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BOARD OF EDUCATION
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FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

Ridgefield Park, New Jersey

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INTRODUCTORY SECTION

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School Business Administrator/Board Secretary

February 22, 2024

Honorable President and
Members of the Board of Education
Ridgefield Park School District
County of Bergen, New Jersey

Dear Board Members:

State Department of Education statutes require that all school districts complete a set of financial statements presented in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) and audited in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America by a firm of licensed certified public accountants. Pursuant to that requirement, we hereby issue the annual comprehensive financial report (ACFR) of the Ridgefield Park Board of Education for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023.

This report consists of management's representations concerning the finances of the Ridgefield Park Board of Education. Consequently, management assumes full responsibility for the completeness and reliability of all of the information presented in this report. To provide a reasonable basis for making these representations, management of the Ridgefield Park Board of Education has established a comprehensive internal control framework that is designed both to protect the school district's assets from loss, theft, or misuse and to compile sufficient reliable information for the preparation of the Ridgefield Park Board of Education's financial statements in conformity with GAAP. Because the cost of internal controls should not outweigh their benefits, the Ridgefield Park Board of Education's comprehensive framework of internal controls has been designed to provide reasonable rather than absolute assurance that the financial statements will be free from material misstatement. As management, we assert that, to the best of our knowledge and belief, this financial report is complete and reliable in all material respects.

The Ridgefield Park Board of Education's financial statements have been audited by Lerch, Vinci & Bliss, LLP, a firm of licensed certified public accountants and public school accountants. The goal of the independent audit was to provide reasonable assurance that the financial statements of the Ridgefield Park Board of Education for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023, are free of material misstatement. The independent audit involved examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements; assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management; and evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. The independent auditor concluded, based upon the audit, that there was a reasonable basis for rendering an unmodified opinion that the Ridgefield Park Board of Education's financial statements for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023, are fairly presented in conformity with GAAP.

The independent auditors' report is presented as the first component of the financial section of this report.

The independent audit of the financial statements of the Ridgefield Park Board of Education was part of a broader, mandated "Single Audit" designed to meet the special needs of federal and state grantor agencies. The standards governing Single Audit engagements require the independent auditor to report not only on the fair presentation of the financial statements, but also on the audited government's internal controls and compliance with legal requirements, with special emphasis on internal controls and legal requirements involving the administration of federal awards and state financial assistance. These reports are available in the Single Audit Section of the Ridgefield Park Board of Education's ACFR.

GAAP requires that the management provide a narrative introduction, overview, and analysis to accompany the basic financial statements in the form of Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A). This letter of transmittal is designed to complement MD&A and should be read in conjunction with it. The Ridgefield Park Board of Education's MD&A can be found immediately following the report of the independent auditors.

1. REPORTING ENTITY AND ITS SERVICES:

Ridgefield Park District is an independent reporting entity within the criteria adopted by the GASB as established by NCGA Statement No.14. All funds of the District are included in this report. The Ridgefield Park 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 12. These include regular, vocational as well as special education for handicapped youngsters. The District completed the 2022-2023 fiscal year with an average daily enrollment of 2048 students, which is 33 students less than the previous year's enrollment. The following details the changes in the average daily enrollment of the District over the last ten years.

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Average Daily Enrollment</u>	<u>Percent Change</u>
2013-14	2,343	2.01%
2014-15	2,379	1.54%
2015-16	2,442	2.65%
2016-17	2,401	(1.68%)
2017-18	2,320	(3.37%)
2018-19	2,250	(3.02%)
2019-20	2,227	(1.02%)
2020-21	2,255	1.26%
2021-22	2,081	(7.7%)
2022-23	2,048	(1.01%)

2. ECONOMIC CONDITION AND OUTLOOK:

The Village of Ridgefield Park entered into a Master agreement dated June 30, 1981, as amended (the "Master Leasing and Option Agreement") with Hartz Mountain Industries, Inc. for a tract of land in Ridgefield Park, New Jersey consisting of approximately 46 acres (the "Redevelopment Area") located at southeast corner of the Village of Ridgefield Park, New Jersey. Pursuant to the Master Leasing and Option Agreement, Hartz Mountain has the right, from time to time, to lease parcels of land within the Redevelopment Area. To date Hartz Mountain has exercised its option to lease four parcels. One of the leases has been assigned to Daewoo International (America) Corp., and another lease has been issued to Samsung America, Inc. The ground leases are long term leases for 99 years. The parcels of land under lease have been developed for office buildings, restaurants and a movie theater. The aggregate rental paid to the Village of Ridgefield Park under the ground leases (as well as the option fee for the remaining land under the Master Leasing and Option Agreement) equals approximately \$687,000 per annum. The rental is in addition to the real estate taxes generated for the Redevelopment Area. The remaining vacant land to be leased under the Master Leasing and Option Agreement is approximately fifteen (15) acres. There are some new discussions about the development of some property in the southeastern section of the Village (building of townhouses) and as of this writing it would have minimal impact upon the school population.

3. MAJOR INITIATIVES:

Facilities:

Continue ongoing improvements throughout the district in updating the various HVAC units within Lincoln School and the Sr./Jr. High School. Finish the final phase of renovations for the Sr./Jr. High School Science Labs and Foods Lab.

Technology:

Continue evaluating the current condition of the district's technology infrastructure.

Academic:

Continue the ongoing review of the instructional programs to evaluate where the necessary modifications should be implemented moving into the School Year 2023-2024.

Professional Development:

Continue the ongoing professional development initiatives to continue the post-covid revisions to help teachers improve their educational outcomes.

4. INTERNAL ACCOUNTING CONTROLS:

Management of the District is responsible for establishing and maintaining an internal control structure designed to ensure that the assets of the District are protected from loss, theft or misuse and to ensure that adequate accounting data are compiled to allow for the preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP). The internal control structure is designed to provide reasonable, but not absolute, assurance that these objectives are met. The concept of reasonable assurance recognizes that: (1) the cost of a control should not exceed the benefits likely to be derived; and (2) the valuation of costs and benefits requires estimates and judgments by management.

As a recipient of federal and state financial assistance, the District also is responsible for ensuring that an adequate internal control structure is in place to ensure compliance with applicable laws and regulations related to those programs. This internal control structure is also subject to periodic evaluation by the District management.

As part of the District's single audit described earlier, tests are made to determine the adequacy of the internal control structure, including that portion related to federal and state financial assistance programs, as well as to determine that the District has complied with applicable laws and regulations.

5. 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 Village. Annual appropriated budgets are adopted for the general fund, the special revenue fund, and the debt service fund. The final budget amount as amended for the fiscal year 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-appropriations of fund balance in the subsequent year. Those amounts to be re-appropriated are reported as reservations of fund balance at June 30.

6. DEBT ADMINISTRATION:

At June 30, 2023, the District has no outstanding debt.

7. CASH MANAGEMENT:

The investment policy of the District is guided in large part by state statute as detailed in the "Notes to the Financial Statements". The District has adopted a cash management plan which requires it to deposit public funds in public depositories protected from loss under the provisions of the Governmental Unit Deposit Protection Act ("GUDPA"). GUDPA was enacted in 1970 to protect Governmental 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.

8. RISK MANAGEMENT:

The Board carries various forms of insurance, including but not limited to general liability, automobile liability, hazard and theft insurance on property and contents, and fidelity bonds.

9. OTHER INFORMATION:

Independent Audit - State statutes require an annual audit by independent certified public accountants or registered municipal accountants. The accounting firm of Lerch, Vinci & Bliss, LLP was selected by the Board. In addition to meeting requirements set forth in state statutes, the audit also was designed to meet the single audit requirements of the U.S. Uniform Guidance and State Treasury Circular Letter 15-08 OMB. The auditor's report on the basic financial statements 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.

10. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

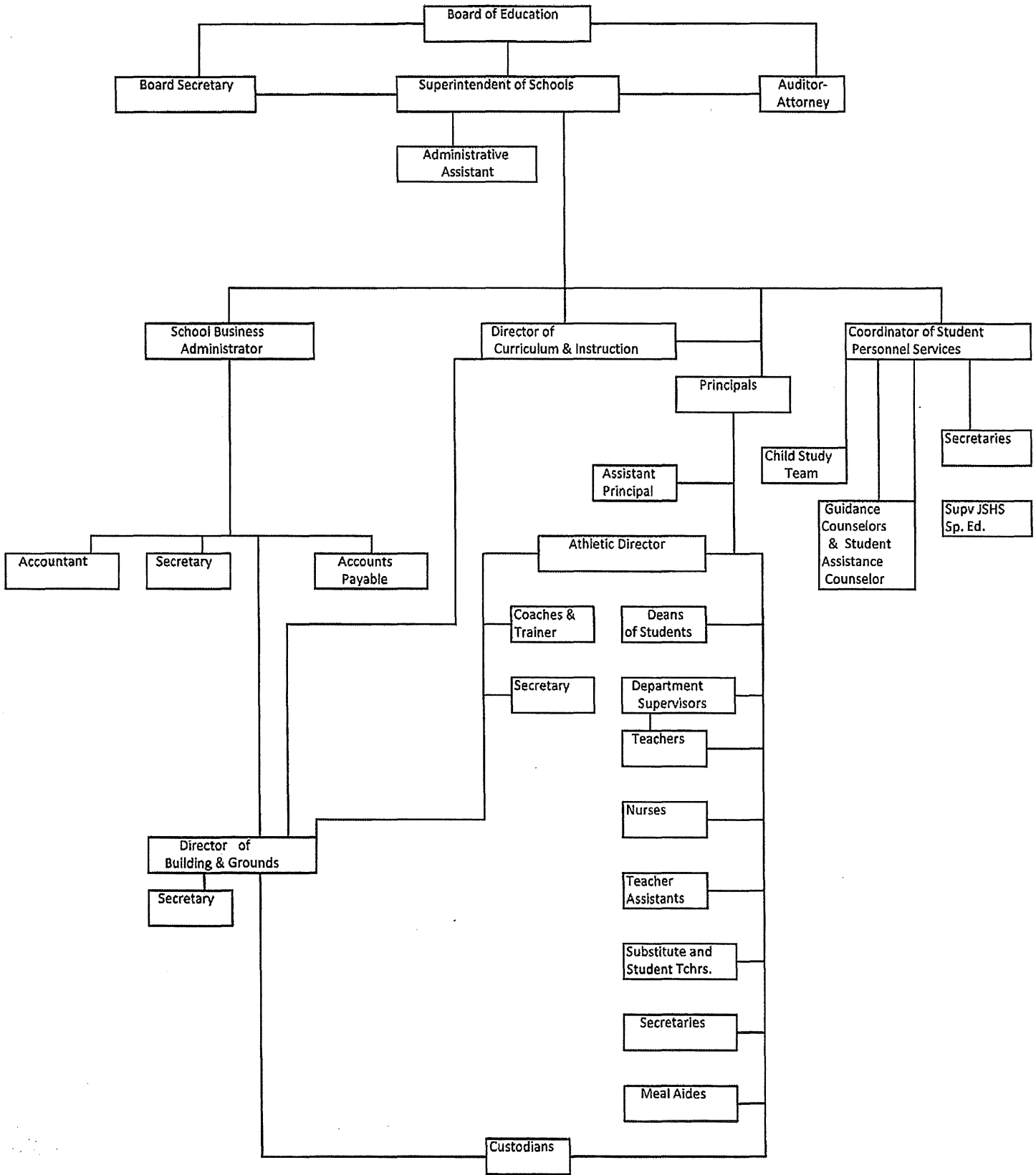
We would like to express our appreciation to the members of the Ridgefield Park School Board of Trustees for their concern in providing fiscal accountability to the citizens and taxpayers of the school district and thereby contributing their full support to the development and maintenance of our financial operation. The preparation of this report could not have been accomplished without the efficient and dedicated services of our financial and accounting staff.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott T. Bisig, M.Ed.

Scott T. Bisig
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary

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RIDGEFIELD PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION

**ROSTER OF OFFICIALS
JUNE 30, 2023**

<u>Members of the Board of Education</u>	<u>January Term Expires</u>
Dr. Ricardo Martinez, President	2025
Michelle Orth, Vice President	2025
David Cathcart	2024
Brian Cooney	2026
Jodie Craft	2026
Bernard Gomes	2024
Diane MacNeill	2025
Berlinda Rodriguez	2024
Carolina Velez	2026
Nick Fytros (Little Ferry Representative)	

Other Officials

Dr. Angela P. Bender, Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Giovanni Cusmano, Acting Business Administrator/Board Secretary

RIDGEFIELD PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Honorable President and Members
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Ridgefield Park Board of Education
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Report on the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities and each major fund of the Ridgefield Park Board of Education, as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023 and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Board of Education's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities and each major fund of the Ridgefield Park Board of Education as of June 30, 2023, and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the fiscal 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, the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States and the audit requirements prescribed by the Office of School Finance, Department of Education, State of New Jersey. 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 Ridgefield Park 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 the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatements, 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 Ridgefield Park Board of Education's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of 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, Government Auditing Standards and audit requirements prescribed by the Office of School Finance, Department of Education, State of New Jersey, 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, Government Auditing Standards and audit requirements prescribed by the Office of School Finance, Department of Education, State of New Jersey, we:

- Exercise professional judgement 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 Ridgefield Park Board of Education'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 Ridgefield Park Board of Education'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, pension information and other postemployment benefits information 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 Ridgefield Park Board of Education's basic financial statements. The schedule of expenditures of federal awards as required by Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (Uniform Guidance) and schedule of expenditures of state financial assistance as required by New Jersey OMB Circular 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 of the Ridgefield Park Board of Education. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relate 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, schedules 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.

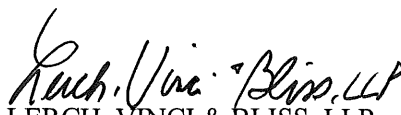
Other Information


Management is responsible for the other information included in the annual report. The other information comprises the introductory section, financial schedules and statistical section 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 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 February 22, 2024 on our consideration of the Ridgefield Park Board of Education's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Ridgefield Park Board of Education's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards in considering the Ridgefield Park Board of Education's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.


LERCH, VINCI & BLISS, LLP
Certified Public Accountants
Public School Accountants


Gary J. Vinci
Public School Accountant
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Fair Lawn, New Jersey
February 22, 2024

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

RIDGEFIELD PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION

Management's Discussion and Analysis

This section of Ridgefield Park Board of Education's annual comprehensive financial report presents our discussion and analysis of the District's financial performance during the fiscal year that ended on June 30, 2023. The intent of this section is to look at the District's financial performance as a whole; readers should also review the basic financial statements and notes to enhance their understanding of the District's financial performance.

Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) is an element of the Required Supplementary Information specified in the Governmental Accounting Standards Board's (GASB) Statement. Certain comparative information between the current year (2022-2023) and the prior year (2021-2022) is required to be presented in the MD&A.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Key financial highlights for the 2022-2023 fiscal year include the following:

- The assets and deferred outflows of resources of the Ridgefield Park Board of Education exceeded its liabilities and deferred inflows of resources at the close of the fiscal year by \$26,986,054 (net position).
- Overall District revenues were \$57,743,893. General revenues accounted for \$39,262,361 or 68% of all revenues. Program specific revenues in the form of charges for services and grants and contributions accounted for \$18,481,532 or 22% of total revenues.
- The School District had \$49,983,250 in expenses for governmental activities; only \$17,231,594 of these expenses were offset by program specific charges, grants or contributions. General revenues (predominantly property taxes and unrestricted State aid) of \$39,253,917 were adequate to provide for these programs.
- As of the close of the current fiscal year, the District's governmental funds reported a combined ending fund balance of \$12,040,439 an increase of \$2,913,745 when compared to the ending fund balance at June 30, 2022 of \$9,126,694.
- The General Fund unassigned fund balance at June 30, 2023 was a deficit of \$880,009 an increase of \$192,935 when compared with the ending fund balance deficit of \$687,074 at June 30, 2022.
- The General Fund unassigned budgetary fund balance at June 30, 2023 was \$1,803,312 which represents an increase of \$872,592 when compared to the ending unassigned fund balance at June 30, 2022 of \$930,720.

RIDGEFIELD PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION

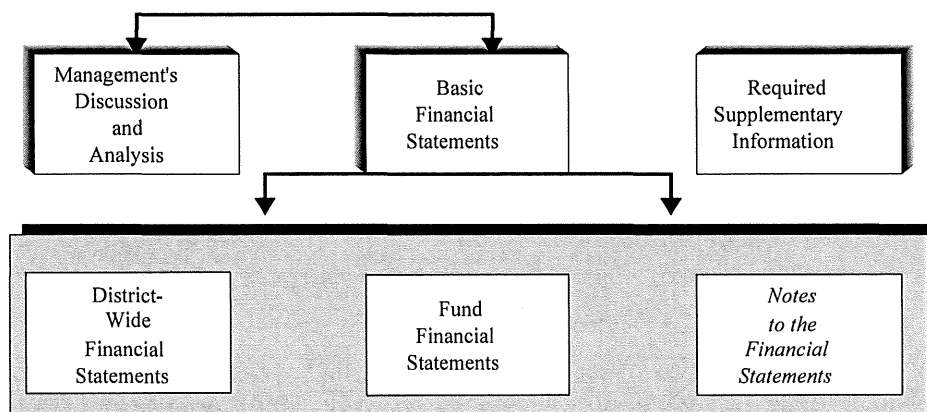
Management's Discussion and Analysis

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The financial section of the annual report consists of four parts – Independent Auditor's Report, required supplementary information which includes the management's discussion and analysis (this section), the basic financial statements, and supplemental information. The basic financial statements include two kinds of statements that present different views of the District:

- The first two statements are district wide financial statements that provide both short-term and long-term information about the District's overall financial status.
- The remaining statements are fund financial statements that focus on individual parts of the District, reporting the District's operations in more detail than the district-wide statements.
 - The Governmental Funds statements tell how basic services were financed in the short term as well as what remains for future spending.
 - Proprietary Funds statements offer short-term and long-term financial information about the activities the district operated like businesses.

The financial statements also include notes that explain some of the information in the statements and provide more detailed data. The table below shows how the various parts of this annual report are arranged and related to one another.



RIDGEFIELD PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION

Management's Discussion and Analysis

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

The major features of the District's financial statements, including the portion of the District's activities they cover and the types of information they contain are summarized below. The remainder of this overview section of management's discussion and analysis highlights the structure and contents of each of the statements.

Major Features of the District-Wide and Fund Financial Statements

	District-Wide Statements	Fund Financial Statements	
		Governmental Funds	Proprietary Funds
Scope	Entire district	The activities of the district that are not proprietary or fiduciary, such as instruction, special education building maintenance, and community education	Activities the district operates similar to private businesses: Enterprise funds
Required financial statements	Statements of Net Position Statement of Activities	Balance Sheet Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances	Statement of Net Position Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position Statement of Cash Flows
Accounting Basis and Measurement focus	Accrual accounting and economic resources focus	Modified accrual accounting and current financial focus	Accrual accounting and economic resources focus
Type of asset/liability information	All assets, deferred outflows, liabilities, deferred inflows, both financial and capital, short-term and long-term	Generally, assets expected to be used up and liabilities that come due during the year or soon thereafter; no capital assets or long-term liabilities included	All assets, deferred outflows, liabilities, deferred inflows, both financial and capital, and short-term and long-term
Type of inflow/outflow information	All revenues and expenses during year, regardless of when cash is received or Paid	Revenues for which cash is received during or soon after the end of the year; expenditures when goods or services have been received and the related liability is due and payable.	All revenues and expenses during the year, regardless of when cash is received or paid.

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District-Wide Financial Statements

The district-wide statements report information about the District as a whole using accounting methods similar to those used by private-sector companies. The statement of net position includes all of the District's assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities and deferred inflows of resources. All of the current year's revenues and expenses are accounted for in the statement of activities regardless of when cash is received or paid.

The two district-wide statements report the District's net position and how it has changed. Net position – the difference between the District's assets/deferred outflows and liabilities/deferred inflows – is one way to measure the District's financial health or position

- Over time, increases or decreases in the District's net position are an indicator of whether its financial position is improving or deteriorating, respectively.
- To assess the overall health of the District you need to consider additional non-financial factors such as changes in the District's property tax base and the condition of school buildings and other facilities.

In the district-wide financial statements the District's activities are shown in two categories:

- *Governmental Activities* – Most of the District's basic services are included here, such as regular instruction and special education, transportation, administration, and plant operation and maintenance. State and Federal Aids and tuition charged to other school districts finance most of these activities.
- *Business Type Activities* – These funds are used to account for operations that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises. The District's Food Service Fund is included here.

Fund Financial Statements

The fund financial statements provide more detailed information about the District's funds – focusing on its most significant or “major” funds – not the District as a whole. Funds are accounting devices the District uses to keep track of specific sources of funding and spending on particular programs:

- Some funds are required by State law and bond covenants.
- The District establishes other funds to control and manage money for particular purposes or to show that it is properly using certain revenues (federal and state grants).

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Fund Financial Statements (Continued)

The District has two kinds of funds:

- *Governmental funds* – Most of the District's basic services are included in governmental funds, which generally focus on (1) how cash and other financial assets that can readily be converted to cash flow in and out and (2) the balances left at year-end that are available for spending. Consequently, the governmental funds statements provide a detailed short-term view that helps to determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance the District's programs. Because this information does not encompass the additional long-term focus of the district-wide statements, we provide additional information at the bottom of the governmental funds statements that explains the relationship (or differences) between them.
- *Proprietary funds* – Services for which the District charges a fee are generally reported in proprietary funds. Proprietary funds are reported in the same way as the district-wide statements. The District's Enterprise Fund is established to account for operations that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises. The stated intent is that costs of providing goods or services to the students on a continuing basis are financed or recovered primarily through user charges.

Notes to the Financial Statements

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

Other Information

In addition to the financial statements and accompanying notes, this report also presents certain required supplementary information concerning the District's budget process. The District adopts an annual expenditure budget for the general, special revenue and debt service funds. A budgetary comparison statement has been provided for these funds as required supplementary information. The required supplementary information can be found following the notes to the financial statements.

The District also presents required supplementary information regarding the accounting and reporting for pensions as required under GASB Statement No. 68 and post-retirement medical benefits as required under GASB Statement No. 75. The required supplementary information can be found following the notes to the financial statements.

Combining statements and schedules are presented immediately following the major budgetary comparisons if required.

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DISTRICT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

Net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of the District's financial position. The District's assets and deferred outflows of resources exceeded liabilities and deferred inflows of resources by \$26,986,054 and \$20,595,402 as of June 30, 2023 and 2022, respectively, as shown below.

By far the largest portion of the District's net position reflects its investment in capital assets (e.g., land and improvements, buildings and improvements, vehicles, furniture and equipment); less any related debt used to acquire those assets that are still outstanding. The District uses these capital assets to provide services to its students; consequently, these assets are not available for future spending. Although the District's investment in its capital assets is reported net of related debt, it should be noted that the resources needed to repay this debt must be provided from other sources, since the capital assets themselves cannot be used to liquidate these liabilities.

Net Position As of June 30, 2023 and 2022

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>		<u>Business-Type Activities</u>		<u>Total</u>	
	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Assets						
Current Assets	\$ 15,978,434	\$ 13,226,400	\$ 518,270	\$ 670,182	\$ 16,496,704	\$ 13,896,582
Capital Assets	22,859,890	21,239,666	74,945	87,773	22,934,835	21,327,439
Total Assets	<u>38,838,324</u>	<u>34,466,066</u>	<u>593,215</u>	<u>757,955</u>	<u>39,431,539</u>	<u>35,224,021</u>
Deferred Amount on Net Pension Liability	<u>1,167,514</u>	<u>1,495,374</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,167,514</u>	<u>1,495,374</u>
Liabilities						
Long-Term Liabilities	6,797,187	6,366,039			6,797,187	6,366,039
Other Liabilities	3,937,995	4,099,706	23,568	80,843	3,961,563	4,180,549
Total Liabilities	<u>10,735,182</u>	<u>10,465,745</u>	<u>23,568</u>	<u>80,843</u>	<u>10,758,750</u>	<u>10,546,588</u>
Deferred Inflows of Resources						
Deferred Amount on Net Pension Liability	2,847,502	5,574,802			2,847,502	5,574,802
Deferred Commodities Revenue	-	-	6,747	2,603	6,747	2,603
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>2,847,502</u>	<u>5,574,802</u>	<u>6,747</u>	<u>2,603</u>	<u>2,854,249</u>	<u>5,577,405</u>
Net Position						
Net Investment in Capital Assets	22,859,890	21,239,666	74,945	87,773	22,934,835	21,327,439
Restricted	12,514,564	9,102,265			12,514,564	9,102,265
Unrestricted	(8,951,300)	(10,421,038)	487,955	586,736	(8,463,345)	(9,834,302)
Total Net Position	<u>\$ 26,423,154</u>	<u>\$ 19,920,893</u>	<u>\$ 562,900</u>	<u>\$ 674,509</u>	<u>\$ 26,986,054</u>	<u>\$ 20,595,402</u>

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The changes in net position for fiscal years ended 2023 and 2022 are as follows:

	Changes in Net Position					
	For The Years Ended June 30, 2023 and 2022					
	<u>Governmental Activities</u>		<u>Business-Type Activities</u>		<u>Total</u>	
	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Revenues						
Program Revenues						
Charges for Services	\$ 5,890,712	\$ 5,773,383	\$ 494,260	\$ 82,053	\$ 6,384,972	\$ 5,855,436
Operating Grants and Contributions	11,340,882	12,789,930	755,678	1,323,182	12,096,560	14,113,112
General Revenues						
Property Taxes	27,936,897	27,409,601			27,936,897	27,409,601
State Aid	10,764,138	8,943,611			10,764,138	8,943,611
Other	552,882	773,507	8,444	444	561,326	773,951
Total Revenues	<u>56,485,511</u>	<u>55,690,032</u>	<u>1,258,382</u>	<u>1,405,679</u>	<u>57,743,893</u>	<u>57,095,711</u>
Expenses						
Instruction						
Regular	22,127,357	23,269,730			22,127,357	23,269,730
Special Education	9,290,554	8,177,799			9,290,554	8,177,799
Other Instruction	1,184,337	888,140			1,184,337	888,140
School Sponsored Activities and Athletics	1,662,604	1,561,490			1,662,604	1,561,490
Support Services						
Student and Instruction Related Services	6,206,350	6,456,613			6,206,350	6,456,613
General Administration Services	1,436,109	1,574,865			1,436,109	1,574,865
School Administration Services	2,526,464	2,868,814			2,526,464	2,868,814
Central Services	1,139,331	1,033,411			1,139,331	1,033,411
Plant Operations and Maintenance	3,272,536	3,002,847			3,272,536	3,002,847
Pupil Transportation	1,137,608	1,109,907			1,137,608	1,109,907
Interest on Debt	-	27			-	27
Food Services	-	-	1,369,991	1,072,124	1,369,991	1,072,124
Total Expenses	<u>49,983,250</u>	<u>49,943,643</u>	<u>1,369,991</u>	<u>1,072,124</u>	<u>51,353,241</u>	<u>51,015,767</u>
Change in Net Position	6,502,261	5,746,389	(111,609)	333,555	6,390,652	6,079,944
Net Position, Beginning of Year	<u>19,920,893</u>	<u>14,174,504</u>	<u>674,509</u>	<u>340,954</u>	<u>20,595,402</u>	<u>14,515,458</u>
Net Position, End of Year	<u>\$ 26,423,154</u>	<u>\$ 19,920,893</u>	<u>\$ 562,900</u>	<u>\$ 674,509</u>	<u>\$ 26,986,054</u>	<u>\$ 20,595,402</u>

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Governmental Activities

The financial position of the District improved significantly. However, maintaining existing programs with decreased enrollment, the provision of a multitude of special programs/services for disabled pupils, and increases in District health benefits costs places a great demand on the District's resources. As a result, careful management of expenses remains essential for the District to sustain its financial health.

Total and Net Cost of Governmental Activities. The following schedule presents the District's total costs of services provided by major activity. After applying program revenues, derived from charges for services, operating grants and contributions and capital grants and contributions, the net cost of these services is presented. The following is a comparative analysis of the total and the net cost of governmental activities for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2023 and 2022.

Total Cost and Net Cost of Governmental Activities Services for the Years Ended June 30, 2023 and 2022

	<u>Total Cost of Services</u>		<u>Net Cost of Services</u>	
	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Instruction				
Regular	\$ 22,127,357	\$ 23,269,730	\$ 13,522,084	\$ 14,192,873
Special Education	9,290,554	8,177,799	4,332,585	3,166,339
Other Instruction	1,184,337	888,140	985,970	690,548
School Sponsored Activities and Athletics	1,662,604	1,561,490	1,144,832	1,082,514
Support Services				
Student and Instruction Related Services	6,206,350	6,456,613	4,989,982	4,871,139
General Administration Services	1,436,109	1,574,865	1,391,442	1,463,240
School Administration Services	2,526,464	2,868,814	2,176,950	2,362,971
Central Services	1,139,331	1,033,411	1,080,574	910,095
Plant Operations and Maintenance	3,272,536	3,002,847	2,621,059	2,245,699
Pupil Transportation	1,137,608	1,109,907	506,178	394,885
Interest on Debt	-	27	-	27
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Total	\$ 49,983,250	\$ 49,943,643	\$ 32,751,656	\$ 31,380,330

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FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE DISTRICT'S FUNDS

The District uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements.

Governmental Funds

The focus of the District's governmental funds is to provide information on near-term inflows, outflows, and balances of spendable resources. Such information is useful in assessing the District's financing requirements. In particular, unreserved fund balance may serve as a useful measure of the District's net resources available for spending at the end of the fiscal year.

The financial performance of the District as a whole is reflected in its governmental funds as well. As the District completed the year, its governmental funds reported a combined fund balance of \$12,040,439, an increase of \$2,913,745 from last year's fund balance of \$9,126,694.

Revenues for the District's governmental funds were \$61,671,085; total expenditures were \$58,757,340.

General Fund - The General Fund is the chief operating fund of the District and includes the primary operations in providing educational services to students.

Revenues of the General Fund were \$58,823,056 for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023. State sources amounts to \$24,567,600, federal sources amounts to \$212,992 and local sources amounts to \$34,042,464.

Expenditures of the General Fund were \$54,372,380. Instructional expenditures were \$36,114,345 for support services were \$17,193,950, for debt services were \$150,000 and capital expenditures totaled \$914,085 for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023.

Special Revenue Fund - The Special Revenue Fund includes all restricted Federal and State sources utilized in the operations of the district in providing educational services to students.

Revenues of the Special Revenue Fund were \$2,848,029 for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023. State sources amounts to \$291,694, federal sources amounts to \$2,202,561 and local sources amounts to \$353,774.

Expenditures of the Special Revenue Fund were \$2,820,352. Instructional expenditures were \$1,722,027, for support services were \$589,977 and capital expenditures totaled \$508,348 for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023.

Capital Projects - The capital projects expenditures exceeded revenues and other financing sources by \$251,595 decreasing the fund balance from \$2,077,124 at June 30, 2022 to \$1,825,529 at June 30, 2023.

Proprietary Funds

The District maintains an Enterprise Fund to account for activities, which are supported in part through user fees.

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Enterprise Fund - The District uses Enterprise Funds to report activities related to the Food Services program. The District's Enterprise Fund provides the same type of information found in the district-wide financial statements, business-type activities, but in more detail. Factors concerning the finances of this Fund have already been addressed in the discussion of the District's business-type activities.

GENERAL FUND BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS

Over the course of the year, the District revised the annual operating budget several times. These budget amendments fall into the following categories

- Implementing budgets for specially funded projects, which include both federal and state grants.
- Reappropriation of June 30, 2022 encumbrances.

CAPITAL ASSETS

The District's investment in capital assets for its governmental and business type activities as of June 30, 2023 and 2022 amounts to \$22,934,835 and \$21,327,439 (net of accumulated depreciation), respectively. The capital assets consist of land, land improvements, construction in progress, buildings and building improvements, machinery and various other types of equipment. Depreciation charges for the fiscal year 2022-2023 amounted to \$1,366,817 for governmental activities and \$12,828 for the Business-Type activities.

The following is a comparative analysis of capital assets at June 30, 2023 and 2022.

Capital Assets at June 30, 2023 and 2022

	Governmental Activities		Business-Type Activities		Total	
	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Land	\$ 2,703,196	\$ 2,703,196			\$ 2,703,196	\$ 2,703,196
Construction in Progress	1,570,087	3,622,082			1,570,087	3,622,082
Buildings and Building Improvements	30,950,567	26,118,026			30,950,567	26,118,026
Land Improvements	1,054,352	1,054,352			1,054,352	1,054,352
Machinery and Equipment	<u>4,221,575</u>	<u>4,015,080</u>	\$ 304,736	\$ 304,736	<u>4,526,311</u>	<u>4,319,816</u>
	40,499,777	37,512,736	304,736	304,736	40,804,513	37,817,472
Less Accumulated Depreciation	<u>17,639,887</u>	<u>16,273,070</u>	<u>229,791</u>	<u>216,963</u>	<u>17,869,678</u>	<u>16,490,033</u>
Total	<u>\$ 22,859,890</u>	<u>\$ 21,239,666</u>	<u>\$ 74,945</u>	<u>\$ 87,773</u>	<u>\$ 22,934,835</u>	<u>\$ 21,327,439</u>

Additional information on the District's capital assets are presented in the Notes to the Financial Statements.

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LONG TERM LIABILITIES

At June 30, 2023, the District's long-term liabilities consisted of compensated absences payable of \$1,898,069, state aid advance loan payable of \$450,000 and net pension liability of \$4,449,118 totaling \$6,797,187. This is in comparison to long-term liabilities at June 30, 2022 of \$6,366,039 or a decrease of \$431,148.

Additional information on the District's long-term liabilities are presented in the Notes to the Financial Statements.

ECONOMIC FACTORS AND NEXT YEAR'S BUDGET AND RATES

Many factors were considered by the District's administration during the process of developing the fiscal year 2023-2024 budget. The primary factors were the District's projected student population, anticipated state and federal aid as well as increasing labor and related employee benefit costs. Other budgetary increases are anticipated with special education, and utilizes the required investment to repair the District's aging facilities.

These expenditures are to be paid for by the mandated 2% CAP on the property tax levy with certain allowable adjustments to the tax levy. In the future, any such allowable adjustments may not be permitted.

CONTACTING THE DISTRICT'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, customers, and investors and creditors with a general overview of the District's finances and to demonstrate the District's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional information contact the Business Office, Ridgefield Park Board of Education, 712 Lincoln Ave., Ridgefield Park, NJ 07660.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

RIDGEFIELD PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
AS OF JUNE 30, 2023

	<u>Governmental</u> <u>Activities</u>	<u>Business-Type</u> <u>Activities</u>	<u>Total</u>
ASSETS			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 14,617,559	\$ 314,596	\$ 14,932,155
Receivables, net			
Receivables from Other Governments	1,353,180	112,315	1,465,495
Other Receivables	7,695	67,547	75,242
Inventory		23,812	23,812
Capital Assets			
Not Being Depreciated	4,273,283		4,273,283
Being Depreciated, Net	18,586,607	74,945	18,661,552
Total Assets	<u>38,838,324</u>	<u>593,215</u>	<u>39,431,539</u>
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Deferred Amount on Net Pension Liability	1,167,514	-	1,167,514
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	<u>1,167,514</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,167,514</u>
LIABILITIES			
Accounts Payable & Other Liabilities	3,100,705	10,827	3,111,532
Payable to State Government	92,809		92,809
Unearned Revenue	744,481	12,741	757,222
Noncurrent Liabilities			
Due Within One Year	339,807		339,807
Due Beyond One Year	6,457,380	-	6,457,380
Total Liabilities	<u>10,735,182</u>	<u>23,568</u>	<u>10,758,750</u>
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Deferred Amount on Net Pension Liability	2,847,502		2,847,502
Deferred Commodities Revenue	-	6,747	6,747
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>2,847,502</u>	<u>6,747</u>	<u>2,854,249</u>
NET POSITION			
Net Investment in Capital Assets	22,859,890	74,945	22,934,835
Restricted for:			
Capital Projects	10,302,784		10,302,784
Plant Maintenance	1,494,922		1,494,922
Other Purposes	716,858		716,858
Unrestricted	(8,951,300)	487,955	(8,463,345)
Total Net Position	<u>\$ 26,423,154</u>	<u>\$ 562,900</u>	<u>\$ 26,986,054</u>

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

**RIDGEFIELD PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

Functions/Programs	Expenses	Program Revenues			Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position		
		Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	Total
Governmental Activities							
Instruction							
Regular	\$ 22,127,357	\$ 4,096,637	\$ 4,508,636		\$ (13,522,084)		\$ (13,522,084)
Special Education	9,290,554	1,117,683	3,840,286		(4,332,585)		(4,332,585)
Other Instruction	1,184,337		198,367		(985,970)		(985,970)
School Sponsored Activities and Athletics	1,662,604	312,025	205,747		(1,144,832)		(1,144,832)
Support Services							
Student and Instruction Related Services	6,206,350	26,002	1,190,366		(4,989,982)		(4,989,982)
General Administration Services	1,436,109		44,667		(1,391,442)		(1,391,442)
School Administration Services	2,526,464		349,514		(2,176,950)		(2,176,950)
Central Services	1,139,331		58,757		(1,080,574)		(1,080,574)
Plant Operations and Maintenance	3,272,536		651,477		(2,621,059)		(2,621,059)
Pupil Transportation	1,137,608	338,365	293,065		(506,178)		(506,178)
Interest on Long-Term Debt	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Governmental Activities	<u>49,983,250</u>	<u>5,890,712</u>	<u>11,340,882</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(32,751,656)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(32,751,656)</u>
Business-Type Activities							
Food Service	1,369,991	494,260	755,678	-	-	\$ (120,053)	(120,053)
Total Business-Type Activities	<u>1,369,991</u>	<u>494,260</u>	<u>755,678</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(120,053)</u>	<u>(120,053)</u>
Total Primary Government	<u>\$ 51,353,241</u>	<u>\$ 6,384,972</u>	<u>\$ 12,096,560</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>(32,751,656)</u>	<u>(120,053)</u>	<u>(32,871,709)</u>
General Revenues							
Taxes							
Property Taxes - General Purposes					\$ 27,936,897		\$ 27,936,897
State Aid -Unrestricted					10,764,138		10,764,138
Miscellaneous Income					552,882	\$ 8,444	561,326
Total General Revenues					<u>39,253,917</u>	<u>8,444</u>	<u>39,262,361</u>
Change in Net Position							
					6,502,261	(111,609)	6,390,652
Net Position, Beginning of Year							
					<u>19,920,893</u>	<u>674,509</u>	<u>20,595,402</u>
Net Position, End of Year							
					<u>\$ 26,423,154</u>	<u>\$ 562,900</u>	<u>\$ 26,986,054</u>

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FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

RIDGEFIELD PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION
 GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
 BALANCE SHEET
 AS OF JUNE 30, 2023

	General Fund	Special Revenue Fund	Capital Projects Fund	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS				
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 11,435,902	\$ 980,037	\$ 2,201,620	\$ 14,617,559
Receivables from Other Governments	410,115	943,065		1,353,180
Other Receivables	6,815	880		7,695
Due from Other Funds	<u>266,518</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>266,518</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$ 12,119,350</u>	<u>\$ 1,923,982</u>	<u>\$ 2,201,620</u>	<u>\$ 16,244,952</u>
LIABILITIES				
Liabilities				
Accounts Payable	\$ 583,839	\$ 128,243	\$ 376,091	\$ 1,088,173
Payroll Deductions and Withholdings	2,769			2,769
Accrued Salaries and Wages	2,009,763			2,009,763
Due to Other Funds		266,518		266,518
Payable to State Government		92,809		92,809
Unearned Revenue	<u>-</u>	<u>744,481</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>744,481</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>2,596,371</u>	<u>1,232,051</u>	<u>376,091</u>	<u>4,204,513</u>
FUND BALANCES				
Restricted				
Capital Reserve	4,317,318			4,317,318
Capital Reserve - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures	4,159,937			4,159,937
Maintenance Reserve	1,494,922			1,494,922
Capital Projects			1,825,529	1,825,529
Student Activities		200,150		200,150
Scholarships		516,708		516,708
Committed				
Year End Encumbrances	131,209			131,209
Assigned				
Year End Encumbrances	299,602			299,602
Unassigned	<u>(880,009)</u>	<u>(24,927)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(904,936)</u>
Total Fund Balances	<u>9,522,979</u>	<u>691,931</u>	<u>1,825,529</u>	<u>12,040,439</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	<u>\$ 12,119,350</u>	<u>\$ 1,923,982</u>	<u>\$ 2,201,620</u>	<u>\$ 16,244,952</u>

Total Fund Balances Governmental Funds (Exhibit B-1) \$ 12,040,439

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 \$40,499,777 and the accumulated depreciation is \$17,639,887. 22,859,890

Certain amounts resulting from the measurement of the net pension liability are reported as either deferred inflows of resources or deferred outflows of resources on the statement of net position and deferred over future years.

Deferred Outflows of Resources	\$ 1,167,514	
Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>(2,847,502)</u>	(1,679,988)

Long-term liabilities, including bonds payable, are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported as liabilities in the funds.

State Aid Advance Loan Payable	(450,000)	
Net Pension Liability	(4,449,118)	
Compensated Absences Payable	<u>(1,898,069)</u>	(6,797,187)

Net Position of Governmental Activities (Exhibit A-1) \$ 26,423,154

**RIDGEFIELD PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Special Revenue Fund</u>	<u>Capital Projects Fund</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
REVENUES				
Local Sources				
Property Taxes	\$ 27,936,897			\$ 27,936,897
Tuition	15,800			15,800
Tuition From Other LEAs	5,198,520			5,198,520
Transportation Fees	338,365			338,365
Rents and Royalties	22,000			22,000
Miscellaneous	530,882	\$ 353,774	-	884,656
Total - Local Sources	34,042,464	353,774	-	34,396,238
State Sources	24,567,600	291,694		24,859,294
Federal Sources	212,992	2,202,561	-	2,415,553
Total Revenues	<u>58,823,056</u>	<u>2,848,029</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>61,671,085</u>
EXPENDITURES				
Current				
Instruction				
Regular Instruction	23,124,337	792,824		23,917,161
Special Education Instruction	10,016,985	660,280		10,677,265
Other Instruction	1,392,084			1,392,084
School-Sponsored Activities and Athletics	1,580,939	268,923		1,849,862
Support Services				
Student and Instruction Related Services	6,538,988	589,977		7,128,965
General Administration Services	1,661,484			1,661,484
School Administration Services	2,977,818			2,977,818
Central Services	1,368,204			1,368,204
Plant Operations and Maintenance	3,341,444			3,341,444
Student Transportation	1,306,012			1,306,012
Debt Service				
Principal	150,000			150,000
Capital Outlay	914,085	508,348	\$ 1,564,608	2,987,041
Total Expenditures	<u>54,372,380</u>	<u>2,820,352</u>	<u>1,564,608</u>	<u>58,757,340</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	<u>4,450,676</u>	<u>27,677</u>	<u>(1,564,608)</u>	<u>2,913,745</u>
Other Financing Sources (Uses)				
Transfers In			1,313,013	1,313,013
Transfers Out	(1,313,013)	-	-	(1,313,013)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>(1,313,013)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,313,013</u>	<u>-</u>
Net change in Fund Balance	3,137,663	27,677	(251,595)	2,913,745
Fund Balance, Beginning of Year	<u>6,385,316</u>	<u>664,254</u>	<u>2,077,124</u>	<u>9,126,694</u>
Fund Balance, End of Year	<u>\$ 9,522,979</u>	<u>\$ 691,931</u>	<u>\$ 1,825,529</u>	<u>\$ 12,040,439</u>

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

**RIDGEFIELD PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION
RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS STATEMENT OF
REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
WITH THE DISTRICT-WIDE STATEMENTS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

Total Net Change in Fund Balances - Governmental Funds (Exhibit B-2) \$ 2,913,745

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

Capital outlays to purchase or build capital assets are reported in governmental funds as expenditures. However, for governmental activities those costs are shown in the statement and allocated over their estimated useful lives as annual depreciation expense. This is the amount by which capital outlay additions exceeds depreciation in the current period.

Capital Outlay Additions	\$ 2,987,041	
Depreciation Expense	<u>(1,366,817)</u>	
		1,620,224

The issuance of long-term debt (e.g. bonds, leases) provides current financial resources to governmental funds, while the repayment of the principal of long-term debt consumes the current financial resources of governmental funds. Neither transaction, however, has any effect on net position. This amount is the net effect of these differences in the treatment of long-term debt and related items.

Principal Repayments		
State Loan Payable		150,000

In the statement of activities, certain operating expenses-compensated absences, pension expenses, judgements are measured by the amounts earned during the year. In the governmental funds, however, expenditures for these items are measured by the amount of financial resources used (paid):

Increase in Compensated Absences	(27,796)	
Decrease in Pension Expense	<u>1,846,088</u>	
		<u>1,818,292</u>

Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities **\$ 6,502,261**

**RIDGEFIELD PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION
 PROPRIETARY FUNDS
 STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
 AS OF JUNE 30, 2023**

	Business-Type Activities Enterprise Fund <u>Food Service</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 314,596
Intergovernmental Receivable	
State	4,467
Federal	107,848
Other Accounts Receivable	67,547
Inventory	<u>23,812</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>518,270</u>
Capital Assets	
Equipment	304,736
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(229,791)</u>
Total Capital Assets	<u>74,945</u>
Total Assets	<u>593,215</u>
LIABILITIES	
Current Liabilities	
Unearned Revenue	12,741
Accounts Payable	<u>10,827</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>23,568</u>
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	
Deferred Commodities Revenue	<u>6,747</u>
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>6,747</u>
NET POSITION	
Invested in Capital Assets	74,945
Unrestricted	<u>487,955</u>
Total Net Position	<u>\$ 562,900</u>

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**RIDGEFIELD PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION
 PROPRIETARY FUND
 STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND
 CHANGES IN NET POSITION
 FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

	Business-Type Activities Enterprise Fund <u>Food Service</u>
OPERATING REVENUES	
Charges for Services	
Daily Sales-Reimbursable Programs	\$ 261,769
Daily Sales-Non-Reimbursable Programs	214,175
Miscellaneous	<u>18,316</u>
Total Operating Revenues	<u>494,260</u>
OPERATING EXPENSES	
Salaries and Employee Benefits	553,721
Cost of Sales-Reimbursable Programs	324,408
Cost of Sales-Non-Reimbursable Programs	195,967
Other Purchased Services	36,108
Management Fee	67,641
Depreciation	12,828
Supplies and Materials	175,612
Miscellaneous	<u>3,706</u>
Total Operating Expenses	<u>1,369,991</u>
Operating (Loss)	<u>(875,731)</u>
NONOPERATING REVENUES	
State Sources	
School Breakfast Program	989
School Lunch Program	23,066
Federal Sources	
School Breakfast Program	34,102
School Lunch Program	490,652
Food Distribution Program	85,823
Supply Chain Assistance Program	62,792
Local Food for Schools Cooperative Program	10,186
Local Sources	
Payroll Protection Program Vendor Reimbursement	48,068
Interest on Deposits	<u>8,444</u>
Total Nonoperating Revenues	<u>764,122</u>
Change in Net Position	(111,609)
Total Net Position, Beginning of Year	<u>674,509</u>
Total Net Position, End of Year	<u>\$ 562,900</u>

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**RIDGEFIELD PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION
 PROPRIETARY FUNDS
 STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
 FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

	Business-Type Activities Enterprise Fund <u>Food Service</u>
CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	
Receipts from Customers	\$ 439,780
Payments for Employees' Salaries and Benefits	(553,721)
Payments to Suppliers for Goods and Services	<u>(791,132)</u>
Net Cash (Used for) Operating Activities	<u>(905,073)</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES	
State and Federal Subsidy Reimbursements	<u>696,700</u>
Net Cash Provided by Noncapital Financing Activities	<u>696,700</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES	
Interest on Deposits	<u>8,444</u>
Net Cash Provided by Investing Activities	<u>8,444</u>
Net Increase in Cash and Cash Equivalents	(199,929)
Cash and Cash Equivalents, Beginning of Year	<u>514,525</u>
Cash and Cash Equivalents, End of Year	<u><u>\$ 314,596</u></u>
RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING (LOSS) TO NET CASH (USED FOR) OPERATING ACTIVITIES	
Operating (Loss)	<u>\$ (875,731)</u>
Adjustments to Reconcile Operating Loss to Net Cash Used for Operating Activities	
Depreciation	12,828
Non-Cash Federal Assistance	
Food Distribution - National School Lunch Programs	85,823
Change in Assets and Liabilities	
Increase/(Decrease) in Accounts Payable	(70,016)
Increase/(Decrease) in Unearned Revenue	12,741
(Increase)/Decrease in Other Accounts Receivable	(67,221)
(Increase)/Decrease in Inventory	<u>(3,497)</u>
Total Adjustments	<u>(29,342)</u>
Net Cash (Used for) Operating Activities	<u><u>\$ (905,073)</u></u>
Non-Cash Financing Activities	
National School Lunch Program (Food Distribution)	<u><u>\$ 89,967</u></u>

The accompanying Notes to the Financial Statements are an Integral Part of this Statement

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**RIDGEFIELD PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Reporting Entity

The Ridgefield Park Board of Education (the “Board” or the “District”) is an instrumentality of the State of New Jersey, established to function as an education institution. The Board consists of nine elected officials and a representative from Little Ferry Board of Education and is responsible for the fiscal control of the District. A Superintendent of Schools is appointed by the Board and is responsible for the administrative control of the District. A School Business Administrator/Board Secretary is also appointed by the Board and oversees the business functions of the District. Under existing statutes, the Board's duties and powers include, but are not limited to, the development and adoption of a school program; the establishment, organization and operation of schools; and the acquisition, maintenance and disposition of school property. The Board currently operates a Pre-Kindergarten through grade twelve (12) school district.

The Board also has broad financial responsibilities, including the approval of the annual budget and the establishment of a system of accounting and budgetary controls. The Superintendent of Schools is the Chief Administrative Officer of the District who is responsible for general supervision of all schools, planning and operational functions of the District. The School Business Administrator/Board Secretary is the Chief Financial Officer and is responsible for budgeting, financial accounting and reporting and reports through the Superintendent of Schools to the Board.

The reporting entity is composed of the primary government, component units, and other organizations that are included to ensure that the financial statements of the District are not misleading. The primary government consists of all funds, departments, boards and agencies that are not legally separate from the District. For the Ridgefield Park Board of Education this includes general operations, food service, and student related activities of the District.

Component units are legally separate organizations for which the District is financially accountable. The District is financially accountable for an organization if the District appoints a voting majority of the organization’s governing board and (1) the District is able to significantly influence the programs or services performed or provided by the organization; or (2) the District is legally entitled to or can otherwise access the organization’s resources; the District is legally obligated or has otherwise assumed the responsibility to finance the deficits of, or provide financial support to, the organization; or the District is obligated for the debt of the organization. Component units may also include organizations that are fiscally dependent on the District in that the District approves the budget, the issuance of debt or the levying of taxes. Based on the foregoing criteria, the District has no component units. Furthermore, the District is not includable in any other reporting entity as a component unit.

B. New Accounting Standards

During fiscal year 2023, the District adopted the following GASB statements:

- GASB Statement No. 96, *Subscription – Based Information Technology Arrangements*. The objective of this Statement will be to improve financial reporting by establishing a definition for subscription-based information technology arrangements (SBITAs) and providing uniform guidance for accounting and financial reporting for transactions that meet that definition. That definition and uniform guidance will result in greater consistency in practice. Establishing the capitalization criteria for implementation costs also will reduce diversity and improve comparability in financial reporting by governments. This Statement also will enhance the relevance and reliability of a government’s financial statements by requiring a government to report a subscription asset and subscription liability for a SBITA and to disclose essential information about the arrangement. The disclosures will allow users to understand the scale and important aspects of a government’s SBITA activities and evaluate a government’s obligations and assets resulting from SBITAs.

**RIDGEFIELD PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

B. New Accounting Standards (Continued)

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

Other accounting standards that the District is currently reviewing for applicability and potential impact on the financial statements include:

- GASB Statement No. 100, *Accounting Changes and Error Corrections – an amendment of GASB Statement No. 62*, will be effective beginning with the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024. The primary objective of this Statement is to enhance accounting and financial reporting requirements for accounting changes and error corrections to provide more understandable, reliable, relevant, consistent, and comparable information for making decisions or assessing accountability.
- GASB Statement No. 101, *Compensated Absences*, will be effective beginning with the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025. The objective of this Statement is to better meet the information needs of financial statement users by updating the recognition and measurement guidance for compensated absences. That objective is achieved by aligning the recognition and measurement guidance under a unified model and by amending certain previously required disclosures.

C. Basis of Presentation - Financial Statements

The financial statements include both district-wide financial statements (based on the District as a whole) and fund financial statements (based on specific District activities or objectives). Both the district-wide and fund financial statements categorize activities as either governmental activities or business-type activities. While separate district-wide and fund financial statements are presented, they are interrelated. In the district-wide financial statements, the governmental activities column incorporates data from governmental funds while business-type activities incorporate data from the District's enterprise funds. Fiduciary funds are excluded from the district-wide financial statements. Currently the District has no fiduciary funds.

District-Wide Financial Statements

The district-wide financial statements (i.e., the statement of net position and the statement of activities) report information on all of the nonfiduciary activities of the Board of Education. For the most part, the effect of interfund activity has been removed from these statements. Governmental activities, which normally are supported by property taxes and intergovernmental revenues, are reported separately from business-type activities, which rely to a significant extent on fees and charges for support. In the statement of net position, both the governmental and business-type activities columns (a) are presented on a consolidated basis by column, and (b) reflect on a full accrual economic resource basis, which incorporates long-term assets and receivables as well as long-term debt and obligations.

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function or segment are offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function or segment. Program revenues include 1) charges to customers or other governmental entities, including other school districts, who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods or services provided by a given function or segment and 2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function or segment. Property taxes, unrestricted state aid, and other items not properly included among program revenues are reported instead as general revenues.

As a general rule the effect of interfund activity has been eliminated from the district-wide financial statements. Exceptions to this general rule are charges between the Board's proprietary funds since elimination of these charges would distort the direct costs and program revenues reported for the various functions concerned.

**RIDGEFIELD PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

C. Basis of Presentation - Financial Statements (Continued)

Fund Financial Statements

Separate fund financial statements are provided for governmental, proprietary, and fiduciary activities, even though the latter are excluded from the district-wide financial statements. The emphasis of fund financial statements is on major individual governmental and enterprise funds, each reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements. All remaining governmental and enterprise funds are aggregated and reported as nonmajor funds. The District considers all of its governmental and enterprise funds to be major funds.

The District reports the following major governmental funds:

The *general fund* is the School District's primary operating fund. It accounts for all financial resources of the District, except those to be accounted for in another fund.

The *special revenue fund* accounts for the proceeds of specific revenue sources legally restricted to expenditures for specified purposes. This fund accounts for federal, state and local financial programs, with the exception of grants for major capital projects and the child nutrition programs student activity funds derived from athletic events or other activities of pupil organizations and private donations for scholarship awards.

The *capital projects fund* accounts for the proceeds from the sale of bonds, financing agreements, grants and other revenues used for the acquisition or construction of capital facilities and other capital assets, other than those financed by the proprietary funds.

The District reports the following major proprietary fund which is organized to be self-supporting through user charges:

The *food service fund* accounts for the activities of the school cafeteria, which provides food service to students as well as a la carte and catering services for administrators, teachers and special events.

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

Reclassifications

Certain amounts presented in the prior year data may have been reclassified in order to be consistent with the current year's presentation.

D. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

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

The district-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting, as are the proprietary fund and fiduciary fund financial statements. All assets, all liabilities and all deferred outflows/inflows of resources associated with these operations are included on the Statement of Net Position. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded at the time liabilities are incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Property taxes are recognized as revenues in the year for which they are levied. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

**RIDGEFIELD PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

D. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting (Continued)

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized when susceptible to accrual (i.e. when they are both measurable and available). Revenues are considered to be available when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the Board considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days after year-end. Expenditures are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual basis of accounting, with the exception of debt service expenditures as well as expenditures related to compensated absences and claims and judgments which are recorded only when payment is due. General capital asset acquisitions are reported as expenditures in governmental funds. Issuance of long-term debt, acquisitions under financing agreements, leases payable for intangible right-to-use leased assets and subscription arrangements for intangible right-to-use information technology (IT) software assets are reported as other financing sources.

Property taxes, tuition, transportation fees, unrestricted state aid, and interest associated with the current fiscal period are all considered to be susceptible to accrual and so have been recognized as revenues of the current fiscal period. Entitlements (formula-type grants and aid) are recorded as revenues when all eligibility requirements are met, including any time requirements, and the amount is received during the period or within the availability period for this revenue source. Expenditure-driven grants and similar awards (reimbursement-type grants and awards) are recognized as revenue when the qualifying expenditures have been incurred and all other eligibility requirements imposed by the grantor or provider have been met, and the amount is received during the period or within the availability period for this revenue source. All other revenue items are considered to be measurable and available only when cash is received by the District.

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

E. Assets, Liabilities, Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources, and Net Position/Fund Balance

1. Cash, Cash Equivalents and Investments

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

Investments are reported at fair value and are limited by N.J.S.A. 18A:20-37.

2. Receivables

All receivables are reported at their gross value, and where appropriate, are reduced by the estimated portion that is expected to be uncollectible.

3. Inventories

The cost of inventories of the governmental fund types are recorded as expenditures at the time individual inventory items are purchased.

Food Service Fund inventories, exclusive of the federal commodities, are valued at cost, using the first-in first-out (FIFO) method and consist of food and expendable supplies. The cost of such inventories is recorded as expenses when consumed rather than when purchased. The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) commodity portion of the Food Service Fund inventory consists of food donated by the USDA. It is valued at estimated market prices by the USDA. The amount of unused commodities inventory at year-end is reported as deferred inflows of resources.

**RIDGEFIELD PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION
 NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
 FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

E. Assets, Liabilities, Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources, and Net Position/Fund Balance (Continued)

4. *Capital Assets*

Capital assets, which include property, plant and equipment, are reported in the applicable governmental or business-type activities columns in the district-wide financial statements. Capital assets are defined by the Board as assets with an initial, individual cost of \$2,000 and an estimated useful life in excess of two years. The District was able to estimate the historical cost for the initial reporting of these capital assets through back trending. As the District constructs or acquires additional capital assets each period, they are capitalized and reported at historical cost, except for intangible right-to-use leased assets and intangible right-to-use IT subscription assets, the measurement of which is discussed in Note 2. Donated capital assets are recorded at acquisition value at the date of donation. The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend its useful life are not capitalized.

Major outlays for capital assets and improvements are capitalized as projects are constructed.

Land and construction in progress are not depreciated. The other property, plant, and equipment of the District is depreciated using the straight line method over the following estimated useful lives:

<u>Assets</u>	<u>Years</u>
Land Improvements	20
Buildings and Building Improvements	20-50
Machinery and Equipment	5-15

5. *Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources*

In addition to assets, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred outflows of resources, represents a consumption of net position that applies to future periods and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then. The Board has one item which arises only under the accrual basis of accounting that qualify for reporting in this category. The item that qualifies for reporting in this category is the deferred amounts on net pension liability. Deferred amounts on net pension liability are reported in the district-wide statement of net position and result from: (1) differences between expected and actual experience; (2) changes in assumptions; (3) net difference between projected and actual investment earnings on pension plan investments; (4) changes in proportion and differences between employer contributions and proportionate share of contributions; and (5) contributions made subsequent to the measurement date. These amounts are deferred and amortized over future years.

In addition to liabilities, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred inflows of resources, represents an acquisition of net position that applies to future periods and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. The Board has two types which arise only under the accrual basis of accounting that qualify for reporting in this category. One item that qualifies for reporting in this category is the deferred amounts on net pension liability. Deferred amounts on net pension liability are reported in the district-wide statement of net position and result from: (1) differences between expected and actual experience; (2) changes in assumptions; (3) net difference between projected and actual investment earnings on pension plan investments; and (4) changes in proportion and differences between employer contributions and proportionate share of contributions. These amounts are deferred and amortized over future years. The other item, which arises under the accrual basis of accounting that qualifies for reporting in this category is the deferred commodities revenue, reported in both the district-wide and the proprietary funds statements of net position. The deferred commodities revenue represents the estimated market value of the donated and unused Federal commodities inventory at year end. This amount is deferred and recognized as an inflow of resources in the period the commodities are consumed.

**RIDGEFIELD PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

E. Assets, Liabilities, Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources, and Net Position/Fund Balance (Continued)

6. *Compensated Absences*

It is the District's policy to permit employees to accumulate (with certain restrictions) earned but unused vacation and sick leave benefits. A long-term liability of accumulated vacation and sick leave and salary related payments has been recorded in the governmental activities in the district-wide financial statements, representing the Board's commitment to fund such costs from future operations. A liability is reported in the governmental funds only to the amount actually due at year end as a result of employee resignations and retirements.

7. *Pensions*

In the district-wide financial statements, and proprietary fund types in the fund financial statements 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 retirement systems sponsored and administered by the State of New Jersey and additions to/deductions from these retirement systems' fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by the retirement systems. 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.

In the governmental fund financial statements, net pension liabilities represent amounts normally expected to be liquidated with expendable available financial resources for required pension contributions that are due and payable at year end. Pension expenditures are recognized based on contractual pension contributions that are required to be made to the pension plan during the fiscal year.

8. *Long-Term Obligations*

In the district-wide financial statements, and proprietary fund types in the fund financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the applicable governmental activities, business-type activities, or proprietary fund type statement of net position.

9. *Net Position/Fund Balance*

District-Wide Statements

In the district-wide statements, there are three classes of net position:

- **Net Investment in Capital Assets** – consists of net capital assets (cost less accumulated depreciation) reduced by outstanding balances of related debt obligations from the acquisition, construction or improvement of those assets. Deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources attributable to the acquisition, construction or improvement of those assets or related debt also should be included.
- **Restricted Net Position** – reports net position when constraints placed on the residual amount of noncapital assets are either externally imposed by creditors (such as through debt covenants), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments, or imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.
- **Unrestricted Net Position** – any portion of net position not already classified as either net investment in capital assets or net position – restricted is classified as net position – unrestricted.

Governmental Fund Statements

Fund balance categories are designed to make the nature and extent of the constraints placed on the District's fund balance more transparent. These categories are comprised of a hierarchy based primarily on the extent to which the District is bound to observe constraints imposed upon the use of the resources reported in governmental funds.

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NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

E. Assets, Liabilities, Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources, and Net Position/Fund Balance (Continued)

9. Net Position/Fund Balance (Continued)

Governmental Fund Statements (Continued)

Restricted Fund Balance – Amounts constrained to specific purposes by their providers (such as grantors, bondholders, and higher levels of government), through constitutional provisions, or by enabling legislation.

Capital Reserve – This restriction was created by the District in accordance with NJAC 6A:23A-14.1 to fund future capital expenditures (See Note 2D).

Capital Reserve - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures – This designation was created to dedicate the portion of capital reserve fund balance appropriated in the adopted 2023/2024 District budget certified for taxes.

Maintenance Reserve – This restriction was created by the Board in accordance with NJAC 6A:23A-14.2 to accumulate funds for the required maintenance of school facilities in accordance with the EFCA (NJSA 18A:7G-9) for a thorough and efficient education. (See Note 2E).

Capital Projects – Represents fund balance restricted specifically for capital acquisitions and improvements in the Capital Projects Fund.

Student Activities – This restriction was created in accordance with NJAC 6A:23A-16.12 to represent the accumulation of funds derived from athletic events and other student organizations reserved for the payment of student group activities.

Scholarships – This restriction was created to represent the accumulation of donor restricted funds specifically earmarked for student scholarship awards.

Committed Fund Balance – Amounts constrained to specific purposes by a district itself, using its highest level of decision-making authority; to be reported as committed, amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the district takes the same highest level action to remove or change the constraint.

Year-End Encumbrances – Represents outstanding purchase orders at year end for contracts awarded by formal action of the Board of Trustees for specific purposes from available resources of the current year for which the goods and materials have not yet been received or the services have not yet been rendered at June 30.

Assigned Fund Balance – Amounts a district intends to use for a specific purpose; intent can be expressed by the Board of Trustees or by an official or body to which the Board delegates the authority.

Year-End Encumbrances – Represent outstanding purchase orders for goods or services approved by management for specific purposes from available resources of the current year for which the goods and materials have not yet been received or the services have not yet been rendered at June 30.

Unassigned Fund Balance – Represents fund balance that has not been restricted, committed or assigned to specific purposes within the governmental funds.

In the general operating fund and other governmental funds (special revenue, capital projects and debt service fund types), it is the District's policy to consider restricted resources to have been spent first when an expenditure is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted (i.e., committed, assigned or unassigned) fund balances are available, followed by committed and then assigned fund balances. Unassigned amounts are used only after the other resources have been used.

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NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

E. Assets, Liabilities, Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources, and Net Position/Fund Balance (Continued)

10. *Fund Balance Policies*

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

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

Amounts in the assigned fund balance classification are intended to be used by the Board of Education for specific purposes but do not meet the criteria to be classified as committed. The Board has authorized the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary to assign fund balance. The Board may also assign fund balance as it does when appropriating fund balance to cover a gap between estimated revenue and appropriations in the subsequent year's appropriated budget. Unlike commitments, assignments generally only exist temporarily. In other words, an additional action does not normally have to be taken for the removal of an assignment. Conversely, as discussed above, an additional action is essential to either remove or revise a commitment.

F. Revenues and Expenditures/Expenses

1. *Program Revenues*

Amounts reported as program revenues in the district-wide statement of activities include 1) charges to customers or applicants for goods or services, provided, 2) operating grants and contributions, and 3) capital grants and contributions. Internally dedicated resources are reported as general revenues rather than as program revenues. Likewise, general revenues include all property taxes, unrestricted state aid, investment earnings and miscellaneous revenues.

2. *Property Taxes*

Property taxes are levied pursuant to law and are collected by the municipality and are transferred to the District as requested. Property tax revenues are recognized in the year they are levied and become available. Property taxes collected in advance of the year-end for which they are levied and transferred to the District are reported as deferred inflows of resources. The tax bills are mailed annually in June by the municipal tax collector and are levied and due in four quarterly installments on August 1, November 1, February 1 and May 1 of the fiscal year. When unpaid, taxes or any other municipal lien, or part thereof, on real property, remains in arrears on April 1st in the year following the calendar year levy when the same became in arrears, the tax collector of the municipality shall, subject to the provisions of New Jersey Statute, enforce the lien by placing the property on a tax sale. The municipality may institute annual "in rem" tax foreclosure proceedings to enforce the tax collection or acquisition of title to the property.

3. *Tuition Revenues and Expenditures*

Tuition Revenues - Tuition charges were established by the Board of Education based on estimated costs. The charges are subject to adjustment when the final costs are determined and certified by the State Department of Education.

Tuition Expenditures - Tuition charges for the fiscal years 2021-2022 and 2022/2023 were based on rates established by the receiving district. These rates are subject to change when the actual costs have been certified by the State Department of Education.

4. *Proprietary Funds, Operating and Nonoperating Revenues and Expenses*

Proprietary funds distinguish operating revenues and expenses from nonoperating items. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services and producing and delivering goods in connection with a proprietary fund's principal ongoing operations. The principal operating revenues of the food service enterprise fund are charges to customers for sales and services. Operating expenses include the cost of sales and services, administrative expenses, and depreciation on capital assets. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as nonoperating revenues and expenses. Federal and State subsidies for the food service operation are considered nonoperating revenues.

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NOTE 2 STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY

A. Budgetary Information

In accordance with the requirements of the New Jersey Department of Education (“the Department”), the District annually prepares its operating budget for the forthcoming year. The budget, except for the general fund and special revenue fund, which is more fully explained below and in the notes to the required supplementary information, is prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America and serves as a formal plan for expenditures and the proposed means for financing them. Lease transactions are accounted for on the GAAP basis.

The District must prepare its budget in compliance with applicable laws limiting the amount by which the general fund property tax levy can increase in the annual school budget. The 2010 Tax Levy CAP Law is calculated using the formulas and provisions of NJSA 18A:7F-38. The law was originally adopted in 2007 and was most recently amended in 2018. The core of the tax-levy cap calculation is a 2% increase to the previous budget year’s general fund tax levy with exceptions only for enrollment increases, increases for certain pension contributions in excess of 2%, certain healthcare increases, and amounts approved by a simple majority of voters at a special election. Additionally, school districts can bank the unused tax levy for use in any of the next three (3) succeeding budget years if they were not granted approval to exceed the tax levy cap by the voters. The restrictions are solely on the tax levy for the general fund and are not applicable to the debt service fund.

The annual budget is adopted in the spring of the preceding year for the general and special revenue funds. The District is not required to adopt an annual budget for the capital projects fund. The budget is submitted to the county superintendent for review and approval prior to adoption. Districts that have their school board members elected in November no longer have to submit their budgets that meet levy cap requirements for voter approval. Only a school board decision to exceed the tax levy cap would require voter approval for the additional amount on the November ballot. The Board adopted a resolution to move its annual election to the date of the general elections in accordance with the law; therefore voter approval of the annual budget is not required.

Budget adoptions and amendments are recorded in the District's board minutes. The budget is amended by the Board of Trustees as needed throughout the year. The budget for revenues, other resources, other uses, and fund balances is prepared by fund source and amount. The budget for expenditures is prepared by fund, program, function, object and amount. The legal level of budgetary control is established at the line item account 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. The Board approved several budget transfers during 2022/2023. Also, during 2022/2023 the Board increased the original budget of the General Fund by \$711,503 and the Special Revenue Fund by \$4,787,704. The net increases were funded by additional grant awards, the reappropriation of prior year general fund encumbrances and the inclusion of scholarship donations and student activity revenues.

Formal budgetary integration into the accounting system is employed as a management control device during the year. For governmental funds there are no substantial differences between the budgetary basis of accounting and accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, with the exception of the legally mandated revenue recognition of certain state aid payments for budgetary purposes only and the treatment of encumbrances in the special revenue fund as described in the Notes to Required Supplementary Information (RSI). Encumbrance accounting is also employed as an extension of formal budgetary integration in the governmental fund types. Unencumbered appropriations lapse at fiscal year end.

Encumbrance accounting is employed in the governmental funds. 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 committed and/or assigned 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 which are reappropriated and honored during the subsequent fiscal year.

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NOTE 2 STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY (Continued)

B. Excess Expenditures Over Appropriations

The following is a summary of expenditures in excess of available appropriations. The overexpended appropriations resulted in unfavorable variances.

	<u>Final Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Unfavorable Variance</u>
<u>General Fund</u>			
Regular Programs - Instruction - Salaries of Teachers			
Kindergarten	\$ 503,010	\$ 524,479	\$ (21,469)
Grades 9-12	4,994,650	5,091,544	(96,894)
Learning and/or Language Disabilities			
Other Salaries for Instruction	206,616	208,768	(2,152)
Emotional Regulation Impairment			
Salaries of Teachers	70,712	84,651	(13,939)
Other Salaries for Instruction	33,858	34,134	(276)
Autism			
Salaries of Teachers	242,863	256,363	(13,500)
Other Salaries for Instruction	317,424	320,991	(3,567)
Preschool Disabilities - Full Time			
Salaries of Teachers	311,485	313,720	(2,235)
Other Salaries for Instruction	297,468	318,042	(20,574)
Child Study Teams			
Salaries of Secretarial and Clerical Assistants	136,244	141,172	(4,928)
Educational Media/School Library			
Salaries	96,985	101,321	(4,336)
School Administration			
Salaries of Secretarial and Clerical Assistants	418,787	439,501	(20,714)
Capital Outlay - Facilities Acquisition and Construction Services			
Architectual/Engineering Services	-	18,023	(18,023)

The above variances were offset with other available resources.

C. Deficit Fund Equity

The District has an unassigned fund deficit of \$880,009 in the General Fund and \$24,927 in the Special Revenue Fund as of June 30, 2023 as reported in the fund financial statements (modified accrual basis). NJSA 18A:22-44.2 provides that in the event a state school aid payment is not made until the following school budget year, districts must record these delayed state aid payments as revenue, for budget purposes only, in the current school budget year. The statute provides legal authority for school districts to recognize this revenue in the current budget year. GASB Statement No. 33, "Accounting and Financial Reporting for Nonexchange Transactions", requires that intergovernmental transactions (revenue, expenditure, asset, liability) should be recognized in symmetry (i.e., if one government recognizes an asset, the other government recognizes a liability). Since the State of New Jersey is recording certain 2022/2023 budgeted state aid payments in the subsequent fiscal year, the school district cannot recognize such payments on the GAAP (fund) financial statements until the year the State records the payable. Due to the timing difference of recording these delayed state aid payments, the General and Special Revenue Fund deficits do not alone indicate that the District is facing financial difficulties; however, unless the State of New Jersey budgets the delayed payments in future years, the District may also report fund deficits in the future.

Pursuant to NJSA 18A:22-44.2, any negative unreserved, undesignated (i.e., unassigned) general fund balance that is reported as a direct result of a delay in the payment of state aid until the following fiscal year, is not considered as a violation of New Jersey Statute or regulation and is not considered an item in need of corrective action. The District deficits in the GAAP (fund) financial statements of \$880,009 in the General Fund and \$24,927 in the Special Revenue Fund are less than the delayed state aid payments at June 30, 2023.

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NOTE 2 STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY (Continued)

D. Capital Reserve

A capital reserve account was established by the District. The accumulation of funds will be used for capital outlay expenditures in subsequent fiscal years. The capital reserve is maintained in the general fund and its activity is included in the general fund annual budget.

Funds placed in the capital reserve 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. 6:23A-14.1(g), the balance in the reserve 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 fiscal year ended June 30, 2023 is as follows:

Balance, July 1, 2022	\$ 4,865,965
Increases	
Deposits Approved by Board Resolution	<u>4,114,841</u>
	8,980,806
Withdrawals	
Approved in District Budget	<u>503,550</u>
Balance, June 30, 2023	<u>\$ 8,477,256</u>

The June 30, 2023 LRFP balance of total costs of uncompleted capital projects is estimated by management to be \$18,367,554. The withdrawals from the capital reserve were for use in a department approved facilities project, consistent with the district’s Long Range Facilities Plan. \$4,159,937 of the capital reserve balance at June 30, 2023 was designated and appropriated for use in the 2023/2024 original budget certified for taxes.

E. Maintenance Reserve

A maintenance reserve account was established by the District. The accumulation of funds will be used for required maintenance of school facilities expenditures in subsequent fiscal years. The maintenance reserve is maintained in the General Fund and its activity is included in the General Fund annual budget.

Funds placed in the maintenance reserve are restricted to required maintenance activities for a school facility as reported in the comprehensive maintenance plan. A District may appropriate funds into the maintenance reserve 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. Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-14.2(g), the balance in the reserve cannot at any time exceed four percent of the replacement cost of the school district’s school facilities for the current year.

The activity of the maintenance reserve for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023 is as follows:

Balance, July 1, 2022	\$ <u>1,494,922</u>
Balance, June 30, 2023	<u>\$ 1,494,922</u>

The June 30, 2023 comprehensive maintenance plan indicated a maximum maintenance reserve amount of \$1,494,922.

**RIDGEFIELD PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION
 NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
 FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

NOTE 3 DETAILED NOTES ON ALL FUNDS

A. Cash Deposits and Investments

Cash Deposits

The Board's deposits are insured through either the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), National Credit Union Share Insurance Fund (NCUSIF), Securities Investor Protection Corporation (SIPC) or New Jersey's Governmental Unit Deposit Protection Act (GUDPA). The Board is required to deposit their funds in a depository which is protecting such funds pursuant to GUDPA. The New Jersey Governmental Unit Deposit Protection Act requires all banks doing business in the State of New Jersey to pledge collateral equal to at least 5% of the average amount of its public deposits and 100% of the average amount of its public funds in excess of the lesser of 75% of its capital funds or \$200 million for deposits in excess of the FDIC and NCUSIF insured amounts. GUDPA does not protect intermingled trust funds, withholdings from an employee's salary or funds which may pass to the local government upon the happening of a future condition.

Bank balances are insured up to \$250,000 in the aggregate by the FDIC for each bank. NCUSIF insures credit union accounts up to \$250,000 in the aggregate for each financial institution. SIPC replaces cash claims up to a maximum of \$250,000 for each failed brokerage firm. At June 30, 2023, the book value of the Board's deposits was \$14,932,155 and bank and brokerage firm balances of the Board's deposits amounted to \$16,866,813. The Board's deposits which are displayed on the various fund balance sheets as "cash and cash equivalents" are categorized as:

Depository Account

Insured	\$ 16,852,830
Uninsured and Collateralized	<u>13,983</u>
	<u>\$ 16,866,813</u>

Custodial Credit Risk – Deposits – Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the government's deposits may not be returned to it. The Board does not have a policy for custodial credit risk. As of June 30, 2023 the Board's bank balances of \$13,983 was exposed to custodial credit risk as follows:

Depository Account

Uninsured and Collateralized	
Collateral held by pledging financial institution's trust department but not in the Board's name.	<u>\$ 13,983</u>

Investments

The Board is permitted to invest public funds in accordance with the types of securities authorized by N.J.S.A. 18A:20-37. Examples of the allowable investments are bonds or other obligations of the United States or obligations guaranteed by the United States of America; Government Money Market Mutual Funds; any obligation that a federal agency or a federal instrumentality has issued in accordance with an act of Congress, which security has a maturity date not greater than 397 days from the date of purchase, provided that such obligations bear a fixed rate of interest not dependent on any index or other external factor; bonds or other obligations of the school district or bonds or other obligations of the local unit or units within which the school district is located; Bonds or other obligations, having a maturity date of not more than 397 days from the date of purchase, issued by New Jersey school districts, municipalities, counties, and entities subject to the "Local Authorities Fiscal Control Law," (C.40A:5A-1 et seq.); Other bonds or obligations having a maturity date not more than 397 days from the date of purchase may be approved by the Division of Investment in the Department of the Treasury for investment by school districts; Local Government investment pools; deposits with the State of New Jersey Cash Management Fund established pursuant to section 1 of P.L. 1977, c.281 (C.52:18A-90.4); and agreements for the repurchase of fully collateralized securities, if transacted in accordance with the above statute.

As of June 30, 2023, the Board had no outstanding investments.

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NOTE 3 DETAILED NOTES ON ALL FUNDS (Continued)

A. Cash Deposits and Investments (Continued)

Investments (Continued)

Interest Rate Risk – Interest rate risk is the risk that changes in the market interest rate will adversely affect the fair value of an investment. The Board does not have a formal investment policy that limits investment maturities as a means of managing its exposure to fair value losses arising from increasing interest rates.

Credit Risk – Generally, credit risk is the risk that an issuer of an investment will not fulfill its obligation to the holder of the investment. State law limits investments as noted above (N.J.S.A. 18A:20-37). The District does not have an investment policy that would further limit its investment choices.

Concentration of Credit Risk – The concentration of credit risk is the risk of loss that may be caused by the Board’s investment in a single issuer. The Board places no limit in the amount the District may invest in any one issuer.

B. Receivables

Receivables as of June 30, 2023 for the district’s individual major funds including the applicable allowances for uncollectible accounts, are as follows:

	<u>General</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>	<u>Food Service</u>	<u>Total</u>
Receivables:				
Accounts	\$ 6,815	\$ 880	\$ 67,547	\$ 75,242
Intergovernmental				
Federal		890,688	107,848	998,536
State		52,377	4,467	56,844
Other	411,115	-	-	411,115
Gross Receivables	417,930	943,945	179,862	1,541,737
Less Allowance for Uncollectibles	-	-	-	-
Net Total Receivables	<u>\$ 417,930</u>	<u>\$ 943,945</u>	<u>\$ 179,862</u>	<u>\$ 1,541,737</u>

C. Unearned Revenue

Governmental funds report unearned revenue in connection with resources that have been received, but not yet earned. At the end of the current fiscal year, the various components of unearned revenue reported in the governmental funds were as follows:

Special Revenue Fund	
Unencumbered Grant Draw Downs	\$ 228,511
Grant Draw Downs Year-End Encumbrances	515,970
Total Unearned Revenue for Governmental Funds	<u>\$ 744,481</u>

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NOTE 3 DETAILED NOTES ON ALL FUNDS (Continued)

D. Capital Assets

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

	Balance, <u>July 1, 2022</u>	<u>Increases</u>	<u>Transfers</u>	Balance, <u>June 30, 2023</u>
Governmental activities:				
Capital Assets, Not Being Depreciated:				
Land	\$ 2,703,196			\$ 2,703,196
Construction in Progress	<u>3,622,082</u>	\$ 1,570,087	\$ (3,622,082)	<u>1,570,087</u>
Total Capital Assets, not being depreciated	<u>6,325,278</u>	<u>1,570,087</u>	<u>(3,622,082)</u>	<u>4,273,283</u>
Capital Assets, being depreciated:				
Buildings and Building Improvements	26,118,026	1,210,459	3,622,082	30,950,567
Land Improvements	1,054,352			1,054,352
Machinery and Equipment	<u>4,015,080</u>	206,495	-	<u>4,221,575</u>
Total Capital Assets being depreciated	<u>31,187,458</u>	<u>1,416,954</u>	<u>3,622,082</u>	<u>36,226,494</u>
Less Accumulated Depreciation for:				
Buildings and Building Improvements	(12,546,285)	(1,064,200)		(13,610,485)
Land Improvements	(579,003)	(31,177)		(610,180)
Machinery and Equipment	<u>(3,147,782)</u>	<u>(271,440)</u>	-	<u>(3,419,222)</u>
Total Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(16,273,070)</u>	<u>(1,366,817)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(17,639,887)</u>
Total Capital Assets, being depreciated, net	<u>14,914,388</u>	<u>50,137</u>	<u>3,622,082</u>	<u>18,586,607</u>
Government Activities capital assets, net	<u>\$ 21,239,666</u>	<u>\$ 1,620,224</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 22,859,890</u>
	Balance, <u>July 1, 2022</u>	<u>Increases</u>	<u>Decreases</u>	Balance, <u>June 30, 2023</u>
Business-Type Activities:				
Capital Assets, being depreciated:				
Machinery and Equipment	\$ 304,736	-	-	\$ 304,736
Total Capital Assets being depreciated	<u>304,736</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>304,736</u>
Less Accumulated Depreciation for:				
Machinery and Equipment	(216,963)	\$ (12,828)	-	(229,791)
Total Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(216,963)</u>	<u>(12,828)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(229,791)</u>
Total Capital Assets, being depreciated, net	<u>87,773</u>	<u>(12,828)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>74,945</u>
Business-Type Activities capital assets, net	<u>\$ 87,773</u>	<u>\$ (12,828)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 74,945</u>

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NOTE 3 DETAILED NOTES ON ALL FUNDS (Continued)

D. Capital Assets (Continued)

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

Governmental Activities:

Instruction	
Regular	\$ 1,152,132
Special Education	<u>2,007</u>
Total Instruction	<u>1,154,139</u>

Support Services	
Student and Instruction Related Services	82,997
School Administrative Services	20,007
Pupil Transportation	70,481
Plant Operations and Maintenance	<u>39,193</u>
Total Support Services	<u>212,678</u>

Total Depreciation Expense - Governmental Activities	<u>\$ 1,366,817</u>
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Business-Type Activities:

Food Service Fund	<u>\$ 12,828</u>
Total Depreciation Expense-Business-Type Activities	<u>\$ 12,828</u>

Construction and Other Significant Commitments

The District has the following active construction projects as of June 30, 2023:

<u>Project/Other Significant Commitments</u>	<u>Spent to Date</u>	<u>Remaining Commitment</u>
Unit Ventilator Upgrade at Lincoln School	\$ 508,620	\$ 333,680
Life Skills and Science Renovations at High School	891,467	593,333

E. Interfund Receivables, Payables, and Transfers

The composition of interfund balances as of June 30, 2023, is as follows:

Due To/From Other Funds

<u>Receivable Fund</u>	<u>Payable Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>
General Fund	Special Revenue Fund	<u>\$ 266,518</u>

The above balance is the result of expenditures paid by one fund on behalf of another fund.

The District expects the interfund balance to be liquidated within one year.

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NOTE 3 DETAILED NOTES ON ALL FUNDS (Continued)

E. Interfund Receivables, Payables, and Transfers (Continued)

Interfund Transfers

	Transfers In	
	Capital Projects Fund	Total
<u>Transfer Out:</u>		
General Fund	\$ 1,313,013	\$ 1,313,013
Total Transfers	<u>\$ 1,313,013</u>	<u>\$ 1,313,013</u>

The above transfers are the result of revenues earned and/or other financing sources received in one fund to finance expenditures in another fund.

F. Long-Term Debt

State Aid Advance Loan Payable

On June 13, 2016, the Board entered into a loan agreement with the State of New Jersey in the amount of \$2,500,000 pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:7A-56 the loan was an advancement of state aid to provide funds to eliminate the 2015/16 unassigned budgetary fund deficit in the General Fund. The State aid advance loan is being repaid by the school district through automatic reductions in the State aid provided to the school district in each year. The term of the loan repayment is ten (10) years which began in the 2016/2017 school year at a minimum amount of \$250,000 per year, but may be for a shorter term as determined by the State Treasurer. At any time during the term of the repayment, the State Treasurer, in consultation with the Commissioner of Education, may determine to impose interest on the unpaid balance. The State Treasurer has not imposed interest during the 2022/2023 school year or in any of the prior years. The District prepaid two installments during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021 totaling \$500,000 which reduced the future loan installments to \$150,000 beginning in fiscal year 2021/2022.

The Board’s schedule of principal for the State Aid Advance Loan outstanding is as follows:

Governmental Activities:

Year Ended June 30,	State Aid Advance Loan Principal	Total
2024	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000
2025	150,000	150,000
2026	<u>150,000</u>	<u>150,000</u>
Total	<u>\$ 450,000</u>	<u>\$ 450,000</u>

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NOTE 3 DETAILED NOTES ON ALL FUNDS (Continued)

F. Long-Term Debt (Continued)

Statutory Borrowing Power

The Board's remaining borrowing power under N.J.S. 18A:24-19, as amended, at June 30, 2023 was as follows:

4% of Equalized Valuation Basis (Municipal)	\$ 70,304,438
Less: Net Debt Issued and Authorized But Not Issued	<u>-</u>
Remaining Borrowing Power	<u>\$ 70,304,438</u>

G. Other Long-Term Liabilities

Changes in Long-Term Liabilities

Long-term liability activity for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2022, was as follows:

	<u>Balance,</u> <u>July 1, 2022</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Reductions</u>	<u>Balance,</u> <u>June 30, 2023</u>	<u>Due</u> <u>Within</u> <u>One Year</u>
Governmental Activities:					
Net Pension Liability	\$ 3,895,766	\$ 925,124	\$ 371,772	\$ 4,449,118	
State Aid Advance Loan Payable	600,000		150,000	450,000	\$ 150,000
Compensated Absences Payable	<u>1,870,273</u>	<u>27,796</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,898,069</u>	<u>189,807</u>
Governmental Activity Long-Term Liabilities	<u>\$ 6,366,039</u>	<u>\$ 952,920</u>	<u>\$ 521,772</u>	<u>\$ 6,797,187</u>	<u>\$ 339,807</u>

For the governmental activities, the liabilities for compensated absences, state aid advance loan payable and net pension liability are generally liquidated by the general fund.

NOTE 4 OTHER INFORMATION

A. Risk Management

The District is exposed to various risks of loss related to property, general liability, automobile coverage, theft of, damage to and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; student accident; termination of employees and natural disasters. The Board has obtained commercial insurance coverage to guard against these events to minimize the exposure to the District should they occur. A complete schedule of insurance coverage can be found in the statistical section of this Annual Comprehensive Financial Report.

The District is a member of the New Jersey Schools Insurance Group (NJSIG or Group). The Group is a risk sharing public entity pool, established for the purpose of insuring against various risks.

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NOTE 4 OTHER INFORMATION (Continued)

A. Risk Management (Continued)

The relationship between the Board and the Group is governed by a contract and by-laws that have been adopted by resolution of each unit's governing body. The Board is contractually obligated to make all annual and supplementary contributions to the Group, to report claims on a timely basis, cooperate with the management of the Group, its claims administrator and attorneys in claims investigation and settlement, and to follow risk management procedures as outlined by the Group. Members have a contractual obligation to fund any deficit of the Group attributable to a membership year during which they were a member.

NJSIG provides its members with risk management services, including the defense of and settlement of claims and to establish reasonable and necessary loss reduction and prevention procedures to be followed by the members. Complete financial statements of the Group are on file with the School's Business Administrator.

There has been no significant reduction in insurance coverage from the previous year nor have there been any settlements in excess of insurance coverage's in any of the prior three years.

B. Contingent Liabilities

The District is a party defendant in some lawsuits, none of a kind unusual for a school district of its size and scope of operation. There are three personnel litigation matters currently pending against the Board. The complaints have been forwarded to the Board's insurance carrier. The Board has denied the allegations filed against them. In view of the inherent uncertainties, the attorney is unable to predict the outcome of these cases, nor the potential loss, if any, in the event of an unfavorable outcome against the District.

Federal and State Awards – The Board participates in a number of federal and state programs that are fully or partially funded by grants received from other governmental units. Expenditures financed by grants are subject to audit by the appropriate grantor government. If expenditures are disallowed due to noncompliance with grant program regulations, the Board may be required to reimburse the grantor government. As of June 30, 2023, significant amounts of grant expenditures have not been audited by the various grantor agencies but the Board believes that disallowed expenditures, if any, based on subsequent audits will not have a material effect on any of the individual governmental funds or the overall financial position of the District.

C. Employee Retirement Systems and Pension Plans

Plan Descriptions and Benefits Provided

The State of New Jersey sponsors and administers the following contributory defined benefit public employee retirement systems (retirement systems) covering substantially all Board employees who are eligible for pension coverage:

Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) – Established in January 1955, under the provisions of N.J.S.A. 43:15A to provide coverage, to substantially all full time employees of the State or any county, municipality, school district, or public agency provided the employee is not a member of another State-administered retirement system. Membership is mandatory for such employees. PERS is a cost sharing multiple employer defined benefit pension plan. For additional information about PERS, please refer to the State Division of Pension and Benefits (Division's) Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) which can be found at www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions.

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.

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NOTE 4 OTHER INFORMATION (Continued)

C. Employee Retirement Systems and Pension Plans (Continued)

Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) (Continued)

The following represents the membership tiers for PERS:

Tier	Definition
1	Members who were enrolled prior to July 1, 2007
2	Members who were eligible to enroll on or after July 1, 2007 and prior to November 2, 2008
3	Members who were eligible to enroll on or after November 2, 2008 and prior to May 22, 2010
4	Members who were eligible to enroll on or after May 22, 2010 and prior to June 28, 2011
5	Members who were eligible to enroll on or after June 28, 2011

Service retirement benefits of 1/55th of final average salary for each year of service credit is available to tier 1 and 2 members upon reaching age 60 and to tier 3 members upon reaching age 62. Service retirement benefits of 1/60th of final average salary for each year of service credit is available to tier 4 members upon reached age 62 and tier 5 members upon reaching age 65. Early retirement benefits are available to tier 1 and 2 members before reaching age 60, tier 3 and 4 members with 25 or more years of service credit before age 62, and tier 5 members with 30 or more years of service credit before age 65. Benefits are reduced by a fraction of a percent for each month that a member retires prior to the age at which a member can receive full early retirement benefits in accordance with their respective tier. Tier 1 members can receive an unreduced benefit from age 55 to age 60 if they have at least 25 years of service. Deferred retirement is available to members who have at least ten years of service credit and have not reached the service retirement age for the respective tier.

Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund (TPAF) – Established in January 1955, under the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:66 to provide coverage to substantially all full time certified teachers or professional staff of the public school systems in the State. Membership is mandatory for such employees. TPAF is a cost sharing multiple- employer defined benefit pension plan with a special funding situation, which the State is responsible to fund 100% of local employer contributions, excluding any local employer early retirement incentive (ERI) contributions. For additional information about TPAF, please refer to the State Division of Pension and Benefits (Division's) Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) which can be found at www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions.

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.

The following represent the membership tiers for TPAF:

Tier	Definition
1	Members who were enrolled prior to July 1, 2007
2	Members who were eligible to enroll on or after July 1, 2007 and prior to November 2, 2008
3	Members who were eligible to enroll on or after November 2, 2008 and prior to May 22, 2010
4	Members who were eligible to enroll on or after May 22, 2010 and prior to June 28, 2011
5	Members who were eligible to enroll on or after June 28, 2011

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NOTE 4 OTHER INFORMATION (Continued)

C. Employee Retirement Systems and Pension Plans (Continued)

Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund (TPAF) (Continued)

Service retirement benefits of 1/55th of final average salary for each year of service credit is available to tier 1 and 2 members upon reaching age 60 and to tier 3 members upon reaching age 62. Service retirement benefits of 1/60th of final average salary for each year of service credit is available to tier 4 members upon reached age 62 and tier 5 members upon reaching age 65. Early retirement benefits are available to tier 1 and 2 members before reaching age 60, tier 3 and 4 members with 25 or more years of service credit before age 62, and tier 5 members with 30 or more years of service credit before age 65. Benefits are reduced by a fraction of a percent for each month that a member retires prior to the retirement for his/her respective tier. Deferred retirement is available to members who have at least ten years of service credit and have not reached the service retirement age for the respective tier.

The State of New Jersey sponsors and administers the following defined contribution public employee retirement program covering certain state and local government employees which include those Board employees who are eligible for pension coverage.

Defined Contribution Retirement Program (DCRP) – established under the provisions of Chapter 92, P.L. 2007 and Chapter 103, P.L. 2008 to provide coverage to elected and certain appointed officials, effective July 1, 2007 and employees enrolled in PERS or TPAF on or after July 1, 2007 who earn in excess of established annual maximum compensation limits (equivalent to annual maximum wage for social security deductions). This provision was extended by Chapter 1, P.L. 2010, effective May 21, 2010, to new employees (Tier 2) of the PFRS and new employees who would otherwise be eligible to participate in PERS or TPAF on or after November 2, 2008 and do not earn the minimum salary required for tier 3 enrollment or do not work the minimum required hours for tier 4 and tier 5 enrollments but earn a base salary of at least \$5,000 are eligible for participation in the DCRP. Membership is mandatory for such individuals with vesting occurring after one (1) year of membership. DCRP is a defined contribution pension plan.

Other Pension Funds

The State established and administers a Supplemental Annuity Collective Trust Fund (SACT) which is available to active members of the State-administered retirement systems to purchase annuities to supplement the guaranteed benefits provided by their retirement system. The state or local government employers do not appropriate funds to SACT.

The cost of living increase for PERS and TPAF, are funded directly by each of the respective systems but are currently suspended as a result of reform legislation.

According to state law, all obligations of each retirement system will be assumed by the State of New Jersey should any retirement system be terminated.

The State of New Jersey, Department of the Treasury, Division of Pensions and Benefits (“Division”), issues publicly available financial reports that include the financial statements and required supplementary information of each of the above systems. The financial reports may be accessed via the New Jersey, Division of Pensions and Benefits, website at www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions.

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NOTE 4 OTHER INFORMATION (Continued)

C. Employee Retirement Systems and Pension Plans (Continued)

Plan Amendments

The authority to amend the provisions of the above plans rests with legislation passed by the State of New Jersey. Pension reforms enacted pursuant to Chapter 78, P.L. 2011 included provisions creating special Pension Plan Design Committees for TPAF and PERS, once a Target Funded Ratio (TFR) is met. The Pension Plan Design Committees will have the discretionary authority to modify certain plan design features, including member contribution rate; formula for calculation of final compensation of final salary; fraction used to calculate a retirement allowance; age at which a member may be eligible and the benefits for service or early retirement; and benefits provided for disability retirement. The committees will also have the authority to reactivate the cost of living adjustment (COLA) on pensions. However, modifications can only be made to the extent that the resulting impact does not cause the funded ratio to drop below the TFR in any one year of a 30-year projection period.

Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

The financial statements of the retirement systems are prepared in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles as applicable to governmental organizations. In doing so, the Division adheres to reporting requirements established by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB).

The accrual basis of accounting is used for measuring financial position and changes in net position of the pension trust funds. Under this method, contributions are recorded in the accounting period in which they are legally due from the employer or plan member, and deductions are recorded at the time the liabilities are due and payable in accordance with the terms of each plan. The accounts of the Division are organized and operated on the basis of funds. All funds are accounted for using an economic resources measurement focus.

Investment Valuation

The Division of Investment, Department of the Treasury, State of New Jersey (Division of Investment) manages and invests certain assets of the retirement systems. Prudential retirement is the third-party administrator for the DCRP and provides record keeping, administrative services and investment options. Investment transactions are accounted for on a trade or investment date basis. Interest and dividend income is recorded on the accrual basis, with dividends accruing on the ex-dividend date. The net increase or decrease in the fair value of investments includes the net realized and unrealized gains or losses on investments.

The State of New Jersey, Department of the Treasury, Division of Investment issues publicly available financial reports that include the financial statements of the State of New Jersey Cash Management Fund. The financial reports may be obtained in writing to the State of New Jersey, Department of the Treasury, Division of Investment, P.O. Box 290, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0290 or at www.state.nj.us/treasury/doinvest.

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NOTE 4 OTHER INFORMATION (Continued)

C. Employee Retirement Systems and Pension Plans (Continued)

Collective Net Pension Liability

The collective net pension liability of the participating employers for local PERS at June 30, 2022 is \$15.2 billion and the plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability is 62.91% . The collective net pension liability of the State funded TPAF at June 30, 2022 is \$51.7 billion and the plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of total pension liability is 32.29%.

The total pension liabilities were determined based on actuarial valuations as of July 1, 2021 which were rolled forward to June 30, 2022.

Actuarial Methods and Assumptions

In the July 1, 2021 PERS and TPAF actuarial valuation, the actuarial assumptions and methods used in these valuations were described in the Actuarial Assumptions and Methods section of the Actuary’s report and are included here in this note to the financial statements. The pension systems selected economic and demographic assumptions and prescribed them for use for purposes of compliance with GASB Statement No. 68. The Actuary provided guidance with respect to these assumptions, and it is their belief that the assumptions represent reasonable expectations of anticipated plan experience.

Employer and Employee Pension Contributions

The contribution policy is set by laws of the State of New Jersey and contributions are required by active members and participating employers. Plan members and employer contributions may be amended by State of New Jersey legislation with the amount of contributions by the State of New Jersey contingent upon the Annual Appropriations Act. As defined, the retirement systems require employee contributions based on 7.50% for PERS, 7.50% for TPAF and 5.50% for DCRP of the employee’s annual compensation for fiscal year 2023.

PERS employers’ and TPAF State’s nonemployer contributions are based on actuarially determined amounts, which include the normal cost and unfunded accrued liability. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023 for TPAF, which is a cost sharing multiple employer defined benefit pension plan with a special funding situation, the State’s annual pension contribution was more than the actuarial determined amount. For local PERS, which is a cost sharing multiple employer defined benefit pension plan, the annual pension contributions were equal to the actuarial determined amounts. TPAF nonemployer contributions are made annually by the State of New Jersey to the pension system on behalf of the Board. PERS employer contributions are made annually by the Board to the pension system in accordance with Chapter 114, P.L. 1997. In the DCRP, which is a defined contribution plan, member contributions are matched by a 3% employer contribution. All PERS and DCRP contributions made by the Board for fiscal years 2023, 2022 and 2021 were equal to the required contributions.

During the fiscal years ended June 30, 2023, 2022 and 2021 the Board was required to contribute for PERS and DCRP and the State of New Jersey, as a nonemployer contributing entity, contributed for TPAF, respectively for normal cost pension and unfunded accrued liability contributions (including non-contributory group life insurance (NCGI)) the following amounts:

Fiscal Year Ended <u>June 30,</u>	<u>PERS</u>	On-behalf <u>TPAF</u>	<u>DCRP</u>
2023	\$ 371,772	\$ 7,363,790	\$ 58,131
2022	385,126	6,962,039	55,341
2021	350,205	4,874,387	47,889

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C. Employee Retirement Systems and Pension Plans (Continued)

Employer and Employee Pension Contributions (Continued)

In addition for fiscal years 2023, 2022 and 2021 the State contributed \$2,216, \$1,950 and \$2,037, respectively for TPAF for Long Term Disability Insurance Premium (LTDI).

The PERS contributions are recognized in the governmental fund financial statements (modified accrual basis) as an expenditure. The on-behalf TPAF contributions are recognized in the governmental fund financial statements (modified accrual basis) as both a revenue and expenditure in accordance with GASB Statement No. 85, *Omnibus 2017* (GASB No. 85). The DCRP contributions are recognized in the governmental fund financial statements (modified accrual basis) as an expenditure, as well as, the district-wide financial statements (accrual basis) as an expense.

Also, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:66-66 the State of New Jersey reimbursed the Board \$1,501,296 during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023 for the employer's share of social security contributions for TPAF members as calculated on their base salaries. This amount has been recognized in the district-wide financial statements (accrual basis) and the governmental fund financial statements (modified accrual basis) as both a revenue and expense/expenditure in accordance with GASB No. 85.

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

Public Employees Retirement System (PERS)

GASB Statement No. 68, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions*, (GASB No. 68) requires participating employers in PERS to recognize their proportionate share of the collective net pension liability, collective deferred outflows of resources, collective deferred inflows of resources and collective pension expense. The employer allocation percentages presented are based on the ratio of the contributions as an individual employer to total contributions to the PERS during the measurement period July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. Employer allocation percentages have been rounded for presentation purposes.

Although the NJ Division of Pensions and Benefits ("Division") administers one cost-sharing multiple employer defined benefit pension plan, separate (sub) actuarial valuations are prepared to determine the actuarial determined contribution rate by group. Following this method, the measurement of the collective net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources, deferred inflows of resources and pension expense are determined separately for each individual employer of the State and local groups of the plan.

To facilitate the separate (sub) actuarial valuations, the Division maintains separate accounts to identify additions, deductions, and fiduciary net position applicable to each group. The allocation percentages are presented for each group. The allocation percentages for each group as of June 30, 2022 are based on the ratio of each employer's contribution to total employer contributions of the group for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2022.

At June 30, 2023, the District reported in the statement of net position (accrual basis) a liability of \$4,449,118 for its proportionate share of the PERS net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2022 and was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2021. The District's proportionate share of the net pension liability was based on the ratio of the District's share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the total contributions of all participating governmental entities, for the year ended June 30, 2022. At June 30, 2022, the District's proportionate share was .02948 percent, which was a decrease of .00341 percent from its proportionate share measured as of June 30, 2021 of .03289 percent.

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C. Employee Retirement Systems and Pension Plans (Continued)

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

Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) (Continued)

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023, the District recognized in the district-wide statement of activities (accrual basis) pension benefit of \$1,474,316 for PERS. The pension contribution made by the District during the current 2022/2023 fiscal year is the contribution that is applied to the net pension liability reported at the end of the current fiscal year of June 30, 2023 with a measurement date of the prior fiscal year end of June 30, 2022. Since the State of New Jersey applies the current year pension contribution towards the calculation of the net pension liability reported at the end of the current fiscal year, which has a measurement date of the preceding fiscal year end, there is no deferred outflows of resources reported as of June 30, 2023 for contributions made subsequent to the measurement date. At June 30, 2023, the District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to PERS pension from the following sources:

	<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>
Difference Between Expected and Actual Experience	\$ 32,112	\$ 28,318
Changes of Assumptions	13,785	666,209
Net Difference Between Projected and Actual Earnings on Pension Plan Investments	184,145	
Changes in Proportion and Differences Between District Contributions and Proportionate Share of Contributions	<u>937,472</u>	<u>2,152,975</u>
Total	<u>\$ 1,167,514</u>	<u>\$ 2,847,502</u>

At June 30, 2023, the amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to PERS pension will be recognized in pension expense/(benefit) as follows:

<u>Year Ending June 30,</u>	<u>Total</u>
2023	\$ (1,413,141)
2024	(195,242)
2025	(169,956)
2026	103,799
2027	(5,448)
Thereafter	<u>-</u>
	<u>\$ (1,679,988)</u>

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C. Employee Retirement Systems and Pension Plans (Continued)

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

Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) (Continued)

Actuarial Assumptions

The District’s 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.

Inflation Rate:	
Price	2.75%
Wage	3.25%
Salary Increases:	2.75-6.55%
	Based on Years of Service
Investment Rate of Return	7.00%

Mortality Rates

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 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.

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C. Employee Retirement Systems and Pension Plans (Continued)

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

Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) (Continued)

Long-Term Expected Rate of Return

In accordance with State statute, the long-term expected rate of return on plan investments (7% 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 actuaries. The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plans 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 the 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>
Risk Mitigation Strategies	3.00%	4.91%
Cash Equivalents	4.00%	1.75%
U.S. Treasuries	4.00%	1.75%
Investment Grade Credit	7.00%	3.38%
US Equity	27.00%	8.12%
Non-US Developed Markets Equity	13.50%	8.38%
Emerging Markets Equity	5.50%	10.33%
High Yield	4.00%	4.95%
Real Assets	3.00%	7.60%
Private Credit	8.00%	8.10%
Real Estate	8.00%	11.19%
Private Equity	13.00%	11.80%

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C. Employee Retirement Systems and Pension Plans (Continued)

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

Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) (Continued)

Discount Rate

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability for PERS 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 in determining the total pension liability.

Sensitivity of Net Pension Liability

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

	1% Decrease <u>6.00%</u>	Current Discount Rate <u>7.00%</u>	1% Increase <u>8.00%</u>
District's Proportionate Share of the PERS Net Pension Liability	\$ <u>5,715,813</u>	\$ <u>4,449,118</u>	\$ <u>3,371,109</u>

The sensitivity analysis was based on the proportionate share of the District’s net pension liability as of the measurement date of June 30, 2022. A sensitivity analysis specific to the District’s net pension liability at June 30, 2022 was not provided by the pension system.

Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position

Detailed information about the PERS pension plan’s fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued financial report from the State of New Jersey, Department of the Treasury, Division of Pension and Benefits. The financial report may be accessed via the New Jersey, Division of Pensions and Benefits, website at www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions.

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NOTE 4 OTHER INFORMATION (Continued)

C. Employee Retirement Systems and Pension Plans (Continued)

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

Teachers Pension and Annuity Fund (TPAF)

GASB No. 68, requires participating employers in TPAF to recognize their proportionate share of the collective net pension liability, collective deferred outflows of resources, collective deferred inflows of resources and collective pension expense. The non-employer allocation percentages presented are based on the ratio of the State's contributions made as an employee and non-employer adjusted for unpaid early retirement incentives to total contributions to TPAF during the measurement period July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. Non-employer allocation percentages have been rounded for presentation purposes.

The contribution policy for TPAF is set by N.J.S.A. 18A:66 and requires contributions by active members and non-employer contributions by the State. State legislation has modified the amount that is contributed by the State. The State's pension contribution is based on an actuarially determined amount, which includes the employer portion of the normal cost and an amortization of the unfunded accrued liability. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2022, the State's pension contribution was more than the actuarial determined amount.

In accordance with GASB No. 68, the District is not required to recognize a net pension liability for TPAF. The State of New Jersey, as a nonemployer contributing entity, is the only entity that has a legal obligation to make employer contributions to TPAF on behalf of the District. Accordingly, the District's proportionate share percentage determined under Statement No. 68 is zero percent and the State's proportionate share is 100% of the net pension liability attributable to the District for TPAF. Therefore, in addition, the District does not recognize any portion of the TPAF collective deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources.

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023, the District recognized in the district-wide statement of activities (accrual basis) pension expense of \$2,315,628 for TPAF. This amount has been included in the district-wide statement of activities (accrual basis) as both a revenue and expense in accordance with GASB No. 85.

At June 30, 2023 the State's proportionate share of the net pension liability attributable to the District is \$86,041,917. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2022 and was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2021. The nonemployer allocation percentages are based on the ratio of the State's contributions made as a nonemployer attributable to the District adjusted for unpaid early retirement incentives relative to total contributions to TPAF during the year ended June 30, 2022. At June 30, 2022, the State's share of the net pension liability attributable to the District was .16677 percent, which was an increase of .00222 percent from its proportionate share measured as of June 30, 2021 of .16455 percent.

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C. Employee Retirement Systems and Pension Plans (Continued)

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

Teachers Pension and Annuity Fund (TPAF) (Continued)

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.

Inflation Rate:	
Price	2.75%
Wage	3.25%
Salary Increases:	2.75-5.65%
	Based on Years of Service
Investment Rate of Return	7.00%

Mortality Rates

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.

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.

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NOTE 4 OTHER INFORMATION (Continued)

C. Employee Retirement Systems and Pension Plans (Continued)

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

Teachers Pension and Annuity Fund (TPAF) (Continued)

Long-Term Expected Rate of Return

In accordance with State statute, the long-term expected rate of return on plan investments (7% 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 actuaries. The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rate of return (expected returns, net of pension plans 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 the 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>
Risk Mitigation Strategies	3.00%	4.91%
Cash Equivalents	4.00%	1.75%
U.S. Treasuries	4.00%	1.75%
Investment Grade Credit	7.00%	3.38%
US Equity	27.00%	8.12%
Non-US Developed Markets Equity	13.50%	8.38%
Emerging Markets Equity	5.50%	10.33%
High Yield	4.00%	4.95%
Real Assets	3.00%	7.60%
Private Credit	8.00%	8.10%
Real Estate	8.00%	11.19%
Private Equity	13.00%	11.80%

Discount Rate

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability for TPAF 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.

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NOTE 4 OTHER INFORMATION (Continued)

C. Employee Retirement Systems and Pension Plans (Continued)

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

Teachers Pension and Annuity Fund (TPAF) (Continued)

Sensitivity of Net Pension Liability

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

	1% Decrease (6.00%)	Current Discount Rate (7.00%)	1% Increase (8.00%)
State's Proportionate Share of the TPAF Net Pension Liability Attributable to the District	<u>\$ 100,885,976</u>	<u>\$ 86,041,917</u>	<u>\$ 73,537,662</u>

The sensitivity analysis was based on the State’s proportionate share of the net pension liability attributable to the District as of the measurement date of June 30, 2022. A sensitivity analysis specific to the State’s proportionate share of the net pension liability attributable to the District at June 30, 2022 was not provided by the pension system.

Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position

Detailed information about the TPAF pension plan’s fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued financial report from the State of New Jersey, Department of the Treasury, Division of Pension and Benefits. The financial report may be accessed via the New Jersey, Division of Pensions and Benefits, website at www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions.

D. Post-Retirement Medical Benefits

The State of New Jersey sponsors and administers the post-retirement health benefit program plan for school districts.

As a result of implementing GASB Statement No. 74, *Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefit Plans Other than Pension Plans*, the post-retirement health benefit program plan is reported in a Custodial Fund in the New Jersey Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2022. In addition, the plan is administered on a pay-as-you-go basis. Therefore, the plan has no assets accumulated in a qualified trust. In accordance with GASB Statement No. 75, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other than Pension* (GASB No. 75), the plan is classified as a multiple-employer defined benefit OPEB plan with a special funding situation that is not administered through a trust that meets the criteria in paragraph 4 of GASB No. 75.

Plan Description and Benefits Provided

The State of New Jersey sponsors and administers the following post-retirement health benefit program plan covering certain local school district employees, including those Board employees and retirees eligible for coverage.

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NOTE 4 OTHER INFORMATION (Continued)

D. Post-Retirement Medical Benefits (Continued)

State Health Benefit Program Fund – Local Education Retired Employees Plan (including Prescription Drug Program Fund) – N.J.S.A. 52:14-17.32f provides medical coverage, prescription drug benefits and Medicare Part B reimbursement to qualified retired education employees and their covered dependents. The State of New Jersey provides employer-paid coverage to members of the TPAF who retire from a board of education or county college with 25 years of service or on a disability retirement. Under the provisions of Chapter 126, P.L. 1992, the State also provides employer-paid coverage to members of the PERS, the Police and Firemen Retirement System (PFRS) or Alternate Benefits Program (ABP) who retire from a board of education or county college with 25 years of service or on a disability retirement. Retirees who are not eligible for employer paid health coverage at retirement can continue in the program if their employer participates in this program or if they are participating in the health benefits plan of their former employer and are enrolled in Medicare Parts A and B by paying the cost of the insurance for themselves and their covered dependents.

Pursuant to Chapter 78, P.L. 2011, future retirees eligible for postretirement medical coverage who have less than 20 years of creditable service on June 28, 2011 will be required to pay a percentage of the cost of their health care coverage in retirement provided they retire with 25 or more years of pension service credit. The percentage of the premium for which the retiree will be responsible will be determined based on the retiree’s annual retirement benefit and level of coverage.

The State of New Jersey, Department of the Treasury, Division of Pensions and Benefits, issues publicly available financial reports that include the financial statements and required supplementary information of the above Fund. The financial reports may be accessed via the State of New Jersey, Department of the Treasury, Division of Pensions and Benefits, website at www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions.

Plan Membership

Membership of the defined benefit OPEB plan consisted of the following at June 30, 2021:

Active Plan Members	213,148
Inactive Plan Members or Beneficiaries Currently Receiving Benefits	<u>151,669</u>
Total	<u>364,817</u>

Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

The financial statements of the post-employment health benefit plans are prepared in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles as applicable to governmental organizations. In doing so, the Division adheres to reporting requirements established by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB).

The accrual basis of accounting is used for measuring financial position and changes in net position of the post-employment health benefit plan. Under this method, contributions are recorded in the accounting period in which they are legally due from the employer or plan member, and deductions are recorded at the time the liabilities are due and payable in accordance with the terms of each plan. The accounts of the Division are organized and operated on the basis of funds. All funds are accounted for using an economic resources measurement focus.

Collective Net OPEB Liability

The collective net OPEB liability of the State, as the non-employer contributing entity, of the plan at June 30, 2022 is \$50.6 billion, and the plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total OPEB liability is zero percent.

The total OPEB liabilities at June 30, 2022 were determined based on actuarial valuations as of June 30, 2021 which were rolled forward to June 30, 2022.

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NOTE 4 OTHER INFORMATION (Continued)

D. Post-Retirement Medical Benefits (Continued)

Actuarial Methods and Assumptions

In the June 30, 2021 OPEB actuarial valuation, the actuarial assumptions and methods used in these valuations were described in the Actuarial Assumptions and Methods section of the Actuary's report and are included here in this note to the financial statements. The Plan selected economic and demographic assumptions and prescribed them for use for purposes of compliance with GASB Statement No. 75. The Actuary provided guidance with respect to these assumptions, and it is their belief that the assumptions represent reasonable expectations of anticipated plan experience.

Post-Retirement Medical Benefits Contributions

The funding policy of the OPEB plan is pay as you go basis; therefore, there is no prefunding of the liability. Contributions to pay for the health benefit premiums of participating employees in the OPEB plan are made by the State, as a non-employer contributing entity, under a special funding situation in accordance with State statutes as previously disclosed. The State as a non-employer contributing entity made contributions of \$1.33 billion to the OPEB plan in fiscal year 2022.

The State sets the contribution rate based on a pay as you go basis rather than the actuarial determined contribution amount actuarially determined in accordance with the parameters of GASB Statement 75. The actuarial determined contribution represents a level of funding that, if paid on an ongoing basis, is projected to cover normal cost each year and any unfunded actuarial liabilities (or funding excess) of the plan using a systematic and rational method over a closed period equal to the average of the expected remaining service lives of all employees that are provided with OPEB through the Plan. The State's contributions, as a nonemployer contributing entity, to the State Health Benefits Program Fund – Local Education Retired Employees Plan for retirees' post-retirement benefits on behalf of the School District for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2023, 2022 and 2021 were \$1,934,450, \$1,626,614 and \$1,527,557, respectively, which equaled the required contributions for each year. The State's contributions to the State Health Benefits Program Fund – Local Education Retired Employees Plan for PERS retirees' post-retirement benefits on behalf of the School District was not determined or made available by the State of New Jersey. The on-behalf OPEB contributions are recognized in the governmental fund financial statements (modified accrual basis) as both a revenue and expenditure in accordance with GASB No. 85.

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

GASB Statement No. 75 requires participating employers in the State Health Benefit Program Fund – Local Education Retired Employees Plan to recognize their proportionate share of the collective OPEB liability, collective deferred outflows of resources, collective deferred inflows of resources and collective OPEB expense. The nonemployer allocation percentages presented are based on the ratio of the State's contributions made as a nonemployer toward the actuarially determined contribution amount to total contributions to the plan during the measurement period July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. Nonemployer allocation percentages have been rounded for presentation purposes.

In accordance with GASB No. 75, the District is not required to recognize an OPEB liability for the post-employment health benefit plan. The State of New Jersey, as a nonemployer contributing entity, is the only entity that has a legal obligation to make employer contributions to the plan on behalf of the District. Accordingly, the District's proportionate share percentage determined under Statement No. 75 is zero percent and the State's proportionate share is 100% of the OPEB liability attributable to the District. Therefore, in addition, the District does not recognize any portion of the collective deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to the plan.

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023, the District recognized in the district-wide statement of activities (accrual basis) OPEB expense of \$1,797,038. This amount has been included in the district-wide statement of activities (accrual basis) as both a revenue and expense in accordance with GASB No. 85.

At June 30, 2023 the State's proportionate share of the OPEB liability attributable to the District is \$66,819,830. The nonemployer allocation percentages are based on the ratio of the State's proportionate share of the OPEB liability attributable to the District at June 30, 2022 to the total OPEB liability of the State Health Benefit Program Fund – Local Education Retired Employees Plan at June 30, 2022. At June 30, 2022, the state's share of the OPEB liability attributable to the District was .13193 percent, which was an increase of .00054 percent from its proportionate share measured as of June 30, 2021 of .13139 percent.

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NOTE 4 OTHER INFORMATION (Continued)

D. Post-Retirement Medical Benefits (Continued)

OPEB Liabilities, OPEB Expenses and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB (Continued)

Actuarial Assumptions

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

	<u>PERS</u>	<u>TPAF</u>
Salary Increases	2.75% to 6.55% Based on Years of Service	2.75% to 4.25% Based on Years of Service

Preretirement mortality rates were based on the Pub-2010 Health “Teachers” (TPAF) and “General” (PERS) 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 “General” (PERS) and “Teachers” (TPAF) classification headcount-weighted disabled mortality table with fully generational mortality improvement projections from the central year using Scale MP-2021.

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

100% of active members are considered to participate in the plan upon retirement.

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 4.5% 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%.

Discount Rate

The discount rate for June 30, 2022 was 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 4 OTHER INFORMATION (Continued)

D. Post-Retirement Medical Benefits (Continued)

OPEB Liabilities, OPEB Expenses and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB (Continued)

Changes in the Total OPEB Liability

The change in the State's proportionate share of the OPEB liability attributable to the District for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023 (measurement date June 30, 2022) is as follows:

	Total OPEB Liability (State Share 100%)
Balance, June 30, 2021 Measurement Date	\$ 78,846,660
Changes Recognized for the Fiscal Year:	
Service Cost	3,637,270
Interest on the Total OPEB Liability	1,770,799
Differences Between Expected and Actual Experience	2,187,879
Changes of Assumptions	(17,925,019)
Gross Benefit Payments	(1,754,029)
Contributions from the Member	56,270
Net Changes	<u>(12,026,830)</u>
Balance, June 30, 2022 Measurement Date	<u>\$ 66,819,830</u>

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

The change in the total OPEB liability was based on the State's proportionate share of the OPEB liability attributable to the District at June 30, 2022.

Sensitivity of OPEB Liability

Sensitivity of the total OPEB liability to changes in the discount rate. The following presents the State's proportionate share of the OPEB liability attributable to the District calculated using the discount rate of 3.54%, as well as what the State's proportionate share of the OPEB liability attributable to the District that would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (2.54% percent) or 1-percentage-point higher (4.54% percent) than the current rate:

	1% Decrease (2.54%)	Current Discount Rate (3.54%)	1% Increase (4.54%)
State's Proportionate Share of the OPEB Liability Attributable to the District	\$ 78,539,681	\$ 66,819,830	\$ 57,426,955

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NOTE 4 OTHER INFORMATION (Continued)

D. Post-Retirement Medical Benefits (Continued)

OPEB Liabilities, OPEB Expenses and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB (Continued)

Sensitivity of OPEB Liability (Continued)

Sensitivity of the total OPEB liability to changes in the healthcare cost trend rates. The following presents the State's proportionate share of the OPEB liability attributable to the District calculated using healthcare cost trend rates that are 1-percentage-point lower or 1-percentage-point higher than the current healthcare cost trend rates:

	<u>1%</u> <u>Decrease</u>	<u>Healthcare</u> <u>Cost Trend</u> <u>Rates</u>	<u>1%</u> <u>Increase</u>
State's Proportionate Share of the OPEB Liability Attributable to the District	\$ 55,230,674	\$ 66,819,830	\$ 82,042,891

The sensitivity analyses were based on the State's proportionate share of the OPEB liability attributable to the District at June 30, 2022. Sensitivity analyses specific to the State's proportionate share of the OPEB liability attributable to the District at June 30, 2022 were not provided by the pension system.

E. 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 school tax revenue 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.

For Ridgefield Park Board of Education, the District's share of abated taxes resulting from the municipality having entered into a tax abatement agreement is indeterminate.

NOTE 5 RECENT HEALTHCARE DEVELOPMENTS

In early March of 2020, the World Health Organization declared a pandemic following the global outbreak of COVID-19, a respiratory disease caused by a newly discovered strain of coronavirus. On March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared a national public health emergency to unlock federal funds and assistance to help states and local governments fight the pandemic. The Governor of the State declared a state of emergency and a public health emergency on March 9, 2020. In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, federal and State legislation and executive orders were implemented to mitigate the spread of the disease and provide relief to State and local governments. The pandemic and certain mitigation measures altered the behavior of businesses and people with negative impacts on regional, State and local economies. The national public health emergency and the State public health emergency have since ended, while the state of emergency declared by the State and several executive orders signed by the Governor remain to manage COVID-19 on an endemic level. Depending on future circumstances, ongoing actions could be taken by State, federal and local governments and private entities to mitigate the spread and impacts of COVID-19, its variants or other critical health care challenges.

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NOTE 5 RECENT HEALTHCARE DEVELOPMENTS (Continued)

To date, the overall finances and operations of the Board have not been materially adversely affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. Nonetheless, the degree of any future impact to the Board's operations and finances is difficult to predict due to the dynamic nature of the COVID-19 pandemic and any additional actions that may be taken by governmental and other health care authorities to manage the COVID-19 pandemic.

The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, H.R. 1319 (the "Plan"), signed into law by the President of the United States on March 11, 2021, provided \$1.9 trillion in relief designed to provide funding to address the COVID-19 pandemic and alleviate the economic and health effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Plan, in part, provides funding for State and local governments to offset costs to safely reopen schools during the COVID-19 pandemic and to subsidize COVID-19 testing and vaccination programs. In addition, the Plan includes \$350 billion in relief funds to public entities, such as the Board.

The Board has been awarded a total of \$6,149,646 in federal aid to address the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.

BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULES

**RIDGEFIELD PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION
GENERAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

	Original Budget	Adjustments	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Final Budget to Actual
REVENUES					
Local Sources					
Property Taxes	\$ 27,936,897		\$ 27,936,897	\$ 27,936,897	
Tuition From Individuals	15,000		15,000	15,800	\$ 800
Tuition From Other LEAs Within State	5,187,479		5,187,479	5,198,520	11,041
Transportation Fees from Other LEAs	357,809		357,809	338,365	(19,444)
Rents and Royalties	22,000		22,000	22,000	-
Interest Earned on Capital Reserve Funds	350		350	-	(350)
Unrestricted Miscellaneous Revenue	171,862	-	171,862	530,882	359,020
Total Local Sources	33,691,397	-	33,691,397	34,042,464	351,067
State Sources					
Categorical Special Education Aid	1,696,661		1,696,661	1,696,661	
Equalization Aid	10,952,118		10,952,118	10,952,118	
Categorical Security Aid	511,781		511,781	511,781	
Categorical Transportation Aid	296,758		296,758	296,758	
Extraordinary Aid	244,000		244,000	1,374,057	1,130,057
On-behalf TPAF Pension System Contribution - (Non-Budget)					
Non-Contributory Insurance				100,766	100,766
Long-Term Disability				2,216	2,216
Normal Cost				7,263,024	7,263,024
Post-Retirement Medical				1,934,450	1,934,450
Reimbursed TPAF Social Security Contributions (Nonbudgeted)	-	-	-	1,501,296	1,501,296
Total State Sources	13,701,318	-	13,701,318	25,633,127	11,931,809
Federal Sources					
FEMA - Public Assistance Grant - Coronavirus Pandemic				116,892	116,892
FEMA - Coronavirus Relief Fund				24,767	24,767
Medical Assistance Program (SEMI)	64,561	-	64,561	71,333	6,772
Total Federal Sources	64,561	-	64,561	212,992	148,431
Total Revenues	47,457,276	-	47,457,276	59,888,583	12,431,307
CURRENT EXPENDITURES					
Regular Programs-Instruction					
Salaries of Teachers:					
Kindergarten	484,177	\$ 18,833	503,010	524,479	(21,469)
Grades 1-5	4,423,428	75,530	4,498,958	4,480,892	18,066
Grades 6-8	2,585,970	(53,175)	2,532,795	2,499,540	33,255
Grades 9-12	5,136,056	(141,406)	4,994,650	5,091,544	(96,894)
Regular Programs-Home Instruction					
Salaries of Teachers	35,600	48,140	83,740	65,566	18,174
Purchased Professional-Educational Services	41,000	(19,600)	21,400	15,468	5,932
Other Purchased Services	29,000	(19,540)	9,460	780	8,680
Regular Programs-Undistributed Instruction					
Purchased Professional-Educational Services	58,540	22,805	81,345	61,562	19,783
Other Purchased Services	6,700	(1,700)	5,000	4,784	216
General Supplies	2,146,857	(257,064)	1,889,793	1,591,762	298,031
Textbooks	128,000	40,920	168,920	157,648	11,272
Other Objects	3,575	-	3,575	2,248	1,327
Total Regular Programs	15,078,903	(286,257)	14,792,646	14,496,273	296,373
Learning and/or Language Disabilities					
Salaries of Teachers	403,920	12,853	416,773	414,490	2,283
Other Salaries for Instruction	211,616	(5,000)	206,616	208,768	(2,152)
General Supplies	950	-	950	170	780
Total Learning and/or Language Disabilities	616,486	7,853	624,339	623,428	911
Emotional Regulation Impairment					
Salaries of Teachers	76,712	(6,000)	70,712	84,651	(13,939)
Other Salaries for Instruction	26,452	7,406	33,858	34,134	(276)
General Supplies	100	-	100	-	100
Total Emotional Regulation Impairment	103,264	1,406	104,670	118,785	(14,115)

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	Original Budget	Adjustments	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Final Budget to Actual
CURRENT EXPENDITURES (Continued)					
Multiple Disabilities					
Salaries of Teachers	\$ 599,590	\$ (60,175)	\$ 539,415	\$ 526,942	\$ 12,473
Other Salaries for Instruction	448,438	-	448,438	408,595	39,843
Purchased Professional-Educational Services	9,930	10,205	20,135	11,751	8,384
General Supplies	22,005	1,600	23,605	3,323	20,282
Total Multiple Disabilities	1,079,963	(48,370)	1,031,593	950,611	80,982
Resource Room/Resource Center					
Salaries of Teachers	2,057,717	21,675	2,079,392	2,018,796	60,596
Other Salaries for Instruction	370,328	3,466	373,794	304,091	69,703
General Supplies	3,995	-	3,995	-	3,995
Total Resource Room/Resource Center	2,432,040	25,141	2,457,181	2,322,887	134,294
Autism					
Salaries of Teachers	246,838	(3,975)	242,863	256,363	(13,500)
Other Salaries for Instruction	317,424	-	317,424	320,991	(3,567)
General Supplies	6,140	-	6,140	838	5,302
Total Autism	570,402	(3,975)	566,427	578,192	(11,765)
Preschool Disabilities - Full-Time					
Salaries of Teachers	251,076	60,409	311,485	313,720	(2,235)
Other Salaries for Instruction	238,068	59,400	297,468	318,042	(20,574)
General Supplies	2,900	-	2,900	2,573	327
Total Preschool Disabilities - Full-Time	492,044	119,809	611,853	634,335	(22,482)
Home Instruction					
Purchased Professional-Educational Services	-	5,000	5,000	1,198	3,802
Total Home Instruction	-	5,000	5,000	1,198	3,802
Total Special Education	5,294,199	106,864	5,401,063	5,229,436	171,627
Basic Skills/Remedial					
Salaries of Teachers	311,150	62,654	373,804	281,782	92,022
General Supplies	2,450	-	2,450	-	2,450
Total Basic Skills/Remedial	313,600	62,654	376,254	281,782	94,472
Bilingual Education - Instruction					
Salaries of Teachers	379,323	6,200	385,523	374,779	10,744
Total Bilingual Education - Instruction	379,323	6,200	385,523	374,779	10,744
School Sponsored Cocurricular Activities					
Salaries	204,850	24,263	229,113	212,328	16,785
Supplies and Materials	10,500	(7,100)	3,400	-	3,400
Transfer to Cover Deficit	64,160	-	64,160	64,160	-
Total School Sponsored Cocurricular Activities	279,510	17,163	296,673	276,488	20,185
School Sponsored Athletics					
Salaries	541,548	69,485	611,033	593,629	17,404
Purchased Services	165,000	(5,942)	159,058	104,969	54,089
Supplies and Materials	130,199	(2,400)	127,799	78,319	49,480
Total School Sponsored Athletics	836,747	61,143	897,890	776,917	120,973
Summer School - Instruction					
Salaries of Teachers	-	122,016	122,016	122,016	-
Other Salaries for Instruction	-	78,010	78,010	78,010	-
Total Summer School - Instruction	-	200,026	200,026	200,026	-
Total Instruction	22,182,282	167,793	22,350,075	21,635,701	714,374
Undistributed Expenditures					
Instruction:					
Tuition to Other LEA's Within the State-Special	217,138	258,981	476,119	476,119	-
Tuition to County Vocational Schools-Regular	313,596	(34,223)	279,373	279,373	-
Tuition to County Vocational Schools-Special	185,433	(21,804)	163,629	156,112	7,517
Tuition to CSSD and Regional Day Schools	142,041	90,845	232,886	232,886	-
Tuition to Priv. Sch. for the Handicapped-Within State	1,148,295	(82,131)	1,066,164	1,027,174	38,990
Total Undistributed Expenditures- Instruction	2,006,503	211,668	2,218,171	2,171,664	46,507

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	Original Budget	Adjustments	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Final Budget to Actual
CURRENT EXPENDITURES (Continued)					
Attendance and Social Work					
Salaries	\$ 38,195	\$ 5,805	\$ 44,000	\$ 44,000	
Purchased Professional and Tech. Services	45,380	(305)	45,075	43,877	\$ 1,198
Total Attendance and Social Work	83,575	5,500	89,075	87,877	1,198
Health Services					
Salaries	384,835	(36,763)	348,072	336,449	11,623
Purchased Professional and Technical Services	20,000	21,789	41,789	23,192	18,597
Supplies and Materials	18,400	(2,460)	15,940	10,790	5,150
Total Health Services	423,235	(17,434)	405,801	370,431	35,370
Other Support Services-Students-Speech, OT, PT and Related Services					
Salaries	762,278	-	762,278	752,118	10,160
Purchased Professional-Educational Services	108,100	80,075	188,175	115,797	72,378
Supplies and Materials	3,400	-	3,400	1,444	1,956
Total Other Support Services-Students, Speech, OT, PT and Related Serv	873,778	80,075	953,853	869,359	84,494
Other Support Services-Students-Extra Serv					
Purchased Professional-Educational Services	528,060	95,156	623,216	472,808	150,408
Total Other Support Services-Students-Extra Serv	528,060	95,156	623,216	472,808	150,408
Guidance					
Salaries of Other Professional Staff	861,502	-	861,502	791,072	70,430
Other Purchased Professional and Technical Services	12,500	-	12,500	10,487	2,013
Other Purchased Services	40,000	(12,500)	27,500	8,800	18,700
Supplies and Materials	40,900	4,803	45,703	27,802	17,901
Total Guidance	954,902	(7,697)	947,205	838,161	109,044
Child Study Teams					
Salaries of Other Professional Staff	885,253	12,742	897,995	870,625	27,370
Salaries of Secretarial and Clerical Assistants	133,128	3,116	136,244	141,172	(4,928)
Other Purchased Professional and Technical Services	3,150	800	3,950	3,950	-
Other Purchased Services	500	-	500	75	425
Supplies and Materials	13,850	1,350	15,200	13,697	1,503
Other Objects	1,390	-	1,390	500	890
Total Child Study Teams	1,037,271	18,008	1,055,279	1,030,019	25,260
Improvement of Instruction Services					
Services-Instructional Staff					
Salaries of Supervisors of Instruction	666,805	-	666,805	559,840	106,965
Salaries of Facilitators, Math & Amp, Literacy Coaches	196,263	(19,654)	176,609	176,609	-
Purchased Professional-Educational Services	11,725	15,000	26,725	20,867	5,858
Total Improvement of Instruction Services	874,793	(4,654)	870,139	580,707	289,432
Educational Media/School Library					
Salaries	96,985	-	96,985	101,321	(4,336)
Supplies and Materials	15,875	(2,203)	13,672	10,693	2,979
Total Educational Media/School Library	112,860	(2,203)	110,657	112,014	(1,357)

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	Original Budget	Adjustments	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Final Budget to Actual
CURRENT EXPENDITURES (Continued)					
Instructional Staff Training Services					
Salaries of Other Professional Staff	\$ 151,454	\$ -	\$ 151,454	\$ 118,539	\$ 32,915
Purchased Professional-Educational Services	144,980	(14,940)	130,040	37,249	92,791
Other Purchased Services	19,500	(10,000)	9,500	1,186	8,314
Total Instructional Staff Training Services	315,934	(24,940)	290,994	156,974	134,020
Support Services- General Administration					
Salaries	590,103	-	590,103	578,524	11,579
Salaries of State Monitors	140,000	-	140,000	136,544	3,456
Repayment of Principal-NJDOE Loan	250,000	(100,000)	150,000	150,000	-
Legal Services	320,000	-	320,000	270,106	49,894
Audit Fees	70,000	-	70,000	53,245	16,755
Architectural/Engineering Services	17,000	-	17,000	473	16,527
Other Purchased Professional Services	91,000	-	91,000	50,332	40,668
Communications/Telephone	269,600	(122)	269,478	145,174	124,304
BOE Other Purchased Services	6,850	3,930	10,780	9,882	898
Miscellaneous Purchased Services	106,313	6,127	112,440	85,635	26,805
General Supplies	11,000	2,000	13,000	8,107	4,893
Judgements Against the School District	10,000	-	10,000	-	10,000
Miscellaneous Expenditures	32,500	(200)	32,300	10,550	21,750
BOE Membership Dues and Fees	14,750	-	14,750	14,410	340
Total Support Services- General Administration	1,929,116	(88,265)	1,840,851	1,512,982	327,869
Support Services- School Administration					
Salaries of Principals/Assistant Principals	1,447,111	(63,877)	1,383,234	1,377,717	5,517
Salaries of Secretarial and Clerical Assistants	418,564	223	418,787	439,501	(20,714)
Unused Vacation Payment to Terminated/Retired Staff	-	-	-	-	-
Other Purchased Services	108,990	1,300	110,290	79,026	31,264
Supplies and Materials	22,900	1,125	24,025	16,818	7,207
Other Objects	17,500	-	17,500	17,150	350
Total Support Services- School Administration	2,015,065	(61,229)	1,953,836	1,930,212	23,624
Central Services					
Salaries	470,334	(343)	469,991	457,234	12,757
Purchased Professional Services	103,016	-	103,016	75,842	27,174
Miscellaneous Purchased Services	8,800	-	8,800	2,610	6,190
Supplies and Materials	8,650	-	8,650	3,422	5,228
Total Central Services	590,800	(343)	590,457	539,108	51,349
Admin. Info. Technology					
Salaries	291,819	5,343	297,162	285,760	11,402
Purchased Professional Services	274,600	(5,000)	269,600	218,895	50,705
Other Purchased Services	1,000	-	1,000	453	547
Total Admin. Info. Technology	567,419	343	567,762	505,108	62,654
Required Maintenance for School Facilities					
Salaries	532,850	-	532,850	305,164	227,686
Cleaning, Repair and Maintenance Services	872,060	(321,710)	550,350	273,491	276,859
Supplies and Materials	13,000	-	13,000	-	13,000
Total Required Maintenance for School Facilities	1,417,910	(321,710)	1,096,200	578,655	517,545
Custodial Services					
Salaries	156,500	-	156,500	8,934	147,566
Salaries of Non-Instructional Aides	85,200	-	85,200	-	85,200
Purchased Professional and Technical Services	-	395	395	395	-
Cleaning, Repair and Maintenance Service	1,446,100	181,902	1,628,002	1,588,820	39,182
Other Purchased Property Services	42,000	2,000	44,000	42,093	1,907
Insurance	149,738	42,562	192,300	192,300	-
Miscellaneous Purchased Services	1,000	-	1,000	-	1,000
General Supplies	152,500	12,425	164,925	150,999	13,926
Energy (Natural Gas)	409,300	(223,500)	185,800	121,146	64,654
Energy (Electricity)	393,000	(4,023)	388,977	383,696	5,281
Total Custodial Services	2,835,338	11,761	2,847,099	2,488,383	358,716

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	Original Budget	Adjustments	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Final Budget to Actual
CURRENT EXPENDITURES (Continued)					
Care and Upkeep of Grounds					
Purchased Professional and Technical Services	-	\$ 16,500	\$ 16,500	\$ 16,500	-
Total Care and Upkeep of Grounds	-	16,500	16,500	16,500	-
Security					
Purchased Professional and Technical Services	\$ 220,000	-	220,000	152,810	\$ 67,190
General Supplies	30,750	(20,000)	10,750	876	9,874
Total Security	250,750	(20,000)	230,750	153,686	77,064
Student Transportation Services					
Salaries of Non-Instructional Aides	146,630	-	146,630	99,357	47,273
Salaries for Pupil Transp (Between Home & School)Spec Ed	658,198	14,000	672,198	550,479	121,719
Salaries for Pupil Transp (Other Than Between Home & School)	70,000	-	70,000	44,275	25,725
Other Purchased Professional and Technical Services	8,000	3,391	11,391	11,391	-
Cleaning, Repair and Maintenance Service	60,000	114,366	174,366	107,084	67,282
Contracted Services(Between Home & School)-Vendors	1,000	1,022	2,022	2,022	-
Contracted Services(Special Ed Students)-Vendors	1,000	(22)	978	-	978
Contracted Services(Special Ed Students)-Joint Agreements	1,000	204,265	205,265	175,158	30,107
Miscellaneous Purchased Services	37,963	(13,314)	24,649	24,649	-
General Supplies	1,000	-	1,000	75	925
Transportation Supplies	70,000	-	70,000	58,411	11,589
Other Objects	8,000	(1,000)	7,000	2,800	4,200
Total Student Transportation Services	1,062,791	322,708	1,385,499	1,075,701	309,798
Unallocated Employee Benefits					
Social Security Contributions	550,000	(15,288)	534,712	480,684	54,028
Other Retirement Contributions - PERS	400,000	-	400,000	373,762	26,238
Other Retirement Contributions - Regular	60,000	-	60,000	58,131	1,869
Unemployment Compensation	80,000	5,590	85,590	85,094	496
Workers Compensation	267,560	(18,607)	248,953	248,953	-
Health Benefits	4,052,650	(77,980)	3,974,670	3,928,092	46,578
Tuition Reimbursement	25,000	25,000	50,000	50,000	-
Other Employee Benefits	262,030	61,600	323,630	228,510	95,120
Unused Sick Payment to Terminated/Retired Staff	130,000	(64,000)	66,000	15,000	51,000
Total Unallocated Employee Benefits	5,827,240	(83,685)	5,743,555	5,468,226	275,329
On-behalf TPAF Pension System Contribution (Nonbudgeted)					
Non-Contributory Insurance				100,766	(100,766)
Long-Term Disability				2,216	(2,216)
Normal Cost				7,263,024	(7,263,024)
Post Retirement Medical				1,934,450	(1,934,450)
Reimbursed TPAF Social Security Contributions (Nonbudgeted)	-	-	-	1,501,296	(1,501,296)
Total Undistributed Expenditures	23,707,340	129,559	23,836,899	31,760,327	(7,923,428)
Total Current Expenditures	45,889,622	297,352	46,186,974	53,396,028	(7,209,054)
CAPITAL OUTLAY					
Equipment					
Grades 1-5	90,000	34,559	124,559	39,360	85,199
Grades 9-12	60,000	65,546	125,546	115,021	10,525
Undistributed Expenditures - Multiple Disabilities		10,523	10,523	10,037	486
Undistributed Expenditures - School Sponsored and Other Instr. Programs		8,342	8,342	8,246	96
Undistributed Expenditures - General Administration		2,499	2,499	2,499	-
Undistributed Expenditures - Central Services		17,277	17,277	17,277	-
Undistributed Expenditures - Required Maint for School Facilities	200,000	(131,728)	68,272	37,414	30,858
Undistributed Expenditures - Custodial Services	65,000	-	65,000	6,734	58,266
Undistributed Expenditures - Security	92,000	14,852	106,852	99,426	7,426
Undistributed Expenditures - Student Transportation - Non-Instructional	44,000	10,000	54,000	33,344	20,656
Total Equipment	551,000	31,870	582,870	369,358	213,512
Facilities Acquisition and Construction Services					
Architectual/Engineering Services	105,550	(105,550)	-	18,023	(18,023)
Other Purchased Professional and Technical Services	5,000	(5,000)	-	-	-
Construction Services	1,202,463	(675,609)	526,854	526,704	150
Supplies and Materials	-	-	-	-	-
Assessment for Debt Service on SDA Funding	1,425	-	1,425	1,425	-
Total Facilities Acquisition and Construction Services	1,314,438	(786,159)	528,279	546,152	(17,873)
Interest Deposit to Capital Reserve	350	-	350	-	350
Total Capital Outlay	1,865,788	(754,289)	1,111,499	915,510	195,989

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	<u>Original Budget</u>	<u>Adjustments</u>	<u>Final Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance Final Budget to Actual</u>
CURRENT EXPENDITURES (Continued)					
SPECIAL SCHOOLS					
Summer School - Instruction					
Salaries of Teachers	\$ 103,960	\$ (103,960)	-	-	-
Other Salaries for Instruction	54,027	(54,027)	-	-	-
Total Summer School - Instruction	<u>157,987</u>	<u>(157,987)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Summer School	<u>157,987</u>	<u>(157,987)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Special Schools	<u>157,987</u>	<u>(157,987)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Transfer of Funds to Charter Schools	47,429	13,414	\$ 60,843	\$ 60,842	\$ 1
Total Expenditures	<u>47,960,826</u>	<u>(601,510)</u>	<u>47,359,316</u>	<u>54,372,380</u>	<u>\$ (7,013,064)</u>
Excess/(Deficiency) of Revenues Over/(Under) Expenditures	<u>(503,550)</u>	<u>601,510</u>	<u>97,960</u>	<u>5,516,203</u>	<u>5,418,243</u>
Other Financing Sources					
Capital Outlay - Transfer to Capital Projects Fund		(809,463)	(809,463)	(809,463)	-
Capital Reserve - Transfer to Capital Projects Fund	-	(503,550)	(503,550)	(503,550)	-
Total Other Financing Sources	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,313,013)</u>	<u>(1,313,013)</u>	<u>(1,313,013)</u>	<u>-</u>
Excess/(Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Financing Sources Over/(Under) Expenditures and Other Financing Sources (Uses)	\$ (503,550)	\$ (711,503)	\$ (1,215,053)	\$ 4,203,190	\$ 5,418,243
Fund Balances, Beginning of Year	<u>8,003,110</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,003,110</u>	<u>8,003,110</u>	<u>-</u>
Fund Balances, End of Year	<u>\$ 7,499,560</u>	<u>\$ (711,503)</u>	<u>\$ 6,788,057</u>	<u>\$ 12,206,300</u>	<u>\$ 5,418,243</u>
Recapitulation of Fund Balance					
Restricted					
Capital Reserve				\$ 4,317,318	
Capital Reserve - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures				4,159,937	
Maintenance Reserve				1,494,922	
Committed					
Year End Encumbrances				131,209	
Assigned					
Year End Encumbrances				299,602	
Unassigned				<u>1,803,312</u>	
				12,206,300	
Reconciliation to Governmental Fund Statements (GAAP):					
Less: State Aid Revenue Not Recognized on GAAP Basis				<u>(2,683,321)</u>	
Fund Balance Per Governmental Funds (GAAP)				<u>\$ 9,522,979</u>	

**RIDGEFIELD PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL REVENUE FUND
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

	<u>Original Budget</u>	<u>Adjustments</u>	<u>Final Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance Final Budget to Actual</u>
REVENUES					
Intergovernmental					
State	\$ 159,000	\$ 328,431	\$ 487,431	\$ 367,008	\$ (120,423)
Federal	930,163	4,042,147	4,972,310	1,805,232	(3,167,078)
Local	15,000	417,126	432,126	368,024	(64,102)
	<u>1,104,163</u>	<u>4,787,704</u>	<u>5,891,867</u>	<u>2,540,264</u>	<u>(3,351,603)</u>
Total Revenues					
EXPENDITURES					
Instruction					
Salaries	288,829	480,163	768,992	589,208	179,784
Purchased Professional and Technical Services		177,292	177,292	143,642	33,650
Other Purchased Services	425,220	93,403	518,623	503,524	15,099
General Supplies	101,317	392,606	493,923	194,114	299,809
Other Objects		15,000	15,000	-	15,000
Co-Curricular - Student Activities	-	268,923	268,923	268,923	-
	<u>815,366</u>	<u>1,427,387</u>	<u>2,242,753</u>	<u>1,699,411</u>	<u>543,342</u>
Total Instruction					
Support Services					
Salaries		324,037	324,037	140,057	183,980
Personal Services - Employee Benefits		309,452	309,452	-	309,452
Purchased Professional and Technical Services	8,500	364,375	372,875	176,843	196,032
Purchased Professional/Educational Services	266,297	63,633	329,930	160,664	169,266
Purchased Educational Services - Contracted Pre-K		223,920	223,920	223,920	-
Other Purchased Services		106,783	106,783	1,000	105,783
Scholarships		16,500	16,500	16,500	-
Supplies and Materials	14,000	95,878	109,878	69,265	40,613
Other Objects	-	1,000	1,000	-	1,000
	<u>288,797</u>	<u>1,505,578</u>	<u>1,794,375</u>	<u>788,249</u>	<u>1,006,126</u>
Total Support Services					
Capital Outlay					
Construction Services		23,032	23,032		23,032
Instructional Equipment		70,195	70,195		70,195
Noninstructional Equipment	-	1,761,512	1,761,512	-	1,761,512
	<u>-</u>	<u>1,854,739</u>	<u>1,854,739</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,854,739</u>
Total Capital Outlay					
Total Expenditures	<u>1,104,163</u>	<u>4,787,704</u>	<u>5,891,867</u>	<u>2,487,660</u>	<u>3,404,207</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Financing Sources Over/(Under) Expenditures	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>52,604</u>	<u>52,604</u>
Fund Balances, Beginning of Year	<u>664,254</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>664,254</u>	<u>664,254</u>	<u>-</u>
Fund Balances, End of Year	<u>\$ 664,254</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 664,254</u>	<u>\$ 716,858</u>	<u>\$ 52,604</u>

Restricted Fund Balances:

Student Activities	\$ 200,150
Scholarships	<u>516,708</u>
	<u>\$ 716,858</u>

Reconciliation to Governmental Fund Statements (GAAP)

Less: State Aid Revenue Not Recognized on GAAP Basis	<u>(24,927)</u>
Fund Balance per Governmental Funds (GAAP)	<u>\$ 691,931</u>

**RIDGEFIELD PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE -
BUDGET AND ACTUAL
NOTES TO THE REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

Formal budgetary integration into the accounting system is employed as a management control device during the year. For governmental funds there are no substantial differences between the budgetary basis of accounting and accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, with the exception of the legally mandated revenue recognition of certain state aid payments for budgetary purposes only and the treatment of encumbrances in the special revenue fund as described below. Encumbrance accounting is also employed as an extension of formal budgetary integration of 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.

The following presents a reconciliation of the General and Special Revenue Funds from the budgetary basis of accounting as presented in the Budgetary Comparison Schedule - General Fund and Special Revenue Fund to the GAAP basis of accounting as presented in the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance - Governmental Funds.

	General Fund	Special Revenue Fund
Sources/inflows of resources		
Actual revenues (budgetary basis)	\$ 59,888,583	\$ 2,540,264
Difference - Budget to GAAP:		
Grant accounting budgetary basis differs from GAAP in that encumbrances are recognized as expenditures, and the related revenue is recognized.		
Encumbrances 2021/22, Net		848,662
Encumbrances 2022/23		(515,970)
The State aid payments are recognized as revenue for budgetary purposes. This differs from GAAP which does not recognize this revenue until the subsequent year when the State recognizes the related expenditure.		
State Aid payment recognized for GAAP purposes not recognized for budgetary statements (2021-22 School Year)	1,617,794	
State Aid payments recognized for budgetary purposes not recognized for GAAP statements (2022-23 School Year)	<u>(2,683,321)</u>	<u>(24,927)</u>
Total Revenues as Reported on the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances - Governmental Funds.	<u>\$ 58,823,056</u>	<u>\$ 2,848,029</u>
Uses/outflows of resources		
Actual expenditures (budgetary basis)	\$ 54,372,380	\$ 2,487,660
Differences - Budget to GAAP		
Grant accounting budgetary basis differs from GAAP in that encumbrances are recognized as expenditures, and the related revenue is recognized.		
Encumbrances 2021/22, Net		848,662
Encumbrances 2022/23	<u>-</u>	<u>(515,970)</u>
Total Expenditures as Reported on the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances - Governmental Funds	<u>\$ 54,372,380</u>	<u>\$ 2,820,352</u>

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION - PART III
PENSION AND OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS INFORMATION

RIDGEFIELD PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION
 REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
 SCHEDULE OF THE DISTRICT'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE
 OF THE NET PENSION LIABILITY

PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM
 Last Ten Fiscal Years *

	<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 Position Liability (Asset)	0.02948%	0.03289%	0.03201%	0.02330%	0.05062%	0.05841%	0.05533%	0.05393%	0.04961%	0.04671%
District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset)	<u>\$ 4,449,118</u>	<u>\$ 3,895,766</u>	<u>\$ 5,220,467</u>	<u>\$ 4,197,874</u>	<u>\$ 9,967,529</u>	<u>\$ 13,595,903</u>	<u>\$ 16,385,898</u>	<u>\$ 12,107,448</u>	<u>\$ 9,288,719</u>	<u>\$ 8,926,288</u>
District's Covered Employee Payroll	<u>\$ 2,224,911</u>	<u>\$ 2,188,222</u>	<u>\$ 2,325,383</u>	<u>\$ 2,191,928</u>	<u>\$ 1,572,665</u>	<u>\$ 3,504,209</u>	<u>\$ 4,002,339</u>	<u>\$ 3,724,638</u>	<u>\$ 3,598,717</u>	<u>\$ 3,396,313</u>
District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset) as a Percentage of its Covered Employee Payroll	200%	178%	224%	192%	634%	388%	409%	325%	258%	263%
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability	0.00%	70.33%	58.32%	56.27%	53.60%	48.10%	40.14%	47.92%	52.08%	48.72%

* The amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of the previous fiscal year end.

**RIDGEFIELD PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
SCHEDULE OF THE DISTRICT'S CONTRIBUTIONS**

**PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM
Last Ten Fiscal Years**

	<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	\$ 371,772	\$ 385,126	\$ 350,205	\$ 226,619	\$ 503,541	\$ 541,066	\$ 491,506	\$ 474,751	\$ 408,994	\$ 351,914
Contributions in Relation to the Contractually Required Contributions	<u>371,772</u>	<u>385,126</u>	<u>350,205</u>	<u>226,619</u>	<u>503,541</u>	<u>541,066</u>	<u>491,506</u>	<u>474,751</u>	<u>408,994</u>	<u>351,914</u>
Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
District's Covered- Payroll	<u>\$ 2,370,733</u>	<u>\$ 2,224,911</u>	<u>\$ 2,188,222</u>	<u>\$ 2,325,383</u>	<u>\$ 2,191,928</u>	<u>\$ 1,572,665</u>	<u>\$ 3,504,209</u>	<u>\$ 4,002,339</u>	<u>\$ 3,724,638</u>	<u>\$ 3,598,717</u>
Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Employee Payroll	15.68%	17.31%	16.00%	9.75%	22.97%	34.40%	14.03%	11.86%	10.98%	9.78%

RIDGEFIELD PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION
 REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
 SCHEDULE OF THE DISTRICT'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE
 OF THE NET PENSION LIABILITY

TEACHERS PENSION AND ANNUITY FUND
 Last Ten Fiscal Years *

	<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 Position Liability (Asset)	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
State's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset) Associated with the District	<u>86,041,917</u>	<u>79,109,507</u>	<u>108,422,077</u>	<u>102,161,779</u>	<u>114,894,623</u>	<u>118,673,365</u>	<u>134,147,839</u>	<u>103,678,148</u>	<u>86,837,427</u>	<u>85,251,840</u>
Total	<u>\$ 86,041,917</u>	<u>\$ 79,109,507</u>	<u>\$ 108,422,077</u>	<u>\$ 102,161,779</u>	<u>\$ 114,894,623</u>	<u>\$ 118,673,365</u>	<u>\$ 134,147,839</u>	<u>\$ 103,678,148</u>	<u>\$ 86,837,427</u>	<u>\$ 85,251,840</u>
District's Covered Employee Payroll	<u>\$ 20,393,787</u>	<u>\$ 19,868,893</u>	<u>\$ 18,626,782</u>	<u>\$ 17,755,389</u>	<u>\$ 17,668,412</u>	<u>\$ 17,881,345</u>	<u>\$ 18,994,729</u>	<u>\$ 18,021,120</u>	<u>\$ 17,196,615</u>	<u>\$ 16,461,939</u>
District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset) as a Percentage of its Covered Employee Payroll	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability	0.00%	35.52%	24.60%	26.95%	26.49%	25.41%	22.33%	28.71%	33.64%	33.76%

* The amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of the previous fiscal year end.

**RIDGEFIELD PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
SCHEDULE OF DISTRICT'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF NET PENSION LIABILITY
AND SCHEDULE OF DISTRICT CONTRIBUTIONS
NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

Change of Benefit Terms: None.

Change of Assumptions: Assumptions used in calculating the net pension liability and statutorily required employer contribution are presented in Note 4C.

**RIDGEFIELD PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN THE DISTRICT'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF
TOTAL OPEB LIABILITY**

POSTEMPLOYMENT HEALTH BENEFIT PLAN

Last Six Fiscal Years*

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Service Cost	\$ 3,637,270	\$ 4,213,374	\$ 2,116,651	\$ 2,487,430	\$ 3,083,635	\$ 3,754,706
Interest on the Total OPEB Liability	1,770,799	2,045,365	1,871,255	2,487,365	2,709,714	2,317,635
Changes of Benefit Terms	-	(83,923)				
Differences Between Expected and Actual Experience	2,187,879	(14,331,667)	17,739,128	(14,665,642)	(7,853,147)	
Changes of Assumptions	(17,925,019)	77,788	16,163,097	776,640	(7,178,384)	(9,698,131)
Gross Benefit Payments	(1,754,029)	(1,611,175)	(1,540,444)	(1,598,953)	(1,672,671)	(1,906,194)
Contribution from the Member	56,270	52,290	46,691	47,397	57,810	70,191
Net Change in Total OPEB Liability	(12,026,830)	(9,637,948)	36,396,378	(10,465,763)	(10,853,043)	(5,461,793)
Total OPEB Liability - Beginning	78,846,660	88,484,608	52,088,230	62,553,993	73,407,036	78,868,829
Total OPEB Liability - Ending	<u>\$ 66,819,830</u>	<u>\$ 78,846,660</u>	<u>\$ 88,484,608</u>	<u>\$ 52,088,230</u>	<u>\$ 62,553,993</u>	<u>\$ 73,407,036</u>
District's Proportionate Share	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
State's Proportionate Share	66,819,830	78,846,660	88,484,608	52,088,230	62,553,993	73,407,036
Total OPEB Liability - Ending	<u>\$ 66,819,830</u>	<u>\$ 78,846,660</u>	<u>\$ 88,484,608</u>	<u>\$ 52,088,230</u>	<u>\$ 62,553,993</u>	<u>\$ 73,407,036</u>
Covered Employee Payroll	<u>\$ 22,618,698</u>	<u>\$ 22,057,115</u>	<u>\$ 20,952,165</u>	<u>\$ 19,947,317</u>	<u>\$ 19,241,077</u>	<u>\$ 21,385,554</u>
District's Proportionate Share of OPEB Liability as a Percentage of Covered Employee Payroll:	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%

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

*The amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of the previous fiscal year end.

This schedule is presented to illustrate the requirement to show information for 10 years in accordance with GASB Statement No. 75. However, until a full 10-year trend is compiled, the District will only present information for those years for which information is available.

**RIDGEFIELD PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN THE DISTRICT'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE OPEB LIABILITY
AND SCHEDULE OF DISTRICT PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE OPEB LIABILITY
NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

Changes in Benefit Terms:

None.

Changes of Assumptions

Assumptions used in calculating the OPEB liability are presented in Note 4D.

SCHOOL LEVEL SCHEDULES

NOT APPLICABLE

SPECIAL REVENUE FUND

**RIDGEFIELD PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL REVENUE FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES
BUDGETARY BASIS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

	ESEA				CARES	Nonpublic Textbooks	Nonpublic Technology	Nonpublic Security	Subtotal Page 2	Subtotal Page 3	Total	
	Title I	Title I SIA	Title II A	Title III	Title IV							Emergency Relief
REVENUES												
Local									\$ 368,024		\$ 368,024	
State									63,972	\$ 235,920	367,008	
Federal	\$ 157,963	\$ 14,946	\$ 60,332	\$ 26,996	\$ 46,569	\$ 22,192	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 50,387	\$ 596,308	\$ 879,926	
Total Revenues	\$ 157,963	\$ 14,946	\$ 60,332	\$ 26,996	\$ 46,569	\$ 22,192	\$ 11,068	\$ 5,661	\$ 50,387	\$ 1,028,304	\$ 1,115,846	\$ 2,540,264
EXPENDITURES												
Instruction												
Salaries	\$ 127,102			\$ 20,634	\$ 46,569						\$ 394,903	\$ 589,208
Purchased Professional and Technical Services											143,642	143,642
Other Purchased Services									\$ 495,558		7,966	503,524
General Supplies	28,636	\$ 14,946		3,157		\$ 2,192					52,653	194,114
Other Objects											-	-
Co-Curricular - Student Activities	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		268,923	268,923
Total Instruction	155,738	14,946	-	23,791	46,569	2,192	-	-	-	817,134	639,041	1,699,411
Support Services												
Salaries											140,057	140,057
Personal Services - Employee Benefits												-
Purchased Prof. Education Services			\$ 31,282	995							128,387	160,664
Purchased Educational Services - Contracted Pre-K											223,920	223,920
Purchased Professional and Technical Services			29,050			20,000		\$ 5,661	\$ 50,387	13,679	58,066	176,843
Other Purchased Services				1,000							-	1,000
Scholarships										16,500		16,500
Supplies and Materials	2,225	-	-	1,210	-	-	\$ 11,068	-	-	-	54,762	69,265
Total Support Services	2,225	-	60,332	3,205	-	20,000	11,068	5,661	50,387	158,566	476,805	788,249
Capital Outlay												
Architectural/Engineering Services											-	-
Construction Services											-	-
Noninstructional Equipment											-	-
Total Capital Outlay	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	\$ 157,963	\$ 14,946	\$ 60,332	\$ 26,996	\$ 46,569	\$ 22,192	\$ 11,068	\$ 5,661	\$ 50,387	\$ 975,700	\$ 1,115,846	\$ 2,487,660
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues												
Over (Under) Expenditures	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	52,604	-	52,604
Fund Balance, Beginning of Year	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	664,254	-	664,254
Fund Balance, End of Year	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 716,858	\$ -	\$ 716,858

RIDGEFIELD PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL REVENUE FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES
BUDGETARY BASIS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

	IDEA		ARP IDEA		Chapter 192		Chapter 193			Scholarships	Student Activities/Athletics	Local Grants	Page 2 Total
	IDEA Part B Basic	IDEA Part B Preschool	IDEA Part B Basic	IDEA Part B Preschool	Compensatory Education	ESL	Initial Exam & Classification	Corrective Speech	Supplementary Instruction				
REVENUES													
Local										\$ 26,002	\$ 312,025	\$ 29,997	\$ 368,024
State					\$ 46,450	\$ 9,923	\$ 2,838	\$ 2,945	\$ 1,816				63,972
Federal	\$ 543,974	\$ 19,052	\$ 27,779	\$ 5,503	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	596,308
Total Revenues	\$ 543,974	\$ 19,052	\$ 27,779	\$ 5,503	\$ 46,450	\$ 9,923	\$ 2,838	\$ 2,945	\$ 1,816	\$ 26,002	\$ 312,025	\$ 29,997	\$ 1,028,304
EXPENDITURES													
Instruction													
Purchased Professional and Technical Services													
Other Purchased Services	\$ 476,506	\$ 19,052											\$ 495,558
General Supplies	3,053		\$ 14,100	\$ 5,503								\$ 29,997	52,653
Other Objects													-
Co-Curricular - Student Activities	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$ 268,923	-	268,923
Total Instruction	479,559	19,052	14,100	5,503	-	-	-	-	-	-	268,923	29,997	817,134
Support Services													
Salaries													-
Purchased Professional and Technical Services			13,679										13,679
Purchased Professional Education Services	64,415				\$ 46,450	\$ 9,923	\$ 2,838	\$ 2,945	\$ 1,816				128,387
Other Purchased Services													-
Cleaning, Repair & Maintenance Services													-
Scholarships										\$ 16,500			16,500
Supplies and Materials	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Support Services	64,415	-	13,679	-	46,450	9,923	2,838	2,945	1,816	16,500	-	-	158,566
Total Expenditures	\$ 543,974	\$ 19,052	\$ 27,779	\$ 5,503	\$ 46,450	\$ 9,923	\$ 2,838	\$ 2,945	\$ 1,816	\$ 16,500	\$ 268,923	\$ 29,997	\$ 975,700
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9,502	43,102	-	52,604
Fund Balance, Beginning of Year	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	507,206	157,048	-	664,254
Fund Balance, End of Year	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 516,708	\$ 200,150	\$ -	\$ 716,858

RIDGEFIELD PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL REVENUE FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES
BUDGETARY BASIS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

REVENUES	CRRSA			American Rescue Plan (ARP)					Preschool Education Aid (PEA)	Page 3 Total
	ESSER II	Learning Acceleration	Mental Health	ESSER III	Accelerated Learning Support	Evidence Based Summer Enrichment	Evidence Based Beyond the School Day	NJTSS Mental Health Support Staffing		
State Federal	\$ 651,024	\$ 12,283	\$ 1,000	\$ 130,246	\$ 30,946	\$ 33,389	\$ 5,837	\$ 15,201	\$ 235,920	\$ 235,920
Total Revenues	\$ 651,024	\$ 12,283	\$ 1,000	\$ 130,246	\$ 30,946	\$ 33,389	\$ 5,837	\$ 15,201	\$ 235,920	\$ 1,115,846
EXPENDITURES										
Instruction										
Salaries	\$ 246,629			\$ 111,418		\$ 33,389	\$ 3,467			\$ 394,903
Purchased Professional and Technical Services	120,540	\$ 5,300		17,802						143,642
Other Purchased Services		5,940	\$ 1,000	1,026						7,966
General Supplies	80,530	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$ 12,000	92,530
Total Instruction	447,699	11,240	1,000	130,246	-	33,389	3,467	-	12,000	639,041
Support Services										
Salaries	124,061	1,043		\$ 14,446			507			140,057
Personal Services - Employee Benefits	-									-
Purchased Professional and Technical Services	26,365			16,500				\$ 15,201		58,066
Purchased Professional Education Services										-
Purchased Educational Services - Contracted Pre-K									223,920	223,920
Other Purchased Services										-
Cleaning, Repair & Maintenance Services										-
Scholarships										-
Supplies and Materials	52,899	-	-	-	-	-	1,863	-	-	54,762
Total Support Services	203,325	1,043	-	-	30,946	-	2,370	15,201	223,920	476,805
Capital Outlay										
Architectural/Engineering Services				-						-
Construction Services				-						-
Noninstructional Equipment				-						-
Total Capital Outlay	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	\$ 651,024	\$ 12,283	\$ 1,000	\$ 130,246	\$ 30,946	\$ 33,389	\$ 5,837	\$ 15,201	\$ 235,920	\$ 1,115,846
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fund Balance, Beginning of Year	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fund Balance, End of Year	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

**RIDGEFIELD PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL REVENUE FUND
PRESCHOOL EDUCATION AID
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES - BUDGETARY BASIS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

	<u>Original Budget</u>	<u>Adjustments</u>	<u>Final Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Final to Actual Variance</u>
EXPENDITURES					
Instruction					
General Supplies	\$ 12,000	-	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,000	-
Total Instruction	<u>12,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>12,000</u>	<u>12,000</u>	<u>-</u>
Support Services					
Purchased Ed. Services - Contracted Pre-K	<u>237,267</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>237,267</u>	<u>223,920</u>	<u>\$ 13,347</u>
Total Support Services	<u>237,267</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>237,267</u>	<u>223,920</u>	<u>13,347</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>249,267</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>249,267</u>	<u>235,920</u>	<u>13,347</u>

Calculation of Budget Carryover

Total revised 2022-2023 Preschool Education Aid Allocation	\$ 249,267
General Fund Contribution	-
Add: Actual PEA Carryover (June 30, 2022)	-
Total Preschool Ed. Aid Funds Available for the 2022-2023 Budget	<u>249,267</u>
Less: 2022-2023 Budgeted Preschool Education Aid	<u>(249,267)</u>
Available and Unbudgeted Preschool Education Aid as of June 30, 2023	-
Add: June 30, 2023 Unexpended Preschool Education Aid	<u>13,347</u>
2022-2023 Carryover - Preschool Education Aid Programs	<u>\$ 13,347</u>
2022-2023 Preschool Education Aid Carryover Budgeted in 2023-2024	<u>\$ -</u>

SPECIAL REVENUE FUND - STUDENT ACTIVITIES/ATHLETICS
SCHEDULE OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

	<u>Balance,</u> <u>July 1, 2022</u>	<u>Cash</u> <u>Receipts</u>	<u>Cash</u> <u>Disbursements</u>	<u>Balance,</u> <u>June 30, 2023</u>
ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS				
Lincoln School	\$ 6,691	\$ 1,792	\$ 1,288	\$ 7,195
Grant School	8,350	946	140	9,156
Roosevelt School	<u>10,898</u>	<u>4,955</u>	<u>4,175</u>	<u>11,678</u>
Total Elementary Schools	<u>25,939</u>	<u>7,693</u>	<u>5,603</u>	<u>28,029</u>
JUNIOR/SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL				
Student Activities Fund	108,019	278,948	227,353	159,614
Athletic Accounts	<u>23,090</u>	<u>25,384</u>	<u>35,967</u>	<u>12,507</u>
Total Junior/Senior High School	<u>131,109</u>	<u>304,332</u>	<u>263,320</u>	<u>172,121</u>
Total All Schools	<u>\$ 157,048</u>	<u>\$ 312,025</u>	<u>\$ 268,923</u>	<u>\$ 200,150</u>

CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND

**RIDGEFIELD PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND
SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PROJECT EXPENDITURES
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

<u>Projects</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Expenditures to Date</u>		<u>Balance, June 30, 2023</u>
		<u>Prior Years</u>	<u>Current Year</u>	
2021/22- Grant School Boiler/Stairs/Soffit Replacement, Lincoln School Airdale Ventilator Upgrades (Heat & A/C), Roosevelt School Cafeteria Roof Replacement, Roosevelt School Parking Lot/Playground Paving, Roosevelt School Fence Repairs, High School Curtain Wall/Window Replacements - Phase II, High School Auditorium Lighting Upgrades (Backstage), High School Economics Room Renovations and High School Science Classroom Upgrades	\$ 4,652,608	\$ 2,575,484	\$ 959,359	\$ 1,117,765
2022/23 CST Building Roof Replacement, HS Window Replacement Phase III, Arch/Eng Services for Projects Pending, Home Economics - Life Skills - additional upgrades, Science Classrooms - Plan 2 - additional upgrades	<u>1,313,013</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>605,249</u>	<u>707,764</u>
	<u>\$ 5,965,621</u>	<u>\$ 2,575,484</u>	<u>\$ 1,564,608</u>	<u>\$ 1,825,529</u>
<u>Recapitulation of Fund Balance - GAAP</u>				
				\$ 619,397
				<u>1,206,132</u>
			Total Fund Balance Restricted for Capital Projects	<u>\$ 1,825,529</u>

**RIDGEFIELD PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION
SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN
FUND BALANCE - BUDGETARY BASIS
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

Revenues and Other Financing Sources

Transfer from General Fund - Capital Outlay	\$ 809,463
Transfer from General Fund - Capital Reserve	<u>503,550</u>
 Total Revenues and Other Financing Sources	 <u>1,313,013</u>

Expenditures and Other Financing Uses

Architectural/Engineering Services	81,788
Other Purchased Professional and Technical services	45,821
Construction Services	<u>1,436,999</u>
 Total Expenditures and Other Financing Uses	 <u>1,564,608</u>

Net Change in Fund Balance	(251,595)
 Fund Balance, Beginning of Year	 <u>2,077,124</u>
 Fund Balance, End of Year - Budgetary Basis	 <u>\$ 1,825,529</u>
 Fund Balance, End of Year - GAAP Basis	 <u>\$ 1,825,529</u>

**RIDGEFIELD PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND
SCHEDULE OF PROJECT REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, PROJECT BALANCE AND
PROJECT STATUS - BUDGETARY BASIS
2021/22 - VARIOUS CAPITAL PROJECTS
FROM INCEPTION AND FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

	<u>Prior</u>	<u>Current</u>		<u>Revised</u>
	<u>Periods</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Totals</u>	<u>Authorized</u>
				<u>Cost</u>
REVENUES AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES				
Transfer from Capital Outlay	\$ 652,608	\$ -	\$ 652,608	\$ 652,608
Transfer from Capital Reserve	<u>4,000,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,000,000</u>	<u>4,000,000</u>
Total Revenues and Other Financing Sources	<u>4,652,608</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,652,608</u>	<u>4,652,608</u>
EXPENDITURES AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES				
Expenditures	<u>2,575,484</u>	<u>959,359</u>	<u>3,534,843</u>	<u>4,652,608</u>
Total Expenditures and Other Financing Sources	<u>2,575,484</u>	<u>959,359</u>	<u>3,534,843</u>	<u>4,652,608</u>
Excess (deficiency) of Revenues over (under) Expenditures	<u>\$ 2,077,124</u>	<u>\$ (959,359)</u>	<u>\$ 1,117,765</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

Additional Project Information:

Project Number	N/A
Grant Number	N/A
Grant Date	N/A
Bond Issue Date	N/A
Bonds Issued	N/A
Original Authorized Cost	\$ 4,652,608
Revised Authorized Cost	\$ 4,652,608

**RIDGEFIELD PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND
SCHEDULE OF PROJECT REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, PROJECT BALANCE AND
PROJECT STATUS - BUDGETARY BASIS
2022/23 - VARIOUS CAPITAL PROJECTS
FROM INCEPTION AND FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

	<u>Prior</u>	<u>Current</u>	<u>Totals</u>	<u>Revised</u> <u>Authorized</u>
	<u>Periods</u>	<u>Year</u>		<u>Cost</u>
REVENUES AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES				
Transfer from Capital Outlay	\$ -	\$ 809,463	\$ 809,463	\$ 809,463
Transfer from Capital Reserve	-	503,550	503,550	503,550
	<u>-</u>	<u>1,313,013</u>	<u>1,313,013</u>	<u>1,313,013</u>
EXPENDITURES AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES				
Expenditures	-	605,249	605,249	1,313,013
	<u>-</u>	<u>605,249</u>	<u>605,249</u>	<u>1,313,013</u>
Excess (deficiency) of Revenues over (under) Expenditures	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 707,764</u>	<u>\$ 707,764</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

Additional Project Information:

Project Number	N/A
Grant Number	N/A
Grant Date	N/A
Bond Issue Date	N/A
Bonds Issued	N/A
Original Authorized Cost	\$ 1,313,013
Revised Authorized Cost	\$ 1,313,013

ENTERPRISE FUND

NOT APPLICABLE

FIDUCIARY FUNDS

NOT APPLICABLE

LONG-TERM DEBT

EXHIBIT I-1

**RIDGEFIELD PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION
STATEMENT OF BONDS PAYABLE
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

NOT APPLICABLE

EXHIBIT I-2

**STATEMENT OF CAPITAL FINANCING AGREEMENTS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

NOT APPLICABLE

EXHIBIT I-3

**DEBT SERVICE FUND BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

NOT APPLICABLE

STATISTICAL SECTION

This part of the Ridgefield Park Board of Education's annual comprehensive financial report presents detailed information as a context for understanding what the information in the financial statements, note disclosures, and required supplementary information says about the district's overall financial health.

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These schedules offer demographic and economic indicators to help the reader understand the environment within which the district's financial activities take place.

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These schedules contain service and infrastructure data to help the reader understand how the information in the district's financial report relates to the services the district provides and the activities it performs.

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

RIDGEFIELD PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION
NET POSITION BY COMPONENT
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS
(Unaudited)
(accrual basis of accounting)

	As of June 30,									
	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Governmental Activities										
Net Investment in Capital Assets	\$ 9,769,270	\$ 9,824,350	\$ 9,782,461	\$ 9,798,598	\$ 10,420,332	\$ 12,712,604	\$ 14,374,793	\$ 16,390,911	\$ 21,239,666	\$ 22,859,890
Restricted	332,870	332,870	332,870	1,552,778	1,804,225	2,752,574	7,019,197	6,480,362	9,102,265	12,514,564
Unrestricted	<u>(11,250,338)</u>	<u>(12,077,830)</u>	<u>(14,310,492)</u>	<u>(15,101,821)</u>	<u>(14,167,800)</u>	<u>(16,343,591)</u>	<u>(13,685,266)</u>	<u>(8,696,769)</u>	<u>(10,421,038)</u>	<u>(8,951,300)</u>
Total Governmental Activities Net Position	<u>\$ (1,148,198)</u>	<u>\$ (1,920,610)</u>	<u>\$ (4,195,161)</u>	<u>\$ (3,750,445)</u>	<u>\$ (1,943,243)</u>	<u>\$ (878,413)</u>	<u>\$ 7,708,724</u>	<u>\$ 14,174,504</u>	<u>\$ 19,920,893</u>	<u>\$ 26,423,154</u>
Business-Type Activities										
Investment in Capital Assets	\$ 14,724	\$ 60,548	\$ 62,376	\$ 41,777	\$ 31,948	\$ 71,489	\$ 74,451	\$ 65,802	\$ 87,773	\$ 74,945
Unrestricted	<u>96,528</u>	<u>(27,893)</u>	<u>81,140</u>	<u>151,632</u>	<u>218,503</u>	<u>213,964</u>	<u>236,776</u>	<u>275,152</u>	<u>586,736</u>	<u>487,955</u>
Total Business-Type Activities Net Position	<u>\$ 111,252</u>	<u>\$ 32,655</u>	<u>\$ 143,516</u>	<u>\$ 193,409</u>	<u>\$ 250,451</u>	<u>\$ 285,453</u>	<u>\$ 311,227</u>	<u>\$ 340,954</u>	<u>\$ 674,509</u>	<u>\$ 562,900</u>
District-Wide										
Net Investment in Capital Assets	\$ 9,783,994	\$ 9,884,898	\$ 9,844,837	\$ 9,840,375	\$ 10,452,280	\$ 12,784,093	\$ 14,449,244	\$ 16,456,713	\$ 21,327,439	\$ 22,934,835
Restricted	332,870	332,870	332,870	1,552,778	1,804,225	2,752,574	7,019,197	6,480,362	9,102,265	12,514,564
Unrestricted	<u>(11,153,810)</u>	<u>(12,105,723)</u>	<u>(14,229,352)</u>	<u>(14,950,189)</u>	<u>(13,949,297)</u>	<u>(16,129,627)</u>	<u>(13,448,490)</u>	<u>(8,421,617)</u>	<u>(9,834,302)</u>	<u>(8,463,345)</u>
Total District Net Position	<u>\$ (1,036,946)</u>	<u>\$ (1,887,955)</u>	<u>\$ (4,051,645)</u>	<u>\$ (3,557,036)</u>	<u>\$ (1,692,792)</u>	<u>\$ (592,960)</u>	<u>\$ 8,019,951</u>	<u>\$ 14,515,458</u>	<u>\$ 20,595,402</u>	<u>\$ 26,986,054</u>

Note 1 - Net Position at June 30, 2014 is restated to reflect the implementation of GASB Statement No. 68, "Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions".

Note 2 - Net Position at June 30, 2020 is restated to reflect the implementation of GASB Statement No. 84, "Fiduciary Activities".

RIDGEFIELD PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION
CHANGES IN NET POSITION
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS
(Unaudited)
(accrual basis of accounting)

	Fiscal Year Ended June 30,									
	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Expenses										
Governmental Activities										
Instruction										
Regular	\$ 16,895,035	\$ 19,206,920	\$ 20,539,538	\$ 22,858,044	\$ 23,704,135	\$ 23,218,391	\$ 22,807,960	\$ 23,833,546	\$ 23,269,730	\$ 22,127,357
Special Education	6,246,015	6,995,549	7,866,888	8,182,893	7,814,343	8,262,935	7,676,379	8,286,805	8,177,799	9,290,554
Other Instruction	847,413	1,457,852	1,529,858	886,992	909,133	871,325	861,268	986,409	888,140	1,184,337
School Sponsored Activities And Athletics	1,069,457	1,187,907	1,231,578	1,200,218	1,283,130	1,448,704	1,359,260	1,420,164	1,561,490	1,662,604
Support Services:										
Student & Instruction Related Services	5,333,528	6,373,111	7,244,098	7,219,993	7,036,227	6,532,714	5,954,347	6,718,645	6,456,613	6,206,350
General Administration Services	901,014	783,050	1,013,397	1,257,093	1,331,067	3,819,201	1,194,627	1,455,408	1,574,865	1,436,109
School Administration Services	1,702,674	1,974,276	2,347,955	2,344,568	2,662,178	3,197,910	2,944,707	3,447,494	2,868,814	2,526,464
Business / Central Services	780,122	960,210	1,162,547	1,264,396	1,360,247	995,746	1,031,274	992,136	1,033,411	1,139,331
Plant Operations And Maintenance	2,995,101	3,139,740	3,841,199	4,033,800	4,194,437	3,139,854	2,918,697	3,020,263	3,002,847	3,272,536
Pupil Transportation	619,927	571,183	1,035,240	1,149,250	1,295,539	1,121,297	932,104	891,689	1,109,907	1,137,608
Special Schools										
Interest On Long-Term Debt	82,669	78,518	62,610	40,458	20,199	13,114	8,575	3,653	27	-
Total Governmental Activities Expenses	<u>37,472,955</u>	<u>42,728,316</u>	<u>47,874,908</u>	<u>50,437,705</u>	<u>51,610,635</u>	<u>52,621,191</u>	<u>47,689,198</u>	<u>51,056,212</u>	<u>49,943,643</u>	<u>49,983,250</u>
Business-Type Activities:										
Food Service	1,104,638	1,078,211	1,113,399	1,000,552	981,420	987,808	785,867	516,929	1,072,124	1,369,991
Total Business-Type Activities Expense	<u>1,104,638</u>	<u>1,078,211</u>	<u>1,113,399</u>	<u>1,000,552</u>	<u>981,420</u>	<u>987,808</u>	<u>785,867</u>	<u>516,929</u>	<u>1,072,124</u>	<u>1,369,991</u>
Total District Expenses	<u>\$ 38,577,593</u>	<u>\$ 43,806,527</u>	<u>\$ 48,988,307</u>	<u>\$ 51,438,257</u>	<u>\$ 52,592,055</u>	<u>\$ 53,608,999</u>	<u>\$ 48,475,065</u>	<u>\$ 51,573,141</u>	<u>\$ 51,015,767</u>	<u>\$ 51,353,241</u>
Program Revenues										
Governmental Activities:										
Charges For Services:										
Regular	\$ 3,992,049	\$ 3,824,819	\$ 3,917,080	\$ 4,341,295	\$ 4,413,538	\$ 4,335,659	\$ 3,951,121	\$ 4,304,951	\$ 4,221,143	\$ 4,096,637
Special Education	267,532	572,649	569,807	545,881	900,919	802,619	996,909	1,048,346	947,952	1,117,683
School Sponsored Activities And Athletics	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	81,564	234,767	312,025
Student & Instruction Related Services	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	20,609	26,002
Pupil Transportation	-	-	151,000	381,000	375,826	292,490	339,742	311,405	348,912	338,365
Operating Grants And Contributions	5,992,076	10,448,232	12,819,208	16,371,535	17,349,817	15,076,362	12,536,585	16,508,422	12,789,930	11,340,882
Capital Grants And Contributions	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Governmental Activities Program Revenues	<u>10,251,657</u>	<u>14,845,700</u>	<u>17,457,095</u>	<u>21,639,711</u>	<u>23,040,100</u>	<u>20,507,130</u>	<u>17,824,357</u>	<u>22,254,688</u>	<u>18,563,313</u>	<u>17,231,594</u>
Business-Type Activities:										
Charges For Services										
Food Service	514,671	491,949	524,206	513,657	499,746	522,422	389,817	1,477	82,053	494,260
Operating Grants And Contributions	499,962	507,665	520,054	536,555	538,388	498,094	418,497	544,576	1,323,182	755,678
Total Business Type Activities Program Revenues	<u>1,014,633</u>	<u>999,614</u>	<u>1,044,260</u>	<u>1,050,212</u>	<u>1,038,134</u>	<u>1,020,516</u>	<u>808,314</u>	<u>546,053</u>	<u>1,405,235</u>	<u>1,249,938</u>
Total District Program Revenues	<u>\$ 11,266,290</u>	<u>\$ 15,845,314</u>	<u>\$ 18,501,355</u>	<u>\$ 22,689,923</u>	<u>\$ 24,078,234</u>	<u>\$ 21,527,646</u>	<u>\$ 18,632,671</u>	<u>\$ 22,800,741</u>	<u>\$ 19,968,548</u>	<u>\$ 18,481,532</u>
Net (Expense)/Revenue										
Governmental Activities	\$ (27,221,298)	\$ (27,882,616)	\$ (30,417,813)	\$ (28,797,994)	\$ (28,570,535)	\$ (32,114,061)	\$ (29,864,841)	\$ (28,801,524)	\$ (31,380,330)	\$ (32,751,656)
Business-Type Activities	(90,005)	(78,597)	(69,139)	49,660	56,714	32,708	22,447	29,124	333,111	(120,053)
Total District-Wide Net Expense	<u>\$ (27,311,303)</u>	<u>\$ (27,961,213)</u>	<u>\$ (30,486,952)</u>	<u>\$ (28,748,334)</u>	<u>\$ (28,513,821)</u>	<u>\$ (32,081,353)</u>	<u>\$ (29,842,394)</u>	<u>\$ (28,772,400)</u>	<u>\$ (31,047,219)</u>	<u>\$ (32,871,709)</u>

RIDGEFIELD PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION
CHANGES IN NET POSITION
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS
(Unaudited)
(accrual basis of accounting)

	Fiscal Year Ended June 30,									
	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
General Revenues And Other Changes In Net Position										
Governmental Activities:										
Property Taxes - General Purposes	\$ 22,443,517	\$ 22,892,388	\$ 24,011,557	\$ 24,825,721	\$ 25,322,235	\$ 25,828,679	\$ 26,345,253	\$ 26,872,158	\$ 27,409,601	\$ 27,936,897
Taxes Levied For Debt Service	310,238	331,079	319,881	304,865	293,119	260,562			-	-
State Aid - Unrestricted	3,662,973	3,736,671	3,782,044	3,655,996	4,619,783	6,788,410	7,387,827	7,669,208	8,943,611	10,764,138
Investment Earnings	-	-	209,780	456,128	687,212	301,240				
Miscellaneous Income	131,061	150,066	(180,000)	-	-	-	1,371,202	725,938	773,507	552,882
Special Item							2,602,359			
Total Governmental Activities	<u>26,547,789</u>	<u>27,110,204</u>	<u>28,143,262</u>	<u>29,242,710</u>	<u>30,922,349</u>	<u>33,178,891</u>	<u>37,706,641</u>	<u>35,267,304</u>	<u>37,126,719</u>	<u>39,253,917</u>
Business-Type Activities:										
Investment Earnings				233	328	2,294	3,327	603	444	8,444
Transfers	-	-	180,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Business-Type Activities	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>180,000</u>	<u>233</u>	<u>328</u>	<u>2,294</u>	<u>3,327</u>	<u>603</u>	<u>444</u>	<u>8,444</u>
Total District-Wide	<u>\$ 26,547,789</u>	<u>\$ 27,110,204</u>	<u>\$ 28,323,262</u>	<u>\$ 29,242,943</u>	<u>\$ 30,922,677</u>	<u>\$ 33,181,185</u>	<u>\$ 37,709,968</u>	<u>\$ 35,267,907</u>	<u>\$ 37,127,163</u>	<u>\$ 39,262,361</u>
Change In Net Position										
Governmental Activities	\$ (673,509)	\$ (772,412)	\$ (2,274,551)	\$ 444,716	\$ 2,351,814	\$ 1,064,830	\$ 7,841,800	\$ 6,465,780	\$ 5,746,389	\$ 6,502,261
Business-Type Activities	(90,005)	(78,597)	110,861	49,893	57,042	35,002	25,774	29,727	333,555	(111,609)
Total District	<u>\$ (763,514)</u>	<u>\$ (851,009)</u>	<u>\$ (2,163,690)</u>	<u>\$ 494,609</u>	<u>\$ 2,408,856</u>	<u>\$ 1,099,832</u>	<u>\$ 7,867,574</u>	<u>\$ 6,495,507</u>	<u>\$ 6,079,944</u>	<u>\$ 6,390,652</u>

RIDGEFIELD PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION
FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS
(Unaudited)
(modified accrual basis of accounting)

	As of June 30,									
	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
General Fund										
Restricted	\$ 332,870	\$ 332,870	\$ 332,870	\$ 1,552,778	\$ 1,804,224	\$ 2,752,573	\$ 6,273,860	\$ 5,795,917	\$ 6,360,887	\$ 9,972,177
Committed					1,447,087	27,388	747,383	3,455,019	564,926	131,209
Assigned	336,275	52,218	54,985	276,417	336,435	2,130,795	187,832	634,088	146,577	299,602
Unassigned	(552,477)	(978,793)	(305,607)	(141,280)	(163,369)	(441,892)	(386,331)	(422,071)	(687,074)	(880,009)
Total General Fund	<u>\$ 116,668</u>	<u>\$ (593,705)</u>	<u>\$ 82,248</u>	<u>\$ 1,687,915</u>	<u>\$ 3,424,377</u>	<u>\$ 4,468,864</u>	<u>\$ 6,822,744</u>	<u>\$ 9,462,953</u>	<u>\$ 6,385,316</u>	<u>\$ 9,522,979</u>
All Other Governmental Funds										
Restricted	-	-	-	\$ 1	\$ 1	\$ 1	\$ 745,337	\$ 684,445	\$ 2,741,378	\$ 2,542,387
Unassigned	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(24,927)
Total All Other Governmental Funds	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1</u>	<u>\$ 1</u>	<u>\$ 1</u>	<u>\$ 745,337</u>	<u>\$ 684,445</u>	<u>\$ 2,741,378</u>	<u>\$ 2,517,460</u>

Note 1 - Fund Balance at June 30, 2020 is restated to reflect the implementation of GASB Statement No. 84, "Fiduciary Activities".

RIDGEFIELD PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS
(Unaudited)
(modified accrual basis of accounting)

	Fiscal Year Ended June 30,									
	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Revenues										
Property Taxes	\$ 22,753,755	\$ 23,223,467	\$ 24,331,438	\$ 25,130,586	\$ 25,615,354	\$ 26,089,241	\$ 26,345,253	\$ 26,872,158	\$ 27,409,601	\$ 27,936,897
Tuition Charges	4,259,581	4,397,468	4,486,887	4,887,176	5,314,457	4,886,736	5,199,572	5,353,297	5,169,095	5,214,320
Interest Earnings	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous	131,061	187,033	372,022	844,162	1,073,811	618,835	1,724,580	1,155,984	1,402,888	1,245,021
State Sources	8,552,463	9,216,882	10,516,391	10,796,220	11,949,124	15,575,499	16,592,944	18,490,333	22,075,966	24,859,294
Federal Sources	1,102,586	1,145,227	1,108,445	1,124,718	1,216,487	1,194,245	1,502,090	1,565,200	2,233,640	2,415,553
Total Revenue	36,799,446	38,170,077	40,815,183	42,782,862	45,169,233	48,364,556	51,364,439	53,436,972	58,291,190	61,671,085
Expenditures										
Instruction										
Regular Instruction	16,462,126	16,597,275	17,250,067	17,418,059	18,573,838	19,778,112	21,069,178	20,954,009	24,150,447	23,917,161
Special Education Instruction	6,243,283	6,470,208	7,096,604	6,782,921	6,730,402	7,438,640	7,705,198	7,921,738	8,982,154	10,677,265
Other Instruction	845,959	1,274,876	1,300,734	678,288	710,701	749,431	811,846	884,388	973,823	1,392,084
School Sponsored Activities And Athletics	1,069,457	1,066,272	1,068,535	941,137	1,032,621	1,278,188	1,294,065	1,301,766	1,667,387	1,849,862
Support Services:										
Student & Inst. Related Services	5,239,866	5,776,528	6,380,946	5,808,040	5,648,606	5,800,161	5,964,809	6,379,870	7,041,223	7,128,965
General Administration Services	904,285	747,423	957,726	1,124,300	1,185,886	1,145,910	1,244,831	1,464,482	1,738,997	1,661,484
School Administration Services	1,662,772	1,778,220	2,026,671	1,848,350	2,096,061	2,806,270	2,953,441	3,241,908	3,197,258	2,977,818
Business / Central Services	811,163	922,305	1,072,053	1,070,653	1,104,194	913,828	1,160,364	1,027,465	1,187,600	1,368,204
Plant Operations And Maintenance	2,958,384	3,087,569	3,691,062	3,678,233	4,029,785	3,083,323	2,989,207	2,972,357	3,030,544	3,341,444
Pupil Transportation	619,927	566,349	945,928	1,002,600	1,061,089	984,322	1,025,804	904,276	1,231,519	1,306,012
Capital Outlay	814,904	437,546	3,400	-	576,650	2,489,283	2,387,717	2,907,750	5,952,944	2,987,041
Debt Service:										
Principal	505,381	597,581	592,317	773,604	822,817	830,297	395,525	893,993	157,971	150,000
Interest And Other Charges	94,322	89,572	73,187	51,009	30,441	22,304	8,575	3,653	27	-
Total Expenditures	38,231,829	39,411,724	42,459,230	41,177,194	43,603,091	47,320,069	49,010,560	50,857,655	59,311,894	58,757,340
Excess (Deficiency) Of Revenues										
Over (Under) Expenditures	(1,432,383)	(1,241,647)	(1,644,047)	1,605,668	1,566,142	1,044,487	2,353,879	2,579,317	(1,020,704)	2,913,745
Other Financing Sources (Uses)										
Capital Leases (Non-Budgeted)	223,300	531,274	-	-	170,320	-	-	-	-	-
School District Deficit Relief Proceeds	-	-	2,500,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers In	685,077	-	1,313,013	1	-	-	1	-	4,652,608	1,313,013
Transfers Out	(685,077)	-	(180,000)	-	-	-	(1)	-	(4,652,608)	(1,313,013)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	223,300	531,274	3,633,013	1	170,320	-	-	-	-	-
Net Change In Fund Balances	\$ (1,209,083)	\$ (710,373)	\$ 1,988,966	\$ 1,605,669	\$ 1,736,462	\$ 1,044,487	\$ 2,353,879	\$ 2,579,317	\$ (1,020,704)	\$ 2,913,745
Debt Service As A Percentage Of										
Noncapital Expenditures	1.60%	1.76%	1.57%	2.00%	1.98%	1.90%	0.87%	1.87%	0.30%	0.27%

* Noncapital expenditures are total expenditures less capital outlay.

**RIDGEFIELD PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION
GENERAL FUND OTHER LOCAL REVENUE BY SOURCE
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS
(Unaudited)**

<u>Fiscal Year Ended June 30,</u>	<u>Tuition</u>	<u>Interest on Investments</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>Total</u>
2014	\$ 4,259,581	\$ 9,830	\$ 121,231	\$ 4,390,642
2015	4,397,468	4,970	145,096	4,547,534
2016	4,486,887	4,835	355,945	4,847,667
2017	4,887,176	3,058	834,070	5,724,304
2018	5,314,457	15,291	1,047,747	6,377,495
2019	4,886,736	62,895	530,835	5,480,466
2020	5,199,572	91,308	1,619,636	6,910,516
2021	5,353,297	22,722	1,014,621	6,390,640
2022	5,169,095	18,101	1,104,318	6,291,514
2023	5,214,320	241,075	650,172	6,105,567

Source: School District records

RIDGEFIELD PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION
ASSESSED VALUATION AND ACTUAL VALUE OF TAXABLE PROPERTY
LAST TEN YEARS
(Unaudited)

Calendar Year Ended December 31,	Vacant Land	Residential	Commercial	Industrial	Apartment	Total Assessed Valuation	Public Utilities	Net Valuation Taxable	Estimated Actual (County Equalized) Value	Total Direct School Tax Rate ^a
2014	\$ 25,221,600	\$ 766,388,000	\$ 270,931,600	\$ 47,908,920	\$ 102,519,800	\$ 1,212,969,920		\$ 1,212,969,920	\$ 1,395,299,209	\$ 1.915
2015	25,623,100	771,379,500	251,114,800	47,758,920	101,646,000	1,197,522,320		1,197,522,320	1,274,098,383	2.032
2016	25,623,100	765,800,000	251,114,800	47,525,420	101,646,000	1,191,709,320		1,191,709,320	1,224,582,795	2.108
2017	25,159,900	766,080,200	248,111,700	47,412,400	101,409,500	1,188,173,700		1,188,173,700	1,310,515,497	2.156
2018	25,147,800	766,419,400	246,187,500	47,128,900	104,940,300	1,189,823,900		1,189,823,900	1,370,882,006	2.193
2019	33,181,200	767,518,300	246,180,600	46,047,400	105,317,600	1,198,245,100		1,198,245,100	1,598,033,027	2.200
2020 (A)	39,992,100	928,020,200	308,620,900	69,913,500	134,738,500	1,481,285,200		1,481,285,200	1,534,243,609	1.814
2021	39,694,600	956,900,500	296,981,700	72,322,700	136,972,500	1,502,872,000		1,502,872,000	1,589,695,545	1.824
2022	19,420,100	1,044,162,900	312,166,400	76,901,900	148,698,000	1,601,349,300		1,601,349,300	1,653,245,825	1.745
2023	22,339,800	1,152,868,200	322,284,800	85,175,900	156,109,300	1,738,778,000		1,738,778,000	1,817,242,137	1.634

Source: County Abstract of Ratables

a Tax rates are per \$100

(A) The Village undertook a reassessment of real property which became effective in calendar year 2020.

**RIDGEFIELD PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION
PROPERTY TAX RATES-DIRECT AND OVERLAPPING GOVERNMENTS
PER \$100 OF ASSESSED VALUATION
LAST TEN YEARS
(Unaudited)**

<u>Calendar Year</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Local School District</u>	<u>Municipality</u>	<u>County</u>
2014	\$ 3.458	\$ 1.915	\$ 1.277	\$ 0.266
2015	3.550	2.032	1.272	0.246
2016	3.624	2.108	1.266	0.250
2017	3.723	2.156	1.292	0.275
2018	3.848	2.193	1.374	0.281
2019	3.939	2.200	1.415	0.324
2020	(A) 3.248	1.814	1.176	0.258
2021	3.290	1.824	1.200	0.266
2022	3.131	1.745	1.137	0.249
2023	2.946	1.634	1.062	0.250

(A) The Village undertook a reassessment of real property which became effective in calendar year 2020

Source: Village Tax Duplicate

**RIDGEFIELD PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION
PRINCIPAL PROPERTY TAXPAYERS,
CURRENT YEAR AND NINE YEARS AGO
(Unaudited)**

Taxpayer	2023		Taxpayer	2014	
	Taxable Assessed Value	% of Total District Net Assessed Value		Taxable Assessed Value	% of Total District Net Assessed Value
Challenger AIM C1 LLC	\$ 41,855,500	2.41%	55 Challenger Road, LLC	\$ 31,000,000	2.56%
50 Challenger Road KM LLC	36,124,500	2.08%	85 Challenger Rd LLC	29,000,000	2.39%
65 Challenger LLC	22,818,800	1.31%	100 Challenger Partners LLC	24,000,000	1.98%
Eye Level Hub LLC	22,173,100	1.28%	65 Challenger LLC	18,000,000	1.48%
100 Challenger Partners LLC	21,765,600	1.25%	Marlboro Apt Corp	17,760,900	1.46%
Marlboro Apt Corp	18,066,500	1.04%	Daekyo America Inc	16,000,000	1.32%
Scott Court Apts LLC	16,897,100	0.97%	Ridgefield Park Lodging Assoc	14,203,600	1.17%
United Rentals North America Inc	16,561,000	0.95%	Pitcain Skymark LLC	13,351,000	1.10%
29 Ash Realty LLC	15,748,100	0.91%	United Rentals North America Inc	11,300,000	0.93%
Ridgefield Park Lodging Assoc	15,000,000	0.86%	Starplex Operating LLC	10,888,600	0.90%
	<u>\$ 227,010,200</u>	<u>13.06%</u>		<u>\$ 185,504,100</u>	<u>15.29%</u>

Source: Municipal Tax Assessor

**RIDGEFIELD PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION
PROPERTY TAX LEVIES AND COLLECTIONS
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS
(Unaudited)**

Calendar Year Ended December 31,	Local School Taxes Levied for the Fiscal Year	Collected within the Fiscal Year of the Levy		Collections in Subsequent Years
		Amount	Percentage of Levy	
2014	\$ 22,753,755	\$ 22,753,755	100.00%	N/A
2015	23,223,467	23,223,467	100.00%	N/A
2016	24,331,438	24,331,438	100.00%	N/A
2017	25,130,586	25,130,586	100.00%	N/A
2018	25,615,354	25,615,354	100.00%	N/A
2019	26,089,241	26,089,241	100.00%	N/A
2020	26,345,253	26,345,253	100.00%	N/A
2021	26,872,158	26,872,158	100.00%	N/A
2022	27,409,601	27,409,601	100.00%	N/A
2023	27,936,897	27,936,897	100.00%	N/A

RIDGEFIELD PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION
RATIOS OF OUTSTANDING DEBT BY TYPE
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS
(Unaudited)

Fiscal Year Ended June 30,	Governmental Activities		Total District	Population (1)	Per Capita
	General Obligation Bonds	Capital Leases			
2014	\$ 1,930,000	\$ 262,491	\$ 2,192,491	\$ 12,885	\$ 170
2015	1,535,000	591,184	2,126,184	12,898	165
2016	1,140,000	826,999	1,966,999	12,925	152
2017	750,000	612,958	1,362,958	12,908	106
2018	360,000	517,786	877,786	12,931	68
2019		297,489	297,489	12,956	23
2020		151,964	151,964	12,901	12
2021		7,971	7,971	12,837	1
2022			-	13,136	-
2023			-	13,110	-

Source: District records

(1) Estimated

**RIDGEFIELD PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION
RATIOS OF NET GENERAL BONDED DEBT OUTSTANDING
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS
(Unaudited)**

<u>General Bonded Debt Outstanding</u>						
<u>Fiscal Year Ended June 30,</u>	<u>General Obligation Bonds</u>	<u>Deductions</u>		<u>Net General Bonded Debt Outstanding</u>	<u>Percentage of Actual Taxable Valuation of Property</u>	<u>Per Capita</u>
2014	\$ 1,930,000			\$ 1,930,000	0.16%	\$ 150
2015	1,535,000			1,535,000	0.13%	119
2016	1,140,000			1,140,000	0.10%	88
2017	750,000	\$	1	749,999	0.06%	58
2018	360,000		1	359,999	0.03%	28
2019					0.00%	-
2020					0.00%	-
2021					0.00%	-
2022					0.00%	-
2023					0.00%	-

Source: District records

**RIDGEFIELD PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION
COMPUTATION OF DIRECT AND OVERLAPPING BONDED DEBT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022
(Unaudited)**

	<u>Gross Debt</u>	<u>Deductions</u>	<u>Net Debt</u>
Municipal Debt			
Village of Ridgefield Park	\$ 11,057,467	\$ 285,470	\$ 10,771,997
	<u>\$ 11,057,467</u>	<u>\$ 285,470</u>	<u>\$ 10,771,997</u>
Overlapping Debt Apportioned to the Municipality			
County of Bergen(A)			12,814,463
Bergen County Utilities Authority - Water Pollution Control (B)			<u>4,560,904</u>
			<u>17,375,367</u>
Total Direct and Overlapping Outstanding Debt			<u>\$ 28,147,364</u>

Source:

(1) Village of Ridgefield Park 2022 Annual Debt Statement

(A) The debt for this entity was apportioned to Village of Ridgefield Park by dividing the municipality's 2022 equalized value by the total 2022 equalized value for Bergen County.

(B) The debt was computed based upon dividing the Village's 2022 billings by the total 2022 billings of the Authority.

**RIDGEFIELD PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION
LEGAL DEBT MARGIN INFORMATION
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS**

	<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	\$ 55,114,973	\$ 54,005,505	\$ 52,658,549	\$ 50,880,810	\$ 51,938,284	\$ 56,689,232	\$ 60,224,062	\$ 64,293,200	\$ 66,233,454	\$ 70,304,438
Total Net Debt Applicable to Limit	<u>1,930,000</u>	<u>1,535,000</u>	<u>1,140,000</u>	<u>750,000</u>	<u>360,000</u>					
Legal Debt Margin	<u>\$ 53,184,973</u>	<u>\$ 52,470,505</u>	<u>\$ 51,518,549</u>	<u>\$ 50,130,810</u>	<u>\$ 51,578,284</u>	<u>\$ 56,689,232</u>	<u>\$ 60,224,062</u>	<u>\$ 64,293,200</u>	<u>\$ 66,233,454</u>	<u>\$ 70,304,438</u>
Total Net Debt Applicable to the Limit as a Percentage of Debt Limit	3.50%	2.84%	2.16%	1.47%	0.69%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%

Legal Debt Margin Calculation for Fiscal Year 2023

	Equalized Valuation Basis	
	2022	\$ 1,878,856,389
	2021	1,726,050,304
	2020	<u>1,667,926,134</u>
		<u>\$ 5,272,832,827</u>
		<u>\$ 1,757,610,942</u>
Debt Limit (4 % of Average Equalization Value)		\$ 70,304,438
Total Net Debt Applicable to Limit		-
Legal Debt Margin		<u>\$ 70,304,438</u>

Source: Equalized valuation bases were obtained from the Annual Report of the State of New Jersey,
Department of Treasury, Division of Taxation

**RIDGEFIELD PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION
DEMOGRAPHIC STATISTICS
LAST TEN YEARS
(Unaudited)**

<u>Year Ended December 31,</u>	<u>Unemployment Rate</u>	<u>Per Capita Income(1)</u>	<u>Population</u>
2014	5.30%	\$ 73,883	12,885
2015	4.90%	77,323	12,898
2016	4.90%	78,836	12,925
2017	4.10%	81,024	12,908
2018	3.50%	85,191	12,931
2019	3.50%	88,241	12,956
2020	11.70%	91,972	12,901
2021	7.40%	97,343	12,837
2022	3.70%	N/A	13,136
2023	N/A	N/A	13,110

Source:

Unemployment Rate - New Jersey Department of Labor
 Population - US Bureau of the Census, Population Division
 (1) Represents County of Bergen's per capita income

RIDGEFIELD PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION
 PRINCIPAL EMPLOYERS,
 CURRENT YEAR AND NINE YEARS AGO
 (Unaudited)

<u>Employer</u>	<u>2023</u>		<u>2014</u>	
	<u>Employees</u>	<u>Percentage of Total Municipal Employment</u>	<u>Employees</u>	<u>Percentage of Total Municipal Employment</u>

NOT AVAILABLE

**RIDGEFIELD PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION
 FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT DISTRICT EMPLOYEES BY FUNCTION/PROGRAM
 LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS
 (Unaudited)**

<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	180	182	162	149	139	146	145	148	149	199
Special education	53	56	76	71	28	31	37	35	34	30
Support Services:										
Student & instruction related services	21	21	26	27	26	78	70	67	65	82
School administration services	14	15	16	11	14	13	16	16	16	18
Other administration services	5	5	5	5	5	5	7	7	13	14
Central services	4	4	4	4	3	4	5	5	5	5
Administrative Information Technology	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	4	4
Plant operations and maintenance	22	22	22	21	3	3	3	3	2	3
Pupil transportation	4	7	4	4	3	4	4	4	4	17
Other support services	14	14	14	12	11	11	11	14	14	5
Total	<u>320</u>	<u>329</u>	<u>332</u>	<u>307</u>	<u>235</u>	<u>298</u>	<u>301</u>	<u>302</u>	<u>305</u>	<u>377</u>

Source: District Personnel Records

**RIDGEFIELD PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION
OPERATING STATISTICS
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS
(Unaudited)**

Fiscal Year	Enrollment ^a	Operating Expenditures ^b	Cost Per Pupil ^c	Percentage Change	Pupil/Teacher Ratio			Average Daily Enrollment (ADE)	Average Daily Attendance (ADA)	% Change in Average Daily Enrollment	Student Attendance Percentage
					Teaching Staff	Elementary	Junior/Senior High School				
2014	2,363	\$ 36,817,222	15,581	-0.63%	230	1:13.7	1:15.6	2,343	2,213	2.05%	94.45%
2015	2,386	38,287,025	16,047	2.99%	238	1:14.2	1:16.8	2,379	2,256	1.54%	94.83%
2016	2,422	41,790,326	17,254	7.53%	236	1:10.4	1:10.8	2,442	2,283	2.65%	93.49%
2017	2,385	40,352,581	16,919	-1.94%	175	1:12.9	1:13.9	2,401	2,214	-1.68%	92.21%
2018	2,344	42,173,183	17,992	6.34%	167	1:13.5	1:12.7	2,320	2,199	-3.37%	94.78%
2019	2,296	43,978,185	19,154	6.46%	177	1:12.8	1:12.8	2,250	2,129	-3.02%	94.62%
2020	2,234	46,218,743	20,689	8.01%	182	1:11.2	1:13.3	2,227	2,129	-1.02%	95.60%
2021	2,221	47,052,259	21,185	2.40%	183	1:10.5	1:13.0	2,255	2,167	1.26%	96.10%
2022	2,094	53,200,952	25,406	19.93%	183	1:9.7	1:13.0	2,082	1,931	-7.67%	92.75%
2023	2,048	55,620,299	27,158	6.90%	192	1:9.7	1:13.0	2,031	1,890	-2.45%	93.06%

Sources: District records

- Note:
- a Enrollment based on annual October district count.
 - b Operating expenditures equal total expenditures less debt service and capital outlay.
 - c Cost per pupil represents operating expenditures divided by enrollment.

**RIDGEFIELD PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHOOL BUILDING INFORMATION
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS
(Unaudited)**

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
District Building										
<u>Elementary</u>										
Lincoln School:										
Square Feet	54,000	54,000	54,000	54,000	54,000	54,000	54,000	54,000	54,000	54,000
Capacity (students)	420	420	420	420	420	420	420	420	420	420
Enrollment	422	359	323	313	330	408	400	371	337	345
Grant School:										
Square Feet	27,350	27,350	27,350	27,350	27,350	27,350	27,350	27,350	27,350	27,350
Capacity (students)	330	330	330	330	330	330	330	330	330	330
Enrollment	230	212	198	190	205	237	243	242	208	201
Roosevelt School:										
Square Feet	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000
Capacity (students)	510	510	510	510	510	510	510	510	510	510
Enrollment	454	413	361	338	324	418	384	339	339	340
Thomas Jefferson School:										
Square Feet		22,293	22,293	22,293	22,293	-	-	-	-	-
Capacity (students)		240	240	240	240	-	-	-	-	-
Enrollment		141	272	256	259	-	-	-	-	-
<u>High School</u>										
Ridgefield Park Jr./Sr. High School:										
Square Feet	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000
Capacity (students)	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500
Enrollment	1,235	1,257	1,261	1,268	1,249	1,226	1,207	1,195	1,197	1,162
<u>Other</u>										
Special Services:										
Square Feet	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
Fieldhouse:										
Square Feet	4,875	4,875	4,875	4,875	4,875	4,875	4,875	4,875	4,875	4,875
Central Office:										
Square Feet	4,500	4,500	4,500	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000

Number of Schools at June 30, 2023
 Elementary = 4
 Junior/Senior High School = 1
 Other = 3

Source: District Records

**RIDGEFIELD PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION
GENERAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF REQUIRED MAINTENANCE FOR SCHOOL FACILITIES
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS**

<u>Building</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>
Lincoln School	\$ 31,564	\$ 32,416	\$ 33,943	\$ 34,883	\$ 49,285	\$ 76,129	\$ 47,585	\$ 80,347	\$ 64,994	\$ 76,876
Roosevelt School	6,412	7,906	8,278	8,507	12,019	18,565	11,604	19,593	15,849	18,747
Grant School	5,403	6,781	7,101	7,298	10,311	15,927	9,955	16,809	13,597	16,083
Jefferson School		2,907	3,044	3,128	4,420	6,828				
Junior/Senior High School	<u>187,273</u>	<u>193,987</u>	<u>203,127</u>	<u>208,749</u>	<u>294,937</u>	<u>455,582</u>	<u>289,031</u>	<u>488,029</u>	<u>394,773</u>	<u>466,949</u>
Total School Facilities	<u>230,652</u>	<u>243,997</u>	<u>255,493</u>	<u>262,565</u>	<u>370,972</u>	<u>573,031</u>	<u>358,175</u>	<u>604,778</u>	<u>489,213</u>	<u>578,655</u>
Grand Total	<u>\$ 230,652</u>	<u>\$ 243,997</u>	<u>\$ 255,493</u>	<u>\$ 262,565</u>	<u>\$ 370,972</u>	<u>\$ 573,031</u>	<u>\$ 358,175</u>	<u>\$ 604,778</u>	<u>\$ 489,213</u>	<u>\$ 578,655</u>

Source: District Records

**RIDGEFIELD PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION
INSURANCE SCHEDULE
JUNE 30, 2023
(Unaudited)**

	<u>Coverage</u>	<u>Deductible</u>
New Jersey Schools Insurance Group		
Blanket Building & Contents	\$ 500,000,000	\$ 5,000
Blanket Extra Expense	50,000,000	5,000
Blanket Valuable Papers and Records	10,000,000	5,000
Loss of Business Income/Tuition	6,000,000	
Demolition and Increased Cost of Construction	25,000,000	
Data Processing Equipment	500,000,000	25,000
Comprehensive General Liability	11,000,000	
Comprehensive Auto Liability	11,000,000	
Equipment Breakdown	100,000,000	25,000
Public Employee Dishonesty with Faithful Performance	250,000	1,000
Loss of Money & Securities	25,000	500
Board Secretary	250,000	1,000
School Leaders Errors and Omissions	10,000,000	5,000

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 Trustees
Ridgefield Park Board of Education
712 Lincoln Avenue
Ridgefield Park, New Jersey 07660

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States and audit requirements 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 and each major fund of the Ridgefield Park Board of Education as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023 and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Ridgefield Park Board of Education's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated February 22, 2024.

Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

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

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

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

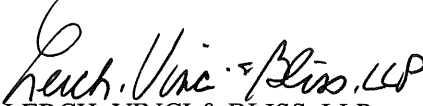
Report on Compliance and Other Matters


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

However, we noted certain matters that are not required to be reported under Government Auditing Standards that we reported to management of the Ridgefield Park Board of Education in a separate report entitled, "Auditor's Management Report on Administrative Findings – Financial, Compliance and Performance" dated February 22, 2024.

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Ridgefield Park Board of Education'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 Ridgefield Park Board of Education's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.


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Fair Lawn, New Jersey
February 22, 2024



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**REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR FEDERAL AND STATE PROGRAM;
REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE; AND REPORT
ON THE SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS REQUIRED BY THE
U.S. UNIFORM GUIDANCE AND SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF STATE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AS
REQUIRED BY NEW JERSEY OMB CIRCULAR 15-08**

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR’S REPORT

Honorable President and Members
of the Board of Trustees
Ridgefield Park Board of Education
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Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal and State Program

Opinion on Each Major Federal and State Program

We have audited the Ridgefield Park Board of Education’s compliance with the types of compliance requirements identified as subject to audit in the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Compliance Supplement and the New Jersey OMB Circular 15-08 State Aid/Grant Compliance Supplement that could have a direct and material effect on each of the Ridgefield Park Board of Education’s major federal and state programs for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023. The Ridgefield Park Board of Education’s major federal and 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 Ridgefield Park Board of Education complied, in all material respects, with the compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal and state programs for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023.

Basis for Opinion on Each Major Federal and 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; audit requirements prescribed by the Office of School Finance, Department of Education, State of New Jersey; audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (Uniform Guidance) and audit requirements of New Jersey OMB Circular 15-08, Single Audit Policy for Recipients of Federal Grants, State Grants and State Aid. Our responsibilities under those standards, U.S. Uniform Guidance and New Jersey OMB Circular 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 Ridgefield Park Board of Education and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion on compliance for each major federal and state program. Our audit does not provide a legal determination of the Ridgefield Park 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, regulation, rules, and provisions of contracts or grant agreements applicable to the Ridgefield Park Board of Education's federal and state programs.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether material noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above occurred, whether due to fraud or error, and express an opinion on the Ridgefield Park Board of Education'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, audit requirements prescribed by the Office of School Finance, Department of Education, State of New Jersey, U.S. Uniform Guidance 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 omission, misrepresentation, 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 Ridgefield Park Board of Education's compliance with the requirements of each major federal and state program as a whole.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, Government Auditing Standards, audit requirements prescribed by the Office of School Finance, Department of Education, State of New Jersey, U.S. Uniform Guidance, and New Jersey OMB Circular 15-08, we:

- Exercise professional judgement 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 Ridgefield Park Board of Education'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 Ridgefield Park Board of Education's internal control over compliance relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the U.S. Uniform Guidance and New Jersey OMB Circular 15-08, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Ridgefield Park Board of Education'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 or state 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 or state 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 or state program that is less severe than a material weakness in internal control over compliance, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.


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


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

The purpose of this report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over compliance and the results of that testing based on the requirements of U.S. Uniform Guidance and New Jersey OMB Circular 15-08. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

Report on Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards Required by U.S. Uniform Guidance and Schedule of Expenditures of State Financial Assistance Required by New Jersey OMB Circular 15-08

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities and each major fund of the Ridgefield Park Board of Education, as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Board of Education's basic financial statements. We have issued our report thereon dated February 22, 2024, which contained unmodified opinions on those financial statements. Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the basic financial statements. The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards as required by the U.S. Uniform Guidance and schedule of expenditures of state financial assistance as required by New Jersey OMB Circular 15-08 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 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 schedule of expenditures of federal awards and schedule of expenditures of state financial assistance are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.


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February 22, 2024

RIDGEFIELD PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION
 SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
 FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

Federal/Grantor/Pass-Through Grantor/ Program Title	Federal AL Number	Federal FAIN Number	Grant Period	Award Amount	Balance July 1, 2022			Accounts Receivable Carryover	Unearned Revenue Carryover	Cash Received	Budgetary Expenditures	Accounts Receivable Adjustments	Unearned Revenue Adjustments	June 30, 2023			MEMO GAAP Receivable
					Accounts Receivable	Unearned Revenue	Due to Grantor							(Accounts Receivable)	Unearned Revenue	Due to Grantor	
U.S. Department of Education																	
Passed-through State Department of Education																	
Enterprise Fund:																	
National School Lunch Program	10.555																
Cash Assistance		231NJ304N1099	7/1/22-6/30/23	\$ 490,652					\$ 401,196	\$ 490,652				\$ (89,456)		\$ (89,456)	
Cash Assistance		221NJ304N1099	7/1/21-6/30/22	1,062,128	\$ (85,291)				85,291								
Non-Cash Assistance		231NJ304N1099	7/1/22-6/30/23	89,967					89,967	83,220				\$ 6,747			
Non-Cash Assistance		221NJ304N1099	7/1/21-6/30/22	85,492		\$ 2,603				2,603							
Supply Chain Assistance Program	10.555	231NJ344N8903	7/1/22-6/30/23	62,792					62,792	62,792							
Supply Chain Assistance Program	10.555	221NJ344N8903	7/1/21-6/30/22	45,149	(45,149)				45,149								
Local Food for Schools Cooperative	10.185	231NJ304N1099	7/1/22-6/30/23	10,186					124	10,186				(10,062)		(10,062)	
School Breakfast Program	10.553	231NJ304N1099	7/1/22-6/30/23	34,102					25,772	34,102				(8,330)		(8,330)	
School Breakfast Program	10.553	221NJ304N1099	7/1/21-6/30/22	66,305	(6,757)				6,757								
Total Child Nutrition Cluster					(137,197)	2,603	-	-	717,048	683,555	-	-	(107,848)	6,747	-	(107,848)	
U.S. Department of Education																	
Passed-through State Department of Education																	
Special Revenue Fund:																	
IDEA Part B - Basic	84.027	H027A210100	7/1/22-9/30/23	589,251				\$ (153,202)	\$ 25,285	590,999	543,974	\$ 4,505	(151,454)	75,067		(76,387)	
IDEA Part B - Basic	84.027	H027A210100	7/1/21-9/30/22	577,344	(153,202)	25,285		153,202	(25,285)								
IDEA Part B - Basic	84.027	H027A200100	7/1/20-9/30/21	586,995													
ARP IDEA Basic	84.027X	H027X210100	7/1/22-9/30/23					(67,666)	42,608	51,476	27,779	\$ 947	(947)	(15,243)	13,882	(1,361)	
ARP IDEA Basic	84.027X	H027X210100	7/1/21-9/30/22	118,996	(67,666)	42,608		67,666	(42,608)								
ARP IDEA Preschool	84.173X	H173X200114	7/1/22-9/30/23					(5,713)	5,714	5,233	5,503		(480)	211		(269)	
ARP IDEA Preschool	84.173X	H173X200114	7/1/21-9/30/22	10,122	(5,713)	5,714		5,713	(5,714)								
IDEA Part B - Preschool	84.173	H173A210114	7/1/22-9/30/23	19,052	-	-		-	19,052	19,052							
Total Special Education Cluster (IDEA)					(226,581)	73,607	-	-	666,760	596,308	947	3,558	(167,177)	89,160	-	(78,017)	
CARES Emergency Relief Grant	84.425D	S425D200027	3/13/20-9/30/22	395,166	(26,152)		\$ 22,192		26,152	22,192							
CRRSA - ESSER II	84.425D	S425D210027	3/13/20-9/30/23	1,475,444	(1,027,278)	953,392			480,979	651,024			(546,299)	302,368		(243,931)	
CRRSA - Learning Acceleration	84.425D	S425D210027	3/13/20-9/30/23	94,686	(85,661)	18,440			54,113	12,283			(31,548)	6,157		(25,391)	
CRRSA - Mental Health	84.425D	S425D210027	3/13/20-9/30/23	45,000	(31,671)	31,671			500	1,000			(31,171)	30,671		(500)	
ARP - Homeless II	84.425W	S425W210031	4/23/21-9/30/24	10,135	(10,135)	10,135							(10,135)	10,135		-	
ARP - ESSER	84.425U	S425U210027	3/13/20-9/30/24	3,315,965	(3,315,965)	2,296,254			765,739	130,246			(2,550,226)	2,166,008		(384,218)	
ARP - Accelerated Learning Coach and Educator	84.425U	S425U210027	3/13/20-9/30/24	176,832	(176,832)	166,465			37,460	30,946		2,500	(139,372)	138,019		(1,353)	
ARP - Evidence Based Summer Learning	84.425U	S425U210027	3/13/20-9/30/24	40,000	(40,000)	40,000			5,585	33,389			(34,415)	6,611		(27,804)	
ARP - Evidence Based Comprehensive Beyond	84.425U	S425U210027	3/13/20-9/30/24	40,000	(40,000)	38,647			13,913	5,837			(26,087)	32,810		(20,451)	
ARP - NUTSS Mental Health Support Staffing	84.425U	S425U210027	3/13/20-9/30/24	88,501	(88,501)	83,251			-	15,201			(88,501)	68,050		(20,451)	
Total Education Stabilization Relief Cluster					(4,842,195)	3,638,255	22,192	-	1,384,441	902,118	-	2,500	(3,457,754)	2,760,829	-	(703,648)	
Coronavirus Relief (Passed thru County of Bergen)	21.019	N/A	7/1/20-6/30/21	108,060	-	4,582							2,741	-	7,323	-	
Total Coronavirus Relief Fund Cluster					-	4,582	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,741	-	7,323	-	
Perkins Secondary	84.048A	V048A200030	7/1/21-6/30/22	4,187		229									229		
ACSERS Aid	21.027	SLFRFDOE1SES	7/1/21-6/30/22	89,080	(44,540)				44,540								
Title I	84.010	S010A210030	7/1/22-9/30/23	143,452				(231,504)	82,538	237,097	157,963		(137,859)	68,027		(69,832)	
Title I Carryover	84.010	S010A200030	7/1/21-9/30/22	381,724	(231,504)	82,538		231,504	(82,538)								
Title I SIA Part A	84.010	S010A210030	7/1/22-9/30/23	30,200				(12,540)	12,381	160	14,946	2,380	(2,380)	(40,200)	25,255	(14,945)	
Title I SIA Part A Carryover	84.010	S010A200030	7/1/21-9/30/22	10,000	(12,540)	12,381		12,540	(12,381)								
Title II A	84.367A	S367A2000029	7/1/22-9/30/23	56,029				(28,443)	28,443	55,582	60,332		(28,890)	24,140		(4,750)	
Title II A Carryover	84.367A	S367A2000029	7/1/21-9/30/22	49,016	(28,443)	28,443		28,443	(28,443)								
Title III	84.365	S365A210030	7/1/22-9/30/23	29,983				(34,741)	27,125	24,740	26,996		(39,984)	30,112		(9,872)	
Title III Carryover	84.365	S365A200030	7/1/21-9/30/22	26,768	(34,741)	27,125		34,741	(27,125)								
Title III Immigrant	84.365	S365A200030	7/1/20-9/30/21	9,010	(3,436)	1,055				2,382		1,054	(1,055)				
Title IV	84.424	S424A210031	7/1/22-9/30/23	31,687				(48,421)	41,268	44,098	46,569		(36,010)	26,386		(9,624)	
Title IV Carryover	84.424	S424A200031	7/1/21-9/30/22	32,857	(48,421)	41,268		48,421	(41,268)								
Total Special Revenue Fund					(5,472,401)	3,909,483	22,192	-	2,459,800	1,805,232	4,381	5,364	(3,907,874)	3,031,461	-	(890,688)	

The Notes to the Schedules of Expenditures of Federal Awards and State Financial Assistance are an Integral Part of this Statement.

**RIDGEFIELD PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

Federal/Grantor/Pass-Through Grantor/ Program Title	Federal AL Number	Federal EAIN Number	Grant Period	Award Amount	Balance July 1, 2022			Accounts Receivable Carryover	Unearned Revenue Carryover	Cash Received	Budgetary Expenditures	Accounts Receivable Adjustments	Unearned Revenue Adjustments	June 30, 2023			MEMO GAAP Receivable
					Accounts Receivable	Unearned Revenue	Due to Grantor							(Accounts Receivable)	Unearned Revenue	Due to Grantor	
U.S. Department of Education Passed-through State Department of Education General Fund:																	
FEMA - Public Assistance Grant -Coronavirus	97.036	N/A	7/1/22-6/30/23	116,892					\$ 116,892	\$ 116,892							
FEMA - Coronavirus Relief Fund	21.019	N/A	7/1/22-6/30/23	24,767					24,767	24,767							
Medical Assistance Program (SEMI)	93.778	2205NJ5MAP	7/1/22-6/30/23	71,333					71,333	71,333							
Medical Assistance Program (SEMI)	93.778	2105NJ5MAP	7/1/21-6/30/22	55,057	\$ (4,702)	-	-	-	4,702	-							
Total General Fund					(4,702)	-	-	-	217,694	212,992							
Total Federal Financial Assistance					\$ (5,614,300)	\$ 3,912,086	\$ 22,192	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,394,542	\$ 2,701,779	\$ 4,381	\$ 5,364	\$ (4,015,722)	\$ 3,038,208	\$ -	\$ (998,536)

**RIDGEFIELD PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF STATE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

State Grantor/Program Title	Grant or State Project Number	Grant Period	Award Amount	Balance July 1, 2023			Cash Received	Budgetary Expenditures	Repayment of Prior Year Balances	Adjustments	June 30, 2023			MEMO		
				Accounts Receivable	Unearned Revenue	Due to Grantor					(Accounts Receivable)	Unearned Revenue	Due to Grantor June 30, 2023	GAAP Receivable	Combined Total Expenditures	
State Department of Education																
General Fund:																
Special Education Aid	23-495-034-5120-089	7/1/22-6/30/23	\$ 1,696,661				\$ 1,531,593	\$ 1,696,661				\$ (165,068)			\$ 1,696,661	
Special Education Aid	22-495-034-5120-089	7/1/21-6/30/22	1,696,661	\$ (163,759)			163,759									
Equalization Aid	23-495-034-5120-078	7/1/22-6/30/23	10,952,118				9,886,585	10,952,118				(1,065,533)			10,952,118	
Equalization Aid	22-495-034-5120-078	7/1/21-6/30/22	9,092,064	(877,553)			877,553									
Security Aid	23-495-034-5120-084	7/1/22-6/30/23	511,781				461,990	511,781				(49,791)			511,781	
Security Aid	22-495-034-5120-084	7/1/21-6/30/22	511,781	(49,396)			49,396									
Total State Aid Public Cluster				(1,090,708)			12,970,876	13,160,560				(1,280,392)			13,160,560	
Transportation Aid	23-495-034-5120-014	7/1/22-6/30/23	296,758				267,886	296,758				(28,872)			296,758	
Transportation Aid	22-495-034-5120-014	7/1/21-6/30/22	296,758	(28,643)			28,643									
Extraordinary Aid	23-495-034-5120-044	7/1/22-6/30/23	1,374,057					1,374,057				(1,374,057)			1,374,057	
Extraordinary Aid	22-495-034-5120-044	7/1/21-6/30/22	498,443	(498,443)			498,443									
On-Behalf TPAF:																
Post Retirement Medical	23-495-034-5094-001	7/1/22-6/30/23	1,934,450				1,934,450	1,934,450							1,934,450	
NCGI	23-495-034-5094-004	7/1/22-6/30/23	100,766				100,766	100,766							100,766	
LTDI	23-495-034-5094-004	7/1/22-6/30/23	2,216				2,216	2,216							2,216	
Normal Cost	23-495-034-5094-002	7/1/22-6/30/23	7,263,024				7,263,024	7,263,024							7,263,024	
Reimbursed TPAF Social Security	23-495-034-5094-003	7/1/22-6/30/23	1,501,296				1,501,296	1,501,296							1,501,296	
Reimbursed TPAF Social Security	22-495-034-5094-003	7/1/21-6/30/22	1,477,009	(71,262)			71,262									
Total General Fund				(1,689,056)			24,638,862	25,633,127				(2,683,321)			25,633,127	
Special Revenue Fund																
SDA - Emergent Capital Needs	N/A	7/1/22-6/30/23	52,377									(52,377)	\$ 52,377		\$ (52,377)	
SDA - Emergent Capital Needs	N/A	7/1/21-6/30/22	54,782		\$ 23,032								23,032			
Preschool Education Aid (PEA)	23-495-034-5120-086	7/1/22-6/30/23	249,267				224,340	235,920				(24,927)	13,347		235,920	
Nonpublic Textbooks	23-100-034-5120-064	7/1/22-6/30/23	18,942				18,942	11,068					\$ 7,874		11,068	
Nonpublic Textbooks	22-100-034-5120-064	7/1/21-6/30/22	14,345		\$ 154				\$ 154							
Nonpublic Technology	23-100-034-5120-373	7/1/22-6/30/23	12,054				12,054	5,661						6,393	5,661	
Nonpublic Technology	22-100-034-5120-373	7/1/21-6/30/22	10,038		1,965				1,965							
Nonpublic Security	23-100-034-5120-509	7/1/22-6/30/23	61,910				61,910	50,387						11,523	50,387	
Nonpublic Security	22-100-034-5120-509	7/1/21-6/30/22	44,800		40,330				40,330							
Nonpublic Nursing	23-100-034-5120-070	7/1/22-6/30/23	33,824				33,824							33,824		
Nonpublic Nursing	22-100-034-5120-070	7/1/21-6/30/22	28,672			28,672			28,672							
						71,121	126,730	67,116	71,121					59,614	67,116	
Auxiliary Services																
Compensatory Education	23-100-034-5120-067	7/1/22-6/30/23	60,781				60,781	46,450						14,331	46,450	
Compensatory Education	23-100-034-5120-067	7/1/21-6/30/22	44,970		6,271				6,271							
ESL	23-100-034-5120-067	7/1/22-6/30/23	20,045				20,045	9,923						10,122	9,923	
ESL	23-100-034-5120-067	7/1/21-6/30/22	17,357			8,131			8,131							
						14,402	80,826	56,373	14,402					24,453	56,373	
Handicapped Services																
Initial Exam & Classification	23-100-034-5120-066	7/1/22-6/30/23	6,631				6,631	2,838						3,793	2,838	
Initial Exam & Classification	22-100-034-5120-066	7/1/21-6/30/22	15,162		8,366				8,366							
Corrective Speech	23-100-034-5120-066	7/1/22-6/30/23	5,580				5,580	2,945						2,635	2,945	
Corrective Speech	22-100-034-5120-066	7/1/21-6/30/22	8,184		4,464				4,464							
Supplementary Instruction	23-100-034-5120-066	7/1/22-6/30/23	4,130				4,130	1,816						2,314	1,816	
Supplementary Instruction	22-100-034-5120-066	7/1/21-6/30/22	2,643		2,395				2,395							
Total Special Revenue Fund					23,032	100,748	448,237	367,008	100,748			(77,304)	88,756	92,809	(52,377)	367,008

**RIDGEFIELD PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF STATE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

State Grantor/Program Title	Grant or State Project Number	Grant Period	Award Amount	Balance July 1, 2023			Cash Received	Budgetary Expenditures	Repayment of Prior Year Balances	Adjustments	June 30, 2023			MEMO	
				Accounts Receivable	Unearned Revenue	Due to Grantor					(Accounts Receivable)	Unearned Revenue	Due to Grantor June 30, 2023	GAAP Receivable	Combined Total Expenditures
State Department of Agriculture															
Enterprise Fund															
National School Lunch	23-100-010-3350-023	7/1/22-6/30/23	23,066				\$ 18,851	\$ 23,066			\$ (4,215)			\$ (4,215)	\$ 23,066
National School Lunch	22-100-010-3350-023	7/1/21-6/30/22	26,455	\$ (1,963)			1,963								
School Breakfast Program	23-100-010-3350-023	7/1/22-6/30/23	989	-	-	-	737	989	-	-	(252)	-	-	(252)	989
Total Enterprise Fund				(1,963)	-	-	21,551	24,055	-	-	(4,467)	-	-	(4,467)	24,055
Total State Financial Assistance Subject to Major Program Determination				(1,691,019)	\$ 23,032	\$ 100,748	25,108,650	26,024,190	\$ 100,748	-	(2,765,092)	\$ 88,756	\$ 92,809	(56,844)	26,024,190
State Financial Assistance															
Not Subject to Single Audit Determination															
General Fund															
On-Behalf TPAF:															
Post Retirement Medical	23-495-034-5094-001	7/1/22-6/30/23	\$ 1,934,450				\$ (1,934,450)	\$ (1,934,450)							\$ (1,934,450)
Normal Cost	23-495-034-5094-002	7/1/22-6/30/23	7,263,024				(7,263,024)	(7,263,024)							(7,263,024)
LTDI	23-495-034-5094-004	7/1/22-6/30/23	2,216				(2,216)	(2,216)							(2,216)
NCGI	23-495-034-5094-004	7/1/22-6/30/23	100,766	-	-	-	(100,766)	(100,766)	-	-	-	-	-	-	(100,766)
Total State Financial Assistance Subject to Single Audit				\$ (1,691,019)	\$ 23,032	\$ 100,748	\$ 15,808,194	\$ 16,723,734	\$ 100,748	\$ -	\$ (2,765,092)	\$ 88,756	\$ 92,809	\$ (56,844)	\$ 16,723,734

**RIDGEFIELD PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION
NOTES TO THE SCHEDULES OF EXPENDITURES OF
FEDERAL AWARDS AND STATE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

NOTE 1 REPORTING ENTITY

The Ridgefield Park Board of Education (the “Board” or the “District”) received and participated in numerous Federal Award and State Financial Assistance programs in the form of cost reimbursement grants and revenue sharing entitlements. The Board is the reporting entity for these programs. The Board is defined in Note 1 (A) to the Board’s Financial Statements.

NOTE 2 BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The accompanying schedules of expenditures of federal awards and state financial assistance (the “Schedules”) present the activity of all federal and state programs of the Board. All federal awards received directly from federal agencies or passed through other government agencies are included on the schedule of expenditures of federal awards. All state awards received directly from state agencies or passed through other government agencies are included in the schedule of expenditures of state financial assistance. The information in these Schedules are presented in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principals, and audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance) and New Jersey OMB Circular Letter 15-08 *Single Audit Policy for Recipients of Federal Grants, State Grants and State Aid*.

NOTE 3 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The Schedules are prepared and presented using 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 basis of accounting are described in the Notes to the Budgetary Comparison Schedules (RSI) and Note 1(D) to the Board’s financial statements, respectively. Therefore, some amounts presented in these schedules may differ from the amounts presented in, or used in the preparation of, the financial statements. The Board’s summary of significant accounting policies are described in Note 1 to the Board’s financial statements.

NOTE 4 RELATIONSHIP TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The 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 a modified accrual basis with the exception of the revenue recognition of the delayed state aid payments in the current budget year, which is mandated pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:22-44.2. For GAAP purposes, those payments are not recognized until the subsequent year due to the state deferral and recording of certain state aid payments 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, which may include the delayed state aid payments, whereas the GAAP basis does not. The special revenue fund also recognizes the delayed state aid payments in the current budget year, consistent with N.J.S.A. 18A:22-44.2.

The net adjustment to reconcile from the budgetary basis to the GAAP basis is a decrease of \$1,065,527 for the general fund and an increase of \$307,765 for the special revenue fund. See the Notes to Required Supplementary Information 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 financial statements on a GAAP basis as presented as follows:

	<u>Federal</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Total</u>
General Fund	\$ 212,992	\$ 24,567,600	\$ 24,780,592
Special Revenue Fund	2,202,561	291,694	2,494,255
Food Service Fund	<u>683,555</u>	<u>24,055</u>	<u>707,610</u>
Total Financial Assistance	<u>\$ 3,099,108</u>	<u>\$ 24,883,349</u>	<u>\$ 27,982,457</u>

**RIDGEFIELD PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION
 NOTES TO THE SCHEDULES OF EXPENDITURES OF
 FEDERAL AWARDS AND STATE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
 FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

NOTE 5 RELATIONSHIP TO FEDERAL AND STATE FINANCIAL REPORTS

Amounts reported in the accompanying schedules may not necessarily agree with the amounts reported in the related federal and state financial reports due to timing differences between the District’s fiscal year and grant program years.

NOTE 6 FEDERAL AND STATE LOANS OUTSTANDING

The District’s federal and state loans outstanding at June 30, 2023, which are not required to be reported on the schedule of federal awards and state financial assistance, are as follows:

<u>Loan Program</u>	<u>State Account Number</u>	<u>Total</u>
State Aid Advance Loan	100-034-5120-489	\$ <u>450,000</u>

NOTE 7 OTHER INFORMATION

Revenues and expenditures reported under the Food Distribution Program as non-cash assistance represent current year value received and current year distributions, respectively. TPAF Social Security contributions in the amount of \$1,501,296 represents the amount reimbursed by the State for the employer’s share of social security contributions for TPAF members for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023. The amount reported as TPAF Pension System Contributions in the amount of \$7,363,790, TPAF Post-Retirement Medical Benefits Contributions in the amount of \$1,934,450 and TPAF Long-Term Disability Insurance in the amount of \$2,216 represents the amount paid by the State on behalf of the District for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023.

NOTE 8 ON-BEHALF PROGRAMS NOT SUBJECT TO STATE SINGLE AUDIT

On-behalf State Programs for TPAF Pension, Post-Retirement Medical Benefits and Long-Term Disability Insurance Contributions are not subject to a State single audit and, therefore, are excluded from major program determination. The Schedule of State Financial Assistance provides a reconciliation of State financial assistance reported in the District’s financial statements and the amount subject to State single audit and major program determination.

NOTE 9 DE MINIMIS INDIRECT COST RATE

The District has not elected to use the 10 percent de minimis indirect cost rate allowed under the Uniform Guidance.

**RIDGEFIELD PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

Part I – Summary of Auditor’s Results

Financial Statement Section

Type of auditors' report issued: Unmodified

Internal control over financial reporting:

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

2) Significant deficiencies identified not considered to be material weaknesses? yes X none reported

Noncompliance material to basic financial statements noted? yes X no

Federal Awards Section

Internal Control over major programs:

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

2) Significant deficiencies identified not considered to be material weaknesses? yes X none reported

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

Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with U.S. Uniform Guidance? yes X no

Identification of major federal programs:

<u>AL Number(s)</u>	<u>FAIN Number(s)</u>	<u>Name of Federal Program or Cluster</u>
84.425D	S425D200027	CRRSA - Cluster
84.425D	S425D210027	CARES Emergency Relief Grant
84.425U	S425U210027	American Rescue Plan Cluster
84.425W	S425W210031	American Rescue Plan Cluster

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

Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee? X yes no

RIDGEFIELD PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS (CONT'D)
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

Part I – Summary of Auditor’s Results

State Awards Section

Internal control over major programs:

1) Material weakness(es) identified: _____ yes no

2) Significant deficiencies identified not considered to be material weakness(es)? _____ yes none reported

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

Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with N.J. Circular Letter 15-08? _____ yes no

Identification of major state programs:

GMIS Number(s)	Name of State Program or Cluster
<u>495-034-5120-089</u>	<u>Categorical Special Education Aid</u>
<u>495-034-5120-078</u>	<u>Equalization Aid</u>
<u>495-034-5120-084</u>	<u>Security Aid</u>
<u>495-034-5094-003</u>	<u>Reimbursed TPAF Social Security</u>
<u>495-034-5120-044</u>	<u>Extraordinary Aid</u>
<u> </u>	<u> </u>
<u> </u>	<u> </u>
<u> </u>	<u> </u>

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

Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee? yes _____ no

**RIDGEFIELD PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

Part 2 – Schedule of Financial Statement Findings

This section identifies the reportable conditions, material weaknesses, and instances of noncompliance related to the basic financial statements that are required to be reported in accordance with paragraphs 5.18 through 5.20 of *Government Auditing Standards*.

There are none.

**RIDGEFIELD PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

Part 3 – Schedule of Federal and State Award Findings and Questioned Costs

This section identifies the significant deficiencies, material weaknesses, and instances of noncompliance, including questioned costs, related to the audit of major federal and state programs, as required by U.S. Uniform Guidance and New Jersey OMB's Circular 15-08.

CURRENT YEAR STATE AWARDS

There are none.

CURRENT YEAR FEDERAL AWARDS

There are none.

**RIDGEFIELD PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION
SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR-YEAR AUDIT FINDINGS
AND QUESTIONED COSTS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

This section identifies the status of prior-year findings related to the basic financial statements and federal and state awards that are required to be reported in accordance with Chapter 6.12 of *Government Auditing Standards*, U.S. Uniform Guidance and New Jersey OMB's Circular 15-08.

STATUS OF PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS

There were none.