30, 2023

UNAUDITED

Exhibit J-20

| <u>POLICY TYPE</u> | <u>COVERAGE</u> | <u>DEDUCTIBLE</u> |
|--|-----------------|-------------------|
| COMMERCIAL PACKAGE POLICY - School Alliance Insurance fund | | |
| Property-Blanket Building and Contents (fund limit) | \$ 500,000,000 | \$ 1,000 |
| LIABILITY - School Alliance Insurance Fund | | |
| Comprehensive General Liability | 5,000,000 | None |
| Automobile Liability | 5,000,000 | None |
| Employee Benefit Liability | 5,000,000 | 1,000 |
| SCHOOL BOARD LEGAL LIABILITY - School Alliance Insurance Fund | | |
| (ACE) - Limit of Liability | 5,000,000 | 5,000 |
| PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' FAITHFUL PERFORMANCE | | |
| BLANKET POSITION BOND-Selective Insurance Company | | |
| Treasurer | 200,000 | |
| ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICE - School Alliance Insurance Fund | | |
| Pollution Liability | 1,000,000 | 25,000 |

SOURCE: District Records

Single Audit Section



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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*

Independent Auditor's Report

Honorable President and
 Members of the Board of Education
 Alpha Borough School District
 County of Warren
 Alpha, New Jersey 08865

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, and audit requirements as prescribed by the Office of School Finance, Department of Education, State of New Jersey, the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Alpha Borough School District Board of Education in the County of Warren, State of New Jersey, as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Alpha Borough School District Board of Education's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated October 26, 2023.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

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

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

Compliance and Other Matters

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

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 for New Jersey Department of Education use, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with ***Government Auditing Standards*** in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

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October 26, 2023

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Independent Auditor's Report on Compliance For Each Major Program and on Internal Control Over Compliance Required by New Jersey OMB circular 15-08

Honorable President and
 Members of the Board of Education
 Alpha Borough School District
 County of Warren
 Alpha, New Jersey 08865

Report on Compliance for Each Major State Program

Opinion on Each Major State Program

We have audited the Alpha Borough School District Board of Education's compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the New Jersey State Aid/Grant Compliance Supplement that could have a direct and material effect on each of the District's major state programs for the year ended June 30, 2023. The Alpha Borough School District Board of Education's major state programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

In our opinion, the Alpha Borough School District Board of Education 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 state programs for the year ended June 30, 2023.

Basis for Opinion on Each Major State 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; the audit requirements as prescribed by the Office of School Finance, Department of Education, State of New Jersey; and New Jersey OMB's Circular 15-08, *Single Audit Policy for Recipients of Federal Grants, State Grants and State Aid*. Our responsibilities under those standards, and New Jersey OMB Circular 15-08 are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section of our report.

We are required to be independent of the Alpha Borough School District Board of Education, 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 opinion on compliance for each major state program. Our audit does not provide a legal determination of the Alpha Borough School District Board of Education's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above.

Responsibilities of Management for Compliance

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

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Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether material noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above occurred, whether due to fraud or error, and express an opinion on the 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 New Jersey OMB Circular 15-08 will always detect material noncompliance when it exists. The risk of not detecting material noncompliance resulting from fraud is higher than for that resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above is considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, it would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user of the report on compliance about the District's compliance with the requirements of each major state program as a whole.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, ***Government Auditing Standards***, and New Jersey OMB Circular 15-08, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material noncompliance, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the District's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.
- Obtain an understanding of the 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 New Jersey OMB Circular 15-08, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of 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 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.

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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 New Jersey OMB circular 15-08, and for New Jersey Department of Education use. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

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Alpha Borough School District

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Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards
for the Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2023

Schedule A

| Federal Grantor/Pass-through Grantor/Program Title | Federal Assistance Listing No. | FAIN Number | Grant or State Project Number | Program or Award Amount | Grant Period | | Balance At June 30, 2022 | Carryover/Walkover Amount | Cash Received | Budgetary Expenditures | Adjust. | Repayment of Prior Years' Balances | Balance at June 30, 2023 | | | Cumulative Total Expenditures |
|--|--------------------------------|---------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------|---------|--------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|------------------------|----------|------------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------|----------------|-------------------------------|
| | | | | | From | To | | | | | | | Accounts Receivable | Deferred Revenue | Due to Grantor | |
| U.S. Department of Education Passed-Through State Dept. of Education: | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Special Revenue Fund: | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| TITLE I | 84.010 | S010A220030 | N/A | \$ 56,600 | 7/1/22 | 6/30/23 | \$ (3,527) | | \$ 60,127 | \$ (56,600) | | | | | | \$ 56,600 |
| TITLE II (A) | 84.367 | S367B220027 | N/A | 9,552 | 7/1/22 | 6/30/23 | | | 9,552 | (9,552) | | | | | | 9,552 |
| TITLE IV | 84.424A | S424B220027 | N/A | 10,000 | 7/1/22 | 6/30/23 | (11,217) | | 20,717 | (10,000) | | \$ (500) | | | | 10,000 |
| Total ESEA | | | | | | | (14,744) | - | 90,396 | (76,152) | - | - | (500) | - | - | 76,152 |
| I.D.E.A. Part B, Basic Regular | 84.027 | H027A220100 | FT-1785-22 | 66,893 | 7/1/22 | 6/30/23 | (2,299) | | 69,192 | (66,893) | | | | | | 66,893 |
| I.D.E.A. Part B, Preschool | 84.173 | H173A220114 | FT-1785-22 | 1,937 | 7/1/22 | 6/30/23 | | | 1,937 | (1,937) | | | | | | 1,937 |
| Total Special Education Cluster | | | | | | | (2,299) | - | 71,129 | (68,830) | - | - | - | - | - | 68,830 |
| American Rescue Plan-ESSER III | 84.425U | S425U220027 | ARP | 412,332 | 3/13/20 | 9/30/24 | | | 412,332 | (412,332) | | | | | | 412,332 |
| American Rescue Plan-Accel. Learn. Coaching & Ed. Support | 84.425U | S425U220027 | ARP | 50,000 | 3/13/20 | 9/30/24 | (4,782) | | 44,134 | (43,709) | | (5,866) | \$ 1,509 | | | 48,491 |
| American Rescue Plan-Evidence Based Summer Learning | 84.425U | S425U220027 | ARP | 40,000 | 3/13/20 | 9/30/24 | | | 12,641 | (12,641) | | (27,359) | 27,359 | | | 12,641 |
| American Rescue Plan-Evidence Based Beyond the Sch. Day | 84.425U | S425U220027 | ARP | 40,000 | 3/13/20 | 9/30/24 | | | 14,680 | (14,680) | | (25,320) | 25,320 | | | 25,320 |
| American Rescue Plan-NJTSS Mental Health Support Staffing | 84.425U | S425U220027 | ARP | 45,000 | 3/13/20 | 9/30/24 | (15,297) | | 45,000 | (29,703) | | - | - | | | 45,000 |
| Total Education Stabilization Fund | | | | | | | (20,079) | - | 528,787 | (513,065) | - | - | (58,545) | 54,188 | - | 543,784 |
| Total Special Revenue Fund | | | | | | | (37,122) | - | 690,312 | (658,047) | - | - | (59,045) | 54,188 | - | 688,766 |
| U.S. Dept. of Agriculture Passed-Through State Dept. of Education: | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Enterprise Fund: | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Child Nutrition Cluster: | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| National School Lunch Program (Food Distribution) | 10.555 | 221NJ304N1099 | N/A | | 7/1/21 | 6/30/22 | \$ 1,353 | | | (1,353) | | | | | | 1,353 |
| National School Lunch Program (Food Distribution) | 10.555 | 231NJ304N1199 | N/A | 8,484 | 7/1/22 | 6/30/23 | | | 8,484 | (6,686) | | | 1,798 | | | 6,686 |
| School Breakfast Program | 10.553 | 221NJ304N1099 | N/A | | 7/1/21 | 6/30/22 | (776) | | 776 | | | | | | | |
| School Breakfast Program | 10.553 | 231NJ304N1199 | N/A | 2,165 | 7/1/22 | 6/30/23 | | | 2,093 | (2,165) | | (72) | | | | 2,165 |
| National School Lunch Program | 10.555 | 221NJ304N1099 | N/A | | 7/1/21 | 6/30/22 | (1,315) | | 1,315 | | | | | | | |
| National School Lunch Program | 10.555 | 231NJ304N1199 | N/A | 36,780 | 7/1/22 | 6/30/23 | | | 36,466 | (36,780) | | (314) | | | | 36,780 |
| Supply Chain Assistance Funding | 10.555 | 231NJ344N8903 | N/A | 23,332 | 7/1/22 | 6/30/23 | | | 23,332 | (23,332) | | - | | | | 23,332 |
| Total Enterprise Fund | | | | | | | (738) | - | 72,466 | (70,316) | - | - | (386) | 1,798 | - | 70,316 |
| TOTAL FEDERAL ASSISTANCE | | | | | | | \$ (37,860) | - | \$ 762,778 | \$ (728,363) | - | - | \$ (59,431) | \$ 55,986 | - | \$ 759,082 |

The accompanying Notes to Schedules of Expenditures of Awards and Financial Assistance are an integral part of this schedule.

Note: This Schedule was not subject to an audit in accordance with OMB Uniform Guidance.

Alpha Borough School District

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Schedule of Expenditures of State Financial Assistance
for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023

Schedule B

| STATE GRANTOR/PASS-THROUGH GRANTOR/PROGRAM TITLE | GRANT OR STATE PROJECT NUMBER | GRANT PERIOD | AWARD AMOUNT | BALANCE 6/30/2022 | WALKOVER/ CARRY- OVER AMOUNT | CASH RECEIVED | BUDGETARY EXPEND. | ADJUST. | REPAY. OF PRIOR YEARS' BALANCES | BALANCE AT JUNE 30, 2023 | | | MEMO | | |
|--|----------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|---------|--|--------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| | | | | | | | | | | (ACCTS. RECEIV.) | DEFER. REVENUE | DUE TO GRANTOR | BUDGETARY RECEIVABLE | CUMULATIVE TOTAL EXPEND. | |
| STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| General Fund: | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Equalization Aid | 23-495-034-5122-078 | 7/1/22-6/30/23 | \$ 1,603,176 | | | \$ 1,603,176 | \$ (1,603,176) | | | | | | | | * |
| Transportation Aid | 23-495-034-5122-014 | 7/1/22-6/30/23 | 73,684 | | | 73,684 | (73,684) | | | | | | | | * |
| Special Education Aid | 23-495-034-5122-089 | 7/1/22-6/30/23 | 199,203 | | | 199,203 | (199,203) | | | | | | | | * |
| Security Aid | 23-495-034-5122-084 | 7/1/22-6/30/23 | 10,077 | | | 10,077 | (10,077) | | | | | | | | * |
| Maintenance of Equity Aid | 23-495-034-5120-128 | 7/1/22-6/30/23 | 383,648 | | | | (383,648) | | | \$ (383,648) | | | | | * |
| Maintenance of Equity Aid | 22-495-034-5120-128 | 7/1/21-6/30/22 | 291,744 | \$ (291,744) | | 291,744 | - | | | - | | | | | * |
| Extra-ordinary Aid | 23-495-034-5123-044 | 7/1/22-6/30/23 | 54,138 | | | | (54,138) | | | (54,138) | | | | | * |
| Extra-ordinary Aid | 22-495-034-5123-044 | 7/1/21-6/30/22 | 30,572 | (30,572) | | 30,572 | - | | | - | | | | | * |
| Non-Public Transportation Aid | 23-100-034-5123-068 | 7/1/22-6/30/23 | 1,560 | | | | (1,560) | | | (1,560) | | | | | * |
| Non-Public Transportation Aid | 22-100-034-5123-068 | 7/1/21-6/30/22 | 1,450 | (1,450) | | 1,450 | - | | | - | | | | | * |
| On Behalf TPAF Pension | 23-495-034-5094-002 | 7/1/22-6/30/23 | 680,992 | | | 680,992 | (680,992) | | | | | | | | * |
| On Behalf TPAF Pension PRM | 23-495-034-5094-001 | 7/1/22-6/30/23 | 178,895 | | | 178,895 | (178,895) | | | | | | | | * |
| On Behalf TPAF Pension LTD Ins | 23-495-034-5094-004 | 7/1/22-6/30/23 | 224 | | | 224 | (224) | | | | | | | | * |
| Reimbursed TPAF Soc. Secur. Contrib. | 23-495-034-5094-003 | 7/1/22-6/30/23 | 152,218 | (6,956) | | 151,956 | (152,218) | | | (7,218) | | | | | * |
| Total General Fund | | | | (330,722) | | 3,221,973 | (3,337,815) | | | (446,564) | | | | | * |
| Enterprise Fund: | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Nat. School Lunch Prog. (State Share) | 22-100-010-3350-023 | 7/1/21-6/30/22 | | (30) | | 30 | | | | | | | | | * |
| Nat. School Lunch Prog. (State Share) | 23-100-010-3350-023 | 7/1/22-6/30/23 | 922 | | | 913 | (922) | | | (9) | | | | | * |
| Total Enterprise Fund | | | | (30) | | 943 | (922) | | | (9) | | | | | * |
| TOTAL STATE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE | | | | \$ (330,752) | | \$ 3,222,916 | \$ (3,338,737) | | | \$ (446,573) | | | | | \$ 188,579 \$ 3,338,737 |
| Less On-behalf TPAF Pension Amounts: | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| On Behalf TPAF Pension | 23-495-034-5094-002 | | | | | | 680,992 | | | | | | | | |
| On Behalf TPAF Pension PRM | 23-495-034-5094-001 | | | | | | 178,895 | | | | | | | | |
| On Behalf TPAF Pension LTD Ins | 23-495-034-5094-004 | | | | | | 224 | | | | | | | | |
| Total State Expenditures Subject to Major Program Determination | | | | | | | \$ (2,478,626) | | | | | | | | |

The accompanying Notes to Schedules of Expenditures of Awards and Financial Assistance are an integral part of this schedule.

NOTES TO THE SCHEDULES OF STATE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
JUNE 30, 2023

NOTE 1. GENERAL

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of state financial assistance includes state award activity of the Board of Education, Alpha Borough School District. The Board of Education is defined in Note 1 to the Board's basic financial statements. All state awards received directly from state agencies, as well as state financial assistance passed through other government agencies is included on the schedule of expenditure of state financial assistance.

NOTE 2. BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The accompanying schedules of expenditures of awards and financial assistance are presented on the budgetary basis of accounting with the exception of programs recorded in the food service fund, which are presented using the accrual basis of accounting. These bases of accounting are described in Note 1 to the Board's basic financial statements. Therefore, some amounts presented in this schedule may differ from amounts presented in, or used in the preparation of, the basic financial statements.

NOTE 3. RELATIONSHIP TO GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The basic financial statements present the general fund and special revenue fund on a GAAP basis. Budgetary comparison statements or schedules (RSI) are presented for the general fund and special revenue fund to demonstrate finance-related legal compliance in which certain revenue is permitted by law or grant agreement to be recognized in the audit year, whereas for GAAP reporting, revenue is not recognized until the subsequent year or when expenditures have been made.

The general fund is presented in the accompanying schedules on the modified accrual basis with the exception of the revenue recognition of the last state aid payment in the current budget year, which is mandated pursuant to *N.J.S.A.* 18A:22-44.2. For GAAP purposes, that payment is not recognized until the subsequent budget year due to the state deferral and recording of the last state aid payment in the subsequent year. The special revenue fund is presented in the accompanying schedules on the grant accounting budgetary basis which recognizes encumbrances as expenditures and also recognizes the related revenues, whereas the GAAP basis does not. The special revenue fund also recognizes the last state aid payment in the current budget year, consistent with *N.J.S.A.* 18A:22-4.2.

The net adjustment to reconcile from the budgetary basis to the GAAP basis is \$2,542 for the general fund and \$42,441 for the special revenue fund. See Exhibit C-3 for a reconciliation of the budgetary basis to the modified accrual basis of accounting for the general and special revenue funds. Awards and financial assistance revenues are reported in the Board's basic financial statements on a GAAP basis as presented on the following page:

NOTES TO THE SCHEDULES OF STATE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
JUNE 30, 2023

NOTE 3. (Continued)

| | <u>Federal</u> | <u>State</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|----------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| General Fund | - | \$ 3,340,357 | \$ 3,340,357 |
| Special Revenue Fund | \$ 700,488 | - | 700,488 |
| Food Service Fund | <u>70,314</u> | <u>922</u> | <u>71,236</u> |
| Total Financial Assistance | <u>\$ 770,802</u> | <u>\$ 3,341,279</u> | <u>\$ 4,112,081</u> |

NOTE 4. RELATIONSHIP TO STATE FINANCIAL REPORTS

Amounts reported in the accompanying schedules agree with the amounts reported in the related state financial reports.

NOTE 5. OTHER

Revenues and expenditures reported under the Food Distribution Program represent current year value received and current year distributions respectively. The amount reported as TPAF Pension Contributions represents the amount paid by the state on behalf of the district for the year ended June 30, 2023. TPAF Social Security Contributions represents the amount reimbursed by the state for employer's share of social security contributions for TPAF members for the year ended June 30, 2023.

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

Section I - Summary of Auditor's Results

Financial Statement Section

Type of auditor's report issued: Unmodified

Internal control over financial reporting:

1) Material weakness(es) identified? ___Yes x No

2) Were significant deficiencies identified that were not considered to be material weaknesses? ___Yes x None Reported

Noncompliance material to financial statements noted? ___Yes x No

Federal Awards

Not Applicable

Internal control over major programs:

1) Material weakness(es) identified? ___Yes ___No

2) Were significant deficiencies identified that were not considered to be material weaknesses? ___Yes ___None

Type of auditor's report issued on compliance for major programs: N/A

Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with 2 CFR 200 section .516(a) of ? ___Yes ___No

Identification of major programs:

| <u>CFDA Number(s)</u> | <u>FEIN Number(s)</u> | <u>Name of Federal Program or Cluster</u> |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|---|
| N/A | | |
| | | |
| | | |

Dollar threshold used to distinguish between Type A and Type B programs: N/A

Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee? ___yes ___no

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

State Financial Assistance Section

Dollar threshold used to distinguish between Type A and Type B programs: \$750,000

Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee? x yes no

Internal Control over major programs:

1) Material weakness(es) identified? yes x no

2) Were significant deficiencies identified that were not considered to be material weaknesses? yes x none

Type of auditor's report on compliance for major programs: Unmodified

Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with NJ OMB Circular letter 15-08 as applicable? yes x no

Identification of major programs:

State Grant/Project Number(s)

Name of State Program

| | |
|----------------------------|--|
| <u>23-495-034-5122-078</u> | <u>Equalization Aid (State Aid Cluster)</u> |
| <u>23-495-034-5122-089</u> | <u>Special Education Aid (State Aid Cluster)</u> |
| <u>23-495-034-5122-084</u> | <u>Security Aid (State Aid Cluster)</u> |
| <u>23-495-034-5122-128</u> | <u>Maintenance of Equity Aid</u> |

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

Section II-Financial Statement Findings

This section identifies the significant deficiencies, material weaknesses, fraud, noncompliance with provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, and abuse related to the financial statements for which *Government Auditing Standards* requires reporting.

Financial Statement N/A

Section III - Federal Awards and State Financial Assistance Findings and Questioned Costs

This section identifies audit findings required to be reported by 2 CFR 200 section .516 of the *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards*, and NJOMB Circular Letter 15-08, as applicable.

Federal Awards N/A

State Awards N/A

SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR YEAR AUDIT FINDINGS
AND QUESTIONED COSTS AS PREPARED BY MANAGEMENT
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

STATUS OF PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS

N/A

In accordance with *government auditing standards*, our procedures included a review of all prior year recommendations. There were no prior year findings.