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## ANNUAL COMPREHENSIVE FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

Prepared by

**Burlington County Special Services School District Finance Department** 

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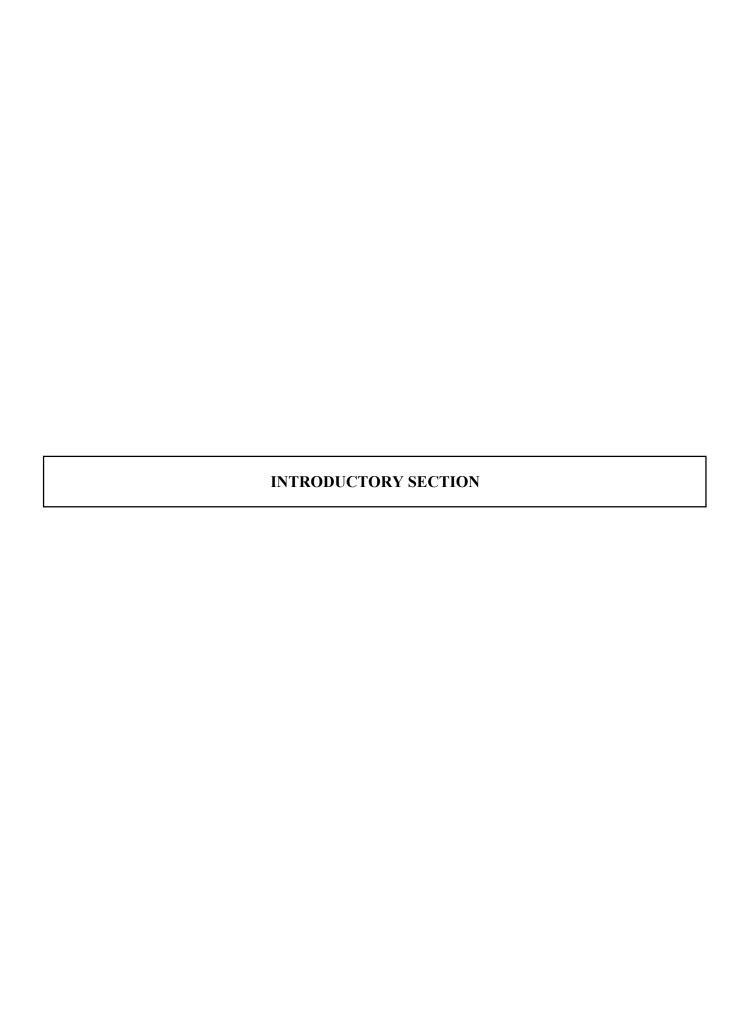
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December 18, 2024

Honorable President and Members of the Board of Education Burlington County Special Services School District County of Burlington Westampton, New Jersey 08060

#### Dear Board Members/Citizens:

The Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) of the Burlington County Special Services School District for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, is hereby submitted. Responsibility for both the accuracy of the data and completeness and fairness of the presentation, including all disclosures, rests with the management of the Burlington County Special Services School District. To the best of our knowledge and belief, the data presented in this report is accurate in all material respects and is reported in a manner designed to present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the district as of June 30, 2024, and the respective changes in financial position and cash flows, where applicable, thereof, for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. All disclosures necessary to enable the reader to gain an understanding of the district's financial activities have been included.

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

The Annual Comprehensive Financial Report is presented in four sections as follows:

#### **Introductory Section:**

Section contains a Letter of Transmittal, Roster of Officials, Consultants and Advisors, and an Organizational Chart.

#### Financial Section:

Section contains the Independent Auditors' Report and includes the Management's Discussion and Analysis, the Basic Financial Statements, Required Supplementary Information (RSI) and Other Supplementary Information.

#### **Statistical Section:**

Section contains selected financial trends, revenue and debt capacity, demographic, economic and other operating information, generally presented on a multi-year basis.

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#### Single Audit Section:

The School District is required to undergo an annual Single Audit in conformity with the provisions 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 New Jersey OMB's Circular 15-08 OMB, "Single Audit Policy for Recipients of Federal Grants, State Grants and State Aid".

Information related to this Single Audit, including the independent auditor's report on the internal control and compliance with applicable laws, regulations, contracts and grants, along with findings and questioned costs, if any, are included in the Single Audit Section of this report.

#### REPORTING ENTITY AND ITS SERVICES

The Burlington County Special Services School District is an independent reporting entity within the criteria adopted by the Governmental Accounting Standard Board (GASB) as established by NCGA Statement No. 3. All funds of the School District are included in this report. The School District has no component units.

The School District provides a full range of special educational services appropriate to grade levels K through 12. The School District's enrollment, as of October 15th, for the current and past nine fiscal years are detailed below.

Fiscal Year	Student Enrollment	Percent Change
2023-2024	461	-14.63%
2022-2023	540	2.66%
2021-2022	526	-6.07%
2020-2021	560	-8.65%
2019-2020	613	-3.01%
2018-2019	632	-1.40%
2017-2018	641	-4.04%
2016-2017	668	1.37%
2015-2016	659	-3.37%
2014-2015	682	-3.81%

#### ECONOMIC CONDITION AND OUTLOOK

Our student enrollment has experienced a decline largely due to the closure of the Lumberton campus. In the upcoming school year, our enrollment has increased significantly as our program quality continues to improve. We are implementing strategic initiatives to strengthen our core operations and build a healthy balance sheet with a focused commitment to stabilizing and growing our enrollment in the coming years. We currently have a waitlist for students pending 1:1 teaching assistants. We anticipate strong demand for our services in the years to come.

#### **MAJOR INITIATIVES**

BCSSSD's primary objective is to educate students with special needs from across Burlington County for ages three to twenty-one. BCSSSD continues to expand the curriculum to accommodate our students' evolving needs by incorporating social-emotional learning and career readiness. BCSSSD is proud of several significant achievements and improvements, including being awarded \$1.4 million to expand our program for young adults with disabilities. This milestone is complemented by major infrastructure enhancements, including the installation of a state-of-the-art ADA compliant playground, the successful acquisition of an electric bus grant, and comprehensive HVAC system upgrades across our

facilities. Our partnerships with local businesses and organizations have allowed us to offer valuable opportunities for employment, educational, and therapeutic experiences to our students and expand our presence in the community. Professional development continues to be a cornerstone of our growth, with focused training in diversity, equity, and inclusion, as well as trauma-informed practices and healing-centered engagement to further develop members of the BCSSSD staff. BCSSSD remains dedicated to improving and adapting to the evolving needs of our students and families, ensuring our facilities and programs provide the highest quality educational experience possible.

#### INTERNAL ACCOUNTING CONTROLS

Management of the School 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 and misuse and to ensure that adequate accounting data are completed to allow for the preparation of financial statement in conformity with general accepted accounting principles (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 delivered; and (2) the valuation of costs and benefits require 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 evaluations by the district management.

As part of the School 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.

#### **BUDGETARY CONTROLS**

In addition to internal accounting controls, the School District maintains budgetary controls. The objective of these budgetary controls is to ensure compliance with legal provisions embodied in the annual appropriated budget approved by the voters of the municipality. Annual appropriated budgets are adopted for the general fund, the special revenue fund, and the debt service fund. Project-length budgets are approved for the capital improvements accounted for in the capital projects 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 cancelled or included as re-appropriations of fund balance in the subsequent year.

#### ACCOUNTING SYSTEM AND REPORTS

The School District's accounting records reflect generally accepted accounting principles, as promulgated by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB). The School District's accounting system is organized on the basis of funds. The funds are explained in "Notes to Financial Statements", Note 1.

#### FINANCIAL POLICIES

The intent of the School Board is to ensure that the School District manages its budget and finance in a fiscally prudent and responsible way by establishing financial policies for the Budget, Fund Balance and the maintenance of adequate reserves. The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when the liability is incurred. Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues except for certain grant revenues, are recognized when susceptible to accrual that is when they become measurable and available. Property taxes, interest and certain General Fund revenues are the significant revenue sources considered susceptible to accrual.

#### **OTHER INFORMATION**

#### INDEPENDENT AUDIT

State statutes require an annual audit by independent certified public accountants. The accounting firm of Brent W. Lee & Co., LLC, was appointed by the Board of Education. In addition to meeting the requirements set forth in the State statutes, the audit was also designed to meet the requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards, and New Jersey OMB's Circular 15-08, Single Audit Policy for Recipients of Federal Grants, State Grants and State Aid. The auditor's report on the basic financial statements and combining statements and related major fund supporting statements and schedules is included in the financial section of this report. The auditor's reports related specifically to the single audit are included in the Single Audit section of this report.

#### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Ashanti Holley, Ed.

Superintendent

Andrew Willmott, CPA

School Business Administrator/Board Secretary

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#### **ROSTER OF OFFICIALS**

#### **JUNE 30, 2024**

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION	TERM EXPIRES
Tyler J. Burrell, President	2024
Robert Britain, Vice President	2024
Odise Carr	2025
Tiffany Cohen	2025
Michelle Parker	2026
Dr. Charles McCabe	2026

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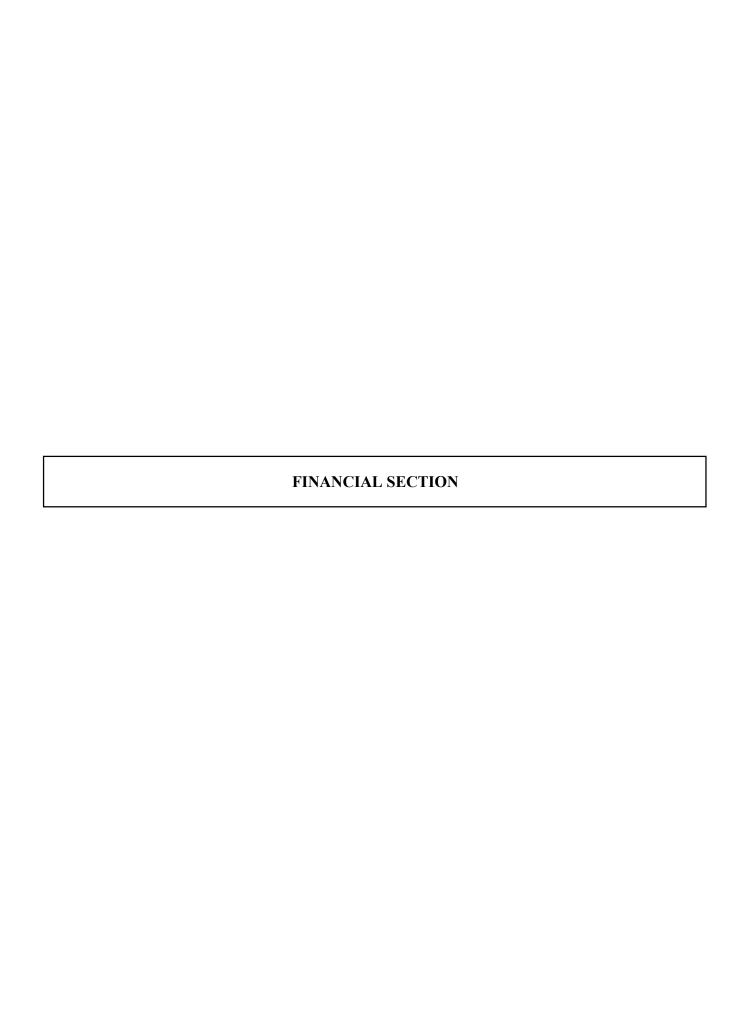
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#### Independent Auditor's Report

The Honorable President and Members of the Board of Education
Burlington County Special Services School District
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#### **Opinions**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities and each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Burlington County Special Services School District (the "District"), in the County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the District as of June 30, 2024, and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### **Basis for Opinions**

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

#### Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of

#### **Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements**

internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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

#### **Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards*, 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 judgement 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 District's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion
  is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgement, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the District's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

#### Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements (continued):

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 Supplemental Information**

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the Management Discussion and Analysis and Budgetary Comparison Information, and the schedules related to accounting and reporting for pension and other post-retirement benefits, as listed on the table of contents, be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, 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 District's basic financial statements. The introductory section, combining statements and related major fund supporting statements and schedules, and statistical section are presented for purposes of additional analysis, as required by the Division of Administration and Finance, Department of Education, State of New Jersey, and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. The accompanying schedules of federal awards and state financial assistance, as required by Title 2 *U.S. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200*, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (*Uniform Guidance*) and New Jersey OMB's Circular 15-08, *Single Audit Policy for Recipients of Federal Grants, State Grants and State Aid* are presented for purposes of additional analysis and not a required part of the basic financial statements.

Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standard generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the accompanying introductory section, combining statements and related major fund supporting statements and schedules and 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 financial statements. The other information comprises the introductory, supplementary information and statistical section, as listed in the table of contents, but does not include the basic financial statements and our auditors' report thereon. Our opinions on the basic financial statements do not cover the other information, and we do not express an opinion or any form of assurance thereon.

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

#### Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued a report dated December 18, 2024, on our consideration of the District's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing and not to provide an opinion on 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 District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

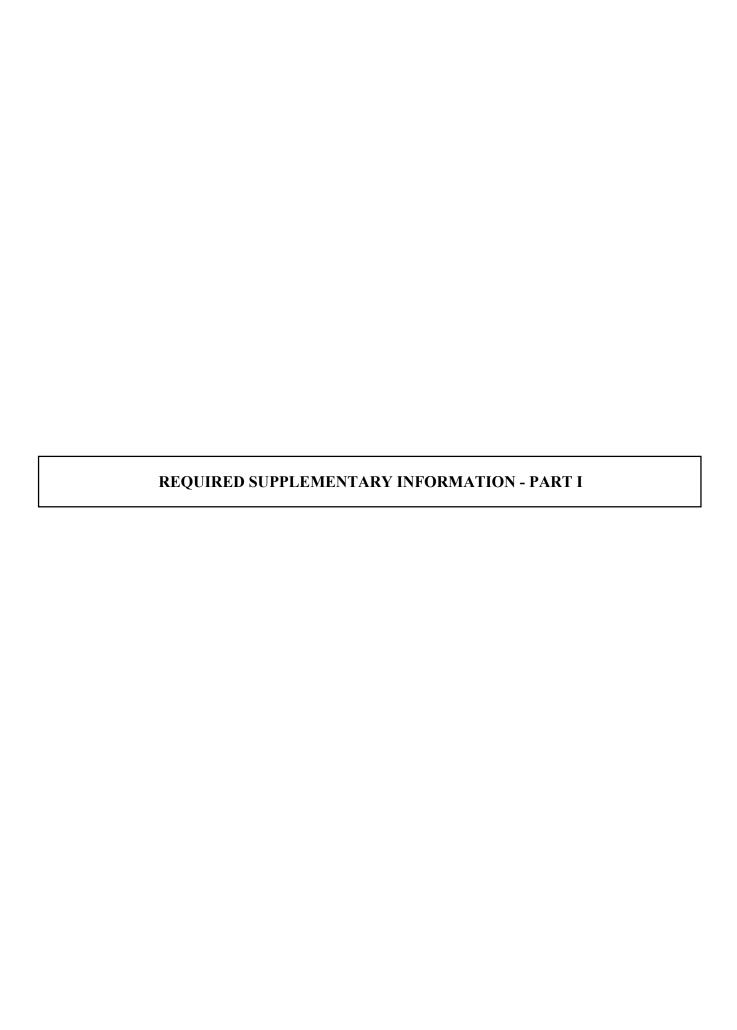
Respectfully submitted,

Brent W. Lee

Certified Public Accountant

Licensed Public School Accountant No. 700

Cinnaminson, New Jersey December 18, 2024



#### Management's Discussion and Analysis For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024 (Unaudited)

As management of the Burlington County Special Services School District, New Jersey (School District), we offer readers of the School District's financial statements this narrative overview and analysis of the School District for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024. We encourage readers to consider the information presented in conjunction with additional information that we have furnished in our letter of transmittal, which can be found in the introductory section of this report.

#### **Overview of the Basic Financial Statements**

This discussion and analysis are intended to serve as an introduction to the School District's basic financial statements. A comparison to the prior year's activity is provided in this document. The basic financial statements are comprised of three components:

1) Government-Wide financial statements, 2) Fund financial statements, and 3) Notes to the basic financial statements. This report also contains other supplementary information in addition to the basic financial statements themselves.

#### **Government-Wide Financial Statements**

The government-wide financial statements are designed to provide the reader with a broad overview of the financial activities in a manner similar to a private-sector business. The government-wide financial statements include the statement of net position and the statement of net activities.

The *statement of net position* presents information about all of the School District's assets and liabilities. The difference between the assets plus deferred outflows or resources and liabilities plus deferred inflows of resources is reported as net position. Over time, changes in net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the School District is improving or deteriorating.

The *statement of activities* presents information showing how the net position of the School District changed during the current fiscal year. Changes in net position are recorded in the statement of activities when the underlying event occurs, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Thus, revenues and expenditures are reported in this statement even though the resulting cash flows may be recorded in a future period.

Both of the government-wide financial statements distinguish functions of the School District that are supported from taxes and intergovernmental revenues (governmental activities) and other functions that are intended to recover most of their costs from user fees and charges (business-type activities). Governmental activities consolidate governmental funds including the General Fund and Special Revenue Fund. Business-type activities reflect the Food Service Fund, Educational Services Unit Fund, and Alternate Education Program Fund.

#### **Fund Financial Statements**

Fund financial statements are designed to demonstrate compliance with financial-related requirements. A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific objectives. All of the funds of the School District are divided into three categories: governmental funds, proprietary funds and fiduciary funds.

Governmental funds account for essentially the same information reported in the governmental activities of the government-wide financial statements. However, unlike the government-wide financial statements,

Management's Discussion and Analysis For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024 (Unaudited) (Continued)

#### **Overview of the Basic Financial Statements (continued)**

#### **Fund Financial Statements (continued)**

the governmental fund financial statements focus on near-term financial resources and fund balances. Such information may be useful in evaluating the financial requirements in the near term.

Since the governmental funds and the governmental activities report information using the same functions, it is useful to compare the information presented. Because the focus of each report differs, a reconciliation is provided on the fund financial statements to assist the reader in comparing the near-term requirements with the long-term needs.

The School District adopts an annual appropriated budget for the General Fund. A budgetary comparison statement has been provided for this fund to demonstrate compliance with budgetary requirements.

*Proprietary funds* are used to present the same functions as the business-type activities presented in the government-wide financial statements. The School District maintains one type of proprietary fund – the Enterprise Fund. The fund financial statements of the enterprise fund provides the same information as the government-wide financial statements, only in more detail.

The School District's enterprise funds are listed individually and are considered to be major funds.

Fiduciary funds are used to account for resources held for the benefit of parties outside the government. Fiduciary funds are not reflected in the government-wide financial statements because the resources of those funds are not available to support the School District's programs.

#### **Notes to the Basic Financial Statements**

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

#### Financial Analysis of the School District as a Whole

Table 1 provides a summary of the School Districts net position for the fiscal year 2024 compared to fiscal year 2023.

Management's Discussion and Analysis For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024 (Unaudited) (Continued)

**Overview of the Basic Financial Statements (continued)** 

Financial Analysis of the School District as a Whole (continued)

Table 1
Summary of Net Position

	June 30, 2024	June 30, 2023	Increase/ (Decrease)	Percentage Change
Current & Other Assets	\$ 14,934,171	\$ 16,193,855	\$(1,259,684)	-7.8%
Capital Assets, Net	9,628,454	7,501,992	2,126,462	28.3%
Total Assets	24,562,625	23,695,847	866,778	3.7%
Deferred Outflow of Resources	450,483	1,569,945	(1,119,462)	-71.3%
Current and other Liabilities	3,264,462	3,957,342	(692,880)	-17.5%
Noncurrent Liabilities	18,798,141	18,925,388	(127,247)	-0.7%
Total Liabilities	22,062,603	22,882,730	(820,127)	-3.6%
Deferred Inflow of Resources	2,926,876	4,852,488	(1,925,612)	-39.7%
Net Position: Net Investment in Capital				
Assets	9,628,454	7,501,992	2,126,462	28.3%
Restricted	7,563,946	7,530,934	33,012	0.4%
Unrestricted (Deficit)	(17,168,771)	(17,502,352)	333,581	-1.9%
Total Net Position	23,629	(2,469,426)	2,493,055	-101.0%

Table 2 shows the changes in net position for fiscal year 2024 compared to fiscal year 2023.

#### Management's Discussion and Analysis For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024 (Unaudited) (Continued)

Overview of the Basic Financial Statements (continued) Financial Analysis of the School District as a Whole (continued)

Table 2
Summary of Changes in Net Position (continued)

50		of Changes in	1100	1 osition (continued	,		
	_					Increase/	Percentage
	<u>Ju</u>	ne 30, 2024		June 30, 2023		(Decrease)	Change
Revenues:							
Program Revenues:							
Charges for Services	\$	13,272,387	\$	12,838,388	\$	433,999	3.4%
Operating Grants & Contributions		9,418,026		9,508,145		(90,119)	-0.9%
Capital Grants & Contributions							
General Revenues:							
County Appropriations		6,470,217		5,000,000		1,470,217	29.4%
Federal & State Aid		135,619		548,777		(413,158)	-75.3%
Other General Revenues		34,688,121		40,182,917		(5,494,796)	-13.7%
Total Revenues		63,984,370		68,078,227		(4,093,857)	-6.0%
Function/Program Expenditures:							
Special Education Instruction		15,566,674		14,765,359		801,315	5.4%
Other Instruction		282,909		236,667		46,242	19.5%
Student & Instruction Related						/= -a-s	
Services		5,875,981		5,878,573		(2,592)	0.0%
General Administrative		3,016,498		3,088,011		(71,513)	-2.3%
School Administrative Services		526,407		723,771		(197,364)	-27.3%
Plant Operations & Maintenance		2,946,412		3,759,771		(813,359)	-21.6%
Pupil Transportation		172,513		218,009		(45,496)	-20.9%
Unallocated Benefits		18,389,140		16,650,516		1,738,624	10.4%
Food Service		882,173		944,809		(62,636)	-6.6%
School Store		0		4,272		(4,272)	-100%
Educational Services Unit		11,757,073		10,298,590		1,458,483	14.2%
Capital Academy		0		839,162		(839,162)	-100.0%
Alternative Education Program		2,075,535		<u>2,092,865</u>		(17,330)	-0.8%
Total Expenditures		61,491,315		<u>59,500,375</u>		1,990,940	3.3%
Change in Net Position		2,493,055		8,577,852	\$	(6,084,797)	-70.9%
Net Position- Beginning		(2,469,426)		(11,047,278)		8,577,852	-77.6%
Net Position- Ending	\$	23,629	\$	(2,469,426)	\$	2,493,055	-101.0%

#### Management's Discussion and Analysis For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024 (Unaudited) (Continued)

#### **Governmental Activities**

During the fiscal year 2024, the net position of governmental activities increased by \$3,253,103.

The assets and deferred outflows of the primary government activities exceeded liabilities and deferred inflows by \$(1,214,305), with an unrestricted deficit balance of \$(17,640,035). The deficit in unrestricted net position is primarily due to accounting treatment for compensated absences payable and GASB 68 net pension liability.

The School District's governmental activities unrestricted net position had GASB 68 pension not been implemented would have been as follows:

## Table 3 GASB 68 Effect on Unrestricted Net Position

Unrestricted Net Position (with GASB 68)	\$ (17,168,771.00)
Add back: PERS Pension Liability	17,298,791.00
Less: Deferred Outflows related to pensions	(343,448.00)
Add back: Deferred Inflows related to pensions	 2,926,876.00
Unrestricted Net Position (Without GASB 68)	\$ 2,713,448.00

#### **Business-type Activities**

During the fiscal year 2024, the net position of business-type activities decreased by \$760,048.

The assets and deferred outflows of the business-type activities exceeded liabilities and deferred inflows by \$1,237,934.

#### **General Fund Budgeting Highlights**

Final budgeted revenue was \$42,444,199, which was equal to the original budget. Excluding nonbudgeted revenues, the School District's budgeted revenues exceeded actual revenues by \$3,014,510.

Final budgeted appropriations were \$43,807,661, which was an increase of \$1,493,637 from the original budget. Excluding nonbudgeted expenditures, the School District's budget appropriations exceeded actual expenditures by \$2,340,337.

The School District's general fund balance – budgetary basis (Exhibit C-1) was \$9,614,930 at June 30, 2024, a decrease of \$2,414,762 from the prior year.

Management's Discussion and Analysis For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024 (Unaudited) (Continued)

#### **Governmental Funds**

At the end of the current fiscal year, the School District's governmental funds reported a combined ending fund balance of \$9,614,930, a decrease of \$2,414,762 from the prior year.

General fund - During the current fiscal year, the fund balance of the School District's general fund decreased by \$2,414,762 to \$9,614,930 at June 30, 2024, compared to an increase of \$4,044,106 in fund balance in the prior fiscal year.

#### **Proprietary Funds**

Food Service Fund - During the current fiscal year, the net position of the School District's food service fund decreased by \$36,500 to \$257,440 at June 30, 2024, compared to a decrease of \$244,545 in net position in the prior fiscal year. The primary factor(s) affecting the change in net position of the food service fund is as follows:

• We are working towards reducing costs to break even. Due to our population, we have specialized, costly diets, so the BoE has to contribute to offset operating deficits.

Educational Services Unit Fund - During the current fiscal year, the net position of the School District's educational services unit fund decreased by \$357,312 to \$463,724 at June 30, 2024, compared to an increase of \$32,355 in net position in the prior fiscal year. The primary factor affecting the change in net position is as follows:

• After achieving a profitable previous fiscal year, ESU faced financial challenges this current year. We will continue to monitor and analyze all aspects of the program.

Alternative Education Program - During the current fiscal year, the net position of the School District's alternative education program fund decreased by \$366,236 to \$516,770 at June 30, 2024, compared to an increase of \$231,504 in net position in the prior fiscal year. The primary factor(s) affecting the change in net position is as follows:

• Year over year, the revenue and expenditures remained consistent. We are working with our Administrative team to increase enrollment.

#### Management's Discussion and Analysis For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024 (Unaudited) (Continued)

#### Capital Assets

The School District's capital assets for its governmental and business-type activities as of June 30, 2024, totaled \$9,174,446 (net of accumulated depreciation). Capital assets includes construction in progress, land improvements, buildings and improvements and equipment. The school districts "Net Investment in Capital Assets" component of net position represents capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation less any outstanding debt associated with the capital assets. There was a net increase in the School District's investment in capital assets for the current fiscal year in the amount of \$1,672,454. This increase is primarily due to the current year depreciation of capital assets exceeded prior year asset acquisitions. Table 4 shows fiscal 2024 balances compared to 2023.

Table 4
Summary of Capital Assets

Capital Assets (Net of Depreciation):	June 30, 2024	<u>June 30, 2023</u>	Increase/ (Decrease)	Percentage Change
Land Improvements	1,679,966	499,925	1,180,041	236.0%
Building and Improvements	5,585,363	4,794,857	790,506	16.5%
Equipment	1,130,675	1,083,181	47,494	4.4%
Right-of-Use Asset	778,442	1,124,029	(345,587)	-30.7%
	9,174,446	<u>7,501,992</u>	1,672,454	22.3%
Depreciation Expense	(1,036,625)	(913,866)		

#### **Debt Administration**

**Long-term debt** – At the end of the current fiscal year, the School District had total bonded debt outstanding of \$-0-, which is the same as the prior year.

Additional information on the School District's long-term obligations can be found in the notes to the basic financial statements (Note 7) of this report.

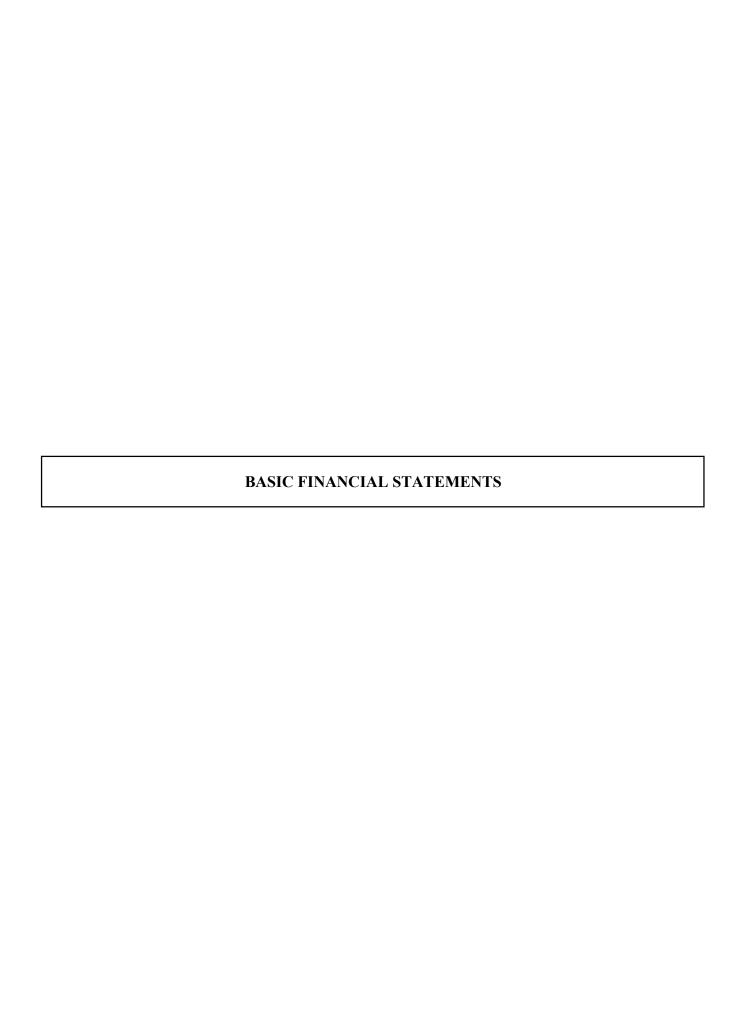
#### **Factors on the School District's Future**

The District continues to improve the quality of education and efficiencies each year minimizing costs while maximizing educational benefits. The number of students received is a large factor contributing to the District's future and this is expected to increase over the next few years. Over the past few years student enrollment has decreased.

#### **Contacting the School Districts Financial Management**

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the School District's finances for all those with an interest in the School District. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional financial information should be addressed to the Business Administrator/Board Secretary's Office, Burlington County Special Services School District, 20 Pioneer Boulevard, Westampton, NJ 08060.

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# BURLINGTON COUNTY SPECIAL SERVICES SCHOOL DISTRICT STATEMENT OF NET POSITION FOR YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

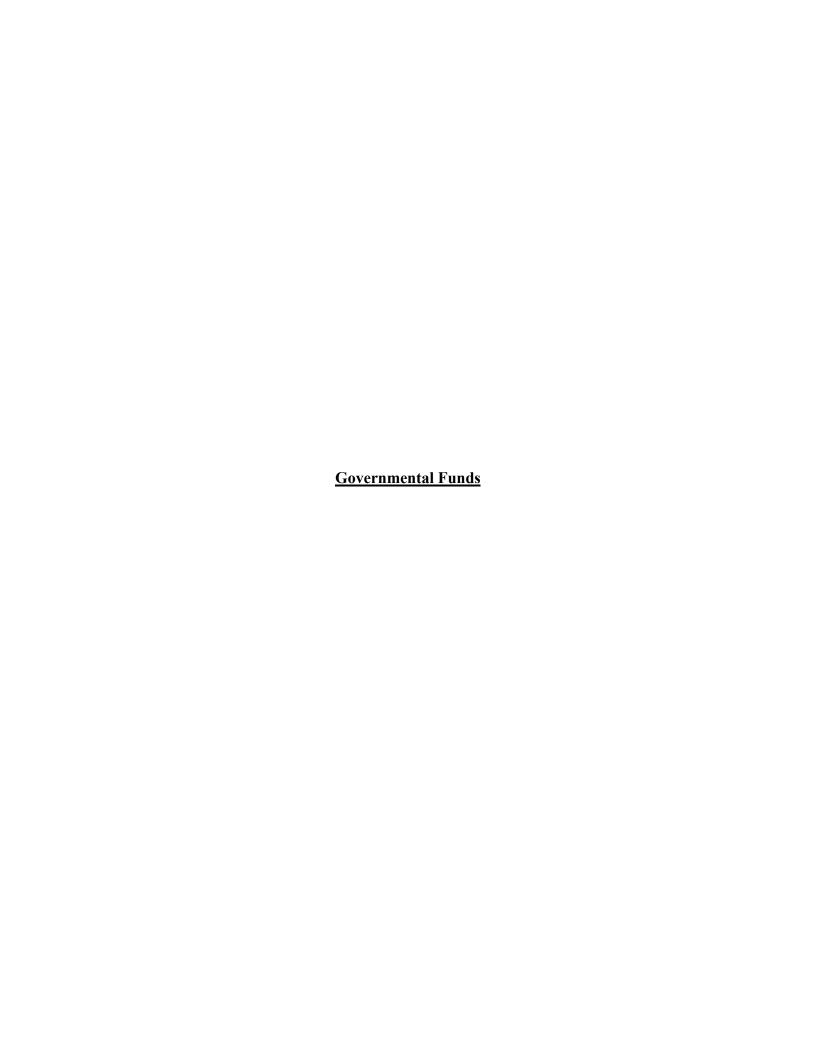
ASSETS	GOVERNMENTA ACTIVITIES	L BUSINESS - TYPE ACTIVITIES	TOTAL
Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$ 246,986	896,336	\$ 1,143,322
Internal Balances	2,403,13		. , ,
Receivables, Net (Note 4)	3,346,824		6,341,834
Inventory	2,2.0,02	19,231	19,231
Restricted Cash & Cash Equivalents	7,429,784		7,429,784
Capital Assets, Net (Note 5)	8,861,784		9,628,454
Total Assets	22,288,509	2,274,116	24,562,625
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Related to Pension (Note 9)	343,448	3	343,448
Related to Leases	1,93	105,104	107,035
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	345,379	9 105,104	450,483
LIABILITIES			
Accounts Payable	1,288,053	3 280,213	1,568,266
Accrued Salaries	688,210		688,216
Lease Payable	000,21	333,525	333,525
Unearned Revenue	671,20		674,455
Noncurrent Liabilities (Note 8):			
Due Within One Year	1,559,05		1,559,057
Due Beyond One Year	16,714,780	5 524,298	17,239,084
Total Liabilities	20,921,317	7 1,141,286	22,062,603
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Related to Pension (Note 9)	2,926,870	5	2,926,876
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	2,926,870	5 -	2,926,876
NET POSITION			
Net Investment in			
Capital Assets	8,861,784	4 766,670	9,628,454
Restricted for:	0,001,70	. ,,,,,,,	2,020,131
Capital Projects	7,006,503		7,006,505
Unemployment Compensation	423,279		423,279
Student Activities	134,162		134,162
Unrestricted	(17,640,03:	5) 471,264	(17,168,771)
Total Net Position	\$ (1,214,30)	5) 1,237,934	\$ 23,629

# BURLINGTON COUNTY SPECIAL SERVICES SCHOOL DISTRICT STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

		PROGRAN	PROGRAM REVENUES	NET (EXPENSE) REVE	NET (EXPENSE) REVENUE AND CHANGES IN NET POSTION	N NET POSTION
FUNCTIONS/PROGRAMS	EXPENSES	CHARGES FOR SERVICES	OPERATING GRANTS & CONTRIBUTIONS	GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES	BUSINESS- TYPE ACTIVITIES	TOTALS
Governmental Activities: Instruction: Special Education	\$ 15 566 674			(429)	€	(15 566 674)
Other Special Instruction	282,909			(282,909)	€	(282,909)
Support Services: Student & Instruction Related Services	5,875,981		69,737	(5,806,244)		(5,806,244)
School Administrative Services				(526,407)		(526,407)
General & Business Administrative Services Plant Operations & Maintenance	2,946,412			(3,016,498) $(2,946,412)$		(3,016,498) (2,946,412)
Pupil Transportation Unallocated Benefits	172,513 9,327,917			(172,513)		(172,513) (9,327,917)
On Behalf TPAF Pension & Social Security Contributions	9,061,223		9,061,223			
Total Governmental Activities	46,776,534	٠	9,130,960	(37,645,574)		(37,645,574)
Business-Type Activities: Food Service	882,173	163,327	7 287,066		(431,780)	(431,780)
School Store Educational Services	11,757,073	- 11,399,761			(357,312)	(357,312)
Capital Academy Alternative Education Program	2,075,535	1,709,299			. (366,236)	(366,236)
Total Business-Type Activities	14,714,781	13,272,387	7 287,066		(1,155,328)	(1,155,328)
Total Primary Government	\$ 61,491,315	13,272,387	9,418,026	(37,645,574)	(1,155,328) \$	(38,800,902)
	General Revenues:	es: priation		6 470 217		710 014
	Federal & State Aid No	County Appropriation Federal & State Aid Not Restricted	ted	0,470,217		0,470,217
	Tuition Received	pa		24,036,490		24,036,490
	Tuition Charges	s		9,403,902		9,403,902
	Non Resident Fees	ees		369,635	18 153	369,635
	interest Earnings Miscellaneous Income	gs Income		859 941	18,133	18,133
	Transfers			(377,127)	377,127	
	Total General Reven	Revenues, Special	Total General Revenues, Special Items, Extraordinary Items & Transfers	40.898.677	395.280	41,293,957
	Change In Net Position	sition		3,253,103	(760,048)	2,493,055
	Net Position - July 1	y 1		(4,467,408)	1,997,982	(2,469,426)
	Net Position - Ending	ding		\$ (1,214,305)	1,237,934 \$	23,629

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





# BURLINGTON COUNTY SPECIAL SERVICES SCHOOL DISTRICT GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

Due from Other Governments:       62,280         State       62,280         Other       1,814,327       1,470,217       3         Restricted Cash & Cash Equivalents       7,429,784       7	246,986 843,189 62,280 284,544 429,784 866,783
Receivables, Net:       1         Interfund Receivable       2,843,189       2         Due from Other Governments:       62,280         State       62,280       1,470,217       3         Restricted Cash & Cash Equivalents       7,429,784       7         Total Assets       \$ 12,262,404       134,162       1,470,217       \$ 13         LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	62,280 284,544 429,784
Due from Other Governments:       62,280         State       62,280         Other       1,814,327       1,470,217       3         Restricted Cash & Cash Equivalents       7,429,784       7         Total Assets       \$ 12,262,404       134,162       1,470,217       \$ 13         LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	62,280 284,544 429,784
State       62,280         Other       1,814,327       1,470,217       3         Restricted Cash & Cash Equivalents       7,429,784       7         Total Assets       \$ 12,262,404       134,162       1,470,217       \$ 13         LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	284,544 429,784
Other Restricted Cash & Cash Equivalents       1,814,327       1,470,217       3         Total Assets       7,429,784       7         LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	284,544 429,784
Restricted Cash & Cash Equivalents         7,429,784         7           Total Assets         \$ 12,262,404         134,162         1,470,217         \$ 13           LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	429,784
Total Assets \$ 12,262,404 134,162 1,470,217 \$ 13  LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	
	_
Liabilities:	
	252,063
Interfund Payable 440,058	440,058
Unearned Revenue 671,205	671,205
Payroll Deductions and Withholdings Payable 35,990	35,990
Accrued Salaries & Wages 688,216	688,216
Total Liabilities 2,647,474 - 440,058 3	087,532
Fund Balances:	
Restricted for:	
•	006,505
1 7	423,279
Student Activities 134,162 Assigned to:	134,162
	545,583
	669,722
Total Fund Balances 9,614,930 134,162 1,030,159 10	779,251
Total Liabilities & Fund Balances \$ 12,262,404 134,162 1,470,217	
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 assets is \$17,545,374 and the accumulated depreciation is \$8,683,590.  Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements (SBITA's) used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds.	861,784
Deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to pensions & leases are applicable to future reporting periods and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.	
Deferred Outflows Related to Pensions Deferred Outflows Related to Leases Deferred Inflows Related to Pensions (2	343,448 1,931 926,876)
Accrued pension contributions for June 30, 2024 plan year are not paid with current economic	
resources and are therefore not reported as a liability in the funds, but are included in accounts	550 05=÷
	559,057)
Long term liabilities, including compensated absences, lease obligations and net pension liability, are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported as liabilities in the funds.  (16)	714,786)
Net Position of Governmental Activities (\$1	

# BURLINGTON COUNTY SPECIAL SERVICES SCHOOL DISTRICT GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

Revenues:	GENERAL FUND	SPECIAL REVENUE FUND	CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	TOTAL
County Appropriation	\$ 5,000,000		\$1,470,217 \$	6,470,217
Tuition Charges	24,036,490		Ψ1,170,217 Ψ	24,036,490
Other Tuition	9,403,902			9,403,902
Nonresident Fees	369,635			369,635
Miscellaneous	510,590			510,590
Local Sources		460,250		460,250
State Sources	9,061,223	96,284		9,157,507
Federal Sources	109,072			109,072
Total Revenues	48,490,912	556,534	1,470,217	50,517,663
Expenditures:				
Instruction:				
Special Education Instruction	14,834,167	-		14,834,167
Other Special Instruction	282,909			282,909
Support Services & Undistributed Costs:				
Student & Instruction Related Services	5,806,244	69,737		5,875,981
School Administrative Services	526,407			526,407
Other Administrative Services	3,016,498			3,016,498
Plant Operations & Maintenance	2,946,412			2,946,412
Pupil Transportation	172,513			172,513
Unallocated Benefits	11,631,071			11,631,071
On-Behalf TPAF Pension & Social Security Contributons	9,061,223	106 201	440,058	9,061,223
Capital Outlay	2,251,103	496,284	440,038	3,187,445
Total Expenditures	50,528,547	566,021	440,058	51,534,626
Excess/(Deficiency) of Revenues				
Over Expenditures	(2,037,635)	(9,487)	1,030,159	(1,016,963)
Other Financing Sources/(Uses):				
Board Contributions to Enterprise Funds	(377,127)			(377,127)
Total Other Financing Sources & (Uses)	(377,127)	-	<u>-</u>	(377,127)
Net Change in Fund Balances	(2,414,762)	(9,487)	1,030,159	(1,394,090)
Fund Balance - July 1	12,029,692	143,649	-	12,173,341
Fund Balance - June 30	\$ 9,614,930	134,162	1,030,159 \$	10,779,251

(\$1,394,090)

# BURLINGTON COUNTY SPECIAL SERVICES SCHOOL DISTRICT RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

Capital outlays are reported in governmental funds as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which capital outlays exceeded		
depreciation in the period:		
Capital Outlays	\$ 3,187,445	
Adjustments per District Appraisal	(24,357)	
Depreciation Expense	(732,507)	2,430,581

Governmental funds report outlays for Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements (SBITA's) as expenditures. However, in the statement of Activities, the cost of those intangible assets is allocated over their 12 month subscription term.

of net position and is not reported in the statement of activities.

Right-to-Use Asset Adjustment

Current Year

Total Net Change in Fund Balances - Governmental Funds (From B-2)

are different because:

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities (A-2)

(131,376)

44,834

(2,775)

47,609

Pension contributions are reported in governmental funds as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the contributions are adjusted for acturial valuation adjustments, including services and interest costs, administrative costs, investment returns, and experience/assumptions. This is the amount by which net pension liability and deferred inflows/outflows related to pension changed during the period.

997,984

In the statement of activities, certain operating expenses, e.g., compensated absences (vacations) are measured by the amounts earned during the year. In the governmental funds, however, expenditures for these items are reported in the amount of financial resources used/(paid). When the earned amount exceeds the paid amount, the difference is a reduction in the reconciliation (-); when the paid amount exceeds the earned amount the difference is an addition to the reconciliation (+).

1,305,170

Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities

\$3,253,103

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# BURLINGTON COUNTY SPECIAL SERVICES SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPRIETARY FUNDS STATEMENT OF NET POSITION FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	BUSINESS-TY	PE ACTIVITIES E	NTERPRISE FUND	
	FOOD	EDUCATIONAL	ALTERNATIVE	
ACCETC	SERVICE	SERVICES UNIT	EDUCATION	TOTALC
ASSETS	FUND	UNII	PROGRAM	TOTALS
Current Assets:			405000	006006
Cash & Cash Equivalents Receivable:	\$ 225,497	565,809	105,030	896,336
State	673	-	-	673
Federal	14,262	-	-	14,262
Other	560 19,231	2,581,259	398,256	2,980,075
Inventories	19,231	<u>-</u>	<u> </u>	19,231
Total Current Assets	260,223	3,147,068	503,286	3,910,577
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Noncurrent Assets: Capital Assets	45,900	_	3,043,991	3,089,891
Less: Accumulated	13,700		3,013,771	3,007,071
Depreciation	(45,433)	-	(2,277,788)	(2,323,221)
Total Capital Assets, Net	467	-	766,203	766,670
Total Assets	260,690	3,147,068	1,269,489	4,677,247
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES				
Related to Leases		-	105,104	105,104
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources		-	105,104	105,104
LIABILITIES				
Accounts Payable	_	280,213	_	280,213
Interfund Payables		2,403,131	-	2,403,131
Unearned Revenue	3,250	-	-	3,250
Lease Payable Noncurrent Liabilities:	-	=	333,525	333,525
Due Beyond One Year		-	524,298	524,298
Total Current Liabilities	3,250	2,683,344	857,823	3,544,417
NET POSITION				
Net Investment in				
Capital Assets	467	-	13,484	13,951
Unrestricted (Deficit)	256,973	463,724	503,286	1,223,983
Total Net Position	\$257,440	463,724	516,770	1,237,934

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

## BURLINGTON COUNTY SPECIAL SERVICES SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPRIETARY FUNDS STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN FUND NET POSITION FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	BUSINESS-TYPE ACTIVITIES ENTERPRISE FUND				
		FOOD	EDUCATIONAL		
		SERVICE	SERVICES	EDUCATION	
OPERATING REVENUES		FUND	UNIT	PROGRAM	TOTALS
Local Sources:		TOND	OIVII	1 ROGICINI	TOTALS
Daily Sales - Reimbursable Programs:					
School Lunch & Breakfast Programs	\$	_	_	_	\$ -
Daily Sales - Nonreimbursable Programs	Ψ	102,605	_	_	102,605
Special Functions		-	_	_	-
Fees for Services		_	11,399,761	_	11,399,761
Other Revenue		60,722	-	1,709,299	1,770,021
Sale of Merchandise		-	_	1,700,200	1,770,021
Sale of Welchandise					
Total Operating Revenue		163,327	11,399,761	1,709,299	13,272,387
OPERATING EXPENSES					
Salaries & Wages		453,488	9,266,393	122,660	9,842,541
Employee Benefits		-	1,794,782	-	1,794,782
Purchased Professional Services		_	241,357	1,542,600	1,783,957
Purchased Services - Transportation		_	284,018	1,5 12,000	284,018
Rental of Land and Building		_	201,010	59,246	59,246
Travel		_	20,200	1,018	21,218
Repairs		_	20,200	9,765	9,765
Supplies & Materials		87,257	138,266	34,418	259,941
Depreciation		273	130,200	303,845	304,118
Textbooks		213	-	303,643	304,116
Miscellaneous Expenditures		45,427	12,057	1,983	59,467
Cost of Sales - Reimbursable Programs		236,862	12,037	1,963	236,862
Cost of Sales - Non-Reimbursable Programs		58,866	_	-	58,866
Cost of Sales - Ivon-Reinfoursable i Tograms		30,000			30,000
Total Operating Expenses		882,173	11,757,073	2,075,535	14,714,781
Operating Gain\( Loss)		(718,846)	(357,312)	(366,236)	(1,442,394)
					<u> </u>
Nonoperating Revenues:					
State Sources:					
State School Breakfast Program		1,020	-	-	1,020
State School Lunch Program		9,427	-	-	9,427
Federal Source:					
School Breakfast Program		72,619	-	-	72,619
National School Lunch Program		165,045	-	-	165,045
Food Distribution Program		38,955	-	-	38,955
Interest & Investment Revenue		18,153	-	-	18,153
Other Sources:					
Transfer In/(Out) General Fund		377,127	-	-	377,127
Total Nonoperating Revenues/Expenses		682,346	-	-	682,346
Change in Net Position		(36,500)	(357,312)	(366,236)	(760,048)
Total Net Position-July 1		293,940	821,036	883,006	1,997,982
Prior Period Adjustment		,	•	´-	-
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Total Net Position-July 1		293,940	821,036	883,006	1,997,982
Total Net Position-Ending	\$	257,440	463,724	516,770	\$ 1,237,934

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

## BURLINGTON COUNTY SPECIAL SERVICES SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPRIETARY FUNDS STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	BU	SINESS-TYP	E ACTIVITIES E	NTERPRISE FUND	
		FOOD I SERVICE FUND	EDUCATIONAL SERVICES UNIT	ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION PROGRAM	TOTALS
Cash Flows From Operating Activities: Receipts from Customers Payments to Employees Payments to Suppliers	\$	165,896 (453,488) (683,840)	10,626,527 - (10,461,725)	1,524,480 (122,660) (1,649,030)	12,316,903 (576,148) (12,794,595)
Net Cash Provided by/(Used for) Operating Activities		(971,432)	164,802	(247,210)	(1,053,840)
Cash Flows From Noncapital Financing Activities: State Sources Federal Sources Operating Subsidies & Transfers to		10,447 276,619			10,447 276,619
Other Funds, Net		377,127		<u>-</u>	377,127
Net Cash Provided by/(Used for) Noncapital Financing Activities		664,193	-	-	664,193
Cash Flows From Capital & Related Financing Activities: Purchases of Capital Assets		-	-	(321,268)	(321,268)
Net Cash Provided by/(Used for) Capital & Related Financing Activities		-	-	(321,268)	(321,268)
Cash Flows From Investing Activities: Interest & Dividends		18,153	-	-	18,153
Net Cash Provided y/(Used for) Investing Activities		18,153	-	-	18,153
Net Increase/(Decrease) in Cash & Cash Equivalents Balances - Beginning of Year		(289,086) 514,583	164,802 401,007	(568,478) 673,508	(692,762) 1,589,098
Balances - End of Year	\$	225,497	565,809	105,030	\$ 896,336
Reconciliation of Operating Income/(I Operating Income/(Loss) Adjustments to Reconcile Operating Income/ (Loss) to Net Cash Provided by/(Used for)	Loss) \$	to Net Cash I (718,846)	Provided/(Used) b (357,312)		(1,442,394)
Operating Activities: Depreciation & Net Amortization (Increase)/Decrease in Accounts		273	-	303,845	304,118
Receivable, Net (Increase)/Decrease in Inventories (Increase)/Decrease in Deferred Inflow		2,569 (8,678)	(773,234)	(205,334)	(975,999) (8,678)
of Resources Increase/(Decrease) in Unearned Revenue		3,250		20,515	20,515 3,250
Increase/(Decrease) in Accounts Payable		(250,000)	1,295,348	-	1,045,348
Total Adjustments		(252,586)	522,114	119,026	388,554
Net Cash Provided by/(Used for) Operating Activities		(\$971,432)	164,802	(247,210)	(1,053,840)

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

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## **Fiduciary Fund**

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2024

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

## **Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

#### **Basis of Presentation**

The financial statements of the Burlington County Special Services School District (hereafter referred to as the "School District") have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as prescribed by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB). The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is responsible for establishing GAAP for state and local governments through its pronouncements (Statements and Interpretations).

#### **Reporting Entity**

The Burlington County Special Services School District is a Special Services School District located in the County of Burlington, State of New Jersey. As a Special Services School District, the School District functions independently through a Board of Education. The Board is comprised of six members appointed to three-year terms by the County Commissioners. These terms are staggered so that two members' terms expire each year. The purpose of the School District is to provide programs adapted to each student's unique needs and abilities. Focusing on students' capabilities, the School District provides specialized academic instructional approaches, a carefully planned sequence of career development experiences, physical education, and recreational activities combined with the specialized therapeutic interventions needed to assure that each child reaches full potential. By carefully structuring each student's program on an individual basis, the School District strives to have each student become a productive, self-sufficient member of the community. The Burlington County Special Services School District has an approximate enrollment at June 30, 2024 of 455 students.

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

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

There were no additional entities required to be included in the reporting entity under the criteria as described above. Furthermore, the School District is a component unit of the County of Burlington, however, the County of Burlington reports on a regulatory basis of accounting which excludes component units. The County of Burlington's financial statements may be obtained directly from the County of Burlington Department of Finance and Administration.

#### **Component Units**

GASB Statement No.14. *The Financial Reporting Entity*, provides guidance that all entities associated with a primary government are potential component units and should be evaluated for inclusion in the financial reporting entity. A primary government is financially accountable not only for the organizations that make up its legal entity but also for legally separate organizations that meet the criteria established by

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

## Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued):

GASB Statement No. 14, as amended by GASB Statement No. 39, Determining Whether Certain Organizations are Component Units, and GASB 61, The Financial Reporting Entity: Omnis – an Amendment of GASB Statements No. 14 and No. 34. The School District had no component units as of for the year ended June 30, 2024.

#### **Government-Wide Financial Statements**

The District's Government-Wide Financial Statements include a Statement of Net Position and a Statement of Activities. These statements present summaries of Governmental and Business-Type Activities for the District accompanied by a total column. Fiduciary activities of the District are not included in these statements.

These statements are presented on an "economic resources" measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Accordingly, all of the District's assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources, including capital assets and long-term liabilities, are included in the accompanying Statement of Net Position. The Statement of Activities presents changes in net position. Under the accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized in the period in which they are earned while expenses are recognized in the period in which the liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. The types of transactions reported as program revenues for the District are reported in three categories: 1) charges for services, 2) operating grants and contributions, and 3) capital grants and contributions.

Certain eliminations have been made to interfund activities, payables, and receivables. All internal balances in the Statement of Net Position have been eliminated except those representing balances between the governmental activities and the business-type activities, which are presented as internal balances and eliminated in the total primary government column. In the Statement of Activities, internal service fund transactions have been eliminated; however, those transactions between governmental and business-type activities have not been eliminated.

#### **Governmental Fund Financial Statements**

Governmental fund financial statements include a Balance Sheet and a Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances for all major governmental funds and non-major funds aggregated. An accompanying schedule (Exhibit B-3) is presented to reconcile and explain the differences in fund balances and changes in fund balances as presented in these statements to the net position and changes in net position presented in the Government-Wide financial statements. The District has presented all major funds that met those qualifications.

All governmental funds are accounted for on a spending or "current financial resources" measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Accordingly, only current assets and current liabilities are included on the Balance Sheets. (The District's deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources are noncurrent.) The Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances present increases (revenues and other financing sources) and decreases (expenditures and other financing uses) in net current assets. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized in the accounting period in which they become both measurable and available to finance expenditures of the current period. Accordingly, revenues are recorded when received in cash, except that revenues subject to accrual (generally 60 days after year-end) are recognized when due. The primary revenue sources, which have been treated as susceptible to accrual by the District, are property tax and intergovernmental revenues and other taxes. Expenditures are recorded in the accounting period in which the related fund liability is incurred.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

#### Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued):

#### **Proprietary Fund Financial Statements**

Proprietary fund financial statements include a Statement of Net Position, a Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Fund Net Position, and a Statement of Cash Flows for each major proprietary fund and for the non-major funds aggregated. A column representing internal service funds is also presented in these statements. However, internal service funds balances and activities have been combined with the governmental activities in the Government-Wide financial statements.

Proprietary funds are accounted for using the "economic resources" measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Accordingly, all assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities (whether current or noncurrent), and deferred inflows of resources are included on the Statement of Net Position. The Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Fund Net Position presents increases (revenues) and decreases (expenses) in total net position. Under the accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized in the period in which they are earned while expenses are recognized in the period in which the liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows.

Operating revenues in the proprietary funds are those revenues that are generated from the primary operations of the fund. All other revenues are reported as non-operating revenues. Operating expenses are those expenses that are essential to the primary operations of the fund. All other expenses are reported as non-operating expenses.

## Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting and Financial Statement Presentation

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting as are the proprietary fund financial statements. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Property taxes are recognized as revenues in the year in 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.

Amounts reported as program revenues include 1) charges to customers or applicants for goods, services, or privileges 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 taxes.

While government-wide and fund financial statements are presented separately, they are interrelated. The governmental activities column of the government wide statements incorporates data from governmental funds and internal service funds, while business-type activities incorporate data from the District's enterprise funds. Separate financial statements are provided for governmental funds and proprietary funds.

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be available when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the District considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal year-end. Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, debt service expenditures, as well as expenditures related to compensated absences and claims and judgments, are recorded only when payment is due. General capital assets acquisitions are reported as expenditures in the governmental funds. Issuance of long-term debt and acquisitions under capital leases are reported as other financing sources.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

## Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued):

Property taxes, charges for services, licenses, and interest on notes receivable associated with the current fiscal period are all considered to be susceptible to accrual and accordingly have been recognized as revenues of the current fiscal period. Entitlements 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 (within 60 days of year-end). Expenditure-driven grants are recognized as revenue when the qualifying expenditures have been incurred and all eligibility requirements have been met, and the amount is received during the period or within the availability period for this revenue source (within 60 days of year-end). All other revenue items are considered to be measurable and available when cash is received.

Proprietary funds distinguish operating revenues and expenses from non-operating items. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services and producing and delivering goods in connection with a proprietary fund's principal ongoing operations. The principal operating revenues of the Food Service Fund and the C.D.A. program are charges to customers for sales and services. Operating expenses for enterprise funds include the cost of sales and services, employee salaries and benefits, administrative expenses, and depreciation on capital assets. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as non-operating revenues and expenses. When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is the District's policy to use restricted resources first, then unrestricted resources as they are needed.

Internal service funds are used to account for those operations which provide benefits to other funds, departments, or agencies of the primary government and its component unit. Although internal service funds are reported as a proprietary fund in the fund financial statements, it is incorporated into governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. The District does not maintain any internal service funds.

The District reports the following major governmental funds:

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

As required by the New Jersey Department of Education the School District includes budgeted capital outlay in this fund. Generally accepted accounting principles as they pertain to governmental entities state that general fund resources may be used to directly finance capital outlays for long-lived improvements as long as the resources in such cases are derived exclusively from unrestricted revenues.

Resources for budgeted capital outlay purposes are normally derived from State of New Jersey Aid, interest earnings and appropriated fund balance. Expenditures are those that result in the acquisition of or additions to capital assets for land, existing buildings, improvements of grounds, construction of buildings, additions to or remodeling of buildings and the purchase of built-in equipment. These resources can be transferred from and to Current Expense by board resolution

**Special Revenue Fund** - The Special Revenue fund is used to account for the proceeds of specific revenue from state and federal government, other than major capital projects, debt service or proprietary funds, and local appropriations that are restricted or committed to expenditures for specified purposes, such as, student activities and scholarship funds.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

#### Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued):

Capital Projects Fund - The capital projects fund is used to account for and report financial resources that are restricted, committed, or assigned to expenditures for the acquisition of construction of major capital facilities, other than those financed by proprietary funds. The financial resources are derived from New Jersey School Development Authority grants, temporary notes, capital leases, or serial bonds that are specially authorized by the voters as a separate question on the ballot either during the annual election or at a special election.

The District reports the following major proprietary funds:

**Food Service Fund** – This fund accounts for the revenues and expenses pertaining to the District's cafeteria operations.

**Educational Services Unit Fund** – This fund accounts for the revenues and expenses pertaining to the District's educational services unit operations.

Alternate Education Program Fund – This fund accounts for the revenues and expenses pertaining to the District's alternative education operations.

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

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

## **Budgets/Budgetary Control**

Annual appropriated budgets are prepared in the spring of each year for the general, special revenue and debt service funds. The budgets are submitted to the county office. In accordance with P.L.2011 c.202, which became effective January 17, 2012, the District eliminated the April annual voter referendum on budgets which met the statutory tax levy cap limitations and the board of education members are elected at the November general election. Budgets are prepared using the modified accrual basis of accounting. The legal level of budgetary control is established at line item accounts within each fund. Line item accounts are defined as the lowest (most specific) level of detail as established pursuant to the minimum chart of accounts referenced in N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2-2(f)1. Transfers of appropriations may be made by School Board resolution at any time during the fiscal year in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2-11.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

#### Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued):

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 generally accepted accounting principles with the exception of the legally mandated revenue recognition of the last state aid payment for budgetary purposes only and the special revenue fund as noted below. Encumbrance accounting is also employed as an extension of formal budgetary integration in the governmental fund types. Unencumbered appropriations lapse at fiscal year-end.

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

The budget, as detailed on Exhibit C-1, Exhibit C-2, and Exhibit I-3, includes all amendments to the adopted budget, if any.

Exhibit C-3 presents a reconciliation of the general fund revenues and special revenue fund revenues and expenditures from the budgetary basis of accounts as presented in the General Fund Budgetary Comparison Schedules and the Special Revenue Fund Budgetary Comparison Schedule to the GAAP basis of accounting as presented in the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance – Governmental Funds. Note that the District does not report encumbrances outstanding at fiscal year-end as expenditures in the general fund since the general fund budget follows modified accrual basis with the exception of the revenue recognition policy for the last state aid payments.

#### **Encumbrances**

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 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.

Open encumbrances in the special revenue fund for which the District has received advances are reflected in the balance sheet as a reduction of the accounts receivable or as unearned revenue at fiscal year-end.

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

#### Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and Cash equivalents include petty cash, change funds, cash in banks and all highly liquid investments with a maturity of three months or less at the time of purchase and are stated at cost plus accrued interest. U.S. Treasury and agency obligations and certificates of deposit with maturities of one year or less when purchased are stated at cost.

New Jersey School Districts are limited as to the types of investments and types of financial institutions they may invest in. *N.J.S.18A:20-37* provides a list of permissible investments that may be purchased by New Jersey school districts.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

#### Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued):

Additionally, the District has adopted a cash management plan that 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 loss of funds on deposit with a failed banking institution in New Jersey.

*N.J.S.A.* 17:9-41 et. Seq. establishes the requirements for the security of deposits of governmental units. The statute requires that no governmental unit shall deposit public funds in a public depository unless such funds are secured in accordance with the Act. Public depositories include Savings and Loan institutions, banks (both state and national banks) and savings banks the deposits of which are federally insured. All public depositories must pledge collateral, having a market value at least equal to five percent of the average daily balance of collected public funds, to secure the deposits of Governmental Units. If a public depository fails, the collateral it has pledged, plus the collateral of all other public depositories, is available to pay the full amount of their deposits to the Governmental Units.

#### **Tuition Payable/Receivable**

Tuition rates for the fiscal year end June 30, 2024 were established by the receiving district based on estimated costs. The charges are subject to adjustment when the final costs have been determined.

#### Inventories

Inventories are valued at cost, using the first-in/first-out (FIFO) method. The costs of inventories are recorded as expenditures when consumed rather when purchased.

#### **Interfund Receivables/Payables**

Interfund receivables/payables represent amounts that are owed, other than charges for goods or services rendered to/from a particular fund in the District and that are due within one year. The amounts are eliminated in the governmental and business-type activities, which are presented as Internal Balances. Balances with fiduciary funds are not considered Internal Balances; therefore those balances are reported on the Statement of Net Position.

## **Capital Assets**

Capital assets are reported in the applicable governmental or business-type activities column in the government-wide financial statements. Purchased or constructed assets are recorded at actual cost or estimated historical cost if actual cost is unavailable. Donated capital assets are recorded at estimated fair value at the date of donation. The District has established a threshold of \$2,000 for capitalization of depreciable assets.

Major outlays for capital assets and improvements are capitalized as projects are constructed. The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend asset lives are not capitalized.

Capital assets of the District are depreciated or amortized using the straight-line method and half-year convention for first year, over the following estimated lives:

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

#### Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued):

	Governmental Activities Estimated Lives	Business-Type Activities Estimated
	Lives	<u>S</u>
Land Improvements	10 – 20 Years	N/A
Buildings and Improvements	10-50  Years	N/A
Furniture and Equipment	5-20  Years	5-12 Years
Vehicles	5-10  Years	4-6 Years

#### **Compensated Absences**

Compensated absences are those absences for which employees will be paid, such as vacation, sick leave and sabbatical leave. A liability for compensated absences that are attributable to services already rendered, and that are not contingent on a specific event that is outside the control of the District and its employees, is accrued as the employees earn the rights to the benefits. Compensated absences that relate to future services, or that are contingent on a specific event that is outside the control of the District and its employees, are accounted for in the period in which such services are rendered or in which such events take place.

The entire compensated absences liability is reported on the government-wide financial statements and proprietary fund financial statements. Compensated absences liability is not recorded in the governmental funds. Instead expenditures are recognized in the governmental funds as payments come due each period, for example, as a result of resignations or retirements.

#### **Unearned Revenue**

Unearned revenue arises when assets are recognized before revenue recognition criteria have been satisfied and is recorded as a liability until the revenue is both measurable and the District is eligible to realize the revenue.

#### **Accrued Liabilities and Long-Term Obligations**

All payables, accrued liabilities, and long-term obligations are reported in the government-wide financial statements, and all payables, accrued liabilities and long-term obligations payable from proprietary funds are reported on the proprietary fund financial statements. In general, government fund payables and accrued liabilities that, once incurred, are paid in a timely manner and in full from current financial resources, are reported as obligations of the funds. However, claims and judgments, compensated absences, special termination benefits and contractually required pension contributions that will be paid from governmental funds, are reported as a liability in the fund financial statements only to the extent that they are normally expected to be paid with expendable available financial resources.

## **Accounting Estimates**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumption that affect certain reported amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying note disclosures. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

#### Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued):

#### Leases

The District is a lessee for various equipment and building space. The District recognizes a lease liability – finance purchase and a capital asset or recognizes a lease liability – right-to-use and an intangible right-to-use lease asset in the District-wide financial statements based on the criteria dictated in GASB Statement No. 87 – Leases.

#### **Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements**

A Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangement (SBITA) is a contract that conveys control of the right to use another party's information technology (IT) software, alone or in combination with tangible capital assets, as specified in the contract for a period of time in an exchange or exchange-like transaction. The District has subscribed into several short-term SBITAs lasting no more than one year. The District has elected to expense the subscription payments on a monthly basis as when they become due.

#### **Interfund Activity**

Transfers between governmental and business-type activities on the government-wide statements are reported in the same manner as general revenues. Exchange transactions between funds are reported as revenues in the seller funds and as expenditures/expenses in the purchaser funds. Flows of cash or goods from one fund to another without a requirement for repayment are reported as interfund transfers. Interfund transfers are reported as other financing sources/uses in governmental funds and after non-operating revenues/expenses in proprietary funds. Reimbursements from funds responsible for particular expenditures/expenses to the funds that initially paid for them are not presented on the financial statements. As a general rule the effect of interfund activity has been eliminated from the government-wide financial statements.

#### **Fund Balance**

In accordance with Government Accounting Standards Board 54, Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions, the District classifies governmental fund balances as follows:

- <u>Non-spendable</u> This classification includes amounts that cannot be spent because they are either not in spendable form or are legally or contractually required to be maintained intact. Non-spendable items are not expected to be converted to cash or are not expected to be converted to cash within the next year.
- Restricted This classification includes amounts for which constraints have been placed on the
  use of the resources either externally imposed by creditors (such as through a debt covenant),
  grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments, or imposed by law through
  constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.
- <u>Committed</u> This classification includes amounts that can be used only for specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by formal action of the Board of Education. These amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the Board of Education removes or changes the specified use by taking the same type of action (resolution) that was employed when the funds were initially committed. This classification also includes contractual obligations to the extent that existing resources have been specifically committed for use in satisfying those contractual requirements. The School Board did not have any committed resources as of June 30, 2024.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

## **Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued):**

#### **Fund Balance (continued):**

- Assigned This classification includes amounts that are constrained by the School District's intent to be used for a specific purpose but are neither restricted nor committed. This intent can be expressed by the Board of Education or through the Board of Education delegating this responsibility to the business administrator through the budgetary process. This classification also includes the remaining positive fund balance for all governmental funds except for the General Fund.
- <u>Unassigned</u> This classification includes the residual fund balance for the General Fund. The Unassigned classification also includes negative residual fund balance of any other governmental fund that cannot be eliminated by offsetting of Assigned fund balance amounts.

When an expenditure is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted fund balance is available, it is the District's policy to consider restricted funds to have been spent first. When an expenditure is incurred for which committed, assigned, or unassigned fund balances are available, it is the District's policy to consider amounts to have been spent first out of committed funds, then assigned funds, and finally unassigned funds, as needed, unless the Board has provided otherwise in its commitment or assignment actions.

#### **Net Position**

Net position, represents the difference between summation of assets and deferred outflows of resources, and the summation of liabilities and deferred inflows of resources. Net position is classified in the following three components:

- <u>Net Investment in Capital Assets</u> This component represents capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, net of outstanding balances of borrowings used for acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets.
- <u>Restricted</u> Net position is reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed on their use either through the enabling legislation adopted by the District or through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors or laws or regulations of other governments.
- <u>Unrestricted</u> Net position is reported as unrestricted when it does not meet the criteria of the other two components of net position.

#### **Impact of Recently Issued Accounting Principles**

#### Adopted Accounting Pronouncements

The following GASB Statements became effective for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024:

Statement No. 100, Accounting Changes and Error Corrections. Statement No. 100 improves the clarity of the accounting and financial reporting requirements for accounting changes and error corrections, which will result in greater consistency in application in practice. Statement No. 100 is effective for reporting periods beginning after June 15, 2023. Management does not expect this Statement to have a material impact on the District's financial statements.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

## Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued):

#### Recently Issued Accounting Pronouncements

The GASB has issued the following Statements which will become effective in future years as shown below:

Statement No. 101, Compensated Absences. Statement No. 101 aligns the recognition and measurement guidance under a unified model and by amending certain previously required disclosures. Statement No. 101 is effective for reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2023. Management has not yet determined the potential impact on the District's financial statements.

Statement No. 102, Certain Risk Disclosures. Statement No. 102 requires a government to assess whether a concentration or constraint makes the primary government reporting unit or reporting units that report liability for revenue debt vulnerable to the risk of a substantial impact. Additionally, this Statement requires a government to assess whether an event or events associated with a concentration or constraint that could cause the substantial impact have occurred, have begun to occur, or are more likely than not to begin to occur within 12 months of the date the financial statements are issued. Statement No. 102 is effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2024. Management has not yet determined the potential impact on the District's financial statements.

Statement No. 103, Financial Reporting Model Improvements. Statement No. 103 is to improve key components of the financial reporting model to enhance its effectiveness in providing information that is essential for decision making and assessing a government's accountability. Statement No. 103 is effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2025. Management has not yet determined the potential impact on the District's financial statements.

Statement No. 104, *Disclosure of Certain Capital Assets*. Statement No. 104 provides users of government financial statements with essential information about certain types of capital assets. Statement No. 104 is effective for reporting periods beginning after June 15, 2025. Management has not yet determined the potential impact on the District's financial statements.

## **Bond Premiums, Discounts and Issuance Costs**

In the government-wide financial statements and in the proprietary fund financial statements, bond premiums and discounts are deferred and amortized over the life of the bonds using the effective interest method. Bonds payable are reported net of the applicable bond premium or discount. Bond issuance costs are expensed when bonds are issued.

In governmental fund financial statements, bond premiums and discounts, as well as debt issuance costs are recognized in the current period. The face amount of the debt is reported as other financing sources. Premiums received on debt issuance are also reported as other financing sources. Issuance costs, whether or not withheld from the actual debt proceeds, are reported as debt service expenditures.

## **Deferred Loss on Refunding Debt**

Deferred loss on refunding debt arising from the issuance of the refunding bonds is recorded as deferred outflows of resources. It is amortized in a systematic and rational manner over the shorter of the duration of the related debt or the new debt issues as a component of interest expense.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

#### Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued):

#### **Deferred Outflows and Deferred Inflows of Resources**

In addition to assets, the statement of net position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred outflows of resources represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then.

In addition to liabilities, the statement of net position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred inflows of resources, represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time.

#### **Pensions**

For purposes of measuring the net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, and pension expense, information about the pension plan's fiduciary net position and additions to/deductions from the plan's fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by the plan. For this purpose, 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.

#### **Note 2. Deposits and Investments**

#### **Deposits**

<u>Custodial Credit Risk</u> – Custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of a bank failure, the Board's deposits may not be recovered. Although the Board does not have a formal policy regarding custodial credit risk, NJSA 17:9-41 et seq. requires that the governmental units shall deposit public funds in public depositories protected from loss under the provisions of GUDPA. Under the Act, the first \$250,000 of governmental deposits in each insured depository is protected by FDIC. Public fund owned by the Board in excess of FDIC insured amounts are protected by GUDPA. However, GUDPA does not protect intermingled trust funds such as salary withholdings, student activity fund or other funds that may pass to the Board relative to the happening of a future condition. Such funds are shown as Uninsured and Uncollateralized in the schedule below. As of June 30, 2024, the School District's bank balance of \$10,913,326 was exposed to custodial credit risk as follows:

Insured under FDIC and GUDPA	\$ 10,913,326
Uninsured and Uncollateralized	
	<u>\$ 10,913,326</u>

#### **Investments**

The School District had no investments at June 30, 2024.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

#### **Note 3. Reserve Accounts**

A capital reserve account was established by the School District by inclusion of \$500 on November 29, 2000 for the accumulation of funds for use as capital outlay expenditures in subsequent fiscal years. The capital reserve account is maintained in the general fund and its activity is included in the general fund annual budget.

Funds placed in the capital reserve account are restricted to capital projects in the School District's approved Long Range Facilities Plan (LRFP). Upon submission of the LRFP to the department, a School 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 (June 1 to June 30) of any unanticipated revenue or unexpended line-item appropriation amounts, or both. A School 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 *N.J.S.A.19:60-2*. Pursuant to *N.J.A.C.6:23A-14.1(g)*, the balance in the account cannot at any time exceed the local support costs of uncompleted capital projects in its approved LRFP.

The activity of the capital reserve for the June 30, 2024 fiscal year is as follows:

Balance, June 30, 2023	\$ 6,937,058
Interest Earned	69,447
Balance, June 30, 2024	\$ 7,006,505

## Note 4. Accounts Receivable

Accounts receivable at June 30, 2024 consisted of accounts and intergovernmental grants. All receivables are considered collectible in full due to the stable condition of state and federal programs, the current fiscal year guarantee of federal funds and the budgetary control of New Jersey governmental entities. Accounts receivable in the School District's governmental and business-type activities as of June 30, 2024, consisted of the following:

	Governmental					
	Funds					
		Total	]	Proprietary Funds		Total
	General	Governmental	Food Service	Educational	Alternative	Business-Type
<u>Description</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Activities</u>	<u>Fund</u>	Services Unit	Ed. Program	<u>Activities</u>
Federal Awards	\$ -	-	14,262	-	-	\$ 14,262
State Awards	62,280	62,280	673	-	-	673
Other	3,284,544	3,284,544	560	2,581,259	398,256	2,980,075
Total	<u>\$3,346,824</u>	3,346,824	<u>15,495</u>	2,581,259	398,256	<u>\$2,995,010</u>

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

**Note 5. Capital Assets** 

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

	Balance July 1,  2023	Adjustments/ <u>Increases</u>	<u>Decreases</u>	Balance June 30,  2024
Governmental Activities:				
Capital Assets Not Being Depreciated/				
Amortized:		440.050		
Construction-In-Progress	\$ -	440,058		\$ 440,058
Capital Assets Being Depreciated/Amortiz				
Land Improvements	2,074,473	1,316,682		3,391,155
Building and Improvements	6,910,416	1,122,419		8,032,835
Equipment	5,204,978	294,128	(10,199)	5,488,907
Right-to-Use-Assets	192,419			192,419
Total Capital Assets Being Depreciated/				
Amortized	14,382,286	2,733,229	(10,199)	17,105,316
Less: Accumulated Depreciation/Amortiz	ation:			
Land Improvements	(1,574,548)	(136,641)		(1,711,189)
Building and Improvements	(2,115,559)	(331,913)		(2,447,472)
Equipment	(4,139,113)	(226,259)	7,140	(4,358,232)
Right-to-Use-Assets	(121,863)	(44,834)		(166,697)
Total Accumulated Depreciation/				
Amortization	(7,951,083)	(739,647)	7,140	(8,683,590)
Net Capital Assets Being Depreciated/				
Amortized	6,431,203	1,993,582	(3,059)	8,421,726
Total Capital Assets	\$ 6,431,203	2,433,640	(3,059)	\$ 8,861,784
	Balance			Balance
	July 1,	Adjustments/		June 30,
	<u>2023</u>	Increases	Decreases	<u>2024</u>
<b>Business-Type Activities:</b>				
Capital Assets Being Depreciated/Amortiz	zed:			
Machinery and Equipment	\$ 82,358			\$ 82,358
Right-to-Use-Assets	3,007,533			3,007,533
Total Capital Assets Being Depreciated/ Amortized	3,089,891			3,089,891

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

## Note 5. Capital Assets (continued):

	Balance			Balance
	July 1,	Adjustments/		June 30,
	<u>2023</u>	Increases	<u>Decreases</u>	<u>2024</u>
Less: Accumulated Depreciation/Amortiz	ration:			
Machinery and Equipment	\$ (65,042)	(3,365)		\$ (68,407)
Right-to-Use-Assets	(1,954,060)	(300,753)		(2,254,813)
Total Accumulated Depreciation/ Amortization	(2,019,102)	(304,118)		(2,323,220)
Net Capital Assets Being Depreciated/ Amortized	1.070.789	(304,118)		766,671
Total Capital Assets	\$ 1,070,789	(304,118)		\$ 766,671

Depreciation expense was not allocated among the various functions/programs of the School District.

## Note 6. Interfund Receivables, Payables and Transfers

Individual fund receivables/payables balances at June 30, 2024 are as follows:

	Interfund	Interfund
<u>Fund</u>	Receivables	<u>Payables</u>
General Fund	\$ 2,843,189	\$ -
Capital Projects Fund		440,058
Educational Services Unit Fund	<del>-</del>	2,403,131
	\$ 2,843,189	\$2,843,189

The interfund receivables and payables above predominately resulted from payment made by certain funds on behalf of other funds. All interfund balances are expected to be repaid within one year.

A summary of interfund transfers is as follows:

<u>Fund</u>	Transfers In	Transfers Out
General Fund Educational Services Unit	\$ - <u>1,266,541</u>	\$ 1,266,541 
	<u>\$ 1,266,541</u>	<u>\$ 1,266,541</u>

The purpose of the interfund transfers were for the funding of other funds operations and for payments made on behalf of other funds.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

#### Note 7. Leases

#### Lease Liability: Right-to-Use Asset Agreements

The District has entered into right-of-use lease arrangements for copiers and a mailing machine with various terms and interest rates. The District is required to make monthly principal and interest payments. The District leases both the copiers and mailing machine under various terms under long-term, noncancelable lease agreements. The leases expire at various dates through 2026 with no renewal options.

The District leases a building for school facilities to accommodate the alternative education program with a ten (10) year term and an interest rate of 3.75%. This lease is under a long-term, noncancelable lease agreement. The lease expires in December 2026. In addition, the lease agreement provides for renewal options for up to five (5) additional, ten (10) year terms.

The principal and interest costs for such leases for governmental funds were \$27,653 for the year ended June 30, 2024. Total future minimum lease payments under lease agreements are as follows:

#### **Governmental Activities**

Year Ending June 30,	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u> 541 47	* Total
2025	\$ 23,821		\$ 24,362
2026			3,879
Total Minimum Lease Payment	<u>\$ 27,653</u>	588	\$ 28,241

The principal and interest costs for the lease of the business-type activities funds were \$857,823 for the year ended June 30, 2024. Total future minimum lease payments under lease agreements are as follows:

## Business-Type Activities

Year Ending June 30, 2025 2026	Principal \$ 333,525 346,250	<u>Interest</u> 26,475 13,750	\$ Total 360,000 360,000
2027 Total Minimum Lease Payment	178,048 \$ 857,823	1,952 42,177	\$ 180,000 900,000

The lease agreements qualify as right-to-use-assets for accounting purposes and therefore, have been recorded at the present value of their future minimum lease payments as the date of their inception. The assets acquired through right-to-use asset lease agreements are as follows:

	Governmental	Business-Type
	<u>Activities</u>	<u>Activities</u>
Right-to-Use-Assets:		
Building	\$ -	\$ 3,007,533
Equipment	192,419	=
Less: Accumulated Amortization	(166,697)	(2,254,814)
	<u>\$ 25,722</u>	<u>\$ 752,719</u>

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

## Note 8. Long-Term and Short-Term Obligations

## Long-Term

During the fiscal year-ended June 30, 2024 the following changes occurred in long-term obligations for the governmental and business-type activities:

									Balance
	Balance	Adj	ustment/			]	Balance	Ι	Due Within
	July 1, 2023	Ac	<u>lditions</u>	<u>R</u>	eductions	Jun	e 30, 2024		One Year
Governmental Activities:									
Compensated Absences	\$ 1,015,401	\$	-	\$	68,002	\$	947,399	\$	43,801
Lease Payable	75,262		-		47,609		27,653		23,821
Net Pension Liability	18,573,127		-		1,274,336		17,298,791		1,559,057
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-	\$ 19,663,790	\$	-	\$	1,389,947	\$	18,273,843	\$	1,626,679

Compensated absences and net pension liability are liquidated by the general fund. The District elected to record \$1,559,057 as due within one year from the reported noncurrent liability of \$17,298,791 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability as measured as of June 30, 2024.

## **Bonds Payable**

As of June 30, 2024, the District had no bonds payable outstanding.

#### **Bonds Authorized but not Issued**

As of June 30, 2024, the School District had no bonds authorized but not issued.

#### Note 9. Pension Plans

#### A. Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS)

**Plan Description -** The State of New Jersey, Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) is a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan administered by the State of New Jersey, Division of Pensions and Benefits (the Division). For additional information about PERS, please refer to Division's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) which can be found at <a href="https://www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions/annrprts.shtml">www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions/annrprts.shtml</a>.

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.

The following represents the membership tiers for PERS:

<u>Definition</u>

- 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

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

## Note 9. Pension Plans (continued):

#### B. Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) (continued):

Service retirement benefits of 1/55<sup>th</sup> of final average salary for each year of service credit is available to tiers 1 and 2 members upon reaching age 60 and to tier 3 members upon reaching age 62. Service retirement benefits of 1/60<sup>th</sup> of final average salary for each year of service credit is available to tier 4 members upon reaching age 62 and tier 5 members upon reaching age 65. Early retirement benefits are available to tiers 1 and 2 members before reaching age 60, tiers 3 and 4 before age 62 with 25 or more years of service credit and tier 5 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.

**Contributions** - The contribution policy for PERS is set by *N.J.S.A.* 43:15A and requires contributions by active members and contributing employers. 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. Funding for noncontributory group insurance benefits is based on actual claims paid. For fiscal year 2023, the State's pension contribution was more than the actuarial determined amount.

**Special Funding Situation** - Under N.J.S.A. 43:15A-15, local participating employers are responsible for their own contributions based on actuarially determined amounts, except where legislation was passed that legally obligated the State if certain circumstances occurred. The legislation, which legally obligates the State, are Chapter 366, P.L. 2001 and Chapter 133, P.L. 2001. The amounts contributed on behalf of the local participating employers under the legislation directly to the plan (except for employer specific financed amounts), there is no net pension liability or deferred outflows or inflows to report in the financial statements of the local participating employers related to the legislation. The District's proportionate share of nonemployer contributions and pension expense and related revenue is \$53,948 for the period June 30, 2023.

Pension Liability, Pension Expense and Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources - At June 30, 2023, the School District reported a liability of \$17,298,791 for its proportionate share of the PERS net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2023. The total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined using update procedures to roll forward the total pension liability from an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2022, to the measurement date of June 30, 2023. The School District's proportion of the net pension liability was based on the School District's actual contributions to the plan relative to the total of all participating employers' contributions for the year ended June 30, 2023. The School District's proportion measured as of June 30, 2023, was .1194307104%, which was a slight decrease of 0.00128% from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2022.

For the year ended June 30, 2024, the School District recognized full accrual pension expense of \$1,596,225 in the government-wide financial statements. This pension expense was based on the pension plans June 30, 2023 measurement date. At June 30, 2024 the School District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to PERS from the following sources:

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

**Note 9. Pension Plans (continued)** 

#### A. Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) (continued)

Deferred Outflows of Resources		Deferred Inflows of Resources	
\$	165,399	\$	70,712
	38,002		1,048,381
	79,663		-
	60,384		1,807,783
	1,596,225		
\$	1,939,673	\$	2,926,876
	of Res	\$ 165,399 38,002 79,663 60,384	of Resources       of 1         \$ 165,399       \$         38,002       79,663         60,384       1,596,225

\$1,939,673 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from District contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ended June 30, 2023. The other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Client Year Ending <u>June 30.</u>	Amount
2024	\$ (913,311)
2025	(509,775)
2026	712,377
2027	(127,487)
2028	2,167
Thereafter	

The previous amounts do not include employer specific deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to changes in proportion. These amounts should be recognized (amortized) by the employer over the average of the expected remaining service lives of all plan members, which is 5.08, 5.04, 5.13, 5.16, 5.21, and 5.63 for the years 2023, 2022, 2021, 2020, 2019, and 2018, respectively.

\$

(836,029)

**Actuarial Assumptions** – The collective total pension liability for the June 30, 2023 measurement date was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2022, which was rolled forward to June 30, 2023. This actuarial valuation used the following assumptions:

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

## **Note 9. Pension Plans (continued)**

#### A. Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) (continued)

Inflation

Price 2.75% Wage 3.25%

Salary Increases: 2.75% - 6.55%
Based on years of service

Investment Rate of Return 7.00%

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

The actuarial assumptions used in the July 1, 2022 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2021.

In accordance with State statute, the long-term expected rate of return on plan investments (7.00% at June 30, 2023) is determined by the State Treasurer, after consultation with the Directors of the Division of Investments and Division of Pensions and Benefits, the board of trustees and the actuaries. The long-term expected rate of return was determined using a building block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. Best estimates of arithmetic rates of return for each major asset class included in PERS's target asset allocation as of June 30, 2023 are summarized in the following table:

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

**Note 9. Pension Plans (continued)** 

#### A. Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) (continued)

	Target	Long-Term Expected Real Rate of
Asset Class	Allocation	Return
US Equity	28.00%	8.98%
Non-U.S. Developed Market Equity	12.75%	9.22%
International Small Cap Equity	1.25%	9.22%
Emerging Market Equity	5.50%	11.13%
Private Equity	13.00%	12.50%
Real Estate	8.00%	8.58%
Real Assets	3.00%	8.40%
High Yield	4.50%	6.97%
Private Credit	8.00%	9.20%
Investment Grade Credit	7.00%	5.19%
Cash Equivalents	2.00%	3.31%
U.S. Treasuries	4.00%	3.31%
Risk Mitigation Strategies	3.00%	6.21%
-	100.00%	

**Discount Rate** - The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.00% as of June 30, 2023. 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 non-employer contributing entity will be made based on 100% of the actuarially determined contributions for the State employer and 100% of actuarially determined contributions for local employers. Based on those assumptions, the plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on plan investments was applied to all projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

Sensitivity of the Board of Education's proportionate share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate - The following presents the District's proportionate share of the net pension liability as of June 30, 2023, calculated using the discount rate as disclosed above, as well as what the District's proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower or 1-percentage-point higher than the current rate:

	1%	Current	1%
	Decrease (6.00%)	Discount Rate (7.00%)	Increase (8.00%)
District's Proportionate Share			
of the Net Pension Liability	\$ 22,519,345	\$ 17,298,791	\$ 12,855,409

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

## **Note 9. Pension Plans (continued)**

#### A. Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) (continued)

#### **Additional Information**

Collective Balances at June 30, 2023 is as follows:

Deferred Outflows of Resources	\$ 1,080,204,730
Deferred Inflows of Resources	1,780,216,457
Net Pension Liability	14,606,489,066

District's Portion of the Plan's Total Net Pension Liability 0.1194307104%

## B. Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund (TPAF)

**Plan Description** - The State of New Jersey, Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund (TPAF) is a cost sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan with a special-funding situation, by which the State of New Jersey (the State) is responsible to fund 100% of the employer contributions, excluding any local employer early retirement incentive (ERI) contributions. TPAF is administered by the State of New Jersey, Division of Pensions and Benefits (the Division). For additional information about TPAF, please refer to Division's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) which can be found at

www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions/annrprts.shtml.

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 represents 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

Service retirement benefits of 1/55<sup>th</sup> of final average salary for each year of service credit is available to tiers 1 and 2 members upon reaching age 60 and to tier 3 members upon reaching age 62. Service retirement benefits of 1/60<sup>th</sup> of final average salary for each year of service credit is available to tier 4 members upon reaching age 62 and tier 5 members upon reaching age 65. Early retirement benefits are available to tiers 1 and 2 members before reaching age 60, tiers 3 and 4 before age 62 with 25 or more years of service credit, and tier 5 before age 65 with 30 or more years of service credit. Benefits are reduced by a fraction of a percent for each month that a member retires prior to the retirement age for his/her respective tier. Deferred retirement is available to members who have at least 10 years of service credit and have not reached the service retirement age for the respective tier.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

## **Note 9. Pension Plans (continued)**

## B. Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund (TPAF) (continued)

The contribution policy for TPAF is set by *N.J.S.A 18A:66* and requires contributions by active members and contributing employers. 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. Funding for noncontributory group insurance benefits is based on actual claims paid. For fiscal year 2023, the State's pension contribution was less than the actuarial determined amount.

**Special Funding Situation** - The employer contributions for local participating employers are legally required to be funded by the State in accordance with *N.J.S.A 18:66-33*. Therefore, the School District is considered to be in a special funding situation as defined by GASB Statement No. 68 and the State is treated as a non-employer contributing entity. Since the School District does not contribute directly to the plan (except for employer specific financed amounts), there is no net pension liability or deferred outflows of resources, or deferred inflows of resources to report in the financial statements of the local participating employers.

**Pension Liability and Pension Expense** - The State's proportionate share of the TPAF net pension liability, attributable to the School District as of June 30, 2023 was \$76,597,051. The School District's proportionate share was \$-0-.

The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2023, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2022, which was rolled forward to June 30, 2023. The State's proportionate share of the net pension liability associated with the District was based on projection of the State's long-term contributions to the pension plan associated with the District relative to the projected contributions by the State associated with all participating school districts, actuarially determined. At June 30, 2023, the State proportionate share of the TPAF net pension liability attributable to the School District was 0.1500941481%, which was a slight decrease of 0.00544% from its proportion measured as of June 30,2022.

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2022, the School District recognized \$1,881,767 in on-behalf pension expense and revenue in the government-wide financial statements, for the State of New Jersey on-behalf TPAF pension contributions. This pension expense and revenue was based on the pension plans June 30, 2023 measurement date.

**Actuarial Assumptions** - The total pension liability for the June 30, 2023 measurement date was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2022, which was rolled forward to June 30, 2023. This actuarial valuation used the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods in the measurement:

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

## **Note 9. Pension Plans (continued)**

## B. Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund (TPAF) (continued)

Inflation

Price 2.75% Wage 3.25%

Salary Increases 2.75% - 4.25%
Based on years of service

Investment Rate of Return 7.00%

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, with future improvement from the base year 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 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, 2022 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2021.

Long-Term Expected Rate of Return - In accordance with State statute, the long-term expected rate of return on plan investments (7.00% at June 30, 2023) is determined by the State Treasurer, after consultation with the Directors of the Division of Investments and Division of Pensions and Benefits, the board of trustees and the actuaries. The long-term expected rate of return was determined using a building block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. Best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class included in TPAF's target asset allocation as of June 30, 2023 are summarized in the following table:

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

**Note 9. Pension Plans (continued)** 

#### B. Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund (TPAF) (continued)

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return
US Equity	28.00%	8.98%
Non-U.S. Developed Market Equity	12.75%	9.22%
International Small Cap Equity	1.25%	9.22%
Emerging Market Equity	5.50%	11.13%
Private Equity	13.00%	12.50%
Real Estate	8.00%	8.58%
Real Assets	3.00%	8.40%
High Yield	4.50%	6.97%
Private Credit	8.00%	9.20%
Investment Grade Credit	7.00%	5.19%
Cash Equivalents	2.00%	3.31%
U.S. Treasuries	4.00%	3.31%
Risk Mitigation Strategies	3.00%	6.21%
-	<u>100.00%</u>	

**Discount Rate** - The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.00% as of June 30, 2023. 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 non-employer contributing entity will be made based on 100% of the actuarially determined contributions for the State employer and 100% of actuarially determined contributions for local employers. Based on those assumptions, the plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on plan investments was applied to all projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

Sensitivity of the School District's proportionate share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate – As previously mentioned, TPAF has a special funding situation where the State pays 100% of the School District's annual required contribution. The following represents the State's proportionate share of the net pension liability, attributable to the School District calculated using the discount rate of 7.00% as well as what the State's proportionate share of the net pension liability, attributable to the School District's would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage point lower or 1-percentage point higher than the current rate:

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

## Note 9. Pension Plans (continued) B. Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund (TPAF) (continued)

	1% Decrease (6.00%)	Current Discount Rate (7.00%)	1% Increase (8.00%)
District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
State of New Jersey's Proportionate Share of Net Pension Liability			
Associated with the District	90,321,823	76,597,051	65,037,531
	\$ 90,321,823	\$ 76,597,051	\$65,037,531

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

## **Additional Information**

The following is a summary of the collective balances of the local group at June 30, 2023:

Collective Deferred Outflows of Resources	\$ 2,413,548,676
Collective Deferred Inflows of Resources	\$ 14,741,373,312
Collective Net Pension Liability	\$ 51,109,961,824
School District's portion	0.1500941481%

## C. Defined Contribution Plan (DCRP)

**Plan Description** - The Defined Contribution Retirement Program (DCRP) was established July 1, 2007, under the provisions of N.J.S.A. 43:15C-1 et seq. The DCRP provides eligible members with a tax-sheltered, defined contribution retirement benefit, along with life insurance and disability coverage

Individuals eligible for membership in the DCRP include:

- State or local officials who are elected or appointed on or after July 1, 2007;
- Employees enrolled in the Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) or Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund (TPAF) on or after July 1, 2007, who earn salary in excess of established "maximum compensation" limits;
- Employees enrolled in the Police and Firemen's Retirement System (PFRS) or State Police

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

## **Note 9. Pension Plans (continued)**

#### C. Defined Contribution Plan (DCRP) (continued)

Retirement System (SPRS) after May 21, 2010, who earn salary in excess of established "maximum compensation" limits;

- Employees otherwise eligible to enroll in the PERS or TPAF on or after November 2, 2008, who do not earn the minimum annual salary for PERS or TPAF Tier 3 enrollment but who earn salary of at least \$5,000 annually. The minimum salary in 2023 is \$9,000 and is subject to adjustment in future years.
- Employees otherwise eligible to enroll in the PERS or TPAF after May 21, 2010, who do not work the minimum number of hours per week required for PERS or TPAF Tier 4 or Tier 5 enrollment but who earn salary of at least \$5,000 annually. The minimum number is 35 hours per week for State employees, or 32 hours per week for local government or local educations employees

**Contributions** - The contribution policy is set by N.J.S.A. 43:15C-3 and requires active members and contribution employers. When enrolled in the DCRP, members are required to contribute 5.5% of their base salary to a tax-deferred investment account established with Prudential Financial, which jointly administers the DCRP investments with the Division of Pension and Benefits. Member contributions are matched by a 3% contribution from the School District.

For the year ended June 30, 2024, employee contributions totaled \$42,062 and the District recognized pension expense of \$30,558.

#### Note 10. Other Post-Retirement Benefits

#### General Information about the OPEB Plan

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

The employer contributions for the participating local education employers are legally required to be funded by the State of New Jersey in accordance with N.J.S.A 52:14-17.32f. According to N.J.S.A 52:14-17.32f, the State provides employer-paid coverage to employees who retire from a board of education or county college with 25 years or more of service credit in, or retires on a disability pension from, one or more of the following plans: the Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund (TPAF), the Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS), the Police and Firemen Retirement System (PFRS), or the Alternate Benefit Program (ABP). 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.

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

### Note 10. Other Post-Retirement Benefits (continued)

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

The School Employees Health Benefits Program (SEHBP) Act is found in New Jersey Statutes Annotated, Title 52, Article 17.25 et. seq. Rules governing the operation and administration of the program are found in Title 17, Chapter 9 of the New Jersey Administrative Code.

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

The measurement date under GASB 75 is the date in which the discount rate, the balance sheet liabilities and income statement entries are reported. GASB 75 allows for the measurement date to be equal to any day in the fiscal year. The State of New Jersey has decided to choose the GASB 75 measurement date in the beginning of the fiscal year. The measurement date for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024 GASB 75 valuation is June 30, 2023.

**Total Non-employer OPEB Liability** - The State, a non-employer contributing entity, is the only entity that has a legal obligation to make employer contributions to OPEB for qualified retired PERS and TPAF participants. The LEA's proportionate share percentage determined under paragraphs 193 and 203 through 205 of GASBS No. 75 is zero percent. Accordingly, the LEA did not recognize any portion of the collective net OPEB liability on the Statement of Net Position. Accordingly, the following OPEB liability note information is reported at the State's level and is not specific to the board of education/board of trustees. Note that actual numbers will be published in the NJ State ACFR on the Office of Management and Budget's Financial Publications website: <a href="http://www.nj.gov/treasury/omb/fr.shtml">http://www.nj.gov/treasury/omb/fr.shtml</a>.

Actuarial assumptions and other imputes. The total OPEB liability in the June 30, 2023 actuarial valuation reported by the State in the State's most recently issued ACFR was determined using the following actuarial assumptions and other inputs, applied to all periods included in the measurement, unless otherwise specified:

**Total Non-employer OPEB Liability** \$52,361,668,239

	TPAF/ABP	PERS	PFRS
Salary increases:	2.75 – 4.25%	2.75 – 6.55%	3.25 – 16.25%
	Based on years of	Based on years of	Based on years of
	Service	service	service

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

"General" (PERS), and "Teacher" (TPAF/ABP) classification headcount-weighted disabled mortality table with fully generational mortality improvement projections from the central year using Scale MP-2021.

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

### **Note 10. Other Post-Retirement Benefits (continued)**

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

**OPEB Obligation and OPEB Expense** - The State's proportionate share of the total Other Post-Employment Benefits Obligations, attributable to the School District as of June 30, 2023 was \$112,179,244. The School District's proportionate share was \$0.

**Health Care Trend Assumptions** – For pre-Medicare medical benefits, the trend rate is initially 6.50% and decreases to a 4.50% long-term trend rate after nine years. For post-65 medical benefits PPO, the trend is increasing to 14.8% in fiscal year 2026 and decreases to 4.50% in fiscal year 2033. For HMO, the trend is increasing to 17.4% in fiscal year 2026 and decreases to 4.50% in fiscal year 2033. For prescription drug benefits, the initial trend rate is 9.50% and decreases to a 4.50% long-term trend rate after seven years. For Medicare Part B reimbursement, the trend rate is 5.00%.

**Discount Rate** – The discount rate for June 30, 2023 is 3.65%. 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.

District's change in the Total OPEB liability reported by the State of New Jersey is as follows:

		Total OPEB <u>Liability</u>
Balance at 6/30/22 (Measurement Date)	\$	110,535,360
Service Cost		4,616,717
Interest on the Total OPEB Liability		3,950,816
Changes of Benefit Terms		-
Differences between Expected and		
Actual Experience		(4,171,276)
Changes of Assumptions		226,107
Gross Benefit Payments		(3,079,725)
Contributions from Members		101,245
Net Changes		1,643,884
Balance at 6/30/23 (Measurement Date)	\$_	112,179,244

There has been no change of benefit terms in the retirees' share of health insurance premiums from 2022 to 2023.

Sensitivity of the total OPEB liability to changes in the discount rate. The following presents the total OPEB liability of the District for school board retirees, as well as what the District's total OPEB liability for school board would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1 percentage point lower or 1 percentage point higher than the current discount rate as of June 30, 2024:

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

### **Note 10. Other Post-Retirement Benefits (continued)**

	1% Decrease (2.65%)	Discount Rate (3.65%)	1% Increase (4.65%)
Total OPEB Liability (School Retirees)	\$ 131,510,905	\$ 112,179,244	\$ 96,658,165

Sensitivity of the total OPEB liability to changes in the healthcare cost trend rates. The following presents the total OPEB liability of the District, as well as what the District's total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using healthcare cost trend rates as of June 30, 2024:

	1% Decrease	Healthcare Cost Trend Rates	1% Increase
Total OPEB Liability (School Retirees)	\$ 93,126,067	\$ 112,179,244	\$ 137,110,375

**OPEB** expense and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB - For the year ended June 30, 2023, the board of education recognized OPEB expense of \$2,307,746 determined by the State as the total OPEB liability for benefits provided through a defined benefit OPEB plan that is not administered through a trust that meets the criteria in paragraph 4 of GASBS No. 75 and in which there is a special funding situation.

In accordance with GASBS No. 75, the Burlington County Special Services School District's proportionate share of school retirees OPEB is zero, there is no recognition of the allocation of proportionate share of deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources. At June 30, 2023, the State reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to retired school employee's OPEB from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows	Deferred Inflows
	of Resources	of Resources
Difference Between Actual and		
Expected Experience	\$ 7,639,717,639	\$(13,791,541,217)
Changes of Assumptions or Inputs	7,445,895,322	(14,449,948,556)
Total	\$ <u>15,085,612,961</u>	\$( <u>28,241,489,773)</u>

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

### Year Ended June 30:

2024 2025 2026 2027 2028	\$	(364,739) (298,744) (161,615) (75,760) (152,924)
Thereafter	<u> </u>	(163,891)
Total	\$	(1,217,673)

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

### **Note 10. Other Post-Retirement Benefits (continued)**

(Contributions made after the measurement date are reported as deferred outflow of resources but are not amortized in the expense.)

### Note 11. On-Behalf Payments for Fringe Benefits and Salaries

As previously mentioned, the School District receives on-behalf payments from the State of New Jersey for normal costs and post-retirement medical costs related to the Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund (TPAF) pension plan. The School District is not legally responsible for these contributions. The on-behalf payments are recorded as revenues and expenditures in the government-wide and general fund financial statements. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, the on-behalf payments for pension, social security, post-retirement medical costs, and long-term disability were \$6,184,842, \$1,190,086, \$183,288 and \$3,007, respectively.

### Note 12. Risk Management

The School District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters.

New Jersey Unemployment Compensation Insurance – The School District has elected to fund its New Jersey Unemployment Compensation Insurance under the "Benefit Reimbursement Method". Under this plan the School District is required to reimburse the New Jersey Unemployment Trust Fund for benefits paid to its former employees and charged to its account with the State. The School District is billed quarterly for amounts due to the State. The following is a summary of School District contributions, reimbursements to the State for benefits paid and the ending balance of the School District's unemployment compensation insurance for the current and previous two years:

	E	mployee		Interest	rest Amount			Ending				
Fiscal Year	Con	<u>tributions</u>	<b>Earnings</b>		arnings Reimbursed		<u>Earnings</u> <u>Reimbursed</u>		<u>Earnings</u> <u>Reimbursed</u>			Balance
2023-2024	\$	417,837	\$	-	\$	444,785	\$	423,279				
2022-2023		192,238		-		87,785		450,227				
2021-2022		236,545		-		98,278		345,774				

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

### **Note 13. Contingencies**

**State and Federal Grantor Agencies** - The School District participates in numerous state and federal grant programs, which are governed by various rules and regulations of the grantor agencies; therefore, to the extent that the School District has not complied with the rules and regulations governing the grants, refunds of any money received may be required and the collectability of any related receivable at June 30, 2024 may be impaired. In the opinion of the School District, there are no significant contingent liabilities relating to compliance with the rules and regulations governing the respective grants; therefore, no provisions have been recorded in the accompanying combined financial statements for such contingencies.

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

### **Note 13. Contingencies (continued)**

**Litigation** – There was no pending lawsuits that will have a material adverse effect on the financial condition of the School District.

**Economic Dependency** – The School District receives a substantial amount of its support from the county government. A significant reduction in the level of support, if this were to occur, could have an effect on the School District's programs and activities.

### **Note 14. Deferred Compensation**

The School District offers its employees a choice of the following deferred compensation plans created in accordance with Internal Revenue Code Section 403(b) and 457. The plans, which are administered by the entities listed below, permits participants to defer a portion of their salary until future years. Amounts deferred under the plans are not available to employees until termination, retirement, death or unforeseeable emergency. The plan administrators are as follows:

AXA Equitable Life Lincoln Investment The Omni Group Vanguard TIAA

### **Note 15. Compensated Absences**

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

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

The liability for vested compensated absences of the governmental fund types is recorded in the Statement of Net Position. At June 30, 2024, the liability for compensated absences reported on the government-wide and on the proprietary fund Statement of Net Position was \$947,399.

### Note 16. Commitments

The School District has contractual commitments at June 30, 2024 to various vendors, which are recorded in the general and capital projects funds as assigned to other purposes in the amount of \$515,424 and \$1,030,159 respectively.

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

### Note 17. Fund Balances

**General Fund** – Of the \$9,614,930 General Fund balance at June 30, 2024, \$7,006,505 has been restricted for the Capital Reserve Account; \$423,279 has been restricted for Unemployment Compensation; \$515,424 has been assigned for other purposes and \$1,669,722 has been unassigned.

### **Note 18. Deficit in Net Position**

Unrestricted Net Position – The School District governmental activities had a deficit in unrestricted net position in the amount of \$17,640,035 at June 30, 2024. The primary causes of this deficit is the School District not recognizing the receivable for the last two state aid payments and the recording of the net pension liability for the Public Employee's Retirement System (PERS) as of June 30, 2024. This deficit in unrestricted net position for governmental activities does not indicate that the School District is facing financial difficulties.

### **Note 19. Tax Abatements**

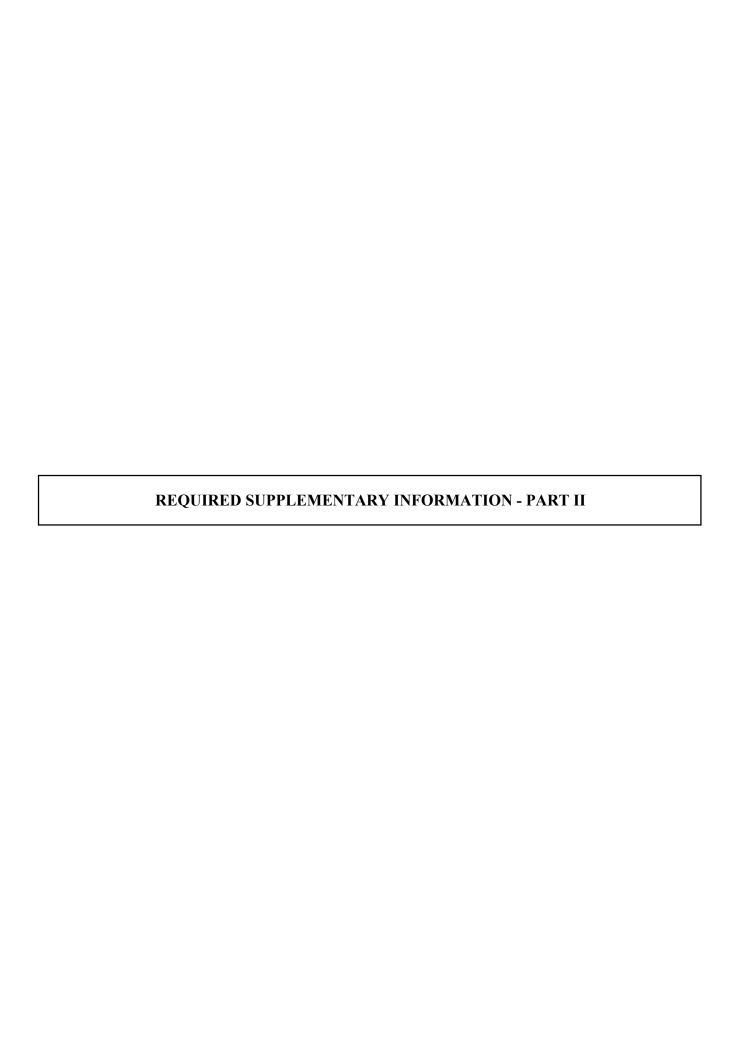
As defined by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 77, a tax abatement is an agreement between a government and an individual or entity in which the government promises to forgo tax revenues and the individual or entity promises to subsequently take a specific action that contributes to economic development or otherwise benefits the government or its citizens. School districts are not authorized by New Jersey statute to enter into tax abatement agreements. However, the county or municipality in which the school district is situated may have entered into tax abatement agreements, and that potential must be disclosed in these financial statements. If the county or municipality entered into tax abatement agreements, those agreements will not directly affect the school district's local tax revenue because N.J.S.A. 54:4-75 and N.J.S.A. 54:4-76 require that amounts so forgiven must effectively be recouped from other taxpayers and remitted to the school district.

For a local school district board of education or board of school estimate that has elected to raise their minimum tax levy using the required local share provisions at N.J.S.A. 18A:7F-5(b), the loss of revenue resulting from the municipality or county having entered into a tax abatement agreement is indeterminate due to the complex nature of the calculation of required local share performed by the New Jersey Department of Education based upon district property value and wealth.

### **Note 21. Subsequent Events**

Management has reviewed and evaluated all events and transactions that occurred between June 30, 2024 and December 18, 2024, the date that the financial statements were available for issuance, for possible disclosure and recognition in the financial statements. No items have come to the attention of the School District that would require disclosure.

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							ARIANCE OSITIVE/
			JUNE 30	), 2024		(N	EGATIVE)
	ACCOUNT	ORIGINAL	BUDGET	FINAL		F	FINAL TO
	NUMBER	BUDGET	TRANSFERS	BUDGET	ACTUAL		ACTUAL
Revenues:							
Local Sources:							
County Appropriations	10-1210	\$ 5,000,000		5,000,000	5,000,000	\$	-
Tuition - LEAs	10-1310	26,434,697		26,434,697	24,036,490		(2,398,207)
Other Tuition	10-1320 - 1340	10,585,108		10,585,108	9,403,902		(1,181,206)
Nonresident Fees	10-1350	309,310		309,310	369,635		60,325
Interest Earned on Capital Reserves	10-1XXX	12,000		12,000	69,448		57,448
Unrestricted Miscellaneous Revenues	10-1XXX	103,084		103,084	441,142		338,058
Total Local Sources		42,444,199		42,444,199	39,320,617		(3,123,582)
State Sources:							
Nonbudgeted: On-Behalf TPAF Pension Contribution					6,184,842		6,184,842
On-Behalf TPAF Post-Retirement Medical					0,104,042		0,104,042
Contribution					1,683,288		1,683,288
On-Behalf TPAF Long Term Disability Insurance					1,005,200		1,005,200
Contribution					3,007		3,007
Reimbursed TPAF Social Security Contributions				_	1.190.086		1,190,086
Reinbursed 11 At Social Security Contributions					1,170,000		1,170,000
Total State Sources			-	-	9,061,223		9,061,223
Federal Sources:							
Special Education Aid - Medicaid							
Initiative	10-4200			-	109,072		109,072
Total Federal Services			-	-	109,072		109,072
Total Revenues		42,444,199	-	42,444,199	48,490,912		6,046,713
Expenditures:							
Current Expense:							
Behavioral Disabilities:							
Salaries of Teachers	11-209-100-101	1,141,165	(143,992)	997,173	968,406		28,767
Other Salaries for Instruction	11-209-100-106	462,001	100,027	562,028	509,288		52,740
Purchased Professional Education Services	11-209-100-320	85,000	(3,890)	81,110	71,713		9,397
Other Purchased Services	11-209-100-500	64,750	377	65,127	64,227		900
General Supplies	11-209-100-610	11,100	8,189	19,289	18,446		843
Textbooks	11-209-100-640	2,500	(2,500)	-	,		-
Total Behavioral Disabilities		\$ 1,766,516	(41,789)	1,724,727	1,632,080	\$	92,647

			JUNE 30, 2024					
	ACCOUNT	ORIGINAL	BUDGET	FINAL		(NEGATIVE) FINAL TO		
	NUMBER	BUDGET	TRANSFERS	BUDGET	ACTUAL	ACTUAL		
Multiple Disabilities:								
Salaries of Teachers	11-212-100-101	\$ 2,398,778	(78,781)	2,319,997	2,206,666	\$ 113,331		
Other Salaries for Instruction	11-212-100-106	1,655,615	(207,669)	1,447,946	1,395,177	52,769		
Unused Sick Payment to Terminated/Retired Staff	11-212-100-299	,,-	3,950	3,950	3,446	504		
Purchased Professional Education Services	11-212-100-320	212,000	98,000	310,000	300,457	9,543		
Other Purchased Services	11-212-100-500	83,500	(13,739)	69,761	58,074	11,687		
General Supplies	11-212-100-610	94,682	30,200	124,882	103,598	21,284		
Textbooks	11-212-100-640	16,200	(10,885)	5,315	3,111	2,204		
Total Multiple Disabilities		4,460,775	(178,924)	4,281,851	4,070,529	211,322		
Autism:								
Salaries of Teachers	11-214-100-101	2,422,766	(197,759)	2,225,007	2,209,956	15,051		
Other Salaries for Instruction	11-214-100-106	3,320,334	57,042	3,377,376	3,364,448	12,928		
Unused Sick Payment to Terminated/Retired Staff	11-214-100-299		570	570	471	99		
Purchased Professional Education Services	11-214-100-320	676,000	358,678	1,034,678	1,023,452	11,226		
Other Purchased Services	11-214-100-500	25,550	(346)	25,204	10,568	14,636		
General Supplies	11-214-100-610	73,400	35,164	108,564	108,444	120		
Textbooks	11-214-100-640	4,300	-	4,300	4,300	-		
Total Autism		6,522,350	253,349	6,775,699	6,721,639	54,060		
Preschool Disabilities -Full-Time:								
Salaries of Teachers	11-216-100-101	401,382	(109,048)	292,334	284,799	7,535		
Other Salaries for Instruction	11-216-100-106	307,802	(9,931)	297,871	297,871	-		
Unused Sick Payment to Terminated/Retired Staff	11-216-100-299		2,756	2,756	1,942	814		
Purchased Professional Education Services	11-216-100-320	12,500	17,843	30,343	30,343	-		
Other Purchased Services	11-216-100-500	3,100	(2,572)	528	-	528		
General Supplies	11-216-100-600	6,800	4,633	11,433	9,604	1,829		
Total Preschool Disabilities - Full-Time		731,584	(96,319)	635,265	624,559	10,706		
Home Instruction:								
Salaries of Teachers	11-219-100-101	2,000	17,935	19,935	19,935	-		
Total Home Instruction		2,000	17,935	19,935	19,935	-		
Extended School Year:								
Salaries of Teachers	11-221-100-101	641,562	(128,497)	513,065	513,065	-		
Other Salaries for Instruction	11-221-100-106	305,238	26,712	331,950	331,950	-		
Purchased Professional Education Services	11-221-100-320	82,000	4,539	86,539	86,539	=		
Total Extended School Year		1,028,800	(97,246)	931,554	931,554	-		
Cognitive Severe:								
Salaries of Teachers	11-222-100-101	274,764	151,958	426,722	389,742	36,980		
Other Salaries for Instruction	11-222-100-106	313,203	37,776	350,979	346,621	4,358		
Purchased Professional Education Services	11-222-100-320	40,000	50,113	90,113	90,113	-		
Other Purchased Services	11-222-100-500	1,200	(1,200)	-	-	-		
General Supplies	11-222-100-610	4,650	4,144	8,794	7,395	1,399		
Total Cognitive-Severe		633,817	242,791	876,608	833,871	42,737		
Total Special Education - Instruction		\$ 15,145,842	99,797	15,245,639	14,834,167	\$ 411,472		

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	ACCOUNT		RIGINAL	BUDGET	FINAL		- `	JATIVE) JAL TO
	NUMBER		UDGET	TRANSFERS	BUDGET	ACTUAL		CTUAL
School Sponsored Cocurricular Activities:								
Salaries (Stipends)	11-401-100-100	\$	229,500	60,310	289,810	282,171	\$	7,639
Other Purchased Services	11-401-100-500			295	295	294		1
Supplies and Materials	11-401-100-600		4,250	(3,805)	445	444		1
Total School Sponsored Cocurricular Activities			233,750	56,800	290,550	282,909		7,641
Total Instruction		1	5,379,592	156,597	15,536,189	15,117,076		419,113
Undistributed Expenditures:								
Health Services:								
Salaries	11-000-213-100		549,459	17,000	566,459	541,127		25,332
Unused Sick Payment to Terminated/Retired Staff	11-000-213-299			2,188	2,188	386		1,802
Purchased Professional & Technical Services	11-000-213-300		33,920	11,000	44,920	43,646		1,274
Other Purchased Services	11-000-213-500		2,000	(2,000)	-			-
Supplies and Materials	11-000-213-600		14,500	1,955	16,455	15,994		461
Total Health Services			599,879	30,143	630,022	601,153		28,869
Other Related Services:								
Salaries	11-000-216-100		3,156,932	(196,072)	2,960,860	2,864,609		96,251
Purchased Professional Education Services	11-000-216-320		322,000	16,900	338,900	338,900		-
Repair services	11-000-216-420		2,000	(2,000)				
Supplies and Materials	11-000-216-600		24,000	23,396	47,396	47,108		288
Total Other Related Services			3,504,932	(157,776)	3,347,156	3,250,617		96,539
Child Study Teams:								
Salaries of Other Professional								
Staff	11-000-219-104		68,189	(750)	67,439	65,664		1,775
Salaries of Secretarial & Clerical								
Assistants	11-000-219-105		200,813	55,104	255,917	249,559		6,358
Other Salaries	11-000-219-110		1,152,662	(26,039)	1,126,623	1,019,195		107,428
Unused Vacation Payment to Terminated Unused Sick Payment to Terminated/Retired Staff	11-000-219-199 11-000-219-299			12,039	12,039	12,039		-
Purchased Ed Services	11-000-219-299		35,000	(18,275)	16,725	12,039		16,725
Other Professional Services	11-000-219-339		55,000	(10,273)	10,723			-
Purchased Technical Services	11-000-219-390		27,000	(7,250)	19,750	19,411		339
Other Purchased Services	11-000-219-500		4,025	(564)	3,461	2,861		600
Supplies & Materials	11-000-219-600		29,500	(2,025)	27,475	27,439		36
Other Objects	11-000-219-800		1,000	(140)	860	-		860
Total Child Study Teams			1,518,189	12,100	1,530,289	1,396,168		134,121
Improvement of Instruction Services/Other								
Support Services - Instruction Staff:								
Salaries of Supervisors of								
Instruction	11-000-221-102	\$	171,919	843	172,762	172,762	\$	-

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	ACCOUNT	OB	IGINAL	BUDGET	0, 2024 FINAL			INAL TO
	NUMBER		JDGET	TRANSFERS	BUDGET	ACTUAL		ACTUAL
Salaries of Other Professional								
Staff	11-000-221-104	\$	63,645	48,570	112,215	109,216	\$	2,999
Salaries of Secretarial & Clerical								-
Assistants	11-000-221-105		120,150	5,620	125,770	120,739		5,031
Salaries of Facilitators, Math & Literacy Coaches	11-000-221-176		90,722	(59,234)	31,488	-		31,488
Purchased Professional Education Services	11-000-221-320		71,066	4,655	75,721	75,721		-
Other Purchased Services	11-000-221-500		26,100	16,806	42,906	41,708		1,198
Supplies and Materials	11-000-221-600		3,500	991	4,491	3,950		541
Other Objects	11-000-221-800		2,465	1,473	3,938	3,938		-
Total Improvement of Instruction Services/Other Support Services Instructional Staff			549,567	19,724	569,291	528,034		41,257
Instructional Staff Training Services: Salaries of Other Professional								
Staff	11-000-223-104				_	_		_
Other Purchased Services	11-000-223-500		23,250	14,477	37,727	30,272		7,455
Travel	11-000-221-550			,	Ź	Ź		,
Supplies and Materials	11-000-223-600		5,950	(5,900)	50	-		50
Total Instructional Staff Training								
Services			29,200	8,577	37,777	30,272		7,505
Support Services General Administration:								
Salaries	11-000-230-100		7,341	_	7,341	7,305		36
Legal Services	11-000-230-331		340,000	(90,000)	250,000	185,520		64,480
Audit Fees	11-000-230-332		62,271	-	62,271	57,680		4,591
Other Purchased Professional					Ź	Ź		,
Services	11-000-230-339		149,142	30,065	179,207	172,892		6,315
Communications/Telephone	11-000-230-530		181,220	(90,559)	90,661	72,447		18,214
BOE Other Purchased Services	11-000-230-585		7,191	435	7,626	4,290		3,336
Supplies and Materials	11-000-230-610		4,000	(2,179)	1,821	348		1,473
Miscellaneous Expenditures	11-000-230-890		12,000	817	12,817	12,328		489
BOE Membership Dues and Fees	11-000-230-895		11,500	2,097	13,597	13,597		-
Total Support Services General Administration			774,665	(149,324)	625,341	526,407		98,934
Support Services School Administration:								
Salaries of Principals & Assistant								
Principals	11-000-240-103		400,346	70,555	470,901	463,901		7,000
Salaries of Secretarial & Clerical								
Assistants	11-000-240-105		237,147	-	237,147	234,524		2,623
Purchased Professional Services	11-000-240-300		25,000	829	25,829	12,085		13,744
Other Purchased Services	11-000-240-500		2,500	700	3,200	1,638		1,562
Supplies and Materials	11-000-240-600		9,305	(343)	8,962	7,111		1,851
Other Objects	11-000-240-800		7,245	(500)	6,745	6,590		155
Total Support Services School Administration			681,543	71,241	752,784	725,849		26,935
Support Services Central Services								
Salaries	11-000-251-100		274,332	(52,511)	221,821	220,668		1,153
Purchased Professional Services	11-000-251-330		437,892	41,269	479,161	466,661		12,500
Miscellaneous Purchased Services	11-000-251-592	\$	34,500	(1,242)	33,258	31,972	\$	1,286

			JUNE 3	0, 2024		VARIANCE POSITIVE/ (NEGATIVE)
	ACCOUNT NUMBER	ORIGINAL BUDGET	BUDGET TRANSFERS	FINAL BUDGET	ACTUAL	FINAL TO ACTUAL
Other Purchased Services	11-000-251-500			0		0
General Supplies	11-000-251-600	\$ 9,000	(248)	8,752	5,109	\$ 3,643
Miscellaneous Expenditures	11-000-251-890	3,000	1,124	4,124	4,124	-
Shared Service Agreement - County Board of Freeholders	11-000-251-897	968,159	128,000	1,096,159	1,096,159	_
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Total Support Services Central Services		1,726,883	116,392	1,843,275	1,824,693	18,582
Support Services Administrative Information Technology		222 220	6.402	220 721	226 102	2.540
Salaries Unused Sick Payment to Terminated/Retired Staff	11-000-252-100 11-000-252-299	223,238	6,493 5,906	229,731 5,906	226,182	3,549 5,906
Other Purchased Professional Services	11-000-252-299	131,500	27,635	159,135	152,701	6,434
Supplies and Materials	11-000-252-600	98,000	(1,374)	96,626	79,855	16,771
Other Objects	11-000-252-800	2,000	5,218	7,218	7,218	-
Total Support Services Administrative Information						
Technology		454,738	43,878	498,616	465,956	32,660
Required Maintenance for School Facilities:						
Salaries	11-000-261-100	369,727	(52,400)	317,327	250,669	66,658
Unused Vacation Payment	11-000-261-199		8,311	8,311	8,311	-
Other Purchased Professional Services Cleaning, Repair & Maintenance	11-000-261-330	63,000	1,361	64,361	63,665	696
Services	11-000-261-420	210,000	114,121	324,121	245,276	78,845
General Supplies	11-000-261-610	120,000	(1,119)	118,881	70,220	48,661
Other Objects	11-000-261-800	3,000	-	3,000	2,747	253
Total Required Maintenance for School Facilities		765,727	70,274	836,001	640,888	195,113
Custodial Services of Plant:						
Salaries	11-000-262-100	1,032,761	(30,809)	1,001,952	915,425	86,527
Purchased Professional & Technical Services Cleaning, Repair & Maintenance	11-000-262-300	25,000	34,091	59,091	54,545	4,546
Services	11-000-262-420	25,700	(10,187)	15,513	10,865	4,648
Other Purchased Property Services	11-000-262-490	72,000	20,613	92,613	92,613	-
Insurance	11-000-262-520	551,336	(8,027)	543,309	543,309	-
General Supplies	11-000-262-610	86,900	17,910	104,810	93,476	11,334
Energy (Natural Gas)	11-000-262-621	132,000	-	132,000	27,415	104,585
Energy (Electricity)	11-000-262-622	501,348	-	501,348	228,554	272,794
Other Objects	11-000-262-800	2,000	(816)	1,184	400	784
Total Custodial Services of Plant		2,429,045	22,775	2,451,820	1,966,602	485,218
Care & Upkeep of Grounds:						
Salaries	11-000-263-100	5,500	(5,203)	297	297	-
General Supplies	11-000-263-610	14,000	14,505	28,505	23,945	4,560
Total Care & Upkeep of Grounds		19,500	9,302	28,802	24,242	4,560
Total Operation & Maintenance of Plant Services &						
Allowable Maintenance for School Facilities		3,214,272	102,351	3,316,623	2,631,732	684,891
Security Services:						
Other Purchased Professional Services	11-000-266-330	-	-	-	-	-
Other Purchased Services	11-000-266-390	225,125	118,516	343,641	296,650	46,991
General Supplies	11-000-266-600	21,000	(2,951)	18,049	18,030	19
Total Security Services		\$ 246,125	115,565	361,690	314,680	\$ 47,010
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						VARIANCE POSITIVE/
			JUNE 3	0, 2024		(NEGATIVE)
	ACCOUNT NUMBER	ORIGINAL BUDGET	BUDGET TRANSFERS	FINAL BUDGET	ACTUAL	FINAL TO ACTUAL
Student Transportation Services:						
Salaries for Pupil Transportation (Between						
Home & School) Nonpublic	11-000-270-163	\$ 118,605	1,918	120,523	120,023	\$ 500
Cleaning, Repair & Maintenance						
Services	11-000-270-420	64,000	1,182	65,182	52,490	12,692
Total Student Transportation Services		182,605	3,100	185,705	172,513	13,192
Unallocated Benefits Employee Benefits:						
Social Security Contributions	11-000-291-220	1,090,000	15,000	1,105,000	1,081,062	23,938
Other Retirement Contributions -		, ,	Ź	, ,	, ,	Ź
Regular	11-000-291-241	1,896,489	(236,285)	1,660,204	1,654,308	5,896
Unemployment Compensation	11-000-291-250	30,000	(20,786)	9,214	1,068	8,146
Workmen's Compensation	11-000-291-260	643,348	(5,108)	638,240	638,240	-
Health Benefits	11-000-291-270	8,140,840	(32,214)	8,108,626	7,860,332	248,294
Tuition Reimbursement	11-000-291-280	480,000	(71,234)	408,766	396,061	12,705
Total Unallocated Benefits - Employee Benefits		12,280,677	(350,627)	11,930,050	11,631,071	298,979
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Nonbudgeted: Reimbursed TPAF Pension Contributions					6,184,842	(6,184,842)
On-Behalf TPAF Post-Retirement Medical Contribution					1,683,288	
On-Behalf TPAF Long Term Disability Insurance					1,065,266	(1,683,288)
Contribution					3,007	(3,007)
Reimbursed TPAF Social Security Contributions					1,190,086	(1,190,086)
Total Undistributed Expenditures		25,763,275	(134,656)	25,628,619	33,160,368	(7,531,749)
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Total Expenditures - Current Expense		41,142,867	21,941	41,164,808	48,277,444	(7,112,636)
Capital Outlay:						
Equipment:						
Equipment	12-212-100-731	29,000	2,868	31,868	27,785	4,083
Autism	12-214-100-731	5,000	(5,000)	-		-
Undistributed Expenditures:						
Support Services - Related Services	12-000-219-730	15,000	11,224	26,224	25,842	382
Admin Info Tech	12-000-252-730	12,000	50,506	62,506	62,506	-
Required Maint for School Facilities	12-000-261-730	23,000	138,132	161,132	125,523	35,609
Custodial Services	12-000-262-730	40,000	(35,480)	4,520	4,520	-
Security	12-000-266-730	6,000	37,938	43,938	43,938	-
Transportation Equipment Non-Intrustructional Services	12-000-270-730		114,525 499,999	114,525 499,999	114,525 499,999	-
	12-000-300-730	120,000	,			40.074
Total Equipment		130,000	814,712	944,712	904,638	40,074
Facilities Acquisition & Construction Services:						
Architectural/Engineering Services	12-000-400-330	75,000	8,502	83,502	3,132	80,370
Construction Services	12-000-400-450	954,157	2,758	956,915	890,740	66,175
Land and Improvements	12-000-400-710		657,724	657,724	452,593	205,131
Interest on Capital Reserve	12-000-400-931	12,000	(12,000)	-	-	-
Total Facilities Acquisition & Construction Services		1,041,157	656,984	1,698,141	1,346,465	351,676
Total Capital Outlay		1,171,157	1,471,696	2,642,853	2,251,103	391,750
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Total Expenditures		\$ 42,314,024	1,493,637	43,807,661	50,528,547	\$ (6,720,886)
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	ACCOUNT NUMBER	ORIGINAL BUDGET	JUNE 3 BUDGET TRANSFERS	0, 2024 FINAL BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE POSITIVE/ (NEGATIVE) FINAL TO ACTUAL
Excess/(Deficiency) of Revenues Over/(Under) Expenditures Before Other Financing Sources/(Uses)		\$ 130,175	(1,493,637)	(1,363,462)	(2,037,635)	6 (674,173)
Other Financing Sources/(Uses): Board Contribution to Enterprise Funds		(130,175)	-	(130,175)	(377,127)	246,952
Total Other Financing Sources/(Uses)		(130,175)	-	(130,175)	(377,127)	246,952
Excess/(Deficiency) of Revenues Over/(Under) Expenditures After Other Financing Sources/(Uses)			(1,493,637)	(1,493,637)	(2,414,762)	(921,125)
Fund Balances, July 1		12,029,692		12,029,692	12,029,692	
Fund Balances, June 30		\$ 12,029,692	(1,493,637)	10,536,055	9,614,930	(921,125)

### RECAPITULATION OF BUDGET TRANSFERS:

Prior Year Reserve for Encumbrances	\$ 1,493,637
Total Budget Transfers	\$ 1,493,637

### RECAPITULATION OF FUND BALANCE:

Restricted Fund Balance: Capital Reserve Unemployment Compensation	\$ 7,006,505 423,279
Assigned Fund Balance: Year-end Encumbrances Unrestricted Fund Balance	515,424 1,669,722
Fund Balance per Governmental Funds (GAAP)	\$ 9,614,930

# BURLINGTON COUNTY SPECIAL SERVICES SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE SPECIAL REVENUE FUND FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	GINAL DGET	2023 BUDGET TRANSFERS	FINAL BUDGET	ACTUAL	PC (NE FI	ARIANCE OSITIVE/ GATIVE) NAL TO CTUAL
Revenues: State Sources Local Sources	\$ -	96,284 400,000	96,284 400,000	96,284 460,250	\$	60,250
Total Revenues	-	496,284	496,284	556,534		60,250
Expenditures: Instruction: Salaries of Teachers General Supplies Other Objects		- - -	- - -	- - -		-
Total Instruction	 -	-	-	-		-
Support Services: Other Salaries Supplies & Materials Student Activities			- -	- - 69,737		- (69,737)
Total Support Services	-	-	-	69,737		(69,737)
Capital Outlay: Undist. Expend Required Maint for School Facilities Land and Improvements		13,284 483,000	13,284 483,000	13,284 483,000		<u>-</u>
Total Equipment	 -	496,284	496,284	496,284		
Total Expenditures	 -	496,284	496,284	566,021		(69,737)
Excess/(Deficiency) of Revenues Over/(Under) Expenditures	\$ -	<u>-</u>		(9,487)	\$	(9,487)
Fund Balance, July 1				143,649	-	
Fund Balance, June 30				\$ 134,162	:	
Recapitulaton: Restricted: Student Activities				\$ 134,162	<u>:</u>	

# BURLINGTON COUNTY SPECIAL SERVICES SCHOOL DISTRICT REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION - PART II BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE NOTE TO RSI FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

### Note A - Explanation of Differences between Budgetary Inflows and Outflows and GAAP Revenues and Expenditures

	GENERAL FUND N-1	SPECIAL REVENUE FUND
Sources/Inflows of Resources:		
Actual Amounts (Budgetary Basis) "Revenue"		
From the Budgetary Comparison Schedule (C-Series)	\$48,490,912	556,534
Total Revenues as Reported on the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances - Governmental Funds. (B-2)	\$48,490,912	556,534
Uses/Outflows of Resources: Actual Amounts (Budgetary Basis) "Total Expenditures" From the Budgetary Comparison Schedule	\$50,528,547	556,534
Total Expenditures as Reported on the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances - Governmental Funds (B-2)	\$50,528,547	566,021

N-1 The General Fund Budget Uses GAAP Basis Therefore no Reconciliation is Necessary.





# BURLINGTON COUNTY SPECIAL SERVICES SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHEDULE OF THE DISTRICT'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET PENSION LIABILITY - PERS

				Meag	Measurement Date Fnding line 30	nding Inne 30				
	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	<u>2016</u>	2015	2014
District's Proportion of the Net Pension Liability (Asset)	0.118%	0.122%	0.130%	0.131%	0.137%	0.131%	0.133%	0.131%	0.124%	0.157%
District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset)	\$ 17,298,791	18,573,127	15,511,527	21,591,615	24,872,425	25,876,885	30,848,179	38,868,976	27,900,284	29,362,481
District's covered employee payroll	8,700,521	9,033,505	9,025,045	9,275,121	9,241,905	9,493,091	8,854,950	8,924,012	8,739,799	8,630,576
District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset) as a Percentage of its Covered Payroll	198.82%	205.60%	171.87%	232.79%	269.13%	272.59%	348.37%	435.55%	319.23%	340.21%
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension	65.23%	62.91%	70.33%	58.32%	56.27%	53.60%	48.10%	40.14%	47.93%	52.08%
		SCHEDI	JLE OF THE DI SCHEDULJ	SCHEDULE OF THE DISTRICT'S CONTRIBUTIONS - PERS SCHEDULE OF CONTRIBUTIONS	TRIBUTIONS UTIONS	- PERS				EXHIBIT L-2
				E	Fiscal Year Ending June 30,	ng June 30,				
	2024	<u>2023</u>	2022	2021	<u>2020</u>	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Actuarially Determined Contribution	\$ 1,953,137	\$ 1,551,986	\$ 1,533,432	\$ 1,448,432	\$ 1,342,714	1,307,252	1,227,642	1,165,901	1,068,548	1,292,867
Contributions in relation to the Actuarially Determined Contributions	1,953,137	1,551,986	1,533,432	1,448,432	1,342,714	1,307,252	1,227,642	1,165,901	1,068,548	1,292,867
Contribution deficiency (excess)		1					•			
Covered-Employee Payroll	\$ 8,700,521	\$ 9,033,505	\$ 9,025,045	9,275,121	9,241,905	9,493,091	8,854,950	8,924,012	8,739,799	8,630,576
Contributions as a Percentage of Covered - Employee Payroll	22.45%	17.18%	16.99%	15.62%	14.53%	13.77%	13.86%	13.06%	12.23%	14.98%

BURLINGTON COUNTY SPECIAL SERVICES SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHEDULE OF THE DISTRICT'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET PENSION LIABILITY - TPAF

		1			Measurement Date Ending June 30,	nding June 30,		,		
	2023	$\frac{2022}{}$	2021	$\frac{2020}{}$	2019	$\frac{2018}{}$	2017	$\frac{2016}{}$	2015	2014
District's Proportio of the Net Pension Liability	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
State's Proportion of the of the Net Pension Liability (Asset) Associated with the District	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liablity	·	· •	· ·	∽	· ·		· •	· ·	· ·	· &
State's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset) Associated with the District	76,597,051	80,248,936	75,549,801	108,219,818	101,348,256	105,771,841	112,024,644	133,368,066	118,725,848	106,005,793
Total	76,597,052	80,248,937	75,549,802	108,219,819	101,348,257	105,771,842	112,024,645	133,368,067	118,725,849	106,005,794
District's Covered-Employee Payroll	16,861,834	16,803,659	17,140,504	16,959,283	17,560,302	16,954,481	16,624,194	16,770,812	16,917,862	Unavailable
District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset) as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
State's Proportion of the Of the Net Pension Liability (Asset) as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	454.26%	477.57%	440.77%	638.12%	577.14%	623.86%	673.87%	795.24%	701.78%	N/A
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability	34.68%	32.29%	35.52%	24.60%	26.95%	26.49%	25.41%	22.33%	28.71%	33.64%



BURLINGTON COUNTY SPECIAL SERVICES SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHEDULE OF THE DISTRICT'S CHANGES IN THE NET OPEB LIABILITY AND RELATED RATIOS \*

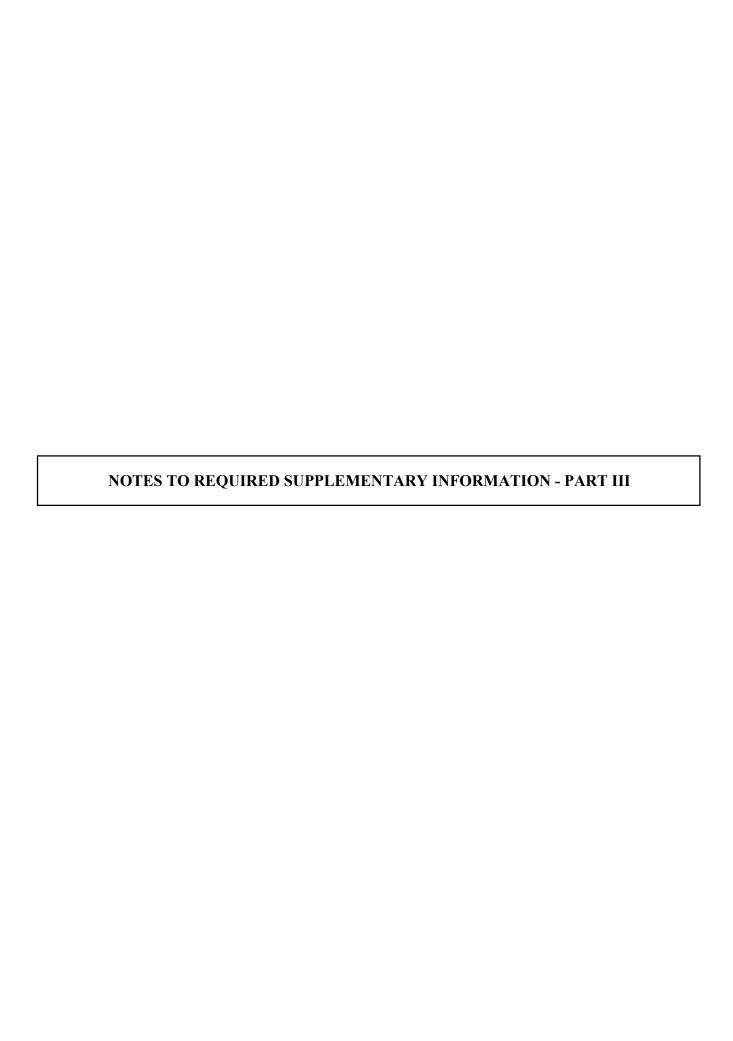
			Measurem	Measurement Date Ending June 30,	June 30,			
Total OPEB Liability	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>		2017
Service Cost Interest Cost Change in Benefit Terms Difference Retween Exnected and	\$ 4,616,717 3,950,816	\$ 6,146,598 2,929,309	7,609,358 3,415,674 (140,147)	4,283,010 3,374,995	4,155,239 4,129,252	4,478,477 4,415,212	<b>⇔</b>	5,393,350 3,803,066
Actual Experiences	(4,171,276)	2,249,451	(28,336,099)	25,391,098	(17,402,622)	(10,544,561)		
Changes of Assumptions	226,107	(29,652,102)	129,903	27,691,228	1,392,810	(11,925,552)	_	15,712,915)
Contributions: Members Gross Benefit Payments	(3,079,725)	93,084 (2,901,567)	87,322 (2,690,594)	(2,639,147)	(2,867,531)	(2,778,833)		(2,783,648)
Net Change in Total OPEB Liability	1,643,884	(21,135,227)	(19,924,583)	58,181,176	(10,507,850)	(16,259,216)		(9,197,646)
Total OPEB Liability (Beginning)	110,535,360	131,670,587	151,595,170	93,413,994	103,921,844	120,181,060		129,378,706
Total OPEB Liability (Ending)	\$ 112,179,244	\$ 110,535,360	131,670,587	151,595,170	93,413,994	103,921,844	\$	\$ 120,181,060

# Plan Fiduciary Net Position

N/A	N/A
\$25,809,431	403%
\$27,053,393	345%
\$26,286,122	577%
\$23,679,696	256%
\$26,300,287	420%
\$26,234,842	428%
Covered Employee Payroll	Net OPEB Liability as a Percentage of Payroll

Souce Documents:
All data for the measurement period was provided by the State of New Jersey Department of the
Treasury other than covered employee payroll.

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



### BURLINGTON COUNTY SPECIAL SERVICES SCHOOL DISTRICT NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION - PART III YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

### **Teachers Pension and Annuity Fund (TPAF)**

Changes in Benefit Terms - None

**Changes in Assumptions** – None

### Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS)

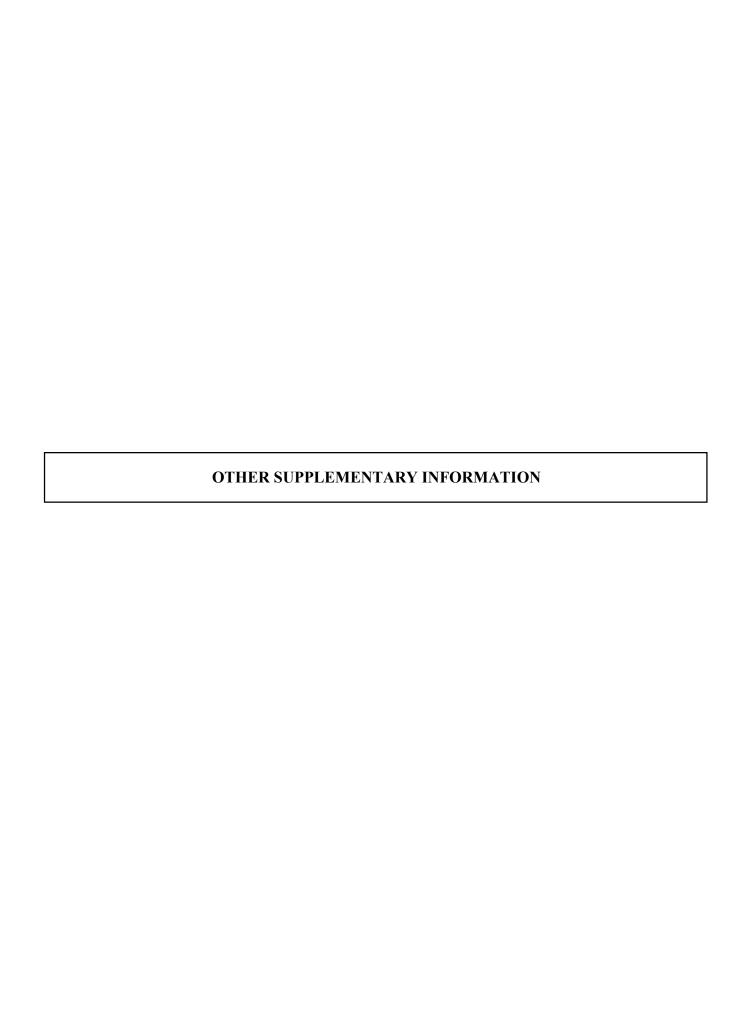
**Changes in Benefit Terms - None** 

**Changes in Assumptions - None** 

### State Health Benefit Local Education Retired Employees Plan (OPEB)

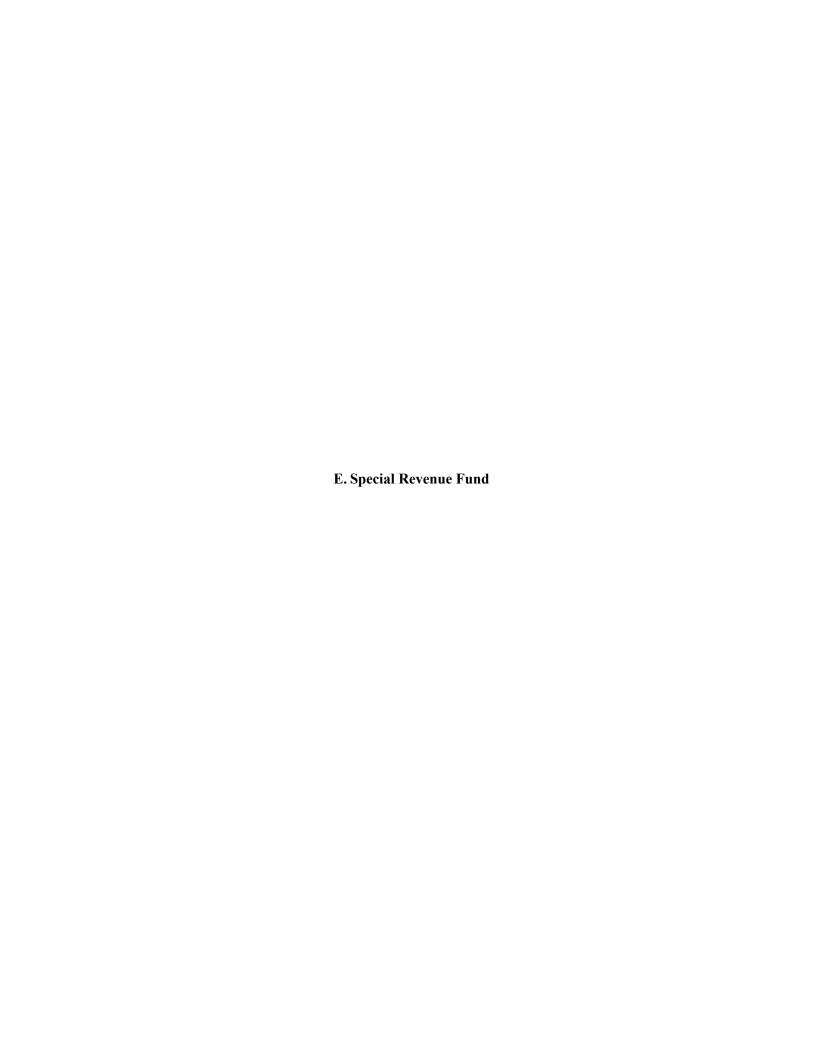
**Changes in Benefit Terms - None** 

**Changes in Assumptions** - The discount rate changed from 3.54% as of June 30, 2022, to 3.65% as of June 30, 2023.



**D. School Based Budget Schedules** 

**Not Applicable** 



# BURLINGTON COUNTY SPECIAL SERVICES SCHOOL DISTRICT SPECIAL REVENUE FUND COMBINING SCHEDULE OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES BUDGETARY BASIS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

D	LOCAL RECREATIONAL IMPROVEMENT	SDA EMERGENT NEEDS & CAPITAL MAINTENANCE	RENOVATION OF RECREATIONAL FACILITY	STUDENT ACTIVITIES	TOTAL
Revenues: State Sources Local Sources	\$ 83,000	13,284	400,000	\$ 60,250	96,284 460,250
Total Revenues	83,000	13,284	400,000	60,250	556,534
Support Services: Student Activities				69,737	69,737
Total Support Services				69,737	69,737
Capital Outlay: Undist. Expend Required Maint for School Facilities Land and Improvements	83,000	13,284	400,000		13,284 483,000
Total Capital Outlay	83,000	13,284	400,000	-	496,284
Total Expenditures	83,000	13,284	400,000	69,737	566,021
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures		-	-	(9,487)	(9,487)
Fund Balance, July 1				143,649	143,649
Fund Balance, June 30	\$ -	-	-	134,162 \$	134,162

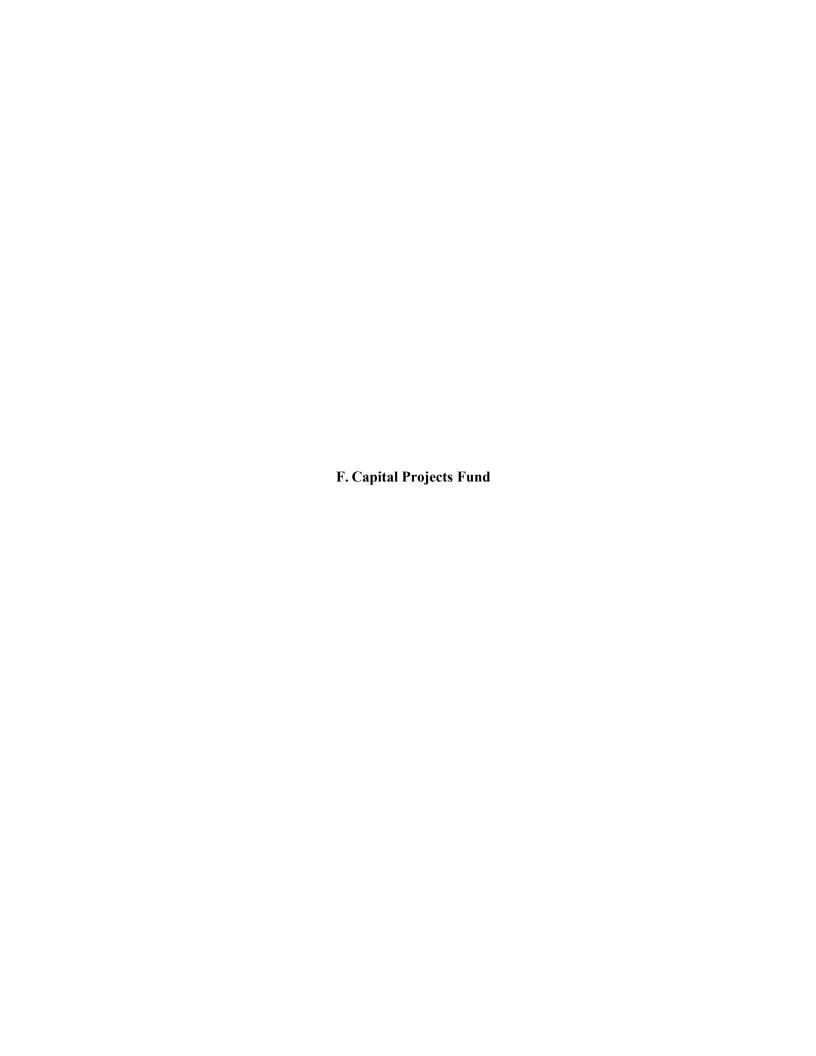


EXHIBIT F-1

#### BURLINGTON COUNTY SPECIAL SERVICES SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PROJECT EXPENDITURES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

				REVISED	EXPENDITURE	S TO DATE	(	(OVER)/UNDER
		(	ORIGINAL	AUTHORIZED	PRIOR	CURRENT		<b>EXPENDED</b>
NUMBER	PROJECT TITLE	APPI	ROPRIATIONS	COSTS	YEAR	YEAR		BALANCE
2024	<b>HVAC System Upgrades</b>	\$	1,470,217	1,470,217		440,058	\$	1,030,159
Total		\$	1,470,217	1,470,217	-	440,058	\$	1,030,159

EXHIBIT F-2

## BURLINGTON COUNTY SPECIAL SERVICES SCHOOL DISTRICT CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE-BUDGETARY BASIS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

Revenues & Other Financing Sources:  Local Sources	\$ 1,470,217
Total Revenues	\$ 1,470,217
Expenditures & Other Financing Uses: Purchased Professional & Technical	
Services & Contingencies	440,058
Total Expenditures	 440,058
Excess/(Deficiency) of Revenues Over/(Under) Expenditures Fund Balance - Beginning	 1,030,159
Fund Balance - Ending	\$ 1,030,159

## BURLINGTON COUNTY SPECIAL SERVICES CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, PROJECT BALANCE AND PROJECT STATUS - BUDGETARY BASIS HVAC UPGRADES TO WESTAMPTON CAMPUS FROM INCEPTION AND FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	RIOR RIODS	CURRENT YEAR	TOTALS	REVISED JTHORIZED COST
Revenues & Other Financing Sources:				
Local Sources	\$ -	1,470,217	1,470,217	\$ 1,470,217
Total Revenues	 -	1,470,217	1,470,217	1,470,217
Expenditures & Other Financing Uses: Purchased Professional & Technical Services & Contingencies		440,058	440,058	440,058
Total Expenditures	-	440,058	440,058	440,058
Excess/(Deficiency) of Revenues Over/ (Under) Expenditures	\$ -	1,030,159	1,030,159	\$ 1,030,159

#### ADDITIONAL PROJECT INFORMATION

Project Number Grant Date	SDA# 0605-030-23-G5CN 1/25/24
Bond Authorization Date	
Bonds Authorized	\$0
Bonds Issued	\$0
Original Authorized Cost	\$14,239,749
Additional Authorized Cost	-
Revised Authorized Cost	\$14,239,749
Percentage Increase/(Decrease)	-
Over Original Authorized Cost	-
Percentage Completion	3.09%
Original Target Completion Date	8/31/27
Revised Target Completion Date	N/A

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**Enterprise Funds** 

(See Exhibits B-4 through B-6)

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**Internal Service Fund** 

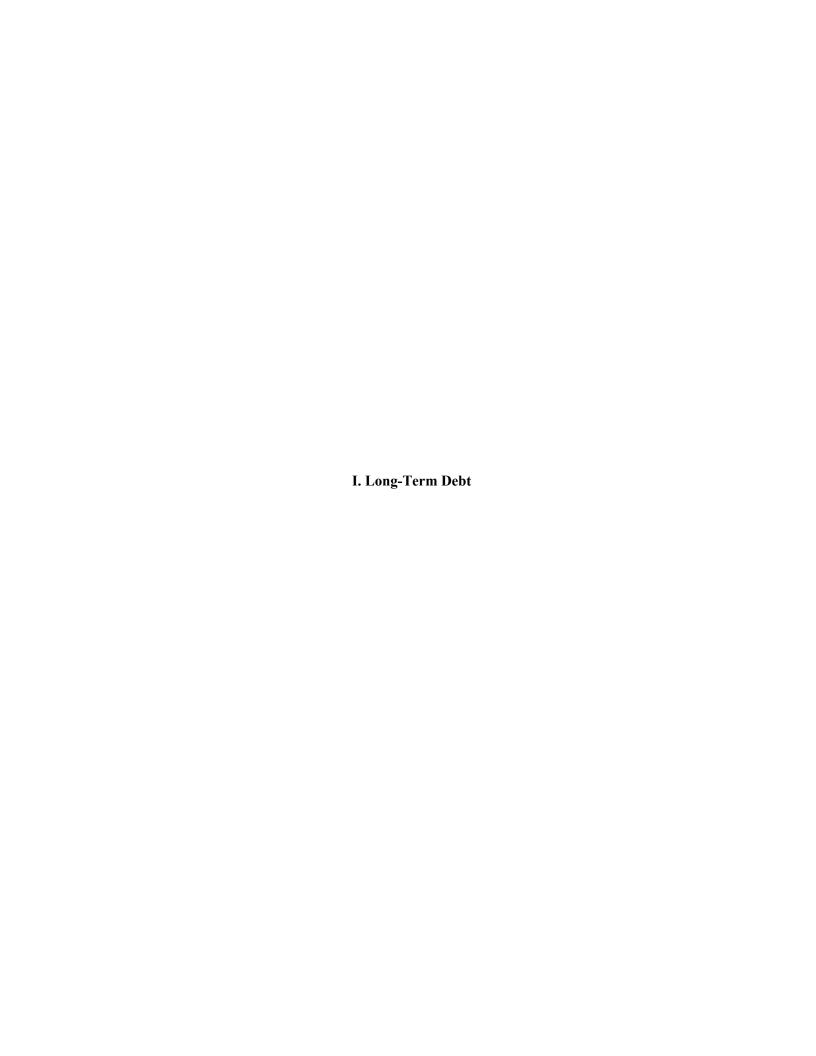
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H. Fiduciary Fund

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BURLINGTON COUNTY SPECIAL SERVICES SCHOOL DISTRICT LONG-TERM DEBT SCHEDULE OF OBLIGATIONS UNDER LEASES JUNE 30, 2024

PURPOSE	DATE OF LEASE	TERM OF LEASE	PRINCIPAL	INTEREST RATE	BALANCE JUNE 30, 2023	ISSUED	RETIRED CURRENT YEAR	BALANCE JUNE 30, 2024	ACE 30, 1
Xerox Copier	12/4/20	4 Years	152,832	7.000%	\$ 58,724		40,845	\$	17,879
Xerox Copier	10/25/19	5 Years	6,239	4.750%	1,694		1,347		347
Mailing Machine	1/1/17	10 Years	3,007,533	3.750%	14,844		5,417		9,427

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### BURLINGTON COUNTY SPECIAL SERVICES SCHOOL DISTRICT STATISTICAL SECTION (Unaudited)

#### **Contents**

#### **Financial Trends**

These schedules contain trend information to help the reader understand how the district's financial performance and well being have changed over time.

#### **Revenue Capacity**

These schedules contain information to help the reader assess the district's most significant local revenue source, the property tax.

#### **Demographic and Economic Information**

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

#### **Operating Information**

These schedules contain services 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.

**Sources:** Unless otherwise noted, the information in these schedules is derived from the annual comprehensive financial reports (ACFR) for the relevant year. The district implemented GASB Statement 34 in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2003; schedules presenting district-wide information include information beginning in that year.

## BURLINGTON COUNTY SPECIAL SERVICES SCHOOL DISTRICT NET POSITION BY COMPONENT LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS (Accutal Basis of Accounting)

3,771,907 3,939,610 4,038,712 3,939,610 (26,151,370)(18,439,853) 266,805 (25,728,957)(17,750,635)422,413 689,218 2015 6,454,702 1,643,124 (27,189,009) 6,820,722 1,643,124 (27,838,079) (19,091,183)366,020 (649,070) (283,050)(19,374,233) 2016 8,420,747 1,510,108 8,699,272 1,510,108 (18,491,791) 278,525 422,616 (18,069,175) (28,422,646)(28,278,555)144,091 2017 8,176,709 1,510,108 (18,173,512) 8,444,371 1,510,108 (27,860,329) 267,662 (17,240,567)(27,195,046)665,283 932,945 2018 8,362,710 1,512,950 (29,538,943) 8,130,985 1,512,950 (20,259,576) 231,725 364,568 (19,663,283) (29,903,511)596,293 FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2019 7,828,286 1,514,905 (28,656,746) 7,617,454 1,514,905 (19,534,095) 210,832 (19,313,555) (28,666,454)9,708 220,540 2020 5,336,618 1,884,009 (26,435,899) (19,215,272) 5,363,185 1,884,009 (18,558,399) 26,567 (25,805,593) 630,306 656,873 2021 6,599,106 4,219,899 5,223,009 4,219,899 (13,176,442) (11,181,606)(22,619,350)(22,000,611)1,376,097 618,739 1,994,836 2022 (4,598,784)1,070,789 6,431,203 7,530,934 7,501,992 7,530,934 (2,600,802)(18,560,921) (17,633,728) 927,193 1,997,982 2023 9,628,454 7,563,946 (1,214,305)(17,640,035)(17,168,771) 23,629 8,861,784 7,563,946 766,670 471,264 1,237,934 2024 S Net Investment in Capital Assets Net Investment in Capital Assets Net Investment in Capital Assets Total Business-Type Activities Fotal Governmental Activities Total District Net Position Business-Type Activities: Governmental Activities: Unrestricted Unrestricted Net Position Unrestricted District-Wide: Net Assets Restricted Restricted

## BURLINGTON COUNTY SPECIAL SERVICES SCHOOL DISTRICT CHANGES IN NET ASSETS - (ACCRUAL BASIS OF ACCOUNTING) LAST FOUR FISCAL YEARS

				FI	FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30	DING JUNE 30,				
	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Expenses: Governmental Activities:										
Instruction:										
Special Education	\$ 15,566,674	14,156,801	13,901,286	13,714,043	14,075,550	15,173,559	14,897,265	14,872,414	14,952,342	15,200,512
Other Special Instruction	282,909	736,667	2/4,/24	197,630	164,051	20/,6/8	273,372	32/,/41	794,667	111,882
Student & Instruction Related Services	5.875.981	5.878.573	5.462.978	5.312.417	4.646.805	4.920.766	4.923.072	4.835.812	4.742.066	4.765.408
School Administrative Services	526,407	723,771	776,255	681,659	616,315	623,969	581,674	659,370	571,932	539,302
General & Business Administrative Services	3,016,498	3,088,011	4,066,151	4,229,623	4,167,346	3,147,494	3,435,815	3,243,060	2,984,042	2,813,961
Plant Operations & Maintenance	2,946,412	5,759,771	3,600,920	3,196,499	3,396,983	3,982,750	3,428,118	3,500,366	5,221,994	2,957,405
Pupil Transportation Unallocated Benefits	9.327.917	7.586.567	158,347	242,268	235,313	263,281	27.700.920	244,846 15.790.640	303,019	545,275
On Behalf TPAF Pension & Social Security										
Contributions	9,061,223	9,063,949	9,223,635	7,325,008	6,262,149	7,369,527				
Nonbondable Capital Assets				1,949,747					77,177	,
Increase in Compensated Absences	1	000	000		54,912	000	0		183	(57,160)
Unallocated Depreciation Adjustment to Fixed Assets	1	608,558	606,093	580,414	838,252	875,283	875,283	503,314	481,067 965,429	235,561
Total Governmental Activities Expenses	46,776,534	45,320,677	44,602,406	48,056,736	46,029,571	53,315,674	56,304,236	43,977,563	46,848,850	44,205,857
Business-Type Activities:										
Food Service	882,173		920,057	668,208	966,663	1,135,590	1,143,586	1,218,879	1,182,337	1,333,438
School Store	1	4,272	120	6,228	5,969	5,908	10,590	6,785	719	2,261
Educational Services	11,757,073	10,298,590	10,275,497	10,369,677	10,109,807	14,906,734	14,292,026	14,195,018	14,489,923	14,562,395
Capital Academy Alternative Education Program	2 075 535	839,162	320,422	516,060 2 232 916	531,471	623,541	7 234 679	741,259	719,514	1,228,805
	0000000	2,07,200	1,02,1,00,2	2,47,410	2,101,027	1,00,100,1	6,000	2,101,71	1,001,100	0,700,01,1
Total Business-Type Activities Expense	14,714,781	14,179,698	13,567,380	13,793,089	14,015,767	19,024,157	18,428,424	18,263,932	18,253,931	18,613,477
Total District Expenses	\$ 61,491,315	59,500,375	58,169,786	61,849,825	60,045,338	72,339,831	74,732,660	62,241,495	65,102,781	62,819,334
Program Revenues: Operating Grants & Contributions	\$ 9130960	9 135 154	705 626 6	7 357 102	6 262 149	12 279 370	16 509 251	4 596 870	8 402 593	8 483 196
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Total Governmental Activities Program Revenues	9,130,960	9,135,154	9,272,507	7,357,102	6,262,149	12,279,370	16,509,251	4,596,870	8,402,593	8,483,196
Business-Type Activities: Charges for Services:	162 237	156 010	25 008	30	000	989 196	301 800	005 1750	242 240	344 611
rood Service School Store	103,327		43,006 145	20,073 155	921	1,551	1,786	1,971	3,330	7,349
Educational Services	11,399,761	10,253,166	9,900,904	9,393,647	8,527,429	14,539,216	14,209,994	14,242,084	13,711,461	13,835,792
Capital Academy Alternative Education Program	1 709 299	839,162 1 590 041	320,422 1 751 671	516,060 1 748 130	551,471 7 329,772	023,341 2 195 193	7 198 909	1 898 774	1 576 456	1,239,733
Operating Grants & Contributions	287,066	372,991	550,977	302,048	272,456	337,968	323,066	334,631	318,238	326,731
Total Business Type Activities Program Revenues	13,559,453	13,211,379	12,569,127	11,998,913	11,822,349	17,959,155	17,709,424	17,483,219	16,662,176	17,085,212
Total District Program Revenues	\$22,690,413 22,346,533 21,841,634	22,346,533		19,356,015	18,084,498	30,238,525	34,218,675	22,080,089	25,064,769	25,568,408

BURLINGTON COUNTY SPECIAL SERVICES SCHOOL DISTRICT CHANGES IN NET ASSETS - (ACCRUAL BASIS OF ACCOUNTING)
LAST FOUR FISCAL YEARS

	2024	2023	2022	FI 2021	FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30. 2020 2019	DING JUNE 30, 2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Net (Expense)/Revenue: Governmental Activities Business-Type Activities	\$ (37,645,574) (1,155,328)	(36,185,523) (968,319)	(35,329,899) (998,253)	(40,699,634) (1,794,176)	(39,767,422) (2,193,418)	(41,036,304) (1,065,002)	(39,794,985) (719,000)	(39,380,693) (780,713)	(38,446,257) (1,591,755)	(35,722,661) (1,528,265)
Total District-Wide Net Expense	\$ (38,800,902)	(37,153,842)	(36,328,152)	(42,493,810)	(41,960,840)	(42,101,306)	(40,513,985)	(40,161,406)	(40,038,012)	(37,250,926)
General Revenues & Other Changes in Net Assets: Governmental Activities: County Appropriation Federal & State Aid Not Restricted Tuition Received Tuition Charges Non Resident Fees Rent and Royalities	\$ 6,470,217 135,619 24,036,490 9,403,902 369,635	5,000,000 548,777 28,650,380 10,108,121 354,501	5,000,000 395,295 26,020,506 11,220,066 320,044	5,200,000 111,187 26,362,211 8,452,604 351,147	4,800,000 114,084 26,015,684 10,668,664 323,792	4,800,000 131,969 24,794,520 9,549,612 531,192	4,800,000 226,496 26,767,255 9,149,882 386,802	5,494,388 288,044 26,720,278 8,310,839 354,042 158,609	6,550,783 213,391 23,818,838 7,052,945 358,446	5,200,000 631,610 25,454,600 7,469,275 344,680
Miscellaneous Income Transfers Board Contribution to County Transfer from County	859,941 (377,127) -	938,539 (837,137)	880,698 (2,467,880)	2,580,527 (2,410,079)	388,344 (1,817,665)	271,297 (728,350) (400,000)	503,774 (1,157,385) (563,560)	164,830 (1,542,798) 31,853	210,860 (554,419)	192,540 (547,580) 227,627
Total Governmental Activities	40,898,677	44,763,181	41,368,729	40,647,597	40,492,903	38,950,240	40,113,264	39,980,085	37,794,927	38,972,752
Business-Type Activities: Investment Earnings Contributed Capital Transfers Cancellation of Prior Year A/P	18,153	837,137	2,467,880	2,410,079	1,817,665	728,350	1,157,385	1,542,798	554,419	697 547,580
Adjustment to Capital Assets Total Business-Type Activities	395,280	837,137	2,467,880	(179,570)	1,817,665	728,350	1,229,329	(56,419) 1,486,379	65,064	548,277
Total District-Wide	\$ 41,293,957	45,600,318	43,836,609	42,878,106	42,310,568	39,678,590	41,342,593	41,466,464	38,414,414	39,521,029
Change in Net Position: Governmental Activities Business-Type Activities	\$ 3,253,103 (760,048)	8,577,658 (131,182)	6,038,830 1,469,627	(52,037) 436,333	725,481 (375,753)	(2,086,064) (336,652)	318,279 510,329	599,392 705,666	(651,330) (972,268)	3,250,091 (979,988)
Total District	\$ 2,493,055	8,446,476	7,508,457	384,296	349,728	(2,422,716)	828,608	1,305,058	(1,623,598)	2,270,103

## BURLINGTON COUNTY SPECIAL SERVICES SCHOOL DISTRICT FUND BALANCES AND GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS LAST FOUR FISCAL YEARS (Modified Accrual Basis of Accounting)

09,852 29,758 76,178 5,788 FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30,

General Fund											
Restricted	S	7,563,946		4,062,292	1,722,429	1,514,905	1,512,950	1,510,108	1,510,108	1,510,108	1,509,
Assigned		1,545,583		152,240	39,145		1,085,772	666,926	270,943	133,016	2,429,
Unassigned		1,669,722	3,148,770	3,771,054	3,482,809	2,374,072	583,031	3,496,656	3,366,087	3,060,863	4,276,
Total General Fund	S	10,779,251	12,029,692	7,985,586	5,244,383	3,888,977	3,181,753	5,983,763	5,147,138	4,703,987	8,215,

# BURLINGTON COUNTY SPECIAL SERVICES SCHOOL DISTRICT CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES, GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS, LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS (Modified Accrual Basis of Accounting)

2015	) (	5,200,000	25,454,600	7,469,275	344,680		192,540		3,794,646	631,610	43,087,351			15,200,512	111,882		4,765,408	539,302	2,513,961	2,957,405	545,275	12,033,630	•	1,424,156	40,091,531	
2016		6,550,783	23,818,838	7,052,945	358,446	144,083	210,860		4,126,941	213,391	42,476,287			14,952,342	264,662		4,742,066	571,932	2,484,042	3,265,315	303,019	14,187,144		4,585,970	45,356,492	
2017		5,494,388	26,720,278	8,310,839	354,042	158,609	164,830		4,596,870	288,044	46,087,900			14,872,414	327,741		4,835,812	659,370	3,243,060	3,636,968	244,846	9,383,966	4,596,870	2,332,757	44,133,804	
30,		4,800,000	26,767,255	9,149,882	386,802		503,774		5,321,732	226,496	47,155,941			14,897,265	223,372		4,923,072	581,674	3,435,815	3,420,199	238,717	10,917,361	5,321,732	639,164	44,598,371	
FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30		4,800,000	24,794,520	9,549,612	531,192		271,297		6,026,531	131,969	46,105,121			15,173,559	207,678		4,920,766	623,969	2,687,494	3,982,750	263,281	12,603,194	6,026,531	1,289,559	47,778,781	
AL YEAR EN	)   	4,800,000	26,015,684	10,668,664	323,792		388,344		6,262,149	114,084	48,572,717			14,075,550	164,051		4,646,805	616,315	4,167,346	3,520,427	235,313	12,158,595	6,262,149	201,277	46,047,828	
FISC 2021	i i	5,200,000	26,362,211	8,452,604	351,147		2,565,206	15,321	7,325,008	143,281	50,414,778			13,714,043	197,630		5,312,417	681,659	4,229,623	3,196,499	242,268	11,710,101	7,325,008	249,325	46,858,573	
2022		5,000,000	26,020,506	11,220,066	320,044		785,495	44,899	9,311,692	356,110	53,058,812			13,901,286	274,724		5,462,978	776,255	4,066,151	3,600,920	158,347	10,067,109	9,223,635	322,297	47,853,702	
2023		5,000,000	28,650,380	10,108,121	354,501		853,372	57,247	9,076,619	607,282	54,707,522			14,156,801	236,667		5,878,573	723,771	3,088,011	3,759,771	218,009	10,858,002	9,063,949	1,856,713	49,840,267	
2024	 	\$ 6,470,217	24,036,490	9,403,902	369,635		510,590	460,250	9,157,507	109,072	50,517,663			14,834,167	282,909		5,875,981	526,407	3,016,498	2,946,412	172,513	11,631,071	9,061,223	3,187,445	\$ 51,534,626 49,840,267	
	Revenues:	County Appropriation	Tuition Charges	Other Tuition	Nonresident Fees	Rent and Royalties	Miscellaneous	Local Sources	State Sources	Federal Sources	- Total Revenues	Expenditures:	Current:	Special Education Instruction	Other Special Instruction	Support Services & Undistributed Costs:	Student & Instruction Related Services	School Administrative Services	Other Administrative Services	Plant Operations & Maintenance	Pupil Transportation	Unallocated Benefits	On-Behalf TPAF & FICA Contributions	Capital Outlay	Total Expenditures	

BURLINGTON COUNTY SPECIAL SERVICES SCHOOL DISTRICT CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES, GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS, LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS (Modified Accrual Basis of Accounting)

				FISC	AL YEAR EN	FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30,	30,			
	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over/(Under) Expenditures	(1,016,963) 4,867,255	4,867,255	5,205,110	3,556,205	2,524,889		(1,673,660) 2,557,570	1,954,096	(2,880,205)	2,995,820
Other Financing Sources/(Uses): Transfers Out Board Contribution to County Cancellation of Prior Year's Receivables	(377,127)	(837,137)	(2,467,880)	(2,467,880) (2,410,079) (1,817,665)	(1,817,665)	(728,350) (400,000)	(728,350) (1,157,385) (400,000) (563,560)	(1,542,798)	(554,419)	(319,953)
Total Other Financing Sources/(Uses)	(377,127)	(377,127) (837,137)	(2,467,880)	(2,467,880) $(2,410,079)$ $(1,817,665)$ $(1,128,350)$ $(1,720,945)$ $(1,510,945)$	(1,817,665)	(1,128,350)	(1,720,945)	(1,510,945)	(631,596)	(319,953)
Net Change in Fund Balances	(1,394,090) 4,030,118	4,030,118	2,737,230	1,146,126	707,224	707,224 (2,802,010)	836,625	443,151	443,151 (3,511,801)	2,675,867
Debt Service as a Percentage of Noncapital Expenditures	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Source: District records

### BURLINGTON COUNTY SPECIAL SERVICES SCHOOL DISTRICT GENERAL FUND - OTHER LOCAL REVENUE BY SOURCE LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS

(Modified Accrual Basis of Accounting)

FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30,	TUITION	OTHER LOCAL REVENUE	STATE REVENUE	FEDERAL REVENUE	TOTAL
2024	33,440,392	5,880,225	9,061,223	109,072	48,490,912
2023	38,758,501	6,207,873	9,063,949	294,587	54,324,910
2022	37,240,572	6,105,539	9,297,055	199,762	52,842,928
2021	34,814,815	8,116,353	7,325,008	128,281	50,384,457
2020	36,684,348	5,512,136	6,262,149	114,084	48,572,717
2019	34,344,132	5,602,489	6,026,531	131,969	46,105,121
2018	35,917,137	5,690,576	5,321,732	226,496	47,155,941
2017	35,031,117	4,682,000	4,596,870	288,044	44,598,031
2016	30,871,783	5,513,389	4,126,941	213,391	40,725,504
2015	32,923,875	5,737,220	3,794,646	631,610	43,087,351

Note: Excludes the Capital Projects Fund as these expenditures vary substantially from year to year. The Financial data presented would not be as meaningful for comparative purposes if these were included.

Source: District Records.

EXHIBIT J-6 THROUGH J-13 NOT APPLICABLE

EXHIBIT J-14

### BURLINGTON COUNTY SPECIAL SERVICES SCHOOL DISTRICT DEMOGRAPHIC AND ECONOMIC STATISTICS LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS

			COUNTY	
			PER CAPITA	COUNTY
	COUNTY	PERSONAL	PERSONAL	UNEMPLOYMENT
YEAR	POPULATION (a)	INCOME (b)	INCOME (c)	RATE (d)
2023	469,167	N/A	N/A	3.9%
2022	466,103	32,836,024,144	70,448	3.3%
2021	464,269	32,264,838,424	69,496	5.3%
2020	446,596	29,990,707,784	67,154	8.2%
2019	446,160	28,343,652,480	63,528	3.3%
2018	445,429	27,233,529,060	61,140	3.7%
2017	446,229	26,448,439,059	59,271	4.1%
2016	447,092	25,744,898,636	57,583	4.4%
2015	447,906	25,049,143,050	55,925	5.2%
2014	449,806	24,097,007,032	53,572	6.3%

Source: New Jersey Department of Education

- (a) Population information provided by the New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development
- (b) Estimated based upon the Municipal Population and Per Capita Personal Income presented
- (c) Estimated based upon the 2020 Cencus published by the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis
- (d) Unemployment data provided by the New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development

**EXHIBIT J-15 NOT AVAILABLE** 

BURLINGTON COUNTY SPECIAL SERVICES SCHOOL DISTRICT FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT DISTRICT EMPLOYEES BY FUNCTION/PROGRAM LAST TEN FISCAL YEAR

Function/Program	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Instruction: Special Education Support Services:	317	325	326	283	311	338	344	321	334	378
School Administrative Services	71	64	61	63	58	62	56	56	61	63
General & Business Administrative Services	12	11	13	13	19	17	22	25	10	11
Plant Operations & Maintenance	22	26	26	24	28	30	27	26	22	24
Pupil Transportation	4	4	4	5	5	9	5	4		3
Business & Other Support Services	,	,	,	,	,	,	-	9	5	w 5
Food Service	3	3	3	3	3	5	10	10	10	10
Total ==	441	449	450	407	439	473	486	471	475	909

Source: District Personnel Records

BURLINGTON COUNTY SPECIAL SERVICES SCHOOL DISTRICT OPERATING STATISTICS LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS

	STUDENT	ATTENDANCE	PERCENTAGE	87.24%	84.00%	80.54%	81.72%	85.16%	85.44%	101.11%	86.29%	86.34%	86.81%
% CHANGE IN	AVERAGE	DAILY	ENROLLMENT	-18.80%	-0.03%	2.03%	-11.79%	-1.81%	14.16%	-14.97%	-9.26%	0.61%	-11.46%
AVERAGE	DAILY	ATTENDANCE	(ADA)	380.54	451.22	432.73	430.39	508.40	519.50	538.50	540.50	596.00	595.60
AVERAGE	DAILY	<b>ENROLLMENT</b>	(ADE)	436.19	537.15	537.31	526.64	597.00	00.809	532.60	626.40	690.30	686.10
		TEACHER		5.2/1	4.7/1	4.8/1	5.2/1	5.5/1	5.6/1	5.6/1	6/1	6.2/1	6.2/1
		TEACHING	STAFF (b)	88	103	108	76	66	107	107	103	127	127
			PUPIL CHANGE	7.18%	8.04%	-1.37%	10.39%	-0.11%	16.50%	6.72%	15.68%	4.68%	0.26%
		COST PER I	PUPIL	106,258	99,140	91,759	93,032	84,277	84,372	72,420	67,859	58,663	56,040
		OPERATING	ENROLLMENT EXPENDITURES	\$48,347,181	47,983,554	47,531,405	46,609,248	45,846,551	46,489,222	43,959,207	41,801,047	40,770,522	38,667,375
			ENROLLMENT	455	484	518	501	544	551	209	616	695	069
		FISCAL	YEAR	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015

Sources: District records

BURLINGTON COUNTY SPECIAL SERVICES SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOL BUILDING INFORMATION LAST TEN FISCAL YEAR

DISTRICT BUILDINGS	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Elementary Schools: Westampton Campus:										
Square Feet	207,433	207,433	207,433	207,433	207,433	207,433	207,433	207,433	207,433	207,433
Capacity (Students)	755	755	755	755	755	755	755	755	755	755
Enrollment	370	340	334	357	412	484	426	519	398	424
Lumberton Campus:										
Square Feet	66,438	66,438	_	66,438	66,438	66,438	66,438	66,438	66,438	66,438
Capacity (Students)	165	165	165	165	165	165	165	165	165	165
Enrollment	•	85		87	17	32	93	176	178	177
Junior/Senior:										
Square Feet	41,000	41,000	41,000	41,000	41,000	41,000	41,000	41,000	41,000	41,000
Capacity (Students)	167	167	167	167	167	167	167	167	167	167
Enrollment	85	93	96	100	79	85	26		114	109

Number of Schools at June 30, 2024: Other = 2

Source: District Facilities Office

### BURLINGTON COUNTY SPECIAL SERVICES SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHEDULE OF REQUIRED MAINTENANCE LAST SIX FISCAL YEARS

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

*	 /SR HIGH CHOOL	WESTAMPTON CAMPUS	LUMBERTON CAMPUS	TOTAL
2024	\$ 44,330	568,764	27,794	\$ 640,888
2023	104,245	651,156	162,979	918,380
2022	34,616	438,587	168,547	641,750
2021	53,607	529,975	182,295	765,877
2020	36,245	566,041	220,531	822,817
2019	47,094	623,360	329,594	1,000,048
2018	43,334	534,229	241,790	819,353
2017	41,342	603,362	224,053	868,757
2016	8,689	535,370	212,843	756,902
2015	 22,305	538,998	262,394	823,697
Total School				
Facilities	\$ 435,807	5,589,842	2,032,820	\$ 8,058,469

<sup>\*</sup> School facilities as defined under EFCFA. (N.J.A.C. 6A:26-1.2 and N.J.A.C. 6A:26A-1.3)

Source: District records

## BURLINGTON COUNTY SPECIAL SERVICES SCHOOL DISTRICT INSURANCE SCHEDULE JUNE 30, 2024

		COVERAGE	DEDUCTIBLE
Commercial General Liability:			
Bodily Injury and Property Damage - Per Occurrence	\$	16,000,000	
Products/Completed Operations Aggregate Limit		16,000,000	
Personal/Advertising Injury Limit - Per Occurrence		16,000,000	
Employee Benefits Liability - Per Occurrence		16,000,000	1,000
Each Occurrence			
Commercial Property Coverage:			
Blanket Coverage, Building & Contents		135,001,300	5,000
Equipment Floater:			
Hardware / Software		350,000,000	1,000
Equipment Breakdown		100,000,000	25,000
Commercial Automobile:			
Bodily Injury & Property Damage		16,000,000	
Medical Payments: Private Passenger		10,000	
Medical Payments: All Other Vehicles		5,000	
Uninsured/Underinsured Motorist: Bodily Injury Per Person		25,000	
Uninsured/Underinsured Motorist: Bodily Injury Per Accident		50,000	
Commercial Crime:			
Public Employee Dishonesty with Faithful Performance		100,000	500
Theft, Disappearance and Destruction - Loss of Money		50,000	500
Theft, Disappearance and Destruction - Money Orders & Counterfeits		50,000	500
Forgery & Alteration		50,000	500
Computer Fraud		50,000	500
Pollution Liability:	1,0	00,000 / 2,000,000	50,000
Cyber Liability:		10,000,000	25,000
Employment Practices Legal Liability / School Board Legal Liability:		26,150,000	5,000
Student Accident:			
Aggregate Limit of Liability: Per Covered Accident		500,000	
Excess Medical		5,000,000	
Public Official Bonds:			
Board Secretary		300,000	
Treasurer		400,000	
Workers Compensation:			

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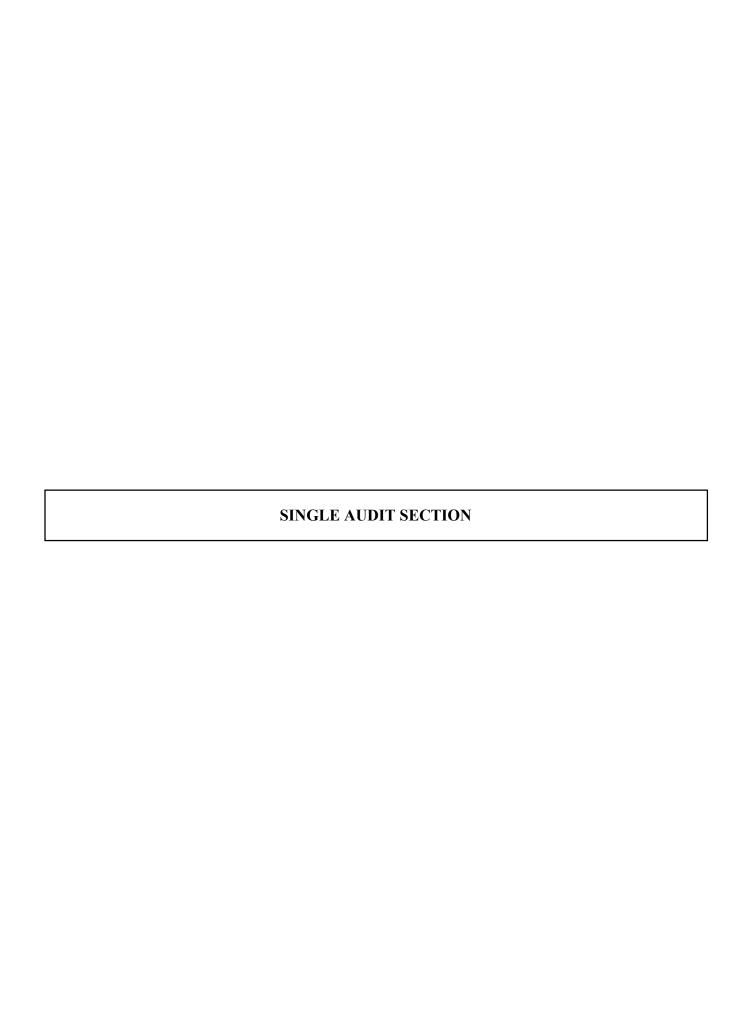




EXHIBIT K-1

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

The Honorable President and Members of the Board of Education Burlington County Special Services School District County of Burlington Westampton, New Jersey 08060

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and audit requirements as prescribed by the Office of School Finance, Department of Education, State of New Jersey, the financial statements of governmental activities, the business-type activities and each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Burlington County Special Service School District (the "District"), in the County of Burlington, State of New Jersey as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise District's basic financial statements, and have issued my report thereon dated December 18, 2024.

#### **Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

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

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements, on a timely basis. A material weakness is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the District'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.

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#### **Report on Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the District's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial 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.

#### **Purpose of this Report**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Brent W. Lee

Certified Public Accountant

Public School Accountant No. 700

Cinnaminson, New Jersey December 18, 2024



EXHIBIT K-2

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR FEDERAL AND STATE PROGRAM AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE REQUIRED BY THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE AND NEW JERSEY OMB CIRCULAR 15-08

The Honorable President and Members of the Board of Education Burlington County Special Services School District County of Burlington Westampton, New Jersey 08060

#### Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal and State Program

#### Opinion on Each Major Federal and State Program

We have audited the Board of Education of the Burlington County Special Services School District's (the" District") compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the *OMB Compliance Supplement* and New Jersey *State Grant Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of the District's major federal and state programs for the year ended June 30, 2024. The District'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 District complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal and state programs for the year ended June 30, 2024.

#### 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 as prescribed by the Office of School Finance, Department of Education, State of New Jersey, Title 2 U.S. Code Federal Regulations Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (Uniform Guidance); and State of New Jersey OMB Circular 15-08, Single Audit Policy for Recipients of Federal Grants, Sate Grants and State Aid. Our responsibilities under those standards and the OMB Circular 15-08 are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section of our report.

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

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#### Responsibilities of Management for Compliance

Management is responsible for compliance with the requirements referred to above and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of effective internal control over compliance with the requirements of laws, statutes, regulations, rules, and provisions of contracts or grant agreements applicable to the District's 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 District's compliance based on our audit. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards*, the Uniform Guidance, and the N.J. OMB Circular 15-08 will always detect a material noncompliance when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material noncompliance 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. Noncompliance with the compliance requirements is considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgement made by a reasonable user of the report on compliance about the District's compliance with 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*, the Uniform Guidance, and N.J. 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 compliance requirements referred to above and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.
- Obtain an understanding of 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 Uniform Guidance and N.J. OMB Circular 15-08, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

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

#### Report on Internal Control over Compliance

A deficiency in internal control over compliance exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal 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. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal 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 my testing of internal control over compliance and the results of that testing based on the requirements of the Uniform Guidance or New Jersey OMB's Circular 15-08. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

#### Report on Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards Required by the Uniform Guidance

We have audited the financial statements of the Burlington County Special Services School District as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, and have issued my report thereon dated December 18, 2024, which contained an unmodified opinion on those financial statements. Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by the Uniform Guidance and is not a required part of the 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 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 financial statements or to the 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 expenditure of federal awards is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

Respectfully submitted,

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Public School Accountant No. 700

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## BURLINGTON COUNTY SPECIAL SERVICES SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

TS UNEARNED LE) REVENUE 80, AT JUNE 30, 2024		20)		- - (248)		(29		1	
(ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE) AT JUNE 30, 2024		(4,720)	(4,720)	(9,294)	(9,542)	(14,262)		'	(14,262)
( R CASH BUDGETARY , RECEIVED EXPENDITURES	(109,072)	(72,619)	(72,619)	(143,280) (3,955) (17,157) (38,955)	(203,347)	(275,966)	(653)	(653)	(385,691)
CASH RECEIVED F	109,072	5,244	73,143	10,572 133,986 256 3,707 17,157 38,955	204,633	277,776	653	653	387,501
BALANCE AT JUNE 30, 2023		(\$5,244)	(5,244)	(10,572)	(10,828)	(16,072)			\$ (16,072)
GRANT	7/01/23-6/30/24	7/01/22-6/30/23	ļ	7/01/22-6/30/23 7/01/23-6/30/24 7/01/22-6/30/23 7/01/23-6/30/24 7/01/23-6/30/24	ļ	ļ	7/01/23-6/30/24	ļ	11
PROGRAM OR AWARD AMOUNT	109,072	97,530 72,619		188,062 143,280 4,093 3,955 17,157 38,955			653		
PASS THROUGH ENTITY IDENTIFYING NUMBER	100-054-7540-211	100-010-3350-028 100-010-3350-028		100-010-3350-026 100-010-3350-026 100-010-3350-026 100-010-3350-026 100-010-3350-026 N/A			N/A		
FEDERAL AWARD IDENTIFICATION NUMBER	2005NJ5MAP	231NJ304N1099 241NJ304N1099		231NJ304N1099 241NJ304N1099 231NJ304N1099 241NJ304N1099 231NJ34AN8903 241NJ304N1099			231NJ304S9009		
FEDERAL ASSITANCE LISTING NUMBER	s : 93.778	10.553 10.553		10.555 10.555 10.555 10.555 10.555			10.649		
FEDERAL GRANTOR/PASS THROUGH GRANTOR/PROGRAM TITLE OR CLUSTER	U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES Passed Through New Jersey Department of Human Services: General Fund: Medical Assistance Program (SEMI)	U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE Passed Through New Jersey Department of Agriculture: Child Nutrition Cluster: School Breakfast Program School Breakfast Program		National School Lunch Program National School Lunch Program HHFKA - Performance Based HHFKA - Performance Based Supply Chain Assistance Funding Food Distribution Program		Total Child Nutrition Cluster	P-EBT Administrative	Total P-EBT Administrative	Total U.S. Department of Agriculture

N/A - Not Available

The Notes to the Schedules of Expenditures of Federal Awards and State Fiancial Assistance are an intregal part of this schedule.

## BURLINGTON COUNTY SPECIAL SERVICES SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF STATE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

STATE GRANTOR/PROGRAM TITLE OR CLUSTER	GRANT OR STATE PROJECT NUMBER	AWARD AMOUNT	GRANT	BALANCE JUNE 30, 2023	CASH RECEIVED E	CASH BUDGETARY RECEIVED EXPENDITURES ADJUSTMENTS		(ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE) CI AT JUNE 30, 2024 EXI	MEMO CUMULATIVE TOTAL EXPENDITURES
State Department of Education: General Fund: Reimbursed TPAF Social Security Contributions (Nonbudgeted)	23-495-034-5094-003	1,205,615	7/01/22-6/30/23	\$ (122,004)	122,004			<del>se</del> .	
Reimbursed TPAF Social Security Contributions (Nonbudgeted)	24-495-034-5094-003	1,190,086	7/01/23-6/30/24		1,127,807	(1,190,086)		(62,279)	(1,190,086)
				(122,004)	1,249,811	(1,190,086)		(62,279)	(1,190,086)
On-Behalf TPAF Post-Retirement Medical (Noncash Assistance)	24-495-034-5094-001	1,683,288	7/01/23-6/30/24		1,683,288	(1,683,288)		ı	(1,683,288)
Contributions (Noneast Press)	24-495-034-5094-002	6,184,842	7/01/23-6/30/24		6,184,842	(6,184,842)			(6,184,842)
On-Denatt I FAF Long-1eff Disability Insurance Contributions (Noncash)	24-495-034-5094-004	3,007	7/01/23-6/30/24		3,007	(3,007)			(3,007)
			I		7,871,137	(7,871,137)			(7,871,137)
Total General Fund			I	(122,004)	9,120,948	(9,061,223)		(62,279)	(9,061,223)
State Department of Education: Special Revenue Fund: SA-Emergent Needs & Capital	EC OTOS DOI		10,007,000		200	600			A90 C17
Maintenance Needs	EG-0103-D01	13,284	//01/23-6/30/24		13,284	(13,284)			(13,284)
				1	13,284	(13,284)			(13,284)
New Jersey Department of Agriculture: Local Recreational Improvements	2023-04960-0518-00	83,000	5/17/23-5/16/25		83,000	(83,000)			(83,000)
			ı		83,000	(83,000)			(83,000)
Total Special Revenue Fund			I	•	96,284	(96,284)			(96,284)
New Jersey Department of Agriculture: Enterprise Funds: National School Lunch Program (State Share)	23-100-010-3350-023	9,514	7/01/22-6/30/23	(540)	540			1	
National School Lunch Program (State Share)	24-100-010-3350-023	10,447	7/01/23-6/30/24		9,774	(10,447)		(673)	(10,447)
Total Enterprise Fund				(540)	10,314	(10,447)	1	(673)	(10,447)
Total State Financial Assistance			93	\$ (122,544)	9,227,546	(9,167,954)	1	(62,952) \$	(9,167,954)
State Financial Assistance Programs not subject to Calculation for major Program Determination:	culation for major Progr	am Determin	ation:						
On-Bornal ITAY FOS-Neurement Medical (Noncas) Assistance) On Bahalf TDAE Danaion	24-495-034-5094-001		7/01/23-6/30/24			1,683,288			
Contributions (Noneau Dischiller	24-495-034-5094-002		7/01/23-6/30/24			6,184,842			
Insurance Contributions (Noncash)	24-495-034-5094-004		7/01/23-6/30/24		ļ	3,007			
Total State Financial Assistance subject to Calculation for Major Program Determination	Major Program Determina	tion			II.	\$ (1,296,817)			

Total State Financial Assistance subject to Calculation for Major Program Determination

The Notes to the Schedules of Expenditures of Federal Awards and State Fiancial Assistance are an intregal part of this schedule.

## BURLINGTON COUNTY SPECIAL SERVICES SCHOOL DISTRICT NOTES TO SCHEDULES OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS AND STATE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

#### **Note 1. Basis of Presentation**

The accompanying schedules of expenditures of federal awards and state financial assistance present the activity of all federal awards and state financial assistance programs of the Burlington County Special Services school District. The School District is defined in Note 1 of the basic financial statements. The information in these schedules is presented in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (Uniform Guidance) and New Jersey OMB's Circular 15-08, Single Audit Policy for Recipients of Federal Grants, State Grants and State Aid. All federal and state awards received directly from federal and state agencies, as well as federal awards and state financial assistance passed through other government agencies is included on the schedule of expenditures of federal awards and state financial assistance.

#### Note 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The accompanying schedules of expenditures of federal awards and state financial assistance are presented using the budgetary basis of accounting with the following exception: programs recorded in the enterprise fund are presented using the accrual basis of accounting and programs recorded in the capital projects fund are presented using the modified accrual basis of accounting. These bases of accounting are described in Note 1 to the School District's basic financial statements. The information in this schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards and New Jersey OMB's Circular 15-08, Single Audit Policy for Recipients of Federal Grants, State Grants and State Aid. Therefore, some amounts presented in this schedule may differ from amounts presented in, or used in the preparation of, the basic financial statements.

The School District did not elect the 10-percent de deminimis indirect cost rate as discussed in 2 CFR 200.414.

Revenues and expenditures reported under the Food Distribution Program represent current year value received and current year distributions respectively. The amount reported as TPAF Pension Contributions represents the amount paid by the state on behalf of the School District for the year ended June 30, 2024. TPAF Social Security Contributions represents the amount reimbursed by the state for the employer's share of social security contributions for TPAF members for the year ended June 30, 2024.

#### Note 3. Relationship to Basic Financial Statements

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

## BURLINGTON COUNTY SPECIAL SERVICES SCHOOL DISTRICT NOTES TO SCHEDULES OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS AND STATE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

#### Note 3. Relationship to Basic Financial Statements (continued)

The general fund is presented in the accompanying schedules on the modified accrual basis with the exception of the revenue recognition of the one or more deferred June state aid payments in the current budget year, which is mandated pursuant to *N.J.S.A.* 18A:22-44.2. For GAAP purposes payments are not recognized until the subsequent budget year due to the state deferral and recording of the one or more June 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, whereas the GAAP basis does not. The special revenue fund also recognizes the one or more state aid June payments in the current budget year, consistent with *N.J.S.A.* 18A:22-4.2.

The net adjustment to reconcile from the budgetary basis to the GAAP basis is -0- for the general fund. See Exhibit C-3 Note A of the basic financial statements, 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 expenditures reported in the School District's basic financial statements on a GAAP basis are presented as follows:

<b>Fund</b>	<u>Federal</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Total</u>
General Fund Special Revenue Fund Food Service Fund	\$ 109,07 - 276,61	96,284	\$ 7,670,295 96,284 287,066
Total Awards & Financial Assistance	\$ 385,69		\$ 8,053,645

#### Note 4. Relationship to Federal and State Financial Reports

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

#### Note 5. Federal and State Loans Outstanding

The Burlington County Special Services School District had no loan balances outstanding at June 30, 2024.

## BURLINGTON COUNTY SPECIAL SERVICES SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

#### Section I - Summary of Auditor's Results

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Type of auditor's report issued		Unmodified
Internal control over financial reporting:		
1) Material weakness(es) ide	ntified?	yes <u>X</u> no
2) Significant deficiency(ies	) identified?	yesX_none reported
Noncompliance material to finan	cial statements noted?	yes <u>X</u> no
eral Awards N/A	<b>A</b>	
Internal control over major programs:		
1) Material weakness(es) idea	ntified?	yesno
2) Significant deficiency(ies)	identified?	yesnone reported
Type of auditor's report issued or	compliance for major programs:	
Any audit findings disclosed that in accordance with 2 CFR 200		yesno
Identification of major programs		
CFDA Number(s)	FAIN Number(s)	Name of Federal Program or Cluster
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Dollar threshold used to determine	ie Tyne A and tyne B programs:	
Auditee qualified as low-risk aud	itee?	ves no

## BURLINGTON COUNTY SPECIAL SERVICES SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

Section I - Summary of Auditor's Results (continued)

#### **State Financial Assistance**

Dollar threshold used to determine Type A	programs	\$ 750,0	000
Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee?		X_yes	_no
Internal control over major programs:			
1) Material weakness(es) identified?		yesX	_no
<ol> <li>Significant deficiency(ies) identified considered to be material weaknesse</li> </ol>		yesX	_no
Type of auditor's report issued on complian	nce for major programs:	Unmodi	fied
Any audit findings disclosed that are required in accordance with New Jersey OMB's	-	yesX	<u>n</u> o
Identification of major programs:			
State Grant/Project Number(s)	Name of State Program		
24-495-034-5094-003	Reimbursed TPAF Social Sect	urity Contributions	

## BURLINGTON COUNTY SPECIAL SERVICES SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS & QUESTIONED COSTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

#### Section II - Financial Statement Findings - N/A

This section identifies the significant deficiencies, material weaknesses, fraud, noncompliance with provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, and abuse related to the financial statements for which *Government Auditing Standards* requires reporting and with audit requirements prescribed by the Division of Administration and Finance, Department of Education, State of New Jersey.

#### Section III – Federal Awards & State Financial Assistance Findings & Questioned Costs

This section identifies audit findings required to be reported by 2 CFR 200 section .516 of the *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principals, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* and New Jersey OMB's Circular 15-08, as applicable.

#### **FEDERAL AWARDS**

N/A

#### STATE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

N/A

#### BURLINGTON COUNTY SPECIAL SERVICES SCHOOL DISTRICT SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR YEAR AUDIT FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS AS PREPARED BY MANAGEMENT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

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*, USOMB *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principals, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* and New Jersey OMB's Circular 15-08, as applicable.

tatus of Prior Year Findings:	
N/A	
Federal Awards:	
N/A	
State Financial Assistance:	
N/A	