

**SCHOOL DISTRICT
OF THE
BOROUGH OF HIGH BRIDGE**

**High Bridge School District
High Bridge, New Jersey**

**Annual Comprehensive Financial Report
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024**

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Prepared by

**High Bridge School District
Board of Education**

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INTRODUCTORY SECTION
(UNAUDITED)

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Superintendent

Karolina Cywa
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October 22, 2024

The Honorable President and Members
of the Board of Education
High Bridge School District
County of Hunterdon, New Jersey

Dear Board Members:

The annual comprehensive financial report of the High Bridge School District (the "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 Board of Education (the "Board"). To the best of our knowledge and belief, the data presented in this report is accurate in all material respects and is reported in a manner designed to present fairly the basic financial statements and results of operations of the District. All disclosures necessary to enable the reader to gain an understanding of the District's financial activities have been included.

The annual comprehensive financial report is presented in four sections: introductory, financial, statistical and single audit. The introductory section includes this transmittal letter, the District's organizational chart and a list of principal officials. The financial section includes the Independent Auditors' Report, the management's discussion and analysis, the basic financial statements and notes providing an overview of the District's financial position and operating results, and supplementary schedules providing detailed budgetary information. The statistical section includes selected economic and demographic information, financial trends and the fiscal capacity of the District, generally presented on a multi- year basis. The 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*, and the New Jersey's OMB Circular 15-08, *Single Audit Policy for Recipients of Federal Grants, State Grants and State Aid*. Information related to this single audit, including the auditors' reports on the internal control and compliance with applicable laws, regulations, contracts and grants along with findings and questioned costs, are included in the single audit section of this report.

1) REPORTING ENTITY AND ITS SERVICES: The High Bridge School District is an independent reporting entity within the criteria adopted by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board ("GASB") in codification section 2100. All funds of the District are included in this report. The High Bridge School District and all its schools constitute the District's reporting entity.

The District provides a full range of educational services appropriate to grade levels Preschool through 8. These include regular as well as special education for classified children.

2) ECONOMIC CONDITION AND OUTLOOK:

The Borough of High Bridge has a population of 3,546 (2020 Census). It extends 2.39 square miles, and is a small suburban community. It is primarily residential with small percentages of its land dedicated for commercial business and open space. The Mayor and Council have worked diligently to develop and upgrade the downtown business area by creating a merchant center through zoning changes and incentives. This combined effort has resulted in a much more picturesque Main Street.

3) MAJOR INITIATIVES:

The Borough of High Bridge, a Preschool through Grade Eight, two-school district, takes great pride in the provision of a rigorous, high quality and inclusive educational program.

Major district initiatives include the following:

- The continuation of our preschool program, offering High Bridge residents five (5) full-day sessions, saving our families thousands of dollars.
- Provide professional development to support our Kingertargante through Fourth Grade for our newly adopted math series.
- Successfully prepare for QSAC monitoring to ensure we meet state standards in all areas.
- Increase security at both buildings by working with local, state, and federal law enforcement officials.
- Work with similar-sized school districts to enhance our programs and limit the financial impact of non-funded mandates.
- Work with local and state resources to help integrate new students into our school community.
- Implement Multi-Tiered System Support (MTSS) academic and behavioral support. The program design includes professional development (PD), and academic and behavioral support.
- Enhance our fourth year of the new reading series for grades Kindergarten through Second Grade. American Reading Company will provide trainers to instruct and mentor teaching staff, for grades Three-Five for the current year.
- Continue the No Place for Hate program implemented at both our middle and elementary schools as our Social/Emotional program, combining it with our elementary school Lunch Bunch program and various grade/building level activities.
- Our middle and elementary schools are working on identifying gaps during online learning due to COVID-19.
- Provide remediation for students who are identified as at-risk due to COVID-19.
- All middle school students will continue to participate in One Book One School to foster empathy, openness, and kindness.

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

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

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

5) BUDGETARY CONTROLS: In addition to internal accounting controls, the District maintains budgetary controls. The objective of these budgetary controls is to ensure compliance with legal provisions embodied in the annual appropriated budget approved by a vote of the Board of Education. 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 canceled or are included as re-appropriations of fund balance in the subsequent year. Those amounts to be re-appropriated are reported as restrictions, commitments and/or assignments of fund balance at June 30, 2024.

6) ACCOUNTING SYSTEM AND REPORTS: The District's accounting records reflect generally accepted accounting principles, as promulgated by the GASB. The accounting system of the District is organized on the basis of funds. These funds are explained in "Notes to the Basic Financial Statements", Note 1.

7) CASH MANAGEMENT: The investment policy of the District is guided in large part by state statute as detailed in "Notes to the Basic Financial Statements", Note 3. The District has adopted a cash management plan which requires it to deposit public funds in public depositories protected from loss under the provisions of the Governmental Unit Deposit Protection Act ("GUDPA"). GUDPA was enacted in 1970 to protect governmental units from a loss of funds on deposit with a failed banking institution in New Jersey. The law requires governmental units to deposit public funds only in public depositories located in New Jersey, where the funds are secured in accordance with the Act.

8) RISK MANAGEMENT: The Board carries various forms of insurance, including, but not limited to, general liability, automobile liability and comprehensive/collision, hazard and theft insurance on property and contents, and fidelity bonds. The Board is a member of the School Alliance Insurance Fund ("SAIF"). SAIF is a risk-sharing public entity risk management pool that is both an insured and self-administered group of school districts established for the purpose of providing low-cost insurance coverage to their members. A schedule of insurance coverage is found on J-20.


9) OTHER INFORMATION:

Independent Audit - State statutes require an annual audit by independent certified public accountants or registered municipal accountants. The accounting firm of Nisivoccia LLP CPAs, was selected by the Board of Education. In addition to meeting the requirements set forth in state statutes, the audit also was designed to meet the requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards*, and New Jersey's OMB 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 specific required supplementary information is included in the financial section of this report. The auditors' reports related specifically to the single audit and *Government Auditing Standards* are included in the single audit section of this report.

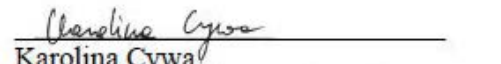
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10) ACKNOWLEDGMENTS: We would like to express our appreciation to the members of the High Bridge Board of Education for their concern in providing fiscal accountability to the citizens and taxpayers of the school district and thereby contributing their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

Respectfully submitted,

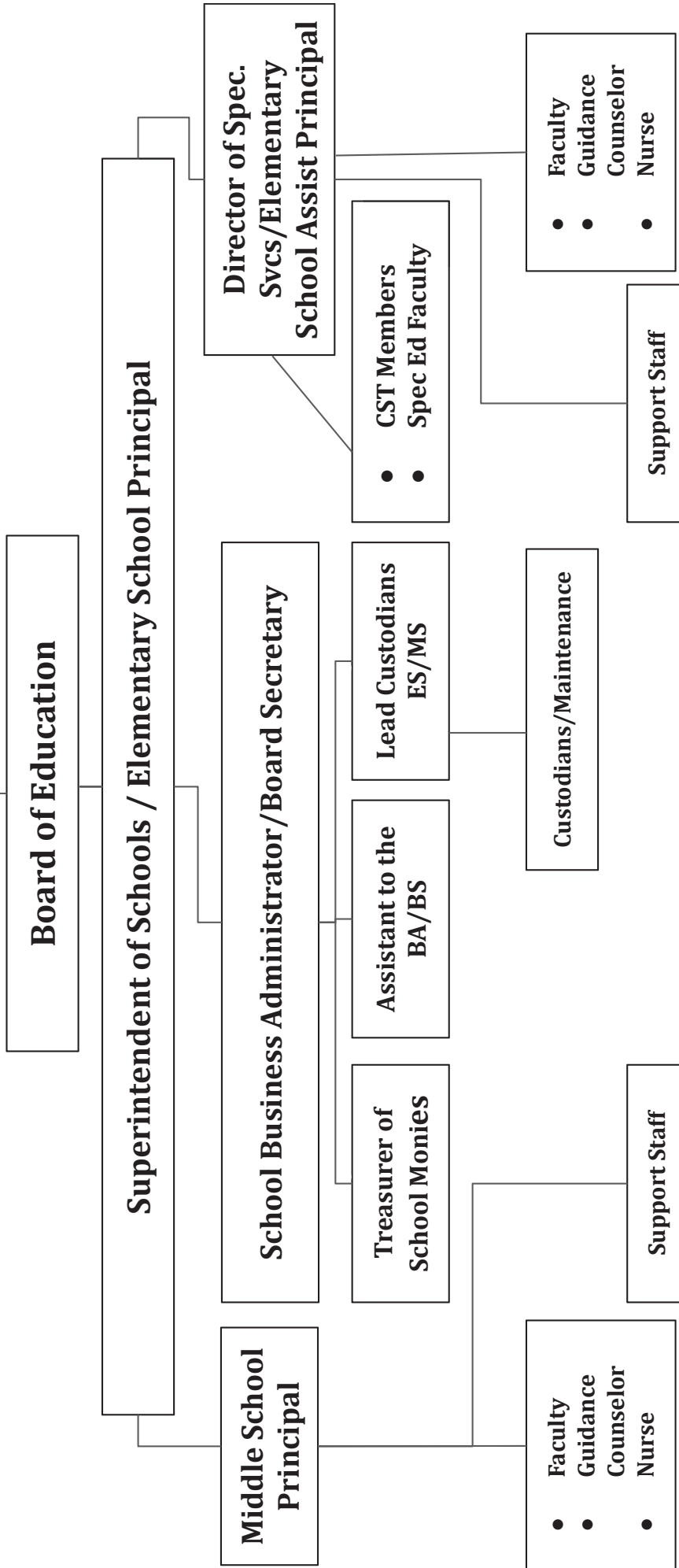


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HIGH BRIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT



HIGH BRIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
ROSTER OF OFFICIALS
JUNE 30, 2024

Members of the Board of Education

Term Expires

Karyn Gove, President	2025
Erin Delgado, Vice President	2026
Robert Imhoff	2024
Cynthia Sharkey	2026
Colleen Poles	2024
Benjamin Bolger	2024
Michael McCasland	2025

Other Officials

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FINANCIAL SECTION

Independent Auditors' Report

The Honorable President and Members
of the Board of Education
High Bridge School District
County of Hunterdon, New Jersey

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the High Bridge School District (the "District"), in the County of Hunterdon, 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 accompanying financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the District, as of June 30, 2024, and the respective changes in financial position, and, where applicable cash flows thereof for the fiscal year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS), audit requirements prescribed by the Office of School Finance, Department of Education, State of New Jersey (the "Office") and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the District and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about 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 GAAS, *Government Auditing Standards* and audit requirements prescribed by the Office will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, *Government Auditing Standards* and audit requirements prescribed by the Office, we:

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

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

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis, which follows this report, the pension and post-retirement schedules in Exhibits L-1 through L-5 and the related notes, and the budgetary comparison information in Exhibits C-1 through C-3 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, although not a part of the basic financial statements, are 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 accompanying supplementary information schedules and the schedules of expenditures of federal and state awards, as required by Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards*; and New Jersey's OMB Circular 15-08, *Single Audit Policy for Recipients of Federal Grants, State Grants and State Aid*, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the accompanying supplementary information schedules and the schedules of expenditures of federal and state awards are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Information

Management is responsible for the other information included in the annual report. The other information comprises the introductory and statistical sections but does not include the basic financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinions on the basic financial statements do not cover the other information, and we do not express an opinion or any form of assurance thereon.

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

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated October 22, 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 solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

October 22, 2024
Mount Arlington, New Jersey

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REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION -
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

High Bridge School District Management's Discussion and Analysis

This section of High Bridge School District's annual financial report presents its discussion and analysis of the District's financial performance during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024. Please read it in conjunction with the transmittal letter at the front of this report and the District's financial statements, which immediately follow this section.

Using this Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR)

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

The Statement of Net Position and Statement of Activities provide information about the activities of the entire District, presenting both an aggregate view of the District's finances and a longer-term view of those finances. Fund financial statements provide the next level of detail. For governmental funds, these statements show how services were financed in the short-term as well as what remains for future spending. The fund financial statements present all funds of the District. The General Fund is by far the most significant fund.

Overview of the Financial Statements

This annual report consists of three parts: management's discussion and analysis (this section), the basic financial statements, and required supplementary information. The basic financial statements include two kinds of statements that present different views of the District:

- The first two statements are *district-wide financial statements* that provide both *short-term* and *long-term* information about the District's *overall* financial status.
- The remaining statements are *fund financial statements* that focus on *individual parts* of the District, reporting the District's operations in *more* detail than the district-wide statements.
- The *governmental funds statements* tell how basic services such as regular and special education were financed in the short-term as well as what remains for future spending.
- *Proprietary funds* statements offer *short-* and *long-term* financial information about the activities the District operates like a business, such as food services.

High Bridge School District Management's Discussion and Analysis

The financial statements also include notes that explain some of the information in the statements and provide more detailed data. The statements are followed by a section of required supplementary information that further explains and supports the financial statements with a comparison of the District's budget for the year. Figure A-1 shows how the various parts of this annual report are arranged and related to one another.

Figure A-1
Organization of High Bridge School District's Financial Report

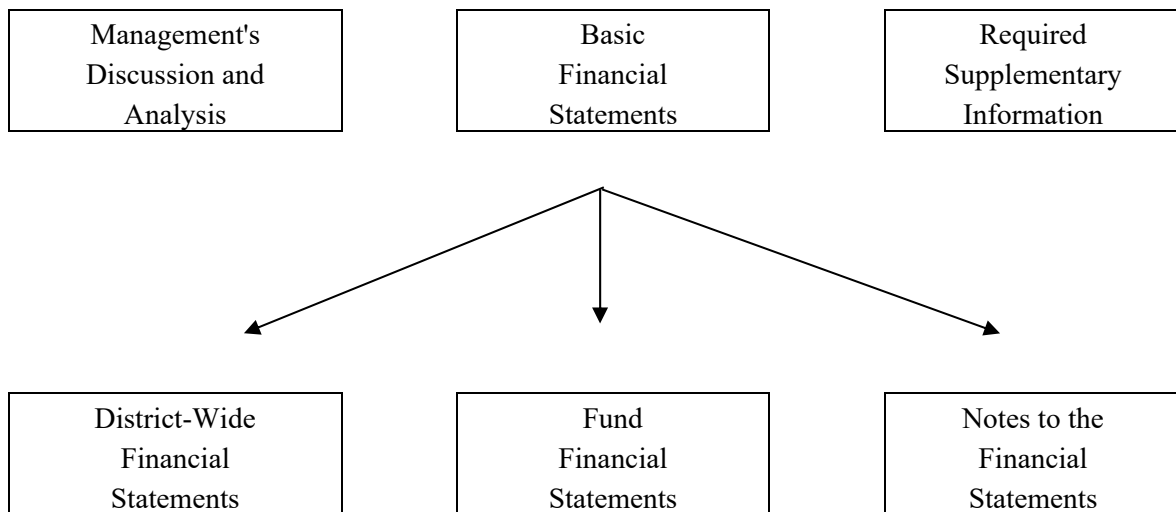


Figure A-2 summarizes the major features of the District's financial statements, including the portion of the District's activities they cover and the types of information they contain. The remainder of this overview section of management's discussion and analysis highlights the structure and contents of each of the statements.

**High Bridge School District
Management's Discussion and Analysis**

Figure A-2

Major Features of the District-Wide and Fund Financial Statements

	District-Wide Statements	Fund Financial Statements	
		Governmental Funds	Proprietary Funds
Scope	Entire District	The activities of the District that are not proprietary, such as special education and building maintenance	Activities the District operates similar to private businesses: food services
Required Financial Statements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statement of net position • Statement of activities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Balance sheet • Statement of revenue, expenditures, and changes in fund balances 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statement of net position • Statement of revenue, expenses, and changes in net position • Statement of cash flows
Accounting Basis and Measurement Focus	Accrual accounting and economic resources focus	Modified accrual accounting and current financial resources focus	Accrual accounting and economic resources focus
Type of Asset/Liability Information	All assets and liabilities, both financial and capital, short-term and long-term	Generally assets expected to be used up and liabilities that come due during the year or soon thereafter; no capital assets, lease assets, subscription assets, or long-term liabilities included	All assets and liabilities, both financial and capital, short-term and long-term
Type of Inflow/Outflow Information	All revenue and expenses during the year, regardless of when cash is received or paid	Revenue for which cash is received during or soon after the end of the year; expenditures when goods or services have been received and the related liability is due and payable	All revenue and expenses during the year, regardless of when cash is received or paid

High Bridge School District Management's Discussion and Analysis

District-wide Statements

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

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

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

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

- *Governmental activities*: Most of the District's basic services are included here, such as regular and special education, transportation and administration. Property taxes and state formula aid finance most of these activities.
- *Business-type activities*: The District charges fees to help it cover the costs of certain services it provides. The District's food service is included here.

Fund Financial Statements

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

- Some funds are required by state law and by bond covenants.
- The District establishes other funds to control and manage money for particular purposes (such as repaying its long-term liabilities) or to show that it is properly using certain revenue (such as federal grants).

The District has two kinds of funds:

- *Governmental funds*: Most of the District's basic services are included in governmental funds, which generally focus on {1} how cash and other financial assets that can readily be converted to cash flow in and out, and {2} the balances left at year-end that are available for spending. Consequently, the governmental funds statements provide a detailed short-term view that helps you determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance the District's programs. Because this information does not encompass the additional long-term focus of the District-wide statements, additional information at the bottom of the governmental funds statements explains the relationship (or difference) between them.
- *Proprietary funds*: Services for which the District charges a fee are generally reported in proprietary funds. Proprietary funds are reported in the same way as the district-wide statements. The District's *enterprise funds* (one type of proprietary fund) are the same as its business-type activities but provide more detail and additional information, such as cash flows. The *internal service funds* (the other kind of proprietary fund) report activities that provide supplies and services for its other programs and activities. The District currently does not maintain any internal service funds.

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Notes to the Basic Financial Statements: Provide additional information essential to a full understanding of District-wide and fund financial statements.

Financial Analysis of the District as a Whole

Net Position. The District's combined net position was \$11,189,832 on June 30, 2024, which was an increase of \$685,076 or 6.52% from the prior year (See Figure A-3).

Figure A-3
Condensed Statement of Net Position

	Governmental Activities		Business-Type Activities		Total School District		Total Percentage Change
	2023/24	2022/23*	2023/24	2022/23*	2023/24	2022/23*	2023/24
Current and							
Other Assets	\$ 6,394,172	\$ 6,312,498	\$ 74,629	\$ 111,636	\$ 6,468,801	\$ 6,424,134	
Capital Assets, Net	7,654,796	7,434,811	20,916	174	7,675,712	7,434,985	
Lease Assets, Net		640				640	
Total Assets	14,048,968	13,747,949	95,545	111,810	14,144,513	13,859,759	2.05%
Deferred Outflows of Resources	155,132	247,617			155,132	247,617	-37.35%
Other Liabilities	887,053	808,953	27,227	30,080	914,280	839,033	
Long-Term Liabilities							
Outstanding	1,943,468	2,487,094			1,943,468	2,487,094	
Total Liabilities	2,830,521	3,296,047	27,227	30,080	2,857,748	3,326,127	-14.08%
Deferred Inflows of Resources	252,065	276,493			252,065	276,493	-8.83%
Net Position:							
Net Investment in							
Capital Assets	6,639,796	5,954,740	20,916	174	6,660,712	5,954,914	
Restricted	4,298,602	3,651,626			4,298,602	3,651,626	
Unrestricted/(Deficit)	183,116	816,660	47,402	81,556	230,518	898,216	
Total Net Position	\$ 11,121,514	\$ 10,423,026	\$ 68,318	\$ 81,730	\$ 11,189,832	\$ 10,504,756	6.52%

* Restated

High Bridge School District Management's Discussion and Analysis

Changes in Net Position. Net position from governmental activities increased by \$698,488 which is mainly due to an increase in property taxes and interest income offset by a decrease in State Aid and an increase in expenditures, and net position from business activities decreased by \$13,412 due to expenses exceeding revenues related to Food Service.

Figure A-4

Changes in Net Position from Operating Results

	Governmental Activities 2023/24	Business-Type Activities 2023/24	Total School District 2023/24	Governmental Activities 2022/23	Business-Type Activities 2022/23	Total School District 2022/23	Total Percentage Change 2023/24
Revenue:							
Program Revenue:							
Charges for Services	\$ 63,078	\$ 78,350	\$ 141,428	\$ 46,708	\$ 97,993	\$ 144,701	
Operating Grants and Contributions	4,284,277	66,456	4,350,733	4,650,083	63,575	4,713,658	
General Revenue:							
Property Taxes	7,429,290		7,429,290	7,290,071		7,290,071	
Other	267,541	44	267,585	147,599	22	147,621	
Total Revenue	12,044,186	144,850	12,189,036	12,134,461	161,590	12,296,051	-0.87%
Expenses:							
Instruction	6,594,362		6,594,362	6,664,256		6,664,256	
Pupil and Instruction Services	2,263,733		2,263,733	2,020,083		2,020,083	
Administrative and Business	749,256		749,256	691,548		691,548	
Maintenance and Operations	1,555,175		1,555,175	1,021,788		1,021,788	
Pupil Transportation	24,741		24,741	34,434		34,434	
Other	158,431	158,262	316,693	495,808	155,152	650,960	
Total Expenses	11,345,698	158,262	11,503,960	10,927,917	155,152	11,083,069	3.80%
Increase/(Decrease) in Net Position	\$ 698,488	\$ (13,412)	\$ 685,076	\$ 1,206,544	\$ 6,438	\$ 1,212,982	-43.52%

Governmental Activities

As discussed elsewhere in this commentary, the financial position of the District improved. The District will continue sound fiscal management in order to maintain its existing programs, provide programs and services for students with special needs and meet the rising costs of fixed obligations.

Careful management of expenses remains essential for the District to maintain its financial health.

Figure A-5 presents the cost of six major District activities: instruction, pupil and instructional services, administration and business, maintenance and operations, transportation and other expenses. The table also shows each activity's net cost (total cost less fees generated by the activities and intergovernmental aid provided for specific programs). The net cost shows the financial obligation placed on the District's taxpayers by each of these functions.

High Bridge School District Management's Discussion and Analysis

The net cost shows the financial burden placed on the District's taxpayers by each of these functions:

Figure A-5

	Net Cost of Governmental Activities			
	Total Cost of	Net Cost of	Total Cost of	Net Cost of
	Services	Services	Services	Services
	2023/24	2023/24	2022/23	2022/23
Instruction	\$ 6,594,362	\$ 2,633,269	\$ 6,664,256	\$ 2,333,541
Pupil and Instruction Services	2,263,733	2,069,813	2,020,083	1,830,730
Administrative and Business	749,256	578,077	691,548	532,595
Maintenance and Operations	1,555,175	1,555,175	1,021,788	1,021,788
Transportation	24,741	3,578	34,434	16,664
Other	158,431	158,431	495,808	495,808
	<u>\$ 11,345,698</u>	<u>\$ 6,998,343</u>	<u>\$ 10,927,917</u>	<u>\$ 6,231,126</u>

Business-Type Activities

Net position from the District's business-type activities decreased by \$13,412 due to Food Service Fund expenses exceeding revenues (Refer to Figure A-4).

Financial Analysis of the District's Funds

The District's financial position decreased during the year mainly due to a decrease in state aid, increase in governmental activities expenses, and business activities expenses exceeding revenues offset by an increase in property taxes and interest income. Programs were reduced in order to balance the budget. The Board of Education meets monthly to review any items that may have a significant financial impact on the District, and address each item accordingly.

General Fund Budgetary Highlights

Over the course of the year, the District revised the annual operating budget several times. These budget amendments were made up of changes made within budgetary line items for changes in school-based needs for programs, supplies and equipment.

High Bridge School District Management's Discussion and Analysis

Capital Asset and Long Term Liabilities

Figure A-6

Capital Assets (Net of Depreciation)							Percentage Change 2023/24
Governmental Activities		Business-Type Activities		Total School District			
2023/24	2022/23*	2023/24	2022/23*	2023/24	2022/23*		
Land	\$ 4,826,600	\$ 4,826,600			\$ 4,826,600	\$ 4,826,600	
Construction in Progress	12,119	12,119			12,119	12,119	
Site Improvements	90,435	98,638			90,435	98,638	
Buildings and Building Improvements	2,276,972	2,182,343			2,276,972	2,182,343	
Furniture, Machinery, and Equipment	448,670	315,111	\$ 20,916	\$ 174	469,586	315,285	
Total Capital Assets (Net of Depreciation)	\$ 7,654,796	\$ 7,434,811	\$ 20,916	\$ 174	\$ 7,675,712	\$ 7,434,985	3.24%

* Restated

Figure A-7

Outstanding Long-Term Liabilities				Percentage Change 2023/24
	2023/24	2022/23		
Bonds Payable	\$ 1,015,000	\$ 1,480,000		
Net Pension Liability	661,608	898,603		
Leases Payable		711		
Compensated Absences Payable	266,860	107,780		
	\$ 1,943,468	\$ 2,487,094		-21.86%

Factors Bearing on the District's Future Revenue/Expense Changes

The High Bridge School District has seen a significant decrease in state funding over the past two (2) years. We anticipate more cuts this year due to the state funding formula.

It has proven to be a challenging year as we explored different avenues of saving money and reducing expenses. A major concern is the continued reliance on local property taxes in light of possible state funding decreases. It has become increasingly difficult for the District to maintain their level of service with the increases in property tax rates. This problem appears to be statewide, and is not exclusive to High Bridge School District.

The District must allocate funds for "fixed" obligations, which increase from year to year. The State mandates that two-tenths of one percent of the buildings' value be set aside in the annual budget for "required" building maintenance. A maintenance reserve account was established a few years ago to provide for unexpected building repairs. In addition, the budget includes funds for repair and maintenance of the District's equipment. Special education programs and related services, including out of district placements and transportation, cannot be predicted with certainty; however, the District maintains its commitment to meet the needs of these students. A large cost savings is continued to be recognized from the District's integrated preschool program which provides services in district rather than paying the higher cost of out-of-district tuition.

**High Bridge School District
Management's Discussion and Analysis**

Contacting the District's Financial Management

This financial report is designed to provide the District's citizens, taxpayers, customers and investors and creditors with a general overview of the District's finances and to demonstrate the District's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact the Board of Education Office, 40 Fairview Avenue, High Bridge, NJ 08829.

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DISTRICT-WIDE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

HIGH BRIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
JUNE 30, 2024

	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total
<u>ASSETS</u>			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 2,162,615	\$ 66,715	\$ 2,229,330
Receivables from State Government	488,219	88	488,307
Receivables from Federal Government	38,410	1,467	39,877
Receivables from Other Governments	14,281		14,281
Other Receivables	2,655		2,655
Inventories		6,359	6,359
Restricted Cash and Cash Equivalents	3,687,992		3,687,992
Capital Assets, Net:			
Depreciable Site Improvements, Buildings and Building Improvements and Machinery and Equipment	7,654,796	20,916	7,675,712
Total Assets	14,048,968	95,545	14,144,513
<u>DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES</u>			
Deferred Outflows Related to Pensions	155,132		155,132
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	155,132		155,132
<u>LIABILITIES</u>			
Current Liabilities:			
Accounts Payable	264,559	5,736	270,295
Accrued Interest Payable	19,031		19,031
Unearned Revenue	603,463	21,491	624,954
Noncurrent Liabilities:			
Due Within One Year	495,000		495,000
Due Beyond One Year	1,448,468		1,448,468
Total Liabilities	2,830,521	27,227	2,857,748
<u>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</u>			
Deferred Inflows Related to Pensions	252,065		252,065
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	252,065		252,065
<u>NET POSITION/(DEFICIT)</u>			
Net Investment in Capital Assets	6,639,796	20,916	6,660,712
Restricted for:			
Capital Projects	2,859,781		2,859,781
Maintenance	577,331		577,331
Excess Surplus	610,610		610,610
Unemployment Compensation	230,954		230,954
Student Activities	19,926		19,926
Unrestricted	183,116	47,402	230,518
Total Net Position	\$ 11,121,514	\$ 68,318	\$ 11,189,832

THE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
ARE AN INTEGRAL PART OF THIS STATEMENT

HIGH BRIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

Functions/Programs	Program Revenues			Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position		
	Expenses	Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total
Governmental Activities:						
Instruction:						
Regular	\$ 4,388,290	\$ 20,783	\$ 3,073,228	\$ (1,294,279)	\$	\$ (1,294,279)
Special Education	1,924,137		809,976	(1,114,161)		(1,114,161)
Other Special Instruction	281,935		57,106	(224,829)		(224,829)
Support Services:						
Student and Instruction Related Services	2,263,733	42,295	151,625	(2,069,813)		(2,069,813)
General Administrative Services	342,883		68,318	(274,565)		(274,565)
School Administrative Services	280,632		71,309	(209,323)		(209,323)
Central Services	110,789		31,552	(79,237)		(79,237)
Administrative Information Technology	14,952			(14,952)		(14,952)
Plant Operations and Maintenance	1,555,175			(1,555,175)		(1,555,175)
Pupil Transportation	24,741		21,163	(3,578)		(3,578)
Interest on Long-Term Debt	65,281			(65,281)		(65,281)
Capital Outlay	93,150			(93,150)		(93,150)
Total Governmental Activities	11,345,698	63,078	4,284,277	(6,998,343)		(6,998,343)
Business-Type Activities:						
Food Service	158,262	78,350	66,456		\$ (13,456)	(13,456)
Total Business-Type Activities	158,262	78,350	66,456		(13,456)	(13,456)
Total Primary Government	\$ 11,503,960	\$ 141,428	\$ 4,350,733	(6,998,343)	(13,456)	(7,011,799)

HIGH BRIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position		
	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total
General Revenues:			
Taxes:			
Property Taxes, Levied for General Purposes, Net	\$ 6,969,643		\$ 6,969,643
Taxes Levied for Debt Service	459,647		459,647
Federal, State and Local Aid not Restricted	79,353		79,353
Interest Earnings	113,709	\$ 44	113,753
Restricted Miscellaneous Revenue	54,885		54,885
Unrestricted Miscellaneous Income	19,594		19,594
Total General Revenues	7,696,831	44	7,696,875
Change in Net Position	698,488	(13,412)	685,076
Net Position - Beginning (Restated)	10,423,026	81,730	10,504,756
Net Position - Ending	\$ 11,121,514	\$ 68,318	\$ 11,189,832

THE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ARE AN INTEGRAL PART OF THIS STATEMENT

FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

HIGH BRIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
BALANCE SHEET
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2024

	General Fund	Special Revenue Fund	Total Governmental Funds
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ASSETS:			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 1,695,562	\$ 467,053	\$ 2,162,615
Receivables From State Government	488,219		488,219
Receivables From Federal Government		38,410	38,410
Receivables From Other Governments		14,281	14,281
Other Accounts Receivables	2,655		2,655
Restricted Cash and Cash Equivalents	3,668,066	19,926	3,687,992
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Total Assets	\$ 5,854,502	\$ 539,670	\$ 6,394,172
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LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES:			
Liabilities:			
Accounts Payable	\$ 187,079	\$ 2,480	\$ 189,559
Unearned Revenue		603,463	603,463
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Total Liabilities	187,079	605,943	793,022
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Fund Balances:			
Restricted for:			
Capital Reserve	2,859,781		2,859,781
Maintenance Reserve	577,331		577,331
Excess Surplus - 2024-2025	651,018		651,018
Excess Surplus - 2025-2026	610,610		610,610
Unemployment Compensation	230,954		230,954
Student Activities		19,926	19,926
Assigned:			
Encumbrances	202,187		202,187
Unassigned			
General Fund	535,542		535,542
Special Revenue Fund/(Deficit)		(86,199)	(86,199)
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Total Fund Balances/(Deficit)	5,667,423	(66,273)	5,601,150
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Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	\$ 5,854,502	\$ 539,670	\$ 6,394,172
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HIGH BRIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
BALANCE SHEET
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2024

Amounts Reported for *Governmental Activities* in the Statement of Net Position (A-1) are Different Because:

Total Fund Balances (above)	\$ 5,601,150
Capital assets used in Governmental Activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds.	7,654,796
Long-term liabilities, including, Bonds Payable, Leases Payable, and Financed Purchases Payable, are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported as liabilities in the funds.	(1,281,860)
Interest on long-term debt is not accrued in governmental funds, but rather is recognized as an expenditure when due.	(19,031)
Certain Amounts Related to the Net Pension Liability are Deferred and Amortized in the Statement of Activities and are not Reported in the Governmental Funds.	
Net Pension Liability	(661,608)
Deferred Outflows	80,132
Deferred Inflows	(252,065)
Net Position of Governmental Activities (Exhibit A-1)	<u>\$ 11,121,514</u>

THE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ARE
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HIGH BRIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	General Fund	Special Revenue Fund	Debt Service Fund	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES				
Local Sources:				
Local Tax Levy	\$ 6,969,643		\$ 459,647	\$ 7,429,290
Tuition Charges	20,783			20,783
Rents and Royalties	8,100			8,100
Interest Earned	63,120			63,120
Interest Earned on Maintenance Reserve Funds	10,275			10,275
Interest Earned on Capital Reserve Funds	40,314			40,314
Restricted Miscellaneous Revenue	12,590	\$ 42,295		54,885
Miscellaneous	11,494	3,359		14,853
Total - Local Sources	7,136,319	45,654	459,647	7,641,620
State Sources	3,276,444	832,488	79,353	4,188,285
Federal Sources		437,678		437,678
Total Revenues	10,412,763	1,315,820	539,000	12,267,583
EXPENDITURES:				
Current:				
Regular Instruction	2,097,998	592,255		2,690,253
Special Education Instruction	1,002,841	11,022		1,013,863
Other Special Instruction	99,353			99,353
School Sponsored/Other Instruction	47,170			47,170
Support Services and Undistributed Costs:				
Student & Instruction Related Services	1,277,864	633,102		1,910,966
General Administrative Services	223,861			223,861
School Administrative Services	158,376			158,376
Central Services	59,514			59,514
Administration Information Technology	14,952			14,952
Plant Operations and Maintenance	1,397,285			1,397,285
Pupil Transportation	24,741			24,741
Unallocated Benefits	3,633,432			3,633,432
Debt Service:				
Principal			465,000	465,000
Interest and Other Charges			74,000	74,000
Capital Outlay	321,857	143,105		464,962
Total Expenditures	10,359,244	1,379,484	539,000	12,277,728
Excess/(Deficiency) of Revenue over/(under) Expenditures	53,519	(63,664)		(10,145)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES/(USES):				
Transfers	(59,448)	59,448		
Total Other Financing Sources/(Uses)	(59,448)	59,448		
Net Change in Fund Balances	(5,929)	(4,216)		(10,145)
Fund Balance/(Deficit)—July 1	5,673,352	(62,057)		5,611,295
Fund Balance/(Deficit)—June 30	\$ 5,667,423	\$ (66,273)	\$ -0-	\$ 5,601,150

THE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ARE AN INTEGRAL PART OF THIS STATEMENT

HIGH BRIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENDITURES,
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

Total Net Change in Fund Balances - Governmental Funds (from B-2) \$ (10,145)

Amounts Reported for Governmental Activities in the Statement
of Activities (A-2) are Different Because:

Capital outlays related to capital assets 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 depreciation differs from capital outlays in the period.

Depreciation expense	\$ (151,827)	
Capital Asset Additions	371,812	219,985

Capital outlays related to lease assets are reported in Governmental Funds as expenditures.

However, in the Statement of Activities the cost of those assets is allocated over the shorter of their estimated useful lives or lease term as amortization expense. This is the amount by which amortization differs from capital outlays in the period.

Amortization Expense	(640)
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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 reduction in the reconciliation (-); when the paid amount exceeds the earned amount the difference is an addition to the reconciliation (+).

(159,080)

Repayment of bond principal is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the statement of net position and is not reported in the statement of activities. (+)

465,000

Repayment of leases is an expenditure in the Governmental Funds, but the repayment reduces Long-Term Liabilities in the Statement of Net Position and is not reported in the Statement of Activities.

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In the Statement of Activities, interest on Long-Term Debt in the Statement of Activities is accrued, regardless of when due. In the Governmental Funds, interest is reported when due. When accrued interest exceeds the interest paid, the difference is a reduction in the reconciliation (-); when the interest paid exceeds the accrued interest, the difference is an addition to the reconciliation (+).

8,719

The net pension liability reported in the statement of activities does not require the use of current financial resources and is not reported as an expenditure in the Governmental Funds:

Change in Net Pension Liability	236,995
Change in Deferred Outflows	(87,485)
Change in Deferred Inflows	24,428

Change in Net Position - Governmental Funds (Exhibit A-2)

\$ 698,488

THE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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HIGH BRIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
PROPRIETARY FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2024

	Business-Type Activities
	Enterprise Funds
<u>ASSETS:</u>	
Current Assets:	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 66,715
Intergovernmental Accounts Receivable:	
State	88
Federal	1,467
Inventories	6,359
Total Current Assets	74,629
Non-Current Assets:	
Capital Assets	192,732
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(171,816)
Total Non-Current Assets	20,916
Total Assets	95,545
<u>LIABILITIES:</u>	
Current Liabilities:	
Accounts Payable	5,736
Unearned Revenue - Prepaid Sales	235
Unearned Revenue - Supply Chain Assistance	18,851
Unearned Revenue - Donated Commodities	2,405
Total Liabilities	27,227
<u>NET POSITION:</u>	
Investment in Capital Assets	20,916
Unrestricted	47,402
Total Net Position	\$ 68,318

THE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ARE AN
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HIGH BRIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION
PROPRIETARY FUNDS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	Business-Type Activities Enterprise Funds
Operating Revenue:	
Daily Sales:	
Reimbursable Programs	\$ 55,990
Non-Reimbursable Programs	21,561
Other Sales	799
Total Operating Revenue	78,350
Operating Expenses:	
Cost of Sales:	
Reimbursable Programs	55,636
Non-Reimbursable Programs	22,219
Salaries	44,486
Employee Benefits and Payroll Taxes	13,820
Other Purchased Services	9,000
Miscellaneous Expenses	12,927
Depreciation Expense	174
Total Operating Expenses	158,262
Operating Loss	(79,912)
Non-Operating Revenue:	
Local Sources:	
Interest Income	44
State Sources:	
State School lunch Program	2,054
Federal Sources:	
National School Lunch Program	34,830
School Breakfast Program	78
Food Distribution Program	12,796
COVID 19 - Supply Chain Assistance	16,045
COVID 19 - Pandemic EBT Cost Reimbursement	653
Total Non-Operating Revenue	66,500
Change in Net Position	(13,412)
Net Position - Beginning of Year (Restated)	81,730
Net Position - End of Year	\$ 68,318

THE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ARE AN
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HIGH BRIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
PROPRIETARY FUNDS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	Business-Type Activities Enterprise Funds
Cash Flows from Operating Activities:	
Receipts from Customers	\$ 77,536
Payments to Food Service Contractor	(133,205)
Payments to Suppliers	(11,160)
Net Cash (Used for) Operating Activities	(66,829)
Cash Flows from Financing Activities:	
Interest Income	44
Net Cash Provided by Capital and Related Financing Activities	44
Cash Flows from Capital and Related Financing Activities:	
Purchase of Capital Assets	(20,916)
Net Cash (Used for) Capital and Related Financing Activities	(20,916)
Cash Flows from Noncapital Financing Activities:	
Interfund Returned - General Fund	51,346
Net Cash Provided by Noncapital Financing Activities	51,346
Net Decrease in Cash and Cash Equivalents	(36,355)
Cash and Cash Equivalents, July 1	103,070
Cash and Cash Equivalents, June 30	\$ 66,715
Reconciliation of Operating (Loss) to Net Cash	
Used for Operating Activities:	
Adjustment to Reconcile Operating (Loss) to Net Cash	
Used for Operating Activities:	
Operating (Loss)	\$ (79,912)
Depreciation	174
Food Distribution Program	12,796
Changes in Assets and Liabilities:	
(Increase) in Inventory	(177)
Increase in Accounts Payable	1,488
(Decrease) in Unearned Revenue - Prepaid Sales	(814)
(Decrease) in Unearned Revenue - Donated Commodities	(384)
Net Cash (Used for) Operating Activities	\$ (66,829)

Noncash Investing, Capital and Financing Activities:

The Food Service Enterprise Fund received U.S.D.A. Commodities through the Food Distribution Program valued at \$12,412 and utilized U.S.D.A. Commodities valued at \$12,796.

THE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ARE
AN INTEGRAL PART OF THIS STATEMENT

HIGH BRIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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

A. Reporting Entity:

The Board is an instrumentality of the State of New Jersey, established to function as an educational institution. The Board consists of elected officials and is responsible for the fiscal control of the District. A superintendent is appointed by the Board and is responsible for the administrative control of the District.

Governmental Accounting Standards Board ("GASB") Codification Section 2100, "Defining the Financial Reporting Entity" establishes standards to determine whether a governmental component unit should be included in the financial reporting entity. Component units are legally separate organizations for which the elected officials of the primary government are financially accountable. In addition, component units can be other organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationship with a primary government are such that exclusion would cause the reporting entity's financial statements to be misleading. The primary government is financially accountable if it appoints a voting majority of the organization's governing body and (1) it is able to impose its will on that organization or (2) there is a potential for the organization to provide specific financial benefits to, or impose specific financial burdens on, the primary government. A legally separate, tax-exempt organization should be reported as a component unit of a reporting entity if all of the following criteria are met: (1) The economic resources received or held by the separate organization are entirely or almost entirely for the direct benefit of the primary government, its component units, or its constituents. (2) The primary government, or its component units, is entitled to, or has the ability to otherwise access, a majority of the economic resources received or held by the separate organization. (3). The economic resources received or held by an individual organization that the specific primary government, or its component units, is entitled to, or has the ability to otherwise access, are significant to that primary government. There were no additional entities required to be included in the reporting entity under the criteria as described above, in the current fiscal year. Furthermore, the District is not includable in any other reporting entity on the basis of such criteria.

B. Basis of Presentation:

District-Wide Financial Statements:

The statement of net position and the statement of activities present financial information about the District's governmental and business type activities. These statements include the financial activities of the overall District in its entirety. Eliminations have been made to minimize the double counting of internal transactions. These statements distinguish between the governmental and business type activities of the District. Governmental activities generally are financed through taxes, intergovernmental revenue and other nonexchange transactions. Business type activities are financed in part by fees charged to external parties.

The statement of activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenue for business-type activities and for each function of the District's governmental activities. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with and are clearly identifiable to a particular function. Indirect expenses are allocated to the functions using an appropriate allocation method or association with the specific function. Indirect expenses include health benefits, employer's share of payroll taxes, compensated absences and tuition reimbursements. Program revenue includes (a) charges paid by the recipients of goods or services offered by the programs, and (b) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program. Revenue that is not classified as program revenue, including all taxes, is presented as general revenue. The comparison of direct expenses with program revenues identifies the extent to which each government function or business segment is self-financing or draws from the general revenues of the District.

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NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Cont'd)

B. Basis of Presentation: (Cont'd)

Fund Financial Statements:

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

The District reports the following governmental funds:

General Fund: The General Fund is the general operating fund of the District and is used to account for all expendable financial resources not accounted for and reported in another fund. Included are certain expenditures for vehicles and movable instructional or noninstructional equipment which are classified in the capital outlay subfund.

As required by NJDOE, the District includes budgeted capital outlay in this fund. GAAP, as it pertains to governmental entities, states 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 revenue. Resources for budgeted capital outlay purposes are normally derived from State of New Jersey Aid, district taxes and appropriated fund balance. Expenditures are those that result in the acquisition of or additions to 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 and report the proceeds of specific revenue sources that are restricted or committed to expenditure for specified purposes other than debt service and capital projects. Thus, the Special Revenue Fund is used to account for the proceeds of specific revenue from State and Federal Governments (other than major capital projects, debt service or the enterprise funds) and local appropriations that are legally restricted or committed to expenditures for specified purposes.

Capital Projects Fund: The Capital Projects Fund is used to account for and report financial resources that are restricted, committed, or assigned to expenditure for capital outlays, including the acquisition or construction of capital facilities and other capital assets, lease assets, or subscription assets (other than those financed by proprietary funds). The financial resources are derived from temporary notes or serial bonds that are specifically authorized by the voters as a separate question on the ballot either during the annual election or at a special election, funds appropriated from the General Fund, and from aid provided by the state to offset the cost of approved capital projects.

Debt Service Fund: The Debt Service Fund is used to account for and report financial resources that are restricted, committed, or assigned to expenditures for principal and interest.

The District reports the following proprietary fund:

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

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NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Cont'd)

C. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

The district-wide financial statements and the proprietary fund financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenue is recorded when earned and expenses are recorded at the time liabilities are incurred, regardless of when the related cash transaction takes place. Non-exchange transactions, in which the District gives or receives value without directly receiving or giving equal value in exchange, include property taxes, grants, entitlements and donations. On an accrual basis, revenue from property taxes is recognized in the fiscal year for which the taxes are levied. Revenue from grants, entitlements and donations is recognized in the fiscal year in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied.

The governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under this method, revenue is recognized when measurable and available. The District considers all revenue reported in the governmental funds to be available if the revenue is collected within sixty days after the end of the fiscal year. Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred, except for principal and interest on general long-term debt, claims and judgments, and compensated absences which are recognized as expenditures to the extent they have matured. Capital asset, lease asset, or subscription asset acquisitions are reported as expenditures in the governmental funds. Proceeds of general long-term debt and acquisitions under financed purchases are reported as other financing sources.

It is the District's policy that when an expenditure is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted (committed, assigned, or unassigned) amounts are available, to apply restricted resources first followed by unrestricted resources. Similarly, within unrestricted fund balance, it is the District's policy to apply committed resources first followed by assigned resources and then unassigned resources when an expenditure is incurred for purposes for which amounts in any of those unrestricted fund balance classifications could be used.

Under the terms of grant agreements, the District may fund certain programs by a combination of specific cost-reimbursement grants, categorical block grants and general revenue. Therefore, when program expenses are incurred, both restricted and unrestricted net position may be available to finance the program. It is the District's policy to first apply cost-reimbursement grant resources to such programs, followed by general revenue.

D. Budgets/Budgetary Control:

Annual appropriated budgets are prepared in the spring of each year for the general, special revenue, and debt service funds. The budget for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024 was submitted to the County office and was approved by a vote of the Board of Education. 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. 6:20-2A.2(m)1. Transfers of appropriations may be made by School Board resolution at any time during the fiscal year. All budget amendments/transfers must be made by School Board resolution. All budgetary amounts presented in the accompanying supplementary information reflect the original budget and the amended budget (which have been adjusted for legally authorized revisions of the annual budget during the year).

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 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.

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NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Cont'd)

D. Budgets/Budgetary Control: (Cont'd)

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

The General Fund and Special Revenue Fund budgetary revenue differs from GAAP revenue due to a difference in recognition of the last two state aid payments for the current year. Since the State is recording the last two state aid payments in the subsequent fiscal year, the District cannot recognize these payments on the GAAP financial statements.

	General Fund	Special Revenue Fund
Sources/Inflows of Resources:		
Actual Amounts (Budgetary Basis) "Revenue"		
from the Budgetary Comparison Schedule	\$ 10,377,988	\$ 1,317,202
Differences - Budget to GAAP:		
Grant Accounting Budgetary Basis Differs from GAAP in that the Budgetary basis recognizes Encumbrances as Expenditures and Revenue whereas the GAAP basis does not.		
Current Year Encumbrances		(13,303)
Cancellation of Prior Year Encumbrances		(5)
Prior Year Encumbrances		13,891
Prior Year State Aid Payments Recognized for GAAP Statements, not Recognized for Budgetary Purposes	109,841	84,234
Current Year State Aid Payments Recognized for Budgetary Purposes, not Recognized for GAAP Statements	(75,066)	(86,199)
Total Revenues as Reported on the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances - Governmental Funds.	<u>\$ 10,412,763</u>	<u>\$ 1,315,820</u>
Uses/Outflows of Resources:		
Actual Amounts (Budgetary Basis) "Total Outflows" from the Budgetary Comparison Schedule	\$ 10,359,244	\$ 1,378,901
Differences - Budget to GAAP:		
Encumbrances for supplies and equipment ordered but not received are reported in the year the order is placed for budgetary purposes, but in the year the supplies are received for financial reporting purposes.		
Current Year Encumbrances		(13,303)
Cancellation of Prior Year Encumbrances		(5)
Prior Year Encumbrances		13,891
Total Expenditures as Reported on the Statement of Revenue, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances - Governmental Funds	<u>\$ 10,359,244</u>	<u>\$ 1,379,484</u>

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NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Cont'd)

E. Cash and Cash Equivalents and Investments:

Cash and cash equivalents include petty cash and cash in banks. Certificates of deposit with maturities of one year or less when purchased are stated at cost.

The District generally records investments at fair value and records the unrealized gains and losses as part of investment income. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an investment in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. The District categorizes its fair value measurements within the fair value hierarchy established by generally accepted accounting principles. The hierarchy is based on the valuation inputs used to measure the fair value of the asset. Level 1 inputs are quoted prices in active markets for identical assets; Level 2 inputs are significant other observable inputs; Level 3 inputs are significant unobservable inputs.

New Jersey school districts are limited as to the type of investments and types of financial institutions they may invest in. New Jersey Statute 18A:20-37 provides a list of permissible investments that may be purchased by New Jersey school districts. 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 a 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 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 of at least equal to five percent of the average daily balance of collected public funds, to secure the deposits of Government Units. If a public depository fails, the collateral it pledged, plus the collateral of all the other public depositories, is available to pay the full amount of their deposits to the Governmental Units.

F. Interfund Transactions:

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

On fund financial statements, short-term interfund loans are classified as interfund receivables/payables. These amounts are eliminated in the statement of net position, except for amounts due between governmental and business-type activities, which are presented as internal balances.

G. Allowance for Uncollectible Accounts:

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

H. 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 restricted, committed and/or assigned fund balances at fiscal year end as they do not constitute expenditures or liabilities but rather commitments related to unperformed contracts for goods and services.

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(Continued)

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Cont'd)

H. Encumbrances: (Cont'd)

Open encumbrances in the special revenue fund for which the District has received advances are reflected in the balance sheet 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.

I. Short-term Interfund Receivables/Payables:

Short-term 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.

J. Inventories and Prepaid Expenses:

Inventories and prepaid expenses, which benefit future periods, other than those recorded in the enterprise fund, are recorded as an expenditure during the year of purchase.

Enterprise fund inventories are valued at cost, which approximates market, using the first-in, first-out (FIFO) method. Prepaid expenses in the enterprise fund represent payments made to vendors for services that will benefit periods beyond June 30, 2024.

K. Capital Assets:

The District has established a formal system of accounting for its capital assets. Capital assets acquired or constructed prior to the establishment of the formal system are valued at cost based on historical records or through estimation procedures performed by an independent appraisal company. Land has been recorded at estimated historical cost. Donated capital assets are valued at acquisition value. The cost of normal maintenance and repairs is not capitalized. The District does not possess any infrastructure. Capital assets have been reviewed for impairment.

The capitalization threshold (the dollar value above which asset acquisitions are added to the capital asset accounts) is \$2,000. The depreciation method is straight-line. The estimated useful lives of capital assets reported in the district-wide statements and proprietary funds are as follows:

	<u>Estimated Useful Life</u>
Buildings and Building Improvements	50 years
Site Improvements	20 years
Furniture, Machinery, and Equipment	10 to 15 years
Computer and Related Technology	5 years
Vehicles	8 years

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

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NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Cont'd)

L. Lease Assets:

Intangible right-to-use lease assets are assets which the District leases for a term of more than one year. The value of leases are determined by the net present value of the leases at the District's incremental borrowing rate at the time of the lease agreement, amortized over the term of the agreement.

M. Subscription Assets:

Intangible right-to-use subscription assets are subscription-based information technology arrangements (SBITAs) with subscription terms of more than one year. The value of subscription assets is determined by the sum of the subscription liability and payments made to the SBITA vendor, including capitalizable initial implementation costs, before the commencement date of the subscription term.

N. Long Term Liabilities:

In the district-wide and enterprise fund statements of net position, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the applicable governmental activities, business-type activities, or enterprise funds. Bond premium and discounts, are reported as deferred charges and amortized over the term of the related debt using the straight-line method of amortization. In the fund financial statements, the face amount of debt issued is reported as other financing sources. Premiums received on debt issuances are reported as other financing sources while discounts on debt issuances are reported as other financing uses.

O. Accrued Salaries and Wages:

The District does not allow employees who provide services over the ten-month academic year the option to have their salaries evenly distributed during the entire twelve-month year, therefore, there are no accrued salaries and wages as of June 30, 2024.

P. Compensated Absences:

The District accounts for compensated absences (e.g., unused vacation, sick leave) as directed by GASB. A liability for compensated absences attributable to services already rendered and not contingent on a specific event that is outside the control of the employer and employee is accrued as employees earn the rights to the benefits.

District employees are granted varying amounts of vacation and sick leave in accordance with the District's personnel policy. In the event of termination, an employee is reimbursed for accumulated vacation. Upon retirement, employees shall be paid by the District for the unused sick leave in accordance with the District's agreements with the various employee contracts/agreements.

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

Q. Lease Payable

In the district-wide financial statements, leases payable are reported as liabilities in the Statement of Net Position. In the governmental fund financial statements, the present value of lease payments is reported as other financing sources.

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NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Cont'd)

R. Unearned Revenue:

Unearned revenue in the special revenue fund represents cash which has been received but not yet earned. See Note 1(D) regarding the special revenue fund.

S. Subscription Payable:

In the district-wide financial statements, subscription payables are reported as liabilities in the Statement of Net Position. In the governmental Fund financial statements, the present value of subscription payments at the District's incremental borrowing rate over the subscription term is reported as other financing sources.

T. Fund Balance Appropriated:

General Fund: Of the \$5,667,423 General Fund fund balance at June 30, 2024, \$2,859,781 is restricted in the capital reserve account; \$577,331 is restricted in the maintenance reserve account; \$610,610 is current year excess surplus and will be anticipated and included as anticipated revenue for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026; \$651,018 is prior fiscal year excess surplus and is included as anticipated revenue for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025; \$202,187 is assigned for year end encumbrances; \$230,954 is restricted for unemployment compensation; and \$535,542 is unassigned, which is \$75,066 more than the calculated maximum unassigned fund balance, on a GAAP Basis, due to the final state aid payments, which are not recognized until the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025.

Special Revenue Fund: The Special Revenue Fund had a deficit in fund balance of \$66,273 at June 30, 2024. There is a deficit in unassigned fund balance of \$86,199 due to the last two state aid payments, which are not recognized on a GAAP Basis, and \$19,926 is restricted for student activities.

Calculation of Excess Surplus: In accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:7F-7 as amended by P.L. 2004, c.73 (S1701), the designation for Restricted Fund Balance-Excess Surplus is a required calculation. New Jersey school districts are required to restrict General Fund fund balance at the fiscal year end of June 30 if they did not appropriate a required minimum amount as budgeted fund balance in their subsequent year's budget. The District had excess surplus as noted above.

The District's unassigned fund balance in the General Fund and Special Revenue Fund is less on a GAAP basis than the budgetary basis by \$75,066 and \$86,199 respectively as reported in the fund statements (modified accrual basis). P.L. 2003, C.97 provides that in the event a state school aid payment is not made until the following school budget year, districts must record the last state aid payment as revenue, for budget purposes only, in the current school budget year. The bill provides legal authority for school districts to recognize this revenue in the current budget year. For intergovernmental transactions, GASB Statement No. 33 requires that recognition (revenue, expenditure, asset, liability) should be in symmetry, i.e., if one government recognizes an asset, the other government recognizes a liability. Since the State is recording the last state aid payments in the subsequent fiscal year, the school district cannot recognize the last state aid payments on the GAAP financial statements until the year the State records the payable. The excess surplus calculation is calculated using the fund balance reported on the Budgetary Comparison Schedule, including the final state aid payments and not the fund balance reported on the fund statement which excludes the last state aid payments.

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(Continued)

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Cont'd)

U. Deficit in Net Position/Fund Balance:

The District has a deficit in unassigned fund balance of \$86,199 and a total deficit in fund balance of \$66,273 in the Special Revenue Fund due to the last two state aid payments for the Preschool Education Aid Program payments which are not recognized as revenue as of June 30, 2024.

V. Net Position:

Net position is the difference between (a) assets and deferred outflows of resources and (b) liabilities and deferred inflows of resources.

A deferred outflow of resources is a consumption of net position by the District that is applicable to a future reporting period. A deferred inflow of resources is an acquisition of net position by the District that is applicable to a future reporting period. The District had deferred outflows of resources at June 30, 2024 related to pensions.

The District had a deferred inflow of resources at June 30, 2024 related to pensions.

Net position is displayed in three components - net investment in capital assets; restricted and unrestricted.

The net investment in capital assets component of net position consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, lease assets, net of accumulated amortization, and subscription assets, net of accumulated amortization reduced by the outstanding balances of borrowings that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets. Deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets or related debt also would be included in this component of net position.

The restricted component of net position consists of restricted assets reduced by liabilities and deferred inflows of resources related to those assets.

The unrestricted component of net position is the net amount of the assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources that are not included in the determination of net investment in capital assets or the restricted component of net position

W. Fund Balance Restrictions, Commitments and Assignments:

The restricted fund balance category includes amounts that can be spent only for the specific purposes stipulated by constitution, external resource providers, or through enabling legislation. The committed fund balance classification includes amounts that can be used only for the specific purposes determined for a formal action of the District's highest level of decision-making authority. Amounts in the assigned fund balance classification are intended to be used by the government for specific purposes but do not meet the criteria to be classified as restricted or committed. Unassigned fund balance is the residual classification for the District's General Fund and includes all spendable amounts not contained in the other classifications. In other funds, the unassigned classifications should be used only to report a deficit balance resulting from overspending for specific purposes for which amounts have been restricted, committed or assigned.

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NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Cont'd)

W. Fund Balance Restrictions, Commitments and Assignments (Cont'd):

Fund balance restrictions have been established for excess surplus, a capital reserve, a maintenance reserve, unemployment compensation, and student activities.

The District Board of Education has the responsibility to formally commit resources for specific purposes through a motion or a resolution passed by a majority of the Members of the Board of Education at a public meeting of that governing body. The Board of Education must also utilize a formal motion or a resolution passed by a majority of the Members of the Board of Education at a public meeting of that governing body in order to remove or change the commitment of resources. The District has no committed resources at June 30, 2024.

The assignment of resources is generally made by the District Board of Education through a motion or a resolution passed by a majority of the Members of the Board of Education. These resources are intended to be used for a specific purpose. The process is not as restrictive as the commitment of resources and the Board of Education may allow an official of the District to assign resources through policies adopted by the Board of Education. The District has assigned resources in the General Fund for encumbrances at June 30, 2024.

X. Revenue - Exchange and Nonexchange Transactions:

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

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

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

Y. Operating Revenue and Expenses:

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

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NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Cont'd)

Z. Management Estimates:

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

AA. Pensions:

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

NOTE 2. EXPLANATION OF CERTAIN DIFFERENCES BETWEEN GOVERNMENTAL FUND STATEMENTS AND DISTRICT-WIDE STATEMENTS

Due to the differences in the measurement focus and basis of accounting used on the government fund statements and district-wide statements, certain financial transactions are treated differently. The basic financial statements contain a full reconciliation of these items.

NOTE 3. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AND INVESTMENTS

The Board classifies certificates of deposit which have original maturity dates of more than three months but less than twelve months from the date of purchase, as investments.

GASB requires disclosure of the level of custodial credit risk assumed by the District in its cash, cash equivalents and investments, if those items are uninsured or unregistered. Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the government's deposits may not be returned.

Interest Rate Risk - In accordance with its cash management plan, the District ensures that any deposit or investment matures within the time period that approximates the prospective need for the funds, deposited or invested, so that there is not a risk to the market value of such deposits or investments.

Credit Risk - The District limits its investments to those authorized in its cash management plan which are those permitted under state statute as detailed in the section of this note on investments.

Custodial Credit Risk – The District's policy with respect to custodial credit risk requires that the District ensures that District funds are only deposited in financial institutions in which New Jersey school districts are permitted to invest their funds.

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NOTE 3. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AND INVESTMENTS (Cont'd)

Deposits:

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

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

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

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

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

Investments:

New Jersey statutes permit the Board to purchase the following types of securities:

- (1) Bonds or other obligations of the United States of America or obligations guaranteed by the United States of America;
- (2) Government money market mutual funds;
- (3) Any obligation that a federal agency or a federal instrumentality has issued in accordance with an act of Congress, which security has a maturity date not greater than 397 days from the date of purchase, provided that such obligation bears a fixed rate of interest not dependent on any index or other external factor;
- (4) Bonds or other obligations of the school district or bonds or other obligations of the local unit or units within which the school district is located;
- (5) Bonds or other obligations, having a maturity date not more than 397 days from the date of purchase, issued by New Jersey school districts, municipalities, counties, and entities subject to the "Local Authorities Fiscal Control Law", P.L. 1983, c.313 (C.40A:5A-1 et seq.). Other bonds or obligations having a maturity date not more than 397 days from the date of purchase may be approved by the Division of Investment in the Department of the Treasury for investment by local units;
- (6) Local government investment pools;

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NOTE 3. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AND INVESTMENTS (Cont'd)

Investments: (Cont'd)

- (7) Deposits with the State of New Jersey Cash Management Fund established pursuant to section 1 of P.L. 1977, c.281 (C.52:18A-90.4) ; or
- (8) Agreements for the repurchase of fully collateralized securities if:
 - (a) the underlying securities are permitted investments pursuant to paragraphs (1) and (3) of this subsection a. or are bonds or other obligations, having a maturity date of not more than 397 days from the date of purchase, issued by New Jersey school districts, municipalities, counties, and entities subject to the requirements of the "Local Authorities Fiscal Control Law," P.L. 1983, c.313 (C.40A:5A-1 et seq.);
 - (b) the custody of collateral is transferred to a third party;
 - (c) the maturity of the agreement is not more than 30 days;
 - (d) the underlying securities are purchased through a public depository as defined in section 1 of P.L. 1970, c.236 (C.17:9-41); and
 - (e) a master repurchase agreement providing for the custody and security of collateral is executed; or
- (9) Deposit of funds in accordance with the following conditions:
 - (a) The funds are initially invested through a public depository as defined in section 1 of P.L. 1970, c. 236 (C.17:9-41) designated by the school district;
 - (b) The designated public depository arranges for the deposit of the funds in deposit accounts in one or more federally insured banks, savings banks or savings and loan associations or credit unions for the account of the school district;
 - (c) 100 percent of the principal and accrued interest of each deposit is insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or the National Credit Union Share Insurance Fund;
 - (d) The designated public depository acts as custodian for the school district with respect to these deposits; and
 - (e) On the same date that the school district's funds are deposited pursuant to subparagraph (b) of this paragraph, the designated public depository receives an amount of deposits from customers of other financial institutions, wherever located, equal to the amounts of funds initially invested by the school district through the designated public depository.

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NOTE 3. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AND INVESTMENTS (Cont'd)

Investments: (Cont'd)

As of June 30, 2024, cash and cash equivalents of the District consisted of the following:

	Cash and Cash Equivalents	Restricted Cash and Cash Equivalents				Total
		Capital Reserve Account	Maintenance Reserve Account	Unemployment Compensation	Student Activities	
Checking & Savings Accounts	\$ 2,229,330	\$ 2,859,781	\$ 577,331	\$ 230,954	\$ 19,926	\$ 5,917,322
	<u>\$ 2,229,330</u>	<u>\$ 2,859,781</u>	<u>\$ 577,331</u>	<u>\$ 230,954</u>	<u>\$ 19,926</u>	<u>\$ 5,917,322</u>

During the period ended June 30, 2024 the District did not hold any investments. The carrying amount of the Board's cash and cash equivalents at June 30, 2024, was \$5,917,322 and the bank balance was \$4,617,777.

NOTE 4. CAPITAL RESERVE ACCOUNT

A capital reserve account was established by the High Bridge Board of Education by inclusion of \$1 on October 9, 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 District's approved Long Range Facilities Plan (LRFP). Upon submission of the LRFP to the State Department of Education, a district may increase the balance in the capital reserve by appropriating funds in the annual general fund budget certified for taxes or by transfer by board resolution at year end of any unanticipated revenue or unexpended line item appropriation amounts, or both. A district may also appropriate additional amounts when the express approval of the voters has been obtained either by a separate proposal at budget time or by a special question at one of the four special elections authorized pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:60-2. Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6:23A-5.1(d)7, the balance in the account cannot at any time exceed the local support costs of uncompleted capital projects in its approved LRFP.

The activity of the capital reserve for the July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024 fiscal year is as follows:

Beginning Balance, July 1, 2023	\$ 2,215,516
Increased by:	
Interest Earnings	40,314
Board Resolution June 2024	708,000
	<u>2,963,830</u>
Decreased by:	
Withdrawal by Resolution	<u>(104,049)</u>
Ending Balance, June 30, 2024	<u>\$ 2,859,781</u>

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NOTE 4. CAPITAL RESERVE ACCOUNT (Cont'd)

The June 30, 2024 Capital Reserve balance does not exceed the local support costs of uncompleted capital projects in the District's Long Range Facilities Plan ("LRFP"). The withdrawals from the capital reserve account was for use in DOE approved facilities projects, consistent with the District's LRFP.

NOTE 5. MAINTENANCE RESERVE ACCOUNT

A maintenance reserve account in the amount of \$1 was established by the High Bridge Board of Education on June 30, 2003. The funds for the establishment of this reserve were withdrawn from unassigned general fund balance. These funds are restricted to be used for specific activities necessary for the purpose of keeping a school facility open and safe for use or in its original condition, and for keeping its constituent buildings systems fully and efficiently functional and for keeping their warranties valid but cannot be used for routine or capital maintenance. The purpose of the reserve is to provide funds for anticipated expenditures required to maintain a building.

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:26A-4.2 funds may be deposited into the maintenance reserve account at any time by board resolution to meet the required maintenance of the district by transferring unassigned general fund balance or by transferring excess, unassigned general fund balance that is anticipated to be deposited during the current year in the advertised recapitulation of balances of the subsequent year's budget that is certified for taxes. Funds may be withdrawn from the maintenance reserve account and appropriated into the required maintenance account lines at budget time or any time during the year by board resolution for use on required maintenance activities by school facility as reported in the comprehensive maintenance plan. Funds withdrawn from the maintenance reserve account are restricted to required maintenance appropriations and may not be transferred to any other line-item account. In any year that maintenance reserve account funds are withdrawn, unexpended required maintenance appropriations, up to the amount of maintenance reserve account funds withdrawn, shall be restored to the maintenance reserve account at year-end. At no time, shall the maintenance reserve account have a balance that exceeds four percent of the replacement cost of the current year of the district's school facilities. If the account exceeds this maximum amount at June 30, the excess shall be restricted and designated in the subsequent year's budget. The maintenance reserve account is maintained in the general fund and its activity is included in the general fund annual budget.

The activity of the maintenance reserve for the July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024 fiscal year is as follows:

Beginning Balance, July 1, 2023	\$ 544,551
Increased by:	
Interest Earnings	10,275
Board Resolution June 2024	68,000
	<hr/> 78,275
Decreased by:	
Withdrawal by Resolution	<hr/> (45,495)
Ending Balance, June 30, 2024	<hr/> <hr/> \$ 577,331

NOTE 6. TRANSFERS TO CAPITAL OUTLAY

During the year ended June 30, 2024, the District transferred \$430 to the Capital Outlay accounts for equipment which did not require County Superintendent approval. The District also transferred \$3,914 to the facilities and acquisition and construction services account, which the District received required County Superintendent approval.

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NOTE 7. CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital asset balances and activity for the year ended June 30, 2024 were as follows:

	(Restated) Beginning Balance	Increases	Adjustments/ Decreases	Ending Balance
Governmental Activities:				
Capital Assets not Being Depreciated:				
Sites (Land)	\$ 4,826,600			\$ 4,826,600
Construction in Progress	12,119			12,119
Total Capital Assets Not Being Depreciated	4,838,719			4,838,719
Capital Assets Being Depreciated:				
Site Improvements	461,991			461,991
Buildings and Building Improvements	4,934,293	\$ 198,612		5,132,905
Machinery and Equipment	2,072,575	173,200		2,245,775
Total Capital Assets Being Depreciated	7,468,859	371,812		7,840,671
Governmental Activities Capital Assets	12,307,578	371,812		12,679,390
Less Accumulated Depreciation for:				
Site Improvements	(363,353)	(8,203)		(371,556)
Buildings and Building Improvements	(2,751,950)	(103,983)		(2,855,933)
Machinery and Equipment	(1,757,464)	(39,641)		(1,797,105)
	(4,872,767)	(151,827)		(5,024,594)
Governmental Activities Capital Assets, Net of Accumulated Depreciation	\$ 7,434,811	\$ 219,985	\$ - 0 -	\$ 7,654,796
Business Type Activities:				
Capital Assets Being Depreciated:				
Furniture and Equipment	\$ 171,816	\$ 20,916		\$ 192,732
Less Accumulated Depreciation	(171,642)	(174)		(171,816)
Business Type Activities Capital Assets, Net of Accumulated Depreciation	\$ 174	\$ 20,742	\$ - 0 -	\$ 20,916

Depreciation expense was charged to governmental functions as follows:

Regular Instruction	\$ 3,113
Special Education Instruction	2,839
Other Special Instruction	1,898
Other Instruction	1,670
Student and Instruction Related Services	1,928
School Administrative Services	2,095
General Administrative Services	8,001
Operations and Maintenance of Plant	130,283
	<u>\$ 151,827</u>

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NOTE 8. LEASE ASSETS

Lease asset balances and activity for the year ended June 30, 2024 were as follows:

	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Increases</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
Governmental Activities:			
Lease Assets Being Amortized:			
Machinery and Equipment	\$ 31,034		\$ 31,034
Total Lease Assets Being Amortized	<u>31,034</u>		<u>31,034</u>
Governmental Activities Lease Assets	<u>31,034</u>		<u>31,034</u>
Less Accumulated Amortization for:			
Machinery and Equipment	(30,394)	\$ (640)	(31,034)
	<u>(30,394)</u>	<u>(640)</u>	<u>(31,034)</u>
Governmental Activities Lease Assets, Net of Accumulated Amortization	<u>\$ 640</u>	<u>\$ (640)</u>	<u>\$ -0-</u>

Amortization expense was charged to governmental functions as follows:

Regular Instruction	\$ 640
	<u>\$ 640</u>

NOTE 9. LONG-TERM LIABILITIES

During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, the following changes occurred in liabilities reported in the district-wide financial statements:

	<u>Balance 6/30/2023</u>	<u>Accrued</u>	<u>Retired</u>	<u>Balance 6/30/2024</u>
Bonds Payable	\$ 1,480,000		\$ 465,000	\$ 1,015,000
Compensated Absences Payable	107,780	\$ 171,685	12,605	266,860
Leases Payable	711		711	
Net Pension Liability	898,603		236,995	661,608
	<u>\$ 2,487,094</u>	<u>\$ 171,685</u>	<u>\$ 714,600</u>	<u>\$ 1,943,468</u>

A. Bonds Payable:

Bonds are authorized in accordance with State law by the voters of the municipality through referendums. All bonds are retired in serial installments within the statutory period of usefulness. Bonds issued by the Board are general obligation bonds.

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NOTE 9. LONG-TERM LIABILITIES (Cont'd)

A. Bonds Payable: (Cont'd)

The District had bonds outstanding as of June 30, 2024 as follows:

<u>Serial Bonds - 1999 Refunding Bonds</u>		
<u>Final Maturity Date</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2/15/2026	4.90%	<u>\$ 1,015,000</u>

Principal and interest due on serial bonds outstanding are as follows:

<u>Fiscal Year Ending June 30,</u>	<u>Bonds</u>		<u>Total</u>
	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	
2025	\$ 495,000	\$ 50,120	\$ 545,120
2026	520,000	25,110	545,110
	<u>\$ 1,015,000</u>	<u>\$ 75,230</u>	<u>\$ 1,090,230</u>

The bonds will be liquidated by the Debt Service Fund.

B. Bonds Authorized But Not Issued:

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

C. Compensated Absences Payable:

The liability for compensated absences of the governmental fund types is recorded as a long-term liability. There is no current portion of the compensated absences balance of the governmental funds and business type activities in the current year. The long term portion compensated absences of the governmental funds as of June 30, 2024 is \$266,860.

Compensated absences will be liquidated by the General Fund.

D. Net Pension Liability:

The Public Employees' Retirement System's (PERS) net pension liability of the governmental fund types is recorded in the current and long-term liabilities and will be liquidated by the General Fund. The current portion of the net pension liability at June 30, 2024 is \$0 and the long-term portion is \$661,608. See Note 10 for further information on the PERS.

E. Financed Purchases Payable:

As of June 30, 2024, the Board had no finances purchases payable.

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NOTE 10. PENSION PLANS

Substantially all of the Board's employees participate in one of the two contributory, defined benefit public employee retirement systems: the Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund (TPAF) or the Public Employee's Retirement System (PERS) of New Jersey; or the Defined Contribution Retirement Program (DCRP) a tax-qualified defined contribution money purchase pension plan under Internal Revenue Code (IRC)401(a).

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 the PERS, please refer to the Division's annual financial statements which can be found at www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions/annual-reports.shtml.

Benefits Provided

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. The following represents the membership tiers for PERS:

<u>Tier</u>	<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

Service retirement benefits of 1/55th 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 1/60th of final average salary for each year of service credit is available to Tier 4 members upon reaching age 62 and to Tier 5 members upon reaching age 65. Early retirement benefits are available to Tiers 1 and 2 members before reaching age 60, to Tiers 3 and 4 with 25 or more years of service credit before age 62 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 members retires prior to the age at which a member can receive full early retirement benefits in accordance with their respective tier. Tier 1 members can receive an unreduced benefit from age 50 to age 60 if they have at least 25 years of service. 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.

Contributions

The contribution policy for PERS is set by N.J.S.A. 43:15A and requires contributions by active members and contributing members. 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.

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NOTE 10. PENSION PLANS (Cont'd)

A. Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) (Cont'd)

Contributions (Cont'd)

The local employers' contribution amounts are based on an actuarially determined rate which includes the normal cost and unfunded accrued liability. Chapter 19, P.L. 2009 provided an option for local employers of PERS to contribute 50% of the normal and accrued liability contribution amounts certified for payments due in State fiscal year 2009. Such employers will be credited with the full payment and any such amounts will not be included in their unfunded liability. The actuaries will determine the unfunded liability of those retirement systems, by employer, for the reduced normal and accrued liability contributions provided under this law. This unfunded liability will be paid by the employer in level annual payments over a period of 15 years, beginning with the payments due in the fiscal year ended June 30, 2012 and will be adjusted by the rate of return on the actuarial value of assets. District contributions to PERS amounted to \$61,049 for 2024. During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023, the State of New Jersey contribute \$2,063 to the PERS for normal pensions benefits on behalf of the District.

The employee contribution rate was 7.50% effective July 1, 2018.

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, is Chapter 366, P.L. 2001 and Chapter 133, P.L. 2001. The amounts contributed on behalf of the local participating employers under the legislation is considered to be special funding situation as defined by GASB Statement No. 68 and the State is treated as a nonemployer contributing entity. Since the local participating employers do not contribute 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 statement of the local participating employers related to the legislation. However, the notes to the financial statements of the local participating employers must disclose the portion of the nonemployer contributing entity's total proportionate share of the collective net pension liability that is associated with the local participating employer. In addition, each local participating employer must disclose pension expense as well as revenue associated with the employers in an amount equal to the nonemployer contributing entity's total proportionate share of the collective pension expense associated with the local participating employer.

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

At June 30, 2024, the District reported a liability of \$661,608 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2023, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2022 which was rolled forward to June 30, 2023. The District's proportion of the net pension liability was based on a projection of the District's long-term share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the projected contributions of all participating members, actuarially determined. At June 30, 2023, the District's proportion was 0.00457%, which was a decrease of 0.00139% from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2022.

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NOTE 10. PENSION PLANS (Cont'd)

A. Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) (Cont'd)

Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions (Cont'd)

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, the District recognized an actual pension benefit of \$113,610. Additionally, for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023, the State of New Jersey recognized pension expense on behalf of the District in the amount of \$2,063 and the District recognized pension expense and revenue for that same amount in the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024 financial statements.

There was no state proportionate share of net pension liability attributable to the District as of June 30, 2023.

At June 30, 2024, the District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	<u>Year of Deferral</u>	<u>Amortization Period in Years</u>	<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>
Changes in Assumptions	2019	5.21		\$ 3,594
	2020	5.16		32,700
	2021	5.13	\$ 1,453	
	2022	5.04		3,802
			<u>1,453</u>	<u>40,096</u>
Changes in Proportion	2019	5.21		23,641
	2020	5.16	42,645	
	2021	5.13	3,626	
	2022	5.04	23,035	
	2023	5.08		185,624
			<u>69,306</u>	<u>209,265</u>
Difference Between Expected and Actual Experience	2019	5.21	275	
	2020	5.16	1,822	
	2021	5.13		1,155
	2022	5.04		1,549
	2023	5.08	4,229	
			<u>6,326</u>	<u>2,704</u>
Net Difference Between Projected and Actual Investment Earnings on Pension Plan Investments	2020	5.00	10,245	
	2021	5.00	(85,209)	
	2022	5.00	101,379	
	2023	5.00	(23,368)	
			<u>3,047</u>	
Contribution Subsequent to Measurement Date	2023	1.00	75,000	
			<u>\$ 155,132</u>	<u>\$ 252,065</u>

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NOTE 10. PENSION PLANS (Cont'd)

A. Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) (Cont'd)

Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions (Cont'd)

Amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources (excluding employer specific amounts including the District's contribution subsequent to the measurement date) related to pensions will be recognized in the pension benefit as follows:

Fiscal Year Ending June 30,	Total
2024	\$ (58,024)
2025	(49,829)
2026	(10,452)
2027	(50,067)
2028	(3,561)
	<u>\$ (171,933)</u>

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:

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

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 a 99.7% adjustment for females, and with future improvement from the base year of 2010 on a generational basis. Disability retirement rates used to value disabled retirees were based on the Pub-2010 Non-Safety Disabled Retiree mortality table with a 127.7% adjustment for males and 117.2% adjustment for females, and with future improvement from the base year of 2010 on a generational basis. Mortality improvement is based on Scale MP-2021.

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

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NOTE 10. PENSION PLANS (Cont'd)

A. Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) (Cont'd)

Long Term Expected Rate of Return

In accordance with State statute, the long-term expected rate of return on pension 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 PERS' target asset allocation as of June 30, 2023 are summarized in the following table:

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return
U.S. Equity	28.00%	8.98%
Non-U.S. Developed Market Equity	12.75%	9.22%
International Small Cap Equity	1.25%	9.22%
Emerging Markets 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%

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 nonemployer contributing entity will be based upon 100% of the actuarially determined contributions for the State employer and 100% of actuarially determined contributions for the local employers. Based on those assumptions, the plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on plan investments was applied to all projected benefit payments in determining the total pension liability.

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NOTE 10. PENSION PLANS (Cont'd)

A. Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) (Cont'd)

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

The following presents the District's proportionate share of the collective net pension liability as of June 30, 2023 calculated using the discount rate as disclosed below, 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:

	June 30, 2023		
	1% Decrease (6.00%)	Current Discount Rate (7.00%)	1% Increase (8.00%)
District's proportionate share of the Net Pension Liability	\$ 861,240	\$ 661,608	\$ 491,648

Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position

Detailed information about the pension plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued PERS financial statements.

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. The TPAF is administered by the State of New Jersey Division of Pensions and Benefits (the Division). For additional information about the TPAF, please refer to the Division's annual financial statements which can be found at www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions/annual-reports.shtml.

Benefits Provided

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. 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

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NOTE 10. PENSION PLANS (Cont'd)

B. Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund (TPAF) (Cont'd)

Benefits Provided (Cont'd)

Service retirement benefits of $1/55^{\text{th}}$ 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 $1/60^{\text{th}}$ of final average salary for each year of service credit is available to Tier 4 members upon reaching age 62 and to Tier 5 members upon reaching age 65. Early retirement benefits are available to Tiers 1 and 2 members before reaching age 60, to 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 members 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.

Contributions

The contribution policy for TPAF is set by N.J.S.A. 18A:66 and requires contributions by active members and contributing members. 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 included the employer portion of the normal cost and an amortization of the unfunded accrued liability. For fiscal year 2023, the State's pension contribution was more 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, these local participating employers are considered to be in a special funding situation as defined by GASB Statement No. 68 and the State is treated as a nonemployer contributing entity. Since the local participating employers do not contribute directly to the plan (except for employer specific financed amounts), there is no net pension liability or deferred outflows or inflows to report in the financial statements of the local participating employers. However, the notes to the financial statements of the local participating employers must disclose the portion of the nonemployer contributing entities' total proportionate share of the net pension liability that is associated with the local participating employer. In addition, each local participating employer must recognize pension expense associated with the employer as well as revenue in an amount equal to the nonemployer contributing entities' total proportionate share of the collective pension expense associated with the local participating employer. During the fiscal year ended 2024, the State of New Jersey contributed \$1,392,426 to the TPAF for normal pension benefits on behalf of the District, which is more than the contractually required contribution of \$438,210.

The employee contribution rate was 7.50% effective July 1, 2018.

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

At June 30, 2024, the State's proportionate share of the net pension liability associated with the District was \$17,837,285. 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 District's proportion of the net pension liability was based on a projection of the District's long-term share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the projected contributions of all participating members, actuarially determined. At June 30, 2023, the District's proportion was 0.035%, which was an increase of 0.001% from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2022.

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NOTE 10. PENSION PLANS (Cont'd)

B. Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund (TPAF) (Cont'd)

Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions (Cont'd)

District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	\$ -0-
State's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability Associated with the District	<u>17,837,285</u>
Total	<u><u>\$ 17,837,285</u></u>

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023, the State recognized pension expense on behalf of the District in the amount of \$1,456,348 and the District recognized pension expense and revenue for that same amount in the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024 financial statements.

The State reported collective deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources (excluding employer specific amounts) related to pensions from the following sources:

	Year of Deferral	Amortization Period in Years	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Changes in Assumptions	2016	8.30	\$ 391,340,712	
	2017	8.30		\$ 2,080,865,206
	2018	8.29		1,883,063,885
	2019	8.04		1,514,535,609
	2020	7.99	805,517,879	
	2021	7.93		9,179,534,541
	2022	7.83	82,066,487	
			<u>1,278,925,078</u>	<u>14,657,999,241</u>
Difference Between Expected and Actual Experience	2016	8.30		4,866,656
	2017	8.30	37,022,988	
	2018	8.29	330,339,649	
	2019	8.04		58,842,090
	2020	7.99		4,293,040
	2021	7.93	121,815,868	
	2022	7.83		15,372,285
	2023	7.93	169,161,907	
			<u>658,340,412</u>	<u>83,374,071</u>
Net Difference Between Projected and Actual Investment Earnings on Pension Plan Investments	2020	5.00	241,395,539	
	2021	5.00	(1,777,316,905)	
	2022	5.00	2,489,500,994	
	2023	6.00	(477,296,442)	
			<u>476,283,186</u>	
			<u><u>\$ 2,413,548,676</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 14,741,373,312</u></u>

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NOTE 10. PENSION PLANS (Cont'd)

B. Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund (TPAF) (Cont'd)

Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions (Cont'd)

Amounts reported by the State as collective deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense excluding that attributable to employer-paid members contributions as follows:

<u>Fiscal Year</u> <u>Ending June 30,</u>	<u>Total</u>
2024	\$ (3,918,676,894)
2025	(3,446,016,070)
2026	(1,604,289,401)
2027	(1,742,641,843)
2028	(1,672,806,952)
Thereafter	56,606,524
	<u>\$ (12,327,824,636)</u>

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.

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

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

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NOTE 10. PENSION PLANS (Cont'd)

B. Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund (TPAF) (Cont'd)

Long Term Expected Rate of Return

In accordance with State statute, the long-term expected rate of return on pension 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:

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return
U.S. Equity	28.00%	8.98%
Non-U.S. Developed Market Equity	12.75%	9.22%
International Small Cap Equity	1.25%	9.22%
Emerging Markets 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%

Discount Rate – TPAF

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 will be made based on 100% of the actuarially determined contributions for the State. Based on those assumptions, the pension 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 pension plan investments was applied to projected benefit payments in determining the total pension liability.

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NOTE 10. PENSION PLANS (Cont'd)

B. Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund (TPAF) (Cont'd)

Sensitivity of the State's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability Associated with the District to Changes in the Discount Rate

The following presents the State's proportionate share of the net pension liability associated with the District as of June 30, 2023 calculated using the discount rate as disclosed above, as well as what the State's net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower or 1-percentage-point higher than the current rate:

	June 30, 2023		
	At 1% Decrease (6.00%)	At Current Discount Rate (7.00%)	At 1% Increase (8.00%)
State's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability Associated with the District	\$ 21,033,396	\$ 17,837,285	\$ 15,145,400

Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position

Detailed information about the TPAF's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued TPAF financial statements.

C. Defined Contribution Retirement Program (DCRP)

Prudential Financial jointly administers the DCRP investments with the NJ Division of Pensions and Benefits. If an employee is ineligible to enroll in the PERS or TPAF, the employee may be eligible to enroll in the DCRP. DCRP provides eligible members with a tax-sheltered, defined contribution retirement benefit, along with life insurance and disability coverage. Vesting is immediate upon enrollment for members of the DCRP.

The State of New Jersey, Department of the Treasury, Division of Pensions and Benefits, issues publicly available financial reports that include the financial statements and required supplementary information of the DCRP. The financial reports may be obtained by writing to the State of New Jersey, Department of the Treasury, Division of Pensions and Benefits, PO Box 295, Trenton, New Jersey, 08625-0295.

Employers are required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate. Employee contributions are based on percentages of 5.50% for DCRP of employees' annual compensation, as defined. The DCRP was established July 1, 2007, under the provisions of Chapter 92, P.L. 2007 and Chapter 103, P.L. 2007 and expanded under the provisions of Chapter 89, P.L. 2008. Employee contributions for DCRP are matched by a 3% employer contribution.

For DCRP, the District recognized pension expense of \$10,094 for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024. Employee contributions to DCRP amounted to \$18,506 for the year ended June 30, 2024.

NOTE 11. RISK MANAGEMENT

The District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets, errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. Health Benefits are provided to the employees through the State of New Jersey Health Benefits Plan.

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NOTE 11. RISK MANAGEMENT (Cont'd)

Property, Liability and Health Benefits

The District is a member of the School Alliance Insurance Fund (the "Fund"). This public entity risk management pool provides general liability, property and automobile coverage and workers' compensation for its members. A complete schedule of insurance coverage can be found in the Statistical Section of this annual comprehensive financial report.

The Fund is a risk-sharing public entity risk pool that is an insured and self-administered group of school boards established for the purpose of providing low-cost insurance for its respective members in order to keep local property taxes to a minimum. Each member appoints an official to represent their respective entity for the purpose of creating a governing body from which officers for the Fund are elected.

As a member of this Fund, the District could be subject to supplemental assessments in the event of deficiencies. If the assets of the Fund were to be exhausted, members would become responsible for their respective shares of the Fund's liabilities. The Fund can declare and distribute dividends to members upon approval of the State of New Jersey Department of Banking and Insurance. These distributions are divided among the members in the same ratio as their individual assessment related to the total assessment of the membership body.

The June 30, 2024 audit report for the Fund is not available as of the date of this report. Selected, summarized financial information for the Fund as of June 30, 2023 is as follows:

Total Assets	\$ 55,099,784
Net Position	\$ 19,896,776
Total Revenue	\$ 53,694,497
Total Expenses	\$ 54,788,356
Change in Net Position	\$ (1,093,859)
Members Dividends	\$ -0-

Financial statements for the Fund are available at the Fund's Executive Director's Office:

Public Entity Group Administrative Services
6000 Midlantic Drive, Suite 300
Mt. Laurel, NJ 08054
(609) 386-6060

New Jersey Unemployment Compensation Insurance

The District has elected to fund its New Jersey Unemployment Compensation Insurance under the "Benefit Reimbursement Method". Under this plan, the 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 District is billed quarterly for amounts due to the State.

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NOTE 11. RISK MANAGEMENT (Cont'd)

New Jersey Unemployment Compensation Insurance (Cont'd)

The following is a summary of the District's contributions, employee contributions, interest earnings, reimbursements to the State for benefits paid and the ending balance of the District's Unemployment Compensation Restricted Fund Balance in the General Fund for the current and previous two years:

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Employer Contributions</u>	<u>Employee Contributions and Interest</u>	<u>Amount Reimbursed</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
2023-2024		\$ 12,736	\$ 146	\$ 230,954
2022-2023		8,993	643	218,364
2021-2022	\$ 25,000	8,527	123	210,014

NOTE 12. ECONOMIC DEPENDENCY

The Board of Education receives a substantial amount of its support from federal and state governments. A significant reduction in the level of support, if this were to occur, may have an effect on the Board of Education's programs and activities.

NOTE 13. INTERFUND RECEIVABLES AND PAYABLES

There were no interfund balances at June 30, 2024.

NOTE 14. DEFERRED COMPENSATION

The Board offers its employees a choice of the following deferred compensation plans created in accordance with Internal Revenue Code Section 403(b). The plans, which are administered by the entities listed below, permit 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 Insurance Company
Lincoln National Life Insurance Company
Lincoln Investment Planning, LLC

Security Benefit Group
Siracusa Benefits Program

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NOTE 15. TAX CALENDAR

Property taxes are levied as of January 1 on property values assessed as of the previous calendar year. The tax levy is divided into two billings. The first billing is an estimate of the current year's levy based on the prior year's taxes. The second billing reflects adjustments to the current year's actual levy. The final tax bill is usually mailed on or before June 14th, along with the first half estimated tax bills for the subsequent year. The first half estimated taxes are divided into two due dates, February 1 and May 1. The final tax bills are also divided into two due dates, August 1 and November 1. A ten- day grace period is usually granted before the taxes are considered delinquent and there is an imposition of interest charges. A penalty may be assessed for any unpaid taxes in excess of \$10,000 at December 31 of the current year. Unpaid taxes of the current and prior year may be placed in lien at a tax sale held after December 10.

Taxes are collected by the constituent municipality and are remitted to the local school district on a predetermined, agreed-upon schedule.

NOTE 16. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

Grant Programs

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

Litigation

The District is periodically involved in pending lawsuits. The District estimates that the potential claims against it resulting from such litigation and not covered by insurance would not materially affect the financial statements of the District.

Encumbrances

At June 30, 2024, the District had the following encumbrances payable:

General Fund	Special Revenue Fund	Total Governmental Funds
<u>\$ 202,187</u>	<u>\$ 13,303</u>	<u>\$ 215,490</u>

On the District's Governmental Funds Balance Sheet as of June 30, 2024, \$202,187 is assigned for year-end encumbrances in the Special Revenue Fund, which is \$13,303 more than the actual year-end encumbrances on a budgetary basis. Encumbrances are not recognized on a GAAP basis and are reflected as either a reduction in grants receivables or an increase in unearned revenue.

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NOTE 16. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES (Cont'd)

Accounts Payable

At June 30, 2024, the District had the following accounts payable:

	Governmental Funds		District Contribution	Total	Business-Type Activities
	General Fund	Special Revenue Fund	Subsequent to the Measurement Date	Governmental Activities	Proprietary Funds
Vendors	\$ 154,486	\$ 2,145		\$ 156,631	\$ 5,736
Due to State of New Jersey		335	\$ 75,000	75,335	
Payroll Deductions and Withholdings	32,593			32,593	
	<u>\$ 187,079</u>	<u>\$ 2,480</u>	<u>\$ 75,000</u>	<u>\$ 264,559</u>	<u>\$ 5,736</u>

NOTE 17. POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSIONS (OPEB)

State Health Benefit Program Fund – Local Education Retired Employees Plan

General Information about the OPEB Plan

Plan Description and Benefits Provided

The District is in a “special funding situation”, as described in GASB Codification Section P50, in that OPEB contributions and expenses are legally required to be made by and are the sole responsibility of the State of New Jersey, not the District.

The State of New Jersey reports a liability as a result of its statutory requirements to pay other post-employment (health) benefits for the 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 Benefits 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 years or more 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.

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NOTE 17. POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSIONS (OPEB) (Cont'd)

Plan Description and Benefits Provided (Cont'd)

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

For additional information about the State Health Benefit Local Education Retired Education Plan, please refer to the Division's annual financial statements which can be found at <https://www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions/gasb-notices-opeb.shtml>.

Employees Covered by Benefit Terms

At June 30, 2022, the plan membership consisted of the following:

Retirees Plan Members and Spouses of Beneficiaries Currently Receiving Benefit Payments	152,383
Active Plan Members	<u>217,212</u>
Total	<u><u>369,595</u></u>

Total Nonemployer OPEB Liability

The total nonemployer OPEB liability as of June 30, 2023 was determined by an actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2022, which was rolled forward to June 30, 2023.

Actuarial Assumptions and Other Inputs

The actuarial assumptions vary for each plan member depending on the pension plan the member is enrolled in. This actuarial valuation used the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods in the measurement.

	<u>TPAF/ABP</u>	<u>PERS</u>	<u>PFRS</u>
Salary Increases:	2.75 - 4.25%	2.75 - 6.55%	3.25 - 16.25%
	based on years of service	based on years of service	based on years of service

The actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2022 valuation were based on the results of the TPAF, PERS and PFRS experience studies prepared for July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2021.

100% of active employees are considered to participate in the Plan upon retirement.

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NOTE 17. POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSIONS (OPEB) (Cont'd)

Mortality Rates

Pre-retirement 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. Post-retirement 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 were based on the Pub-2010 “Safety” (PFRS), “General” (PERS) and “Teachers” (TPAF/ABP) classification headcount-weighted disabled mortality table with fully generational mortality improvement projections from the central year using Scale MP-2021.

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 rate after seven years. For the Medicare Part B reimbursement, the trend rate is 5.00%.

Discount Rate

The discount rate used to measure the total OPEB liability was 3.65%. This represents the municipal bond rate as chosen by the State of New Jersey Division of Pensions and Benefits. The source is the Bond Buyer Go 20-Bond Municipal bond Index, which includes tax-exempt general obligation municipal bonds with an average rating of AA/Aa or higher. As the long-term rate of return is less than the municipal bond rate, it is not considered in the calculation of the discount rate, rather the discount rate is set at the municipal bond rate.

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NOTE 17. POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSIONS (OPEB) (Cont'd)

Changes in the State's Proportionate Share of the Total OPEB Liability Associated with the District

	<u>Total OPEB Liability</u>
Balance at June 30, 2022	\$ 17,468,016
Changes for Year:	
Service Cost	624,355
Interest on the Total OPEB Liability	629,725
Difference Between Expected and Actual Experiences	(403,020)
Changes of Assumptions	36,039
Gross Benefit Payments by the State	(490,881)
Contributions from Members	<u>16,138</u>
Net Changes	<u>412,356</u>
Balance at June 30, 2023	<u><u>\$ 17,880,372</u></u>

Sensitivity of the Total Nonemployer OPEB Liability Attributable to the District to Changes in the Discount Rate

The following presents the total nonemployer OPEB Liability attributable to the District as of June 30, 2023, calculated using the discount rate as disclosed in this note, as well as what the total nonemployer OPEB liability attributable to the District would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower or 1-percentage-point higher than the current rate:

	<u>June 30, 2023</u>		
	<u>At 1% Decrease 2.65%</u>	<u>At Discount Rate 3.65%</u>	<u>At 1% Increase 4.65%</u>
Total OPEB Liability Attributable to the District	\$ 20,961,667	\$ 17,880,372	\$ 15,406,450

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NOTE 17. POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSIONS (OPEB) (Cont'd)

Sensitivity of the Total Nonemployer OPEB Liability Attributable to the District to Changes in the Healthcare Trend Rate

The following presents the total nonemployer OPEB Liability attributable to the District as of June 30, 2023, calculated using the healthcare trend rate as disclosed in this note, as well as what the total nonemployer OPEB liability attributable to the District would be if it were calculated using a healthcare trend rate that is 1-percentage-point lower or 1-percentage-point higher than the current rate:

	June 30, 2023		
	1%	Healthcare	1%
	Decrease	Cost Trend Rate	Increase
Total OPEB Liability Attributable to the District	\$ 14,843,465	\$ 17,880,372	\$ 21,854,172

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

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024 the District recognized OPEB expense of \$95,969 as determined by the State of New Jersey Division of Pensions and Benefits. This expense and the related offsetting revenue are for benefits provided by the State through a defined benefit OPEB plan that meets the criteria in GASB Codification Section P50, in which there is a special funding situation.

In accordance with GASB Codification Section P50, as the District's proportionate share of the OPEB liability is \$-0-, there is no recognition of the allocation of the proportionate share of the deferred inflows and outflows of resources. At June 30, 2023 the State had deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB associated with the District from the following sources:

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NOTE 17. POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSIONS (OPEB) (Cont'd)

OPEB Expense and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB (Cont'd)

	Year of Deferral	Original Amortization Period in Years	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Changes in Assumptions	2017	9.54		\$ 644,297
	2018	9.51		666,905
	2019	9.29	\$ 98,113	
	2020	9.24	2,398,682	
	2021	9.24	13,653	
	2022	9.13		3,623,142
	2023	9.30	32,164	
			<u>2,542,612</u>	<u>4,934,344</u>
Differences Between Expected and Actual Experience	2018	9.51		630,433
	2019	9.29		1,154,787
	2020	9.24	2,235,666	
	2021	9.24		2,625,497
	2022	9.13	373,131	
	2023	9.30		298,794
			<u>2,608,797</u>	<u>4,709,511</u>
Changes in Proportion	N/A	N/A	<u>132,231</u>	<u>1,499,773</u>
			<u>\$ 5,283,640</u>	<u>\$ 11,143,628</u>

Amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources excluding changes in proportion related to OPEB will be recognized in OPEB expense as follows:

<u>Fiscal Year Ending June 30,</u>	<u>Total</u>
2024	\$ (891,677)
2025	(891,677)
2026	(774,993)
2027	(456,906)
2028	(93,523)
Thereafter	<u>(1,383,670)</u>
	<u>\$ (4,492,446)</u>

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NOTE 18. PRIOR PERIOD ADJUSTMENT

During fiscal year June 30, 2024, changes to or within the financial reporting entity and an error correction resulted in adjustments to and restatements of beginning net position and fund net position, as follows:

	Balance 6/30/23 as Previously Reported	Error Correction	Balance 6/30/23 as Restated
<u>Statement of Net Assets:</u>			
<u>Governmental Activities:</u>			
Governmental Activities:			
Capital Assets:			
Depreciable Buildings and Building Improvements, Site Improvements, Furniture, Machinery & Equipment	\$ 6,743,367	\$ 691,444	\$ 7,434,811
Total Assets	13,056,505	691,444	13,747,949
Net Investment in Capital Assets	5,263,296	691,444	5,954,740
Total Net Position	9,731,582	691,444	10,423,026
<u>Business-type Activities:</u>			
Capital Assets:			
Depreciable Buildings and Building Improvements, Site Improvements, Furniture, Machinery & Equipment	13,234	(13,060)	174
Total Assets	124,870	(13,060)	111,810
Net Investment in Capital Assets	13,234	(13,060)	174
Total Net Position	94,790	(13,060)	81,730

SCHEDULES OF REQUIRED
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

HIGH BRIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION SCHEDULES
SCHEDULE OF DISTRICT'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET PENSION LIABILITY
PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS

	Fiscal Year Ending June 30,									
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
District's proportion of the net pension liability	0.0090272079%	0.0092239230%	0.0064083651%	0.0072587968%	0.0074604124%	0.0048710533%	0.0057136077%	0.0057536561%	0.0059544124%	0.0045677332%
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 1,690,140	\$ 2,070,586	\$ 1,897,974	\$ 1,689,732	\$ 1,468,918	\$ 877,690	\$ 931,740	\$ 681,607	\$ 898,603	\$ 661,608
District's covered employee payroll	\$ 604,158	\$ 624,463	\$ 520,502	\$ 491,789	\$ 379,573	\$ 375,248	\$ 424,861	\$ 438,832	\$ 432,018	\$ 380,375
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of its covered employee payroll	279.75%	331.58%	364.64%	343.59%	386.99%	233.90%	219.30%	155.32%	208.00%	173.94%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	52.08%	47.93%	40.14%	48.10%	53.60%	56.27%	58.32%	70.33%	62.91%	65.23%

HIGH BRIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION SCHEDULES
SCHEDULE OF DISTRICT CONTRIBUTIONS
PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS

	Fiscal Year Ending June 30,									
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Contractually required contribution	\$ 74,419	\$ 79,301	\$ 57,488	\$ 68,818	\$ 74,821	\$ 48,462	\$ 62,504	\$ 67,382	\$ 75,088	\$ 61,049
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	(68,220)	(79,301)	(57,488)	(68,818)	(74,821)	(48,462)	(62,504)	(67,382)	(75,088)	(61,049)
Contribution deficiency/(excess)	\$ 6,199	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ -0-
District's covered employee payroll	\$ 624,463	\$ 520,502	\$ 491,789	\$ 379,573	\$ 375,248	\$ 424,861	\$ 438,832	\$ 432,018	\$ 380,375	\$ 390,668
Contributions as a percentage of covered employee payroll	11.92%	15.24%	11.69%	18.13%	19.94%	11.41%	14.24%	15.60%	19.74%	15.63%

HIGH BRIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION SCHEDULES
SCHEDULE OF STATE'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET PENSION LIABILITY
TEACHERS' PENSION AND ANNUITY FUND
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS

	Fiscal Year Ending June 30,									
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
State's proportion of the net pension liability attributable to the District	0.0354432720%	0.0346341701%	0.0358560443%	0.0353942738%	0.0334722717%	0.0354961310%	0.0350863740%	0.0347222093%	0.0338890019%	0.0349526788%
State's proportionate share of the net pension liability attributable to the District	\$ 18,943,275	\$ 21,890,275	\$ 28,206,647	\$ 23,864,096	\$ 21,294,340	\$ 21,784,311	\$ 23,103,955	\$ 16,692,768	\$ 17,484,833	\$ 17,837,285
District's covered employee payroll	\$ 3,484,640	\$ 3,555,755	\$ 3,591,847	\$ 3,639,669	\$ 3,764,351	\$ 3,705,157	\$ 3,737,292	\$ 4,013,546	\$ 3,982,275	\$ 3,765,224
State's proportionate share of the net pension liability attributable to the District as a percentage of its covered employee payroll	543.62%	615.63%	785.30%	655.67%	565.68%	587.95%	618.20%	415.91%	439.07%	473.74%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	33.64%	28.71%	33.64%	25.41%	26.49%	26.95%	24.60%	35.52%	32.29%	34.68%

HIGH BRIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
 REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION SCHEDULES
 SCHEDULE OF STATE CONTRIBUTIONS
 TEACHERS' PENSION AND ANNUITY FUND
 LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS

	Fiscal Year Ending June 30,									
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Contractually required contribution	\$ 1,019,326	\$ 1,336,598	\$ 2,119,337	\$ 1,653,184	\$ 1,241,386	\$ 1,284,897	\$ 1,436,702	\$ 392,788	\$ 470,566	\$ 438,210
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	(187,245)	(287,078)	(384,196)	(492,929)	(712,736)	(769,579)	(1,028,536)	(1,028,536)	(1,428,887)	(1,392,426)
Contribution deficiency/(excess)	\$ 832,081	\$ 1,049,520	\$ 1,735,141	\$ 1,160,255	\$ 528,650	\$ 515,318	\$ 408,166	\$ (635,748)	\$ (958,321)	\$ (954,216)
District's covered employee payroll	\$ 3,555,755	\$ 3,591,847	\$ 3,639,669	\$ 3,764,351	\$ 3,705,157	\$ 3,737,292	\$ 4,013,546	\$ 3,982,275	\$ 3,765,224	\$ 3,728,545
Contributions as a percentage of covered employee payroll	5.27%	7.99%	10.56%	13.09%	19.24%	20.59%	25.63%	25.83%	37.95%	37.35%

HIGH BRIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION SCHEDULES
SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN THE STATE'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE TOTAL OPEB LIABILITY
ASSOCIATED WITH THE DISTRICT AND RELATED RATIOS
LAST SEVEN FISCAL YEARS

	Fiscal Year Ended June 30,						
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Total OPEB Liability							
Service Cost	\$ 764,073	\$ 634,908	\$ 580,675	\$ 530,522	\$ 928,027	\$ 816,726	\$ 624,355
Interest Cost	643,971	745,415	685,550	524,376	551,746	462,922	629,725
Changes of Benefit Terms					(22,639)		
Difference Between Expected and Actual Experience		(2,000,211)	(3,746,634)	4,221,188	(3,676,248)	48,916	(403,020)
Changes in Assumptions	(2,601,464)	(1,990,993)	218,456	4,363,495	20,984	(4,685,952)	36,039
Member Contributions	17,406	16,034	(449,759)	12,605	14,105	14,710	16,138
Gross Benefit Payments	(472,709)	(463,931)	13,332	(415,868)	(434,622)	(458,538)	(490,881)
Net Change in Total OPEB Liability	(1,648,723)	(3,058,778)	(2,698,380)	9,236,318	(2,618,647)	(3,801,216)	412,356
Total OPEB Liability - Beginning	22,057,442	20,408,719	17,349,941	14,651,561	23,887,879	21,269,232	17,468,016
Total OPEB Liability - Ending	<u>\$ 20,408,719</u>	<u>\$ 17,349,941</u>	<u>\$ 14,651,561</u>	<u>\$ 23,887,879</u>	<u>\$ 21,269,232</u>	<u>\$ 17,468,016</u>	<u>\$ 17,880,372</u>
District's Covered Employee Payroll *	\$ 4,180,218	\$ 4,112,349	\$ 4,131,458	\$ 4,143,924	\$ 4,080,405	\$ 4,162,153	\$ 4,452,378
Total OPEB Liability as a Percentage of Covered Employee Payroll	20.48%	23.70%	28.20%	17.35%	19.18%	23.83%	24.90%

* - Covered payroll for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2023, 2022, 2021, 2020, 2019, 2018, and 2017 are based on the payroll on the June 30, 2022, 2021, 2020, 2019, 2018, 2017, and 2016 census data.

Note: This schedule does not contain ten years of information as GASB No. 75 was implemented during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2018.

HIGH BRIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

A. PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM

Benefit Changes

There were none.

Changes of Actuarial Assumptions

There were none.

B. TEACHERS' PENSION AND ANNUITY FUND

Benefit Changes

There were none.

Changes of Actuarial Assumptions

In the July 1, 2022 actuarial valuation the salary increases were 2.75 – 4.25% based on years of service while in the July 1, 2021 actuarial valuation the salary increases were 2.75% - 5.65% based on years of service.

C. STATE HEALTH BENEFIT LOCAL EDUCATION RETIRED EMPLOYEES OPEB PLAN

Benefit Changes

There were none.

Changes of Actuarial Assumptions

The discount rate for June 30, 2023 was 3.65%. The discount rate for June 30, 2022 was 3.54%, a change of .11%.

The health care trend rates in the valuation as of June 30, 2023 were based on the following:

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 rate after seven years. For the Medicare Part B reimbursement, the trend rate is 5.00%.

The health care trend rates in the valuation as of June 30, 2022 were based on the following:

For pre-Medicare medical benefits, the trend rate is initially 6.25% and decreases to a 4.50% long term trend rate after eight years. For post-65 medical benefits PPO, the trend is initially -1.99% in fiscal year 2023, increasing to 13.44% in fiscal year 2026 and decreases to 4.5% in fiscal year 2033. For HMO the trend is initially -3.54% in fiscal year 2023, increasing to 15.19% in fiscal year 2026 and decreases to 4.50% in fiscal year 2033. For prescription drug benefits, the initial trend rate is 8.00% and decreases to a 4.50% long term rate after eight years.

BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULES

HIGH BRIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE
GENERAL FUND
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	<u>Original Budget</u>	<u>Budget Transfers</u>	<u>Final Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance Final to Actual</u>
Revenues from Local Sources:					
Local Tax Levy	\$ 6,969,643		\$ 6,969,643	\$ 6,969,643	\$ 20,783
Tuition From Other LEAs Within the State				20,783	(3,100)
Rents and Royalties	11,200		11,200	8,100	11,494
Unrestricted Miscellaneous Revenues				11,494	63,120
Interest Earned	400		400	63,120	9,875
Interest Earned on Maintenance Reserve				10,275	39,514
Interest Earned on Capital Reserve Funds	800		800	40,314	12,590
Other Restricted Miscellaneous Revenues				12,590	154,276
Total Revenues from Local Sources	<u>6,982,043</u>		<u>6,982,043</u>	<u>7,136,319</u>	
Revenues from State Sources:					
Categorical Transportation Aid	14,338		14,338	14,338	
Extraordinary Aid	75,000		75,000	428,783	353,783
Categorical Special Education Aid	275,401		275,401	275,401	
Equalization Aid	426,548		426,548	426,548	
Categorical Security Aid	34,384		34,384	34,384	
Additional Nonpublic School Transportation Aid				6,825	6,825
TPAF Post Retirement Contributions (Non-Budgeted)				383,289	383,289
TPAF Pension Contributions (Non-Budgeted)				1,392,426	1,392,426
TPAF Non-Contributory Insurance (Non-Budgeted)				15,880	15,880
TPAF Long-Term Disability Insurance (Non-Budgeted)				487	487
Reimbursed TPAF Social Security Contributions				263,308	263,308
Total Revenues from State Sources	<u>825,671</u>		<u>825,671</u>	<u>3,241,669</u>	<u>2,415,998</u>
TOTAL REVENUE	<u>7,807,714</u>		<u>7,807,714</u>	<u>10,377,988</u>	<u>2,570,274</u>

HIGH BRIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE
GENERAL FUND
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	Original Budget	Budget Transfers	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Final to Actual
GENERAL CURRENT EXPENSE					
Regular Programs - Instruction:					
Preschool - Salaries of Teachers	\$ 180,310	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 179,236	\$ 10,000
Kindergarten - Salaries of Teachers	1,156,987	27,886	180,310	945,660	1,074
Grades 1-5 - Salaries of Teachers	519,593	37,874	1,184,873	557,467	239,213
Grades 6-8 - Salaries of Teachers			557,467		
Regular Programs - Home Instruction:					
Salaries of Teachers	12,500		12,500	213	12,287
Purchased Professional-Educational Services	1,000		1,000		1,000
Regular Programs - Undistributed Instruction:					
Purchased Professional-Educational Services	185,000	15,947	200,947	158,804	42,143
Purchased Technical Services	146,944	(19,100)	127,844	121,902	5,942
General Supplies	104,910	14,051	118,961	89,363	29,598
Textbooks	47,606	28,154	75,760	45,353	30,407
Total Regular Programs - Instruction	2,354,850	114,812	2,469,662	2,097,998	371,664
Special Education - Instruction:					
Multiple Disabilities:	17		17	17	
General Supplies	17		17	17	
Total Multiple Disabilities					
Resource Room/Resource Center:					
Salaries of Teachers	627,507	29,284	656,791	656,791	648
General Supplies	1,837		1,837	1,189	648
Total Resource Room/Resource Center	629,344	29,284	658,628	657,980	648

HIGH BRIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE

GENERAL FUND

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	Original Budget	Budget Transfers	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Final to Actual
Autism:					
Salaries of Teachers	\$ 381,983	\$ 85,616	\$ 467,599	\$ 340,593	\$ 127,006
Other Salaries for Instruction	3,000		3,000	561	2,439
General Supplies	2,082	3,724	5,806	3,690	2,116
Total Autism	387,065	89,340	476,405	344,844	131,561
Home Instruction:					
Purchased Professional-Educational Services	1,000		1,000		1,000
Total Home Instruction	1,000		1,000		1,000
TOTAL SPECIAL EDUCATION - INSTRUCTION	1,017,426	118,624	1,136,050	1,002,841	133,209
Basic Skills/Remedial - Instruction:					
Salaries of Teachers	101,160		101,160	99,205	1,955
General Supplies	300		300	148	152
Total Basic Skills/Remedial - Instruction	101,460		101,460	99,353	2,107
Bilingual Education - Instruction:					
General Supplies	250		250		250
Total Bilingual Education - Instruction	250		250		250
School-Spon. Cocurricular & Extracurricular Actvts. - Inst.:					
Salaries	25,000		25,000	23,596	1,404
Purchased Services (300-500 series)	7,500	1,640	9,140	7,498	1,642
Supplies and Materials	4,000	(1,640)	2,360	430	1,930
Other Objects	250		250		250
Transfers to Cover Deficit (Agency Funds)	500		500		500
Total School-Spon. Cocurricular & Extracurricular Actvts. - Inst.	37,250		37,250	31,524	5,726

HIGH BRIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE
GENERAL FUND

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	Original Budget	Budget Transfers	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Final to Actual
School-Sponsored Athletics - Instruction:					
Salaries	\$ 14,000	\$ 1,344	\$ 15,344	\$ 12,608	\$ 2,736
Purchased Services (300-500 series)	4,000	(250)	3,750	3,038	712
Other Objects		250	250		250
Total School-Sponsored Athletics - Instruction	18,000	1,344	19,344	15,646	3,698
TOTAL INSTRUCTION	3,529,236	234,780	3,764,016	3,247,362	516,654
Undistributed Expenditures - Instruction:					
Tuition to Priv. Sch. for the Handicap. W/I State	95,000		95,000		95,000
Total Undistributed Expenditures - Instruction	95,000		95,000		95,000
Undistributed Expend. - Attend. & Social Work:					
Salaries	45,301		45,301	44,402	899
Total Undist. Expend. - Attendance and Social Work	45,301		45,301	44,402	899
Undistributed Expenditures - Health Services:					
Salaries	109,123		109,123	103,464	5,659
Purchased Professional and Technical Services	1,750		1,750	1,750	
Supplies and Materials	8,500		8,500	5,541	2,959
Total Undist. Expenditures - Health Services	119,373		119,373	110,755	8,618
Undist. Expend. - Speech, OT, PT, Related Svcs:					
Salaries	164,525		164,525	133,457	31,068
Purchased Professional - Educational Services	8,500		8,500	3,895	4,605
Supplies and Materials	8,000	(250)	7,750	5,181	2,569
Other Objects		250	250		250
Total Undist. Expend. - Speech, OT, PT, Related Svcs	181,025		181,025	142,533	38,492

HIGH BRIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE

GENERAL FUND

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	Original Budget	Budget Transfers	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Final to Actual
Undist. Expend. - Other Supp. Serv. Students - Extra. Serv.:					
Salaries	\$ 3,000		\$ 3,000		\$ 3,000
Purchased Professional - Educational Services	480,000		480,000	\$ 471,150	8,850
Total Undist. Expend. - Other Supp. Srvs. Students - Extra. Serv.	483,000		483,000	471,150	11,850
Undist. Expend. - Guidance:					
Salaries of Other Professional Staff	148,775	\$ 208	148,983	148,983	
Salaries of Secretarial and Clerical Assistants	43,690		43,690	40,497	3,193
Supplies and Materials	18	(18)			
Other Objects	2,000	(190)	1,810	350	1,460
Total Undist. Expend. - Guidance	194,483		194,483	189,830	4,653
Undist. Expend. - Child Study Team:					
Salaries of Other Professional Staff	159,063		159,063	130,341	28,722
Salaries of Secretarial and Clerical Assistants	27,660		27,660	22,660	5,000
Purchased Professional - Educational Services	42,275		42,275	29,551	12,724
Other Purchased Prof. and Tech. Services	9,000		9,000		9,000
Supplies and Materials	25,008		25,008	2,387	22,621
Other Objects	1,500		1,500		1,500
Total Undist. Expend. - Child Study Team	264,506		264,506	184,939	79,567
Undist. Expend. - Improv. of Inst. Serv.:					
Salaries of Supervisors of Instruction	73,104		73,104	73,104	
Salaries of Secretarial and Clerical Assistants	10,881		10,881	10,881	
Other Salaries	1,500		1,500		1,500
Total Undist. Expend. - Improv. of Inst. Serv.	85,485		85,485	83,985	1,500

HIGH BRIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE
GENERAL FUND
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	Original Budget	Budget Transfers	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Final to Actual
Undist. Expend.-Edu. Media Serv./Sch. Library:					
Salaries	\$ 42,331		\$ 42,331	\$ 42,331	
Purchased Professional and Technical Services	5,000		5,000	4,750	\$ 250
Supplies and Materials	5,250		5,250	982	4,268
Total Undist Expend-Edu. Media Serv./Sch. Library	52,581		52,581	48,063	4,518
Undist.Expend.-Instructional Staff Training Services:					
Other Salaries	500		500	64	436
Purchased Professional - Educational Service	1,200		1,200		1,200
Other Purchased Services (400-500 series)	11,500		11,500	2,143	9,357
Total Undist.Expend.-Instructional Staff Training Services	13,200		13,200	2,207	10,993
Undist. Expend.-Support Serv.-Gen. Admin.:					
Salaries	114,023		114,023	114,023	
Legal Services	54,000	\$ 3,566	57,566	35,510	22,056
Audit Fees	30,000	5,000	35,000	35,000	
Other Purchased Professional Services	5,200	(235)	4,965	4,965	
Communications / Telephone	25,000	(3,903)	21,097	6,491	14,606
BOE Other Purchased Services	4,000	(767)	3,233	3,068	165
Other Purch. Serv. (400-500 series other than 530 & 585)	17,000	(5,536)	11,464	11,367	97
General Supplies	1,000	(200)	800	800	
Miscellaneous Expenditures	6,700	2,075	8,775	8,196	579
BOE Membership Dues and Fees	4,500		4,500	4,441	59
Total Undist. Expend.-Support Serv.-Gen. Admin.	261,423		261,423	223,861	37,562

HIGH BRIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE

GENERAL FUND

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	Original Budget	Budget Transfers	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Final to Actual
Undist. Expend.-Support Serv.-School Admin.:					
Salaries of Principals/Assistant Principals/Prog Director	\$ 118,945	\$ 78	\$ 119,023	\$ 119,015	\$ 8
Salaries of Secretarial and Clerical Assistants	34,690	410	35,100	35,100	
Supplies and Materials	3,000	(410)	2,590	1,841	749
Other Objects	4,000	(78)	3,922	2,420	1,502
Total Undist. Expend.-Support Serv.-School Adm.	160,635		160,635	158,376	2,259
Undist. Expend. - Central Services:					
Salaries	48,960	3,750	52,710	52,660	50
Purchased Professional Services	20,000		20,000		20,000
Purchased Technical Services	35,000		35,000	4,281	30,719
Miscellaneous Purchased Services (400-500 series other than 594)	1,400		1,400		1,400
Supplies and Materials	3,163	(1,875)	1,288	449	839
Other Objects	4,500	(1,875)	2,625	2,124	501
Total Undist. Expend. - Central Services	113,023		113,023	59,514	53,509
Undist. Expend. - Admin. Info. Technology:					
Other Purchased Services (400-500 series)	20,000		20,000	14,952	5,048
Total Undist. Expend. - Admin. Info. Technology	20,000		20,000	14,952	5,048
Undist. Expend.-Required Maintenance for School Facilities:					
Salaries	12,000	2,000	14,000	14,000	
Cleaning, Repair, and Maintenance Services	634,595	310,908	945,503	748,173	197,330
General Supplies	10,000	(4,490)	5,510	2,096	3,414
Total Undist. Expend.- Required Maint. for School Facilities	656,595	308,418	965,013	764,269	200,744

HIGH BRIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE

GENERAL FUND

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	Original Budget	Budget Transfers	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Final to Actual
Undist. Expend.-Custodial Services:					
Salaries	\$ 222,783		\$ 222,783	\$ 212,422	\$ 10,361
Salaries of Non-Instructional Aides	16,795	(13,084)	3,711		3,711
Purchased Professional and Technical Services	10,000	(9,180)	820	706	114
Cleaning, Repair, and Maintenance Services	13,650	107,532	121,182	111,995	9,187
Rental of Land & Bldg. Oth. than Lease Pur. Agrmt.	188	(188)			
Other Purchased Property Services	16,300	5,692	21,992	17,609	4,383
Insurance	102,804	15,350	118,154	118,154	
General Supplies	30,000	(8,952)	21,048	20,410	638
Energy (Natural Gas)	66,600	5,000	71,600	55,550	16,050
Energy (Electricity)	88,000	9,500	97,500	75,774	21,726
Other Objects	1,700	27,729	29,429	19,946	9,483
Total Undist. Expend.-Custodial Services	568,820	139,399	708,219	632,566	75,653
Care and Upkeep of Grounds:					
Purchased Professional and Technical Services	23,000		23,000	450	22,550
Total Care And Upkeep Of Grounds	23,000		23,000	450	22,550
Total Undist. Expend.-oper. And Maint. Of Plant Serv.	1,248,415	447,817	1,696,232	1,397,285	298,947
Undist. Expend.-Student Transportation Serv.:					
Contract. Serv. - Aid in Lieu of Payments-Nonpublic Studis	15,000		15,000	11,650	3,350
Contr Serv.-Aid in Lieu of Payments-Choice Stud.	3,066		3,066	2,234	832
Contract. Serv.(Oth. than Bet. Home & Sch.)-Vend.	12,000	6,600	18,600	8,391	10,209
Contract. Serv.(Bet. Home & Sch.)-Joint Agrmnts.		2,000	2,000	2,000	
Contract. Serv.(Reg. Students)-ESCs & CTSA	13,000	(3,600)	9,400	466	8,934
Contract. Serv.(Spl. Ed. Students)-ESCs & CTSA	70,000	(9,000)	61,000		61,000
Misc. Purchased Serv. - Transportation		4,000	4,000		4,000
Total Undist. Expend.-Student Trans. Serv.	113,066		113,066	24,741	88,325

HIGH BRIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE
GENERAL FUND

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	Original Budget	Budget Transfers	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Final to Actual
UNALLOCATED BENEFITS					
Social Security Contributions	\$ 76,500	\$ 9,580	\$ 86,080	\$ 82,966	\$ 3,114
Other Retirement Contributions - PERS	80,000		80,000	61,049	18,951
Other Retirement Contributions - Regular	10,250		10,250	10,094	156
Workers Compensation	77,625		77,625	62,220	15,405
Health Benefits	1,344,009	15,755	1,359,764	1,309,601	50,163
Tuition Reimbursement	40,000	5,000	45,000	35,389	9,611
Other Employee Benefits	4,750		4,750	4,118	632
Unused Sick Payment to Terminated/Retired Staff	52,000		52,000	12,605	39,395
TOTAL UNALLOCATED BENEFITS	1,685,134	30,335	1,715,469	1,578,042	137,427
ON-BEHALF CONTRIBUTIONS (NON-BUDGETED)					
TPAF Post Retirement Contributions (Non-Budgeted)				383,289	(383,289)
TPAF Pension Contributions (Non-Budgeted)				1,392,426	(1,392,426)
TPAF Non-Contributory Insurance (Non-Budgeted)				15,880	(15,880)
TPAF Long-Term Disability Insurance (Non-Budgeted)				487	(487)
Reimbursed TPAF Social Security Contributions				263,308	(263,308)
TOTAL ON-BEHALF CONTRIBUTIONS (NON-BUDGETED)				2,055,390	(2,055,390)
TOTAL PERSONAL SERVICES - EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$ 1,685,134	\$ 30,335	\$ 1,715,469	\$ 3,633,432	\$ (1,917,963)
TOTAL UNDISTRIBUTED EXPENDITURES	5,135,650	478,152	5,613,802	6,790,025	(1,176,223)
TOTAL GENERAL CURRENT EXPENSE	8,664,886	712,932	9,377,818	10,037,387	(659,569)

HIGH BRIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE

GENERAL FUND

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	Original Budget	Budget Transfers	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Final to Actual
CAPITAL OUTLAY					
Equipment					
Grades 1-5	\$ 15,000		\$ 15,000	\$ 10,810	\$ 4,190
Grades 6-8	15,000	430	15,430	15,430	
Undistributed:					
Undistributed Expenditures - Non-Inst. Serv.	61,267		61,267	53,430	7,837
Total Equipment	<u>91,267</u>	<u>430</u>	<u>91,697</u>	<u>79,670</u>	<u>12,027</u>
Facilities Acquisition and Construction Serv.:					
Architectural/Engineering Services		3,914	3,914	3,914	
Construction Services	258,739		258,739	238,265	20,474
Assessment for Debt Service on SDA Funding	8		8	8	
Total Facilities Acquisition and Const. Serv.	<u>258,747</u>	<u>3,914</u>	<u>262,661</u>	<u>242,187</u>	<u>20,474</u>
TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY	<u>350,014</u>	<u>4,344</u>	<u>354,358</u>	<u>321,857</u>	<u>32,501</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>9,014,900</u>	<u>717,276</u>	<u>9,732,176</u>	<u>10,359,244</u>	<u>(627,068)</u>
Excess/(Deficit) of Revenues Over/(Under) Expenditures	<u>(1,207,186)</u>	<u>(717,276)</u>	<u>(1,924,462)</u>	<u>18,744</u>	<u>(1,943,206)</u>
Other Financing Sources/(Uses):					
Transfer out - Preschool Education Aid	<u>(148,620)</u>	<u>38,100</u>	<u>(110,520)</u>	<u>(59,448)</u>	<u>(51,072)</u>
	<u>(148,620)</u>	<u>38,100</u>	<u>(110,520)</u>	<u>(59,448)</u>	<u>(51,072)</u>
Excess/(Deficit) of Revenues and Other Financing Sources Over/(Under) Expenditures and Other Financing Uses	<u>(1,355,806)</u>	<u>(679,176)</u>	<u>(2,034,982)</u>	<u>(40,704)</u>	<u>1,994,278</u>

HIGH BRIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE

GENERAL FUND

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	Original Budget	Budget Transfers	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Final to Actual
Fund Balance, July 1	\$ 5,783,193		\$ 5,783,193	\$ 5,783,193	
Fund Balance, June 30	<u>\$ 4,427,387</u>	<u>\$ (679,176)</u>	<u>\$ 3,748,211</u>	<u>\$ 5,742,489</u>	<u>\$ 1,994,278</u>
<u>Recapitulation:</u>					
Restricted Fund Balance:					
Excess Surplus - Restricted For 2025-2026				\$ 610,610	
Excess Surplus - Restricted For 2024-2025				651,018	
Capital Reserve				2,859,781	
Maintenance Reserve				577,331	
Unemployment Compensation				230,954	
Assigned Fund Balance:					
Year End Encumbrances				202,187	
Unassigned Fund Balance				<u>610,608</u>	
				<u>5,742,489</u>	
Reconciliation to Governmental Funds Statement (GAAP):					
Last State Aid Payments not Recognized on GAAP basis				<u>(75,066)</u>	
Fund Balance per Governmental Funds (GAAP)				<u>\$ 5,667,423</u>	

HIGH BRIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - BUDGETARY BASIS
SPECIAL REVENUE FUND
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	Original Budget	Budget Transfers	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Final to Actual
REVENUES:					
Local Sources		\$ 49,490	\$ 49,490	\$ 45,654	\$ (3,836)
State Sources	\$ 1,254,247	181,679	1,435,926	834,048	(601,878)
Federal Sources	150,267	349,261	499,528	437,500	(62,028)
Total Revenues	1,404,514	580,430	1,984,944	1,317,202	(667,742)
Other Financing Sources:					
Transfer In - Board Contribution - General Fund	148,620	(89,172)	59,448	59,448	
Total Revenues and Other Financing Sources	1,553,134	491,258	2,044,392	1,376,650	(667,742)
EXPENDITURES:					
Instruction:					
Salaries of Teachers	491,313	26,611	517,924.00	364,305	153,619
Other Salaries for Instruction	245,500	(85,000)	160,500	160,500	
Purchased Professional and Technical Services		34,412	34,412	33,940	472
Purchased Professional and Educational Services	85,000	92,000	177,000	171,106	5,894
General Supplies	40,784	8,144	48,928	45,518	3,410
Total Instruction	862,597	76,167	938,764	614,869	323,895
Support Services:					
Salaries of Other Professional Staff	211,534	(3,512)	208,022	182,779	25,243
Personal Services - Employee Benefits	208,085		208,085	134,240	73,845
Purchased Professional and Technical Services		181,852	181,852	165,248	16,604
Purchased Property Services		4,125	4,125	4,125	
Purchased Professional and Educational Services	84,234		84,234	84,234	
Cleaning, Repair and Maintenance Services	73,104	16,409	89,513	24,791	64,722
Other Purchased Services	1,500	27,600	29,100	27,527	1,573
Travel	3,080		3,080	249	2,831
Supplies and Materials	35,000	20,717	55,717	42,134	13,583
Other Objects	4,000	(3,800)	200	137	63
Student Activities		44,546	44,546	44,546	
Total Support Services	620,537	287,937	908,474	625,776	282,698
Facilities Acquisition and Construction Services:					
Buildings		112,154	112,154	112,154	
Instructional Equipment	35,000	15,000	50,000	6,698	43,302
Non-Instructional Equipment	35,000		35,000	19,404	15,596
Total Facilities Acquisition and Construction Services	70,000	127,154	197,154	138,256	58,898
Total Expenditures	1,553,134	\$ 491,258	\$ 2,044,392	\$ 1,378,901	\$ 665,491
Deficit of Revenue Under Expenditures	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ (2,251)	\$ (2,251)

HIGH BRIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE
NOTE TO RSI
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

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

	General Fund	Special Revenue Fund
Sources/Inflows of Resources:		
Actual Amounts (Budgetary Basis) "Revenue"		
from the Budgetary Comparison Schedule	\$ 10,377,988	\$ 1,317,202
Difference - Budget to GAAP:		
Grant Accounting Budgetary Basis Differs from GAAP in that the		
Budgetary Basis Recognized Encumbrances as Expenditures and		
Revenue while the GAAP Basis does not:		
Current Year Encumbrances		(13,303)
Cancellation of Prior Year Encumbrances		(5)
Prior Year Encumbrances		13,891
Prior Year State Aid Payments Recognized for GAAP Purposes, not		
Recognized for Budgetary Statements	109,841	84,234
Current Year State Aid Payments Recognized for Budgetary Purposes,		
not Recognized for GAAP Statements	(75,066)	(86,199)
Total Revenues as Reported on the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures		
and Changes in Fund Balances - Governmental Funds.	<u>\$ 10,412,763</u>	<u>\$ 1,315,820</u>
Uses/Outflows of Resources:		
Actual Amounts (Budgetary Basis) "Total Outflows" from the		
Budgetary Comparison Schedule	\$ 10,359,244	\$ 1,378,901
Differences - Budget to GAAP:		
Encumbrances for Supplies and Equipment Ordered but		
Not Received are Reported in the Year the Order is Placed for		
Budgetary Purposes, but in the Year the Supplies are Received		
for Financial Reporting Purposes:		
Current Year Encumbrances		(13,303)
Cancellation of Prior Year Encumbrances		(5)
Prior Year Encumbrances		13,891
Total Expenditures as Reported on the Statement of Revenues,		
Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances - Governmental Funds	<u>\$ 10,359,244</u>	<u>\$ 1,379,484</u>

HIGH BRIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE
NOTE TO RSI
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

Annual appropriated budgets are prepared in the spring of each year for the general, special revenue, and debt service funds. The budget for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024 was submitted to the County office and was approved by a vote of the Board of Education. 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. 6:20-2A.2(m)1. Transfers of appropriations may be made by School Board resolution at any time during the fiscal year. All budgetary amounts presented in the accompanying supplementary information reflect the original budget and the amended budget (which have been adjusted for legally authorized revisions of the annual budgets during the year).

Formal budgetary integration into the accounting system is employed as a management control device during the year. For governmental funds, there are not substantial differences between the budgetary basis of accounting and generally accepted accounting principles, with the exception of 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 except for student activities. The grant accounting budgetary basis differs from GAAP in that the grant accounting budgetary basis recognizes encumbrances as expenditures and also recognizes the related revenue, whereas the GAAP basis does not. Sufficient supplemental records are maintained to allow for the presentation of GAAP basis financial reports.

The General Fund and Special Revenue budgetary revenue differs from GAAP revenue due to a difference in recognition of the last two state aid payments for the current year. Since the State is recording the last two state aid payments in the subsequent fiscal year, the District cannot recognize these payments on the GAAP financial statements.

SCHOOL LEVEL SCHEDULES
(NOT APPLICABLE)

SPECIAL REVENUE FUND

HIGH BRIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
SPECIAL REVENUE FUND
COMBINING SCHEDULE OF PROGRAM REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES - BUDGETARY BASIS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	Elementary and Secondary Education Act				
	Title I	Title IIA	Title III	Title III - FY 2023	Title IV
REVENUES:					
Local Sources					
State Sources					
Federal Sources	\$ 21,359	\$ 8,250	\$ 879	\$ 1,020	\$ 14,358
Total Revenues	21,359	8,250	879	1,020	14,358
Other Financing Sources:					
Transfer in - Board Contribution - General Fund					
Total Revenues and Other Financing Sources	21,359	8,250	879	1,020	14,358
EXPENDITURES:					
Instruction:					
Salaries of Teachers	20,800				
Purchased Professional and Technical Services					
Purchased Professional and Educational Services					
General Supplies	175		879	1,020	
Total Instruction	20,975		879	1,020	
Support Services:					7,680
Salaries of Other Professional Staff					
Personal Services - Employee Benefits					
Purchased Professional and Technical Services		8,250			
Purchased Property Services					
Cleaning, Repair and Maintenance Services					
Other Purchased Services					
Travel					
Supplies and Materials	384				6,678
Other Objects					
Student Activities					
Total Support Services	384	8,250			14,358
Facilities Acquisition and Construction Services:					
Buildings					
Instructional Equipment					
Non-Instructional Equipment					
Total Facilities Acquisition and Construction Services					
Total Expenditures	\$ 21,359	\$ 8,250	\$ 879	\$ 1,020	\$ 14,358

HIGH BRIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
SPECIAL REVENUE FUND
COMBINING SCHEDULE OF PROGRAM REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES - BUDGETARY BASIS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	I.D.E.A				Education Stabilization Fund		
	Basic	FY 2023 Basic	Preschool	FY 2023 Preschool	Learning Accelerating	CRRSA	Mental Health
REVENUES:							
Local Sources							
State Sources							
Federal Sources							
Total Revenues	\$ 130,799	\$ 27	\$ 1,134	\$ 205	\$ 22,600	\$ 27,891	
	130,799	27	1,134	205	22,600	27,891	
Other Financing Sources:							
Transfer in - Board Contribution - General Fund							
Total Revenues and Other Financing Sources	130,799	27	1,134	205	22,600	27,891	
EXPENDITURES:							
Instruction:							
Salaries of Teachers	4,136				11,728		
Purchased Professional and Technical Services		27					
Purchased Professional and Educational Services							
General Supplies	6,859						
Total Instruction	10,995	27			11,728		
Support Services:							
Salaries of Other Professional Staff						5,840	
Personal Services - Employee Benefits							
Purchased Professional and Technical Services	111,387		770		2,816		75
Purchased Property Services							
Cleaning, Repair and Maintenance Services							
Other Purchased Services	1,719						
Travel							
Supplies and Materials			364	205	8,056		21,976
Other Objects							
Student Activities							
Total Support Services	113,106		1,134	205	10,872		27,891
Facilities Acquisition and Construction Services:							
Buildings							
Instructional Equipment	6,698						
Non-Instructional Equipment							
Total Facilities Acquisition and Construction Services	6,698						
Total Expenditures	\$ 130,799	\$ 27	\$ 1,134	\$ 205	\$ 22,600	\$ 27,891	

HIGH BRIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
SPECIAL REVENUE FUND
COMBINING SCHEDULE OF PROGRAM REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES - BUDGETARY BASIS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	ARP - IDEA Preschool	Education Stabilization Fund					
		American Rescue Plan		Evidence-Based		NJTSS Mental	
		Accelerated Learning Coaching and Educator Support	ESSER III	Summer Learning and Enrichment Activities	Evidence-Based Comprehensive Beyond the School Day Activities	Health Support Staffing	
REVENUES:							
Local Sources							
State Sources							
Federal Sources							
Total Revenues	\$ 1,424	\$ 2,100	\$ 116,279	\$ 11,998	\$ 35,227	\$ 41,950	
	1,424	2,100	116,279	11,998	35,227	41,950	
Other Financing Sources:							
Transfer in - Board Contribution - General Fund							
Total Revenues and Other Financing Sources	1,424	2,100	116,279	11,998	35,227	41,950	
EXPENDITURES:							
Instruction:							
Salaries of Teachers					13,312		
Purchased Professional and Technical Services				11,998	21,915		
Purchased Professional and Educational Services							
General Supplies							
Total Instruction				11,998	35,227		
Support Services:							
Salaries of Other Professional Staff							
Personal Services - Employee Benefits							
Purchased Professional and Technical Services			4,125				41,950
Purchased Property Services							
Cleaning, Repair and Maintenance Services							
Other Purchased Services							
Travel							
Supplies and Materials	1,424	2,100					
Other Objects							
Student Activities							
Total Support Services	1,424	2,100	4,125				41,950
Facilities Acquisition and Construction Services:							
Buildings			112,154				
Instructional Equipment							
Non-Instructional Equipment							
Total Facilities Acquisition and Construction Services			112,154				
Total Expenditures	\$ 1,424	\$ 2,100	\$ 116,279	\$ 11,998	\$ 35,227	\$ 41,950	

HIGH BRIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
SPECIAL REVENUE FUND
COMBINING SCHEDULE OF PROGRAM REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES - BUDGETARY BASIS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	Preschool Education Aid	SDA Emergent and Capital Maintenance Needs	Student Activities	Local Donations	Totals
REVENUES:					
Local Sources					
State Sources	\$ 817,639	\$ 16,409	\$ 42,295	\$ 3,359	\$ 45,654
Federal Sources					834,048
Total Revenues	817,639	16,409	42,295	3,359	437,500
					1,317,202
Other Financing Sources:					
Transfer in - Board Contribution - General Fund	59,448				59,448
Total Revenues and Other Financing Sources	877,087	16,409	42,295	3,359	1,376,650
EXPENDITURES:					
Instruction:					
Salaries of Teachers	313,385			944	364,305
Purchased Professional and Technical Services	171,106				33,940
Purchased Professional and Educational Services	34,170			2,415	171,106
General Supplies					45,518
Total Instruction	518,661			3,359	614,869
Support Services:					
Salaries of Other Professional Staff	169,259				182,779
Personal Services - Employee Benefits	134,240				134,240
Purchased Professional and Technical Services					165,248
Purchased Property Services	8,382	16,409			4,125
Cleaning, Repair and Maintenance Services	25,808				24,791
Other Purchased Services	249				27,527
Travel	947				249
Supplies and Materials	137				42,134
Other Objects					137
Student Activities			44,546		44,546
Total Support Services	339,022	16,409	44,546		625,776
Facilities Acquisition and Construction Services:					
Buildings					112,154
Instructional Equipment	19,404				6,698
Non-Instructional Equipment	19,404				19,404
Total Facilities Acquisition and Construction Services					138,256
Total Expenditures	877,087	16,409	44,546	3,359	1,378,901

HIGH BRIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
SPECIAL REVENUE FUND
PRESCHOOL EDUCATION AID SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES
BUDGETARY BASIS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

District-Wide Total

	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance</u>
EXPENDITURES:			
Instruction:			
Salaries of Teachers	\$ 625,483	\$ 313,385	\$ 312,098
Purchased Professional and Educational Services	177,000	171,106	5,894
General Supplies	40,000	34,170	5,830
Total Instruction	<u>842,483</u>	<u>518,661</u>	<u>323,822</u>
Support Services:			
Salaries of Other Professional Staff	179,474	169,259	10,215
Personal Services - Employee Benefits	136,919	134,240	2,679
Cleaning, Repair, and Maintenance Services	33,936	8,382	25,554
Travel	1,480	249	1,231
Other Purchased Services	68,618	25,808	42,810
Supplies and Materials	3,440	947	2,493
Other Objects	200	137	63
Total Support Services	<u>424,067</u>	<u>339,022</u>	<u>85,045</u>
Equipment:			
Instructional Equipment	34,919		34,919
Non-Instructional Equipment	29,118	19,404	9,714
Total Equipment	<u>64,037</u>	<u>19,404</u>	<u>44,633</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>\$ 1,330,587</u>	<u>\$ 877,087</u>	<u>\$ 453,500</u>

CALCULATION OF BUDGET & CARRYOVER

Total Revised 2023-2024 Preschool Education Aid Allocation	\$ 861,996
Add: Actual Preschool Expansion Aid Carryover (June 30, 2022 and June 30, 2023)	557,516
Add: Budgeted Transfer from General Fund	59,448
Total Preschool Education Aid Funds Available for 2023-2024 Budget	1,478,960
Less: 2023-2024 Budgeted Preschool Education Aid	(1,330,587)
Available & Unbudgeted Preschool Education Aid Funds as of June 30, 2024	148,373
Add: June 30, 2024 Unexpended Preschool Education Aid	453,500
Cancellation of Prior Year Encumbrances	5
2023-2024 Carryover - Preschool Education Aid	<u>\$ 601,878</u>
2023-2024 Preschool Education Aid Carryover	
Budgeted for Preschool Programs in 2024-2025	<u>\$ -0-</u>

CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND
(NOT APPLICABLE)

PROPRIETARY FUNDS

HIGH BRIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
ENTERPRISE FUNDS
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
JUNE 30, 2024

	<u>Food Service Fund</u>
<u>ASSETS:</u>	
Current Assets:	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 66,715
Intergovernmental Accounts Receivable:	
State	88
Federal	1,467
Inventories	<u>6,359</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>74,629</u>
Non-Current Assets:	
Capital Assets	192,732
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(171,816)</u>
Total Non-Current Assets	<u>20,916</u>
Total Assets	<u>95,545</u>
<u>LIABILITIES:</u>	
Current Liabilities:	
Accounts Payable	5,736
Unearned Revenue - Prepaid Sales	235
Unearned Revenue - Supply Chain Assistance	18,851
Unearned Revenue - Donated Commodities	<u>2,405</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>27,227</u>
<u>NET POSITION:</u>	
Investment in Capital Assets	20,916
Unrestricted	<u>47,402</u>
Total Net Position	<u><u>\$ 68,318</u></u>

HIGH BRIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
ENTERPRISE FUNDS
COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENSES
AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	<u>Food Service Fund</u>
Operating Revenue:	
Daily Sales:	
Reimbursable Programs	\$ 55,990
Non-Reimbursable Programs	21,561
Other Sales	799
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Total Operating Revenue	78,350 <hr/>
Operating Expenses:	
Cost of Sales:	
Reimbursable Programs	55,636
Non-Reimbursable Programs	22,219
Salaries	44,486
Employee Benefits and Payroll Taxes	13,820
Other Purchased Services	9,000
Miscellaneous Expenses	12,927
Depreciation Expense	174
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Total Operating Expenses	158,262 <hr/>
Operating Loss	(79,912) <hr/>
Non-Operating Revenue:	
Local Sources:	
Interest Earnings	44
State Sources:	
State School lunch Program	2,054
Federal Sources:	
National School Lunch Program	34,830
School Breakfast Program	78
Food Distribution Program	12,796
COVID 19 - Supply Chain Assistance	16,045
COVID 19 - Pandemic EBT Cost Reimbursement	653
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Total Non-Operating Revenue	66,500 <hr/>
Change in Net Position	(13,412)
Net Position - Beginning of Year (Restated)	81,730 <hr/>
Net Position - End of Year	\$ 68,318 <hr/> <hr/>

HIGH BRIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
ENTERPRISE FUNDS
COMBINING STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	Food Service Fund
Cash Flows from Operating Activities:	
Receipts from Customers	\$ 77,536
Payments to Food Service Contractor	(133,205)
Payments to Suppliers	(11,160)
Net Cash (Used for) Operating Activities	(66,829)
Cash Flows from Financing Activities:	
Interest Income	44
Net Cash Provided by Capital and Related Financing Activities	44
Cash Flows from Capital and Related Financing Activities:	
Purchase of Capital Assets	(20,916)
Net Cash (Used for) Capital and Related Financing Activities	(20,916)
Cash Flows from Noncapital Financing Activities:	
Interfund Returned - General Fund	51,346
Net Cash Provided by Noncapital Financing Activities	51,346
Net Decrease in Cash and Cash Equivalents	(36,355)
Cash and Cash Equivalents, July 1	103,070
Cash and Cash Equivalents, June 30	\$ 66,715
Reconciliation of Operating (Loss) to Net Cash Used for Operating Activities:	
Adjustment to Reconcile Operating (Loss) to Net Cash Used for Operating Activities:	
Operating (Loss)	\$ (79,912)
Depreciation	174
Food Distribution Program	12,796
Changes in Assets and Liabilities:	
(Increase) in Inventory	(177)
Increase in Accounts Payable	1,488
(Decrease) in Unearned Revenue - Prepaid Sales	(814)
(Decrease) in Unearned Revenue - Donated Commodities	(384)
Net Cash (Used for) Operating Activities	\$ (66,829)

Noncash Investing, Capital and Financing Activities:

The Food Service Enterprise Fund received U.S.D.A. Commodities through the Food Distribution Program valued at \$12,412 and utilized U.S.D.A. Commodities valued at \$12,796.

FIDUCIARY ACTIVITIES
(NOT APPLICABLE)

LONG-TERM LIABILITIES

HIGH BRIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
LONG-TERM LIABILITIES
SCHEDULE OF SERIAL BONDS

Purpose	Date of Issue	Original Issue	Maturities of Bonds				Interest Rate	Balance June 30, 2023	Matured	Balance June 30, 2024
			Date	Outstanding June 30, 2024	Amount					
1999 Series Refunding Bonds	05/01/1999	\$ 6,405,000	2/15/2025	495,000			4.900%	\$ 1,480,000	\$ 465,000	\$ 1,015,000
			2/15/2026	520,000			4.900%			
								<u>\$ 1,480,000</u>	<u>\$ 465,000</u>	<u>\$ 1,015,000</u>

HIGH BRIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
LONG-TERM LIABILITIES
SCHEDULE OF OBLIGATIONS UNDER LEASES
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Original Issue</u>	<u>Balance July 1, 2023</u>	<u>Matured</u>	<u>Balance June 30, 2024</u>
Savin Copiers	5.25%	\$ 31,034	<u>\$ 711</u>	<u>\$ 711</u>	<u>\$ -0-</u>

HIGH BRIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE
DEBT SERVICE FUND
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Final to Actual
REVENUE:				
Local Sources:				
Local Tax Levy	\$ 459,647	\$ 459,647	\$ 459,647	
State Sources:				
Debt Service Aid Type II	79,353	79,353	79,353	
Total Revenue	539,000	539,000	539,000	
EXPENDITURES:				
Regular Debt Service:				
Interest	74,000	74,000	74,000	
Redemption of Principal	465,000	465,000	465,000	
Total Regular Debt Service	539,000	539,000	539,000	
Total Expenditures	539,000	539,000	539,000	
Excess/(Deficiency) of Revenue Over/(Under) Expenditures	-0-	-0-	-0-	
Fund Balance, July 1	-0-	-0-	-0-	\$ -0-
Fund Balance, June 30	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ -0-

STATISTICAL SECTION
(UNAUDITED)

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

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

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These schedules contain information to help the reader assess the factors affecting the District's ability to generate its property taxes.

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Debt Capacity

These schedules present information to help the reader assess the affordability of the District's current levels of outstanding debt and the District's ability to issue additional debt in the future.

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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 and to help make comparisons over time and with other governments.

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Operating Information

These schedules contain information about the District's operations and resources to help the reader understand how the District's financial information relates to the services the District provides and the activities it performs.

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

HIGH BRIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
NET POSITION BY COMPONENT,
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS
(ACCRUAL BASIS OF ACCOUNTING)
UNAUDITED

	Fiscal Year Ending June 30,									
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023*	2024
Governmental Activities:										
Net Investment in Capital Assets	\$ 6,896,677	\$ 6,910,733	\$ 6,956,795	\$ 7,116,316	\$ 3,695,270	\$ 4,231,567	\$ 4,510,637	\$ 4,945,497	\$ 5,954,740	\$ 6,639,796
Restricted	1,107,509	1,002,111	1,228,281	1,207,031	1,141,136	2,019,269	2,792,395	3,499,883	3,651,626	4,298,602
Unrestricted/(Deficit)	(1,826,430)	(1,054,963)	(1,606,760)	(1,514,321)	(1,304,199)	(1,235,087)	(647,478)	79,658	816,660	183,116
Total Governmental Activities Net Position	\$ 6,177,756	\$ 6,857,881	\$ 6,578,316	\$ 6,809,026	\$ 3,532,207	\$ 5,015,749	\$ 6,655,554	\$ 8,525,038	\$ 10,423,026	\$ 11,121,514
Business-Type Activities:										
Investment in Capital Assets					\$ 1,571	\$ 65,226	\$ 871	\$ 4,542	\$ 174	\$ 20,916
Unrestricted	\$ 23,985	\$ 29,943	\$ 16,106	\$ 17,866	11,523	9,071	21,714	83,810	81,556	47,402
Total Business-Type Activities Net Position	\$ 23,985	\$ 29,943	\$ 16,106	\$ 17,866	\$ 13,094	\$ 74,297	\$ 22,585	\$ 88,352	\$ 81,730	\$ 68,318
District-Wide:										
Net Investment in Capital Assets	\$ 6,896,677	\$ 6,910,733	\$ 6,956,795	\$ 7,116,316	\$ 3,696,841	\$ 4,296,793	\$ 4,511,508	\$ 4,718,936	\$ 5,954,914	\$ 6,660,712
Restricted	1,107,509	1,002,111	1,228,281	1,207,031	1,141,136	2,019,269	2,792,395	3,499,883	3,651,626	4,298,602
Unrestricted/(Deficit)	(1,802,445)	(1,025,020)	(1,590,654)	(1,496,455)	(1,292,676)	(1,226,016)	(625,764)	163,468	898,216	230,518
Total District Net Position	\$ 6,201,741	\$ 6,887,824	\$ 6,594,422	\$ 6,826,892	\$ 3,545,301	\$ 5,090,046	\$ 6,678,139	\$ 8,382,287	\$ 10,504,756	\$ 11,189,832

* Restated

HIGH BRIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
CHANGES IN NET POSITION, LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS
(ACCURAL BASIS OF ACCOUNTING)
UNAUDITED

	Fiscal Year Ending June 30,									
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Expenses:										
Governmental Activities:										
Instruction:										
Regular	\$ 3,823,787	\$ 3,634,495	\$ 4,318,019	\$ 4,109,407	\$ 3,886,221	\$ 4,272,536	\$ 4,235,288	\$ 4,946,071	\$ 4,470,897	\$ 4,388,290
Special Education	1,121,448	1,840,147	2,323,027	1,728,279	2,385,799	2,156,574	2,082,409	2,179,649	1,917,110	1,924,137
Other Instruction	206,774	244,301	187,676	269,055	227,659	180,503	120,089	182,184	276,249	281,935
School Sponsored/Other Instruction	51,714									
Support Services:										
Tuition	110,371	14,833	42,148	57,241			41,007	18,442	13,364	
Student and Instruction Related Services	1,843,458	1,486,272	2,132,378	2,231,582	1,615,900	1,463,113	1,490,087	1,429,779	2,006,719	2,263,733
General Administrative Services	481,293	332,965	293,894	322,056	303,730	257,025	249,855	239,535	270,933	342,883
School Administrative Services	290,230	171,763	340,487	257,618	268,513	263,149	263,897	244,412	283,059	280,632
Central Services		173,029	152,852	156,935	152,736	160,405	140,130	127,924	116,792	110,789
Administrative Information Technology							21,118	26,699	20,764	14,952
Plant Operations and Maintenance	783,523	782,789	853,821	1,206,857	1,034,767	757,473	1,043,166	899,716	1,021,788	1,555,175
Pupil Transportation	107,887	97,142	77,383	76,905	93,251	62,733	14,175	18,740	34,434	24,741
Capital Outlay		36,119	46,124						404,058	93,150
Transfer of Funds to Charter Schools						4,412				
Interest on Long-Term Debt	224,232	211,703	196,835	203,268	163,592	123,125	129,917	109,833	91,750	65,281
Unallocated Depreciation	28,594									
Total Governmental Activities Expenses	9,073,311	9,025,558	10,964,644	10,619,203	10,132,168	9,701,048	9,831,138	10,422,984	10,927,917	11,345,698
Business-Type Activities:										
Food Service	87,505	80,014	102,118	89,536	97,744	92,817	70,083	138,968	155,152	158,262
Preschool Program	21,000									
Total Business-Type Activities Expense	108,505	80,014	102,118	89,536	97,744	92,817	70,083	138,968	155,152	158,262
Total District Expenses	\$ 9,181,816	\$ 9,105,572	\$ 11,066,762	\$ 10,708,739	\$ 10,229,912	\$ 9,793,865	\$ 9,901,221	\$ 10,561,952	\$ 11,083,069	\$ 11,503,960
Program Revenues:										
Governmental Activities:										
Charges for Services:										
Instruction:										
Regular									\$ 2,500	\$ 20,783
Support Services:										
Student and Instruction Related Services	\$ 125,491	\$ 150,729	\$ 96,990	\$ 75,684	\$ 166,837	\$ 31,418	\$ 33,996	\$ 29,500	44,208	42,295
Operating Grants and Contributions	3,362,228	3,661,977	4,607,591	4,415,054	4,009,638	4,099,414	4,214,965	4,968,289	4,650,083	4,284,277
Total Governmental Activities Program Revenues	3,487,719	3,812,706	4,704,581	4,490,738	4,176,475	4,130,832	4,248,961	4,997,789	4,696,791	4,347,355

HIGH BRIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
CHANGES IN NET POSITION, LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS
(ACCURAL BASIS OF ACCOUNTING)
UNAUDITED
(Continued)

	Fiscal Year Ending June 30,									
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Program Revenues:										
Business-Type Activities:										
Charges for Services:										
Food Service	\$ 55,917	\$ 38,862	\$ 59,454	\$ 61,061	\$ 61,809	\$ 46,823	\$ 346	\$ 6,400	\$ 97,993	\$ 78,350
Preschool Program	26,250									
Operating grants and contributions	34,679	33,041	28,816	30,213	33,499	43,120	82,020	198,310	63,575	66,456
Capital grants and contributions						64,004				
Total Business-Type Activities Program Revenues	116,846	71,903	88,270	91,274	95,308	153,947	82,366	204,710	161,568	144,806
Total District Program Revenues	\$ 3,604,565	\$ 3,884,609	\$ 4,792,851	\$ 4,582,012	\$ 4,271,783	\$ 4,284,779	\$ 4,331,327	\$ 5,202,499	\$ 4,858,359	\$ 4,492,161
Net (Expense)/Revenue:										
Governmental Activities	\$ (5,585,592)	\$ (5,212,832)	\$ (6,260,063)	\$ (6,128,465)	\$ (5,955,693)	\$ (5,570,216)	\$ (5,582,177)	\$ (5,425,195)	\$ (6,231,126)	\$ (6,998,343)
Business-Type Activities	8,341	(8,111)	(13,848)	1,738	(2,436)	61,130	12,283	65,742	6,416	(13,456)
Total District-Wide Net Expense	\$ (5,577,251)	\$ (5,220,963)	\$ (6,273,911)	\$ (6,126,727)	\$ (5,958,129)	\$ (5,509,086)	\$ (5,569,894)	\$ (5,359,453)	\$ (6,224,710)	\$ (7,011,799)
General Revenues and Other Changes in Net Position:										
Governmental Activities:										
Property Taxes Levied for General Purposes, Net	\$ 5,281,889	\$ 5,388,481	\$ 5,496,652	\$ 5,808,499	\$ 6,116,349	\$ 6,380,576	\$ 6,567,650	\$ 6,699,003	\$ 6,832,983	\$ 6,969,643
Taxes Levied for Debt Service	454,250	440,891	441,165	445,729	449,357	452,184	453,251	453,463	457,088	459,647
Federal and State Aid not Restricted						78,066	78,249	78,287	78,912	79,353
Investment Earnings	2,047	2,351	841	9,934	12,385	9,441	1,263	3,600	3,058	113,709
Miscellaneous Income	14,665	135,673	91,840	79,132	180,375	7,987	122,338	87,240	65,629	74,479
Other Items			(50,000)							
Total Governmental Activities	5,752,851	5,967,396	5,980,498	6,343,294	6,738,466	6,928,254	7,222,751	7,321,593	7,437,670	7,696,831
Business-Type Activities:										
Investment Earnings		23	11	22	92	73	9	25	22	44
Miscellaneous Income	1,375	14,046								
Total Business-Type Activities	1,375	14,069	11	22	92	73	9	25	22	44
Total District-Wide	\$ 5,754,226	\$ 5,981,465	\$ 5,980,509	\$ 6,343,316	\$ 6,758,558	\$ 6,928,327	\$ 7,222,760	\$ 7,321,618	\$ 7,437,692	\$ 7,696,875
Change in Net Position:										
Governmental Activities	\$ 167,259	\$ 754,544	\$ (279,565)	\$ 214,829	\$ 802,773	\$ 1,358,038	\$ 1,640,574	\$ 1,896,398	\$ 1,206,544	\$ 698,488
Business-Type Activities	9,716	5,958	(13,837)	1,760	(2,344)	61,203	12,292	65,767	6,438	(13,412)
Total District	\$ 176,975	\$ 760,502	\$ (293,402)	\$ 216,589	\$ 800,429	\$ 1,419,241	\$ 1,652,866	\$ 1,962,165	\$ 1,212,982	\$ 685,076

Source: High Bridge School District Financial Reports

HIGH BRIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
FUND BALANCES, GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS,
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS
(MODIFIED ACCRUAL BASIS OF ACCOUNTING)
UNAUDITED

	Fiscal Year Ending June 30,									
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
General Fund:										
Restricted	\$ 1,446,063	\$ 1,002,111	\$ 1,228,281	\$ 1,207,031	\$ 1,141,136	\$ 2,338,556	\$ 3,208,665	\$ 3,845,353	\$ 4,314,125	\$ 4,929,694
Assigned		649,349	50,000	149,914	333,939	105,717	105,851	506,198	672,329	202,187
Unassigned	84,384	157,348	264,895	310,598	251,227	121,996	425,364	569,493	686,898	535,542
Total General Fund	\$ 1,530,447	\$ 1,808,808	\$ 1,543,176	\$ 1,667,543	\$ 1,726,302	\$ 2,566,269	\$ 3,739,880	\$ 4,921,044	\$ 5,673,352	\$ 5,667,423
All Other Governmental Funds:										
Unassigned/(Deficit), Reported In:										
Special Revenue Fund	\$ (660)	\$ (660)	\$ (660)	\$ (660)	\$ (660)	\$ (28,686)	\$ (44,885)	\$ (90,922)	\$ (84,234)	\$ (86,199)
Restricted:										
Capital Projects Fund										
Special Revenue Fund	1,245	1,245				9,040	11,320	16,556	22,177	19,926
Total All Other Governmental Funds/(Deficit)	\$ 585	\$ 585	\$ (660)	\$ (660)	\$ (660)	\$ (19,646)	\$ (33,565)	\$ (74,366)	\$ (62,057)	\$ (66,273)
Governmental Funds:										
Restricted	\$ 1,446,063	\$ 1,002,111	\$ 1,228,281	\$ 1,207,031	\$ 1,141,136	\$ 2,338,556	\$ 3,208,665	\$ 3,845,353	\$ 4,314,125	\$ 4,949,620
Assigned		649,349	50,000	149,914	333,939	105,717	105,851	506,198	672,329	202,187
Unassigned/(Deficit)	84,969	157,933	264,235	309,938	250,567	102,350	391,799	495,127	602,664	449,343
Total Governmental Funds	\$ 1,531,032	\$ 1,809,393	\$ 1,542,516	\$ 1,666,883	\$ 1,725,642	\$ 2,546,623	\$ 3,706,315	\$ 4,846,678	\$ 5,589,118	\$ 5,601,150

Source: High Bridge School District Financial Reports

HIGH BRIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES, GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS,
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS
(MODIFIED ACCRUAL BASIS OF ACCOUNTING)
UNAUDITED

	Fiscal Year Ending June 30,									
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Revenues:										
Tax Levy	\$ 5,736,139	\$ 5,829,372	\$ 5,937,817	\$ 6,254,228	\$ 6,565,706	\$ 6,832,760	\$ 7,020,901	\$ 7,152,466	\$ 7,290,071	\$ 7,429,290
Tuition Charges	125,491	150,729	96,990	75,684	166,837	31,418	33,996	29,500	2,500	20,783
Interest Earnings		2,351	841	9,934	12,385	9,441	1,263	3,600	3,058	113,709
Restricted Miscellaneous Revenue									52,558	54,885
Miscellaneous Revenue	16,712	135,673	91,840	79,132	180,375	7,987	164,413	89,240	13,647	22,953
State Sources	2,409,014	2,465,912	2,741,897	2,887,527	2,976,255	3,173,514	3,854,853	4,157,682	4,662,349	4,188,285
Federal Sources	121,133	146,546	130,553	122,477	155,478	121,329	178,627	314,480	332,232	437,678
Total Revenue	8,408,489	8,730,583	8,999,938	9,428,982	10,057,036	10,176,449	11,254,053	11,746,968	12,356,415	12,267,583
Expenditures:										
Instruction:										
Regular Instruction	2,632,722	2,216,279	2,376,065	2,285,413	2,176,419	2,429,632	2,656,605	3,047,700	2,866,521	2,690,253
Special Education Instruction	886,081	938,450	1,264,243	940,389	1,170,134	1,028,246	1,087,455	1,092,736	1,037,063	1,013,863
Other Special Instruction	163,377	187,850	151,743	210,722	210,428	168,011	111,162	137,047	95,836	99,353
Other Instruction	40,860								55,554	47,170
Support Services:										
Tuition	110,371	14,833	42,148	57,241			41,007	18,442	13,364	
Student and Instruction Related Services	1,456,557	1,109,566	1,128,662	1,340,175	1,340,802	1,202,198	1,258,466	1,229,601	1,634,495	1,910,966
School Administrative Services	229,317	116,444	121,905	163,342	159,076	169,718	172,078	170,347	180,352	158,376
General Administrative Services	380,280	278,400	226,986	241,429	210,175	202,760	186,042	188,316	195,966	223,861
Central Services		154,422	127,629	132,161	126,507	138,998	120,805	113,922	108,141	59,514
Administrative Information Technology							21,118	26,699	20,764	14,952
Plant Operations and Maintenance	619,079	677,398	722,007	906,502	698,225	723,384	742,277	727,634	853,898	1,397,285
Pupil Transportation	107,887	97,142	76,143	76,905	93,251	62,733	14,175	18,740	34,434	24,741
Unallocated Benefits	926,628	2,108,441	2,296,936	2,371,705	2,694,937	2,681,984	3,023,236	3,135,137	3,555,352	3,633,432
Capital Outlay	44,716	36,119	65,020	71,831	591,388	138,646	128,435	141,620	404,058	464,962
Debt Service:										
Principal	285,000	300,000	315,000	335,000	355,000	375,000	395,000	415,000	440,000	465,000
Interest and Other Charges	229,095	216,878	202,328	187,680	171,935	155,250	136,500	116,750	96,000	74,000
Total Expenditures	8,111,970	8,452,222	9,216,815	9,320,495	9,998,277	9,480,972	10,094,361	10,579,691	11,591,798	12,277,728
Excess (Deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	296,519	278,361	(216,877)	108,487	58,759	695,477	1,159,692	1,167,277	764,617	(10,145)
Other Financing sources (uses)										
Transfers			(50,000)							
Total other financing sources (uses)			(50,000)							
Net Change in Fund Balances	\$ 296,519	\$ 278,361	\$ (266,877)	\$ 108,487	\$ 58,759	\$ 695,477	\$ 1,159,692	\$ 1,167,277	\$ 764,617	\$ (10,145)
Debt Service as a Percentage of Noncapital Expenditures	6.4 %	6.1 %	5.7 %	5.7 %	5.6 %	5.7 %	5.3 %	5.1 %	4.79 %	4.56 %

Source: High Bridge School District Financial Reports

HIGH BRIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
GENERAL FUND - OTHER LOCAL REVENUE BY SOURCE
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS
(MODIFIED ACCRUAL BASIS OF ACCOUNTING)
UNAUDITED

Fiscal Year Ending June 30,	Interest on Investments	Tuition	Miscellaneous	Total
2015	\$ 2,047	\$ 125,491	\$ 14,665	\$ 142,203
2016	2,351	150,729	57,571	210,651
2017	2,372	96,990	9,722	109,084
2018	9,934	75,684	1,150	86,768
2019	12,385	166,837	84,654	263,876
2020	9,441	31,418	3,162	44,021
2021	1,263	33,996	109,758	145,017
2022	3,600	29,500	89,240	122,340
2023	3,058	2,500	21,421	26,979
2024	113,709	20,783	32,184	166,676

Source: High Bridge School District Financial Reports

HIGH BRIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
ASSESSED VALUE AND ESTIMATED ACTUAL VALUE OF TAXABLE PROPERTY
 LAST TEN YEARS
UNAUDITED

Year Ended December 31,	Vacant Land	Residential	Farm Reg.	Farm Qualified	Commercial	Industrial	Apartment	Total Assessed Value	Tax-Exempt Property	Net Valuation Taxable	Total Direct School Tax Rate ^b	Estimated Actual (County Equalized Value)
2014	\$ 1,635,700	\$ 337,046,400	\$ 1,478,600	\$ 9,254	\$ 11,767,400	\$ 7,221,000	\$ 509,600	\$ 359,667,954	\$ 30,292,700	\$ 359,667,954	\$ 1.60	\$ 349,430,504
2015	1,392,500	305,140,100	1,353,700	9,254	12,732,800	8,751,500	1,087,000	330,466,854	25,575,667	330,466,854	1.76	360,146,317
2016	1,396,400	304,820,800	1,353,700	8,554	12,862,200	8,751,500	1,087,000	330,280,154	25,575,667	330,280,154	1.80	361,164,047
2017	1,301,600	303,934,300	2,081,400	10,500	12,413,800	8,751,500	1,087,000	329,580,100	26,816,449	329,580,100	2.03	358,839,392
2018	1,148,300	302,871,800	2,083,300	10,200	12,330,300	9,769,200	1,067,900	329,281,000	26,817,949	329,281,000	2.13	364,046,312
2019	1,223,000	301,924,400	2,083,600	10,200	12,858,400	10,132,300	1,452,800	329,684,700	30,254,852	329,684,700	2.21	378,167,392
2020	1,353,000	303,117,800	2,077,800	10,200	14,329,300	10,867,500	1,541,900	333,297,500	29,302,452	333,297,500	2.24	356,609,251
2021	1,326,900	305,144,400	2,073,600	10,200	14,483,300	11,239,900	1,687,800	335,966,100	31,444,952	335,966,100	2.26	358,776,738
2022	1,435,300	309,200,400	2,071,600	10,200	17,394,000	11,494,900	2,053,600	343,660,000	31,062,852	343,660,000	2.25	379,241,346
2023 *	1,495,600	346,354,200	2,302,300	10,200	18,955,100	11,526,000	2,315,700	382,959,100	30,655,852	382,959,100	2.06	423,888,748

* - Revaluation/reassessment effective in this year.

Source: Municipal Tax Assessor

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

Reassessment occurs when ordered by the County Board of Taxation

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

b Tax rates are per \$100

HIGH BRIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
DIRECT AND OVERLAPPING PROPERTY TAX RATES
LAST TEN YEARS
(RATE PER \$100 OF ASSESSED VALUE)
UNAUDITED

Year Ended December 31,	High Bridge Borough School District Direct Rate			Overlapping Rates				Total Direct and Overlapping Tax Rate
	Basic Rate ^a	General Obligation Debt Service ^b	Total Direct	Regional School District	High Bridge Borough	Library	Hunterdon County	
2014	\$ 1.47	\$ 0.13	\$ 1.60	\$ 0.60	\$ 0.88	\$ 0.03	\$ 0.33	\$ 3.43
2015	1.63	0.13	1.76	0.58	0.93	0.03	0.40	3.71
2016	1.66	0.13	1.80	0.60	0.98	0.03	0.40	3.81
2017	1.90	0.14	2.03	0.38	1.03		0.40	3.85
2018	1.99	0.14	2.13	0.39	1.03		0.42	3.96
2019	2.07	0.14	2.21	0.44	1.05		0.43	4.13
2020	2.11	0.14	2.24	0.44	1.05		0.40	4.13
2021	2.13	0.13	2.26	0.47	1.05		0.40	4.18
2022	2.12	0.13	2.25	0.54	1.05		0.42	4.25
2023	* 1.94	0.12	2.06	0.54	0.94		0.42	3.95

Source: Municipal Tax Collector and School Business Administrator

* - Revaluation/reassessment effective in this year.

Note: NJSA 18A:7F-5d limits the amount that the district can submit for a general fund tax levy . The levy when added to other components of the district's net budget may not exceed the prebudget year net budget by more than the spending growth limitation calculation.

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

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

HIGH BRIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
PRINCIPAL PROPERTY TAXPAYERS
CURRENT YEAR AND NINE YEARS AGO
UNAUDITED

	2023	
	Taxable Assessed Value	% of Total District Net Assessed Value
<u>Taxpayer</u>		

NOT AVAILABLE

	2014	
	Taxable Assessed Value	% of Total District Net Assessed Value
<u>Taxpayer</u>		

NOT AVAILABLE

HIGH BRIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
PROPERTY TAX LEVIES AND COLLECTIONS
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS
UNAUDITED

Fiscal Year Ended June 30,	Taxes Levied for the Fiscal Year	Collected within the Fiscal Year of the Levy ^a		Collections in Subsequent Years
		Amount	Percentage of Levy	
2015	\$ 5,736,139	\$ 5,736,139	100.00%	\$ -0-
2016	5,829,372	5,829,372	100.00%	-0-
2017	5,937,817	5,937,817	100.00%	-0-
2018	5,808,499	5,808,499	100.00%	-0-
2019	6,565,706	6,565,706	100.00%	-0-
2020	6,832,760	6,832,760	100.00%	-0-
2021	7,020,901	7,020,901	100.00%	-0-
2022	7,152,466	7,152,466	100.00%	-0-
2023	7,290,071	7,290,071	100.00%	-0-
2024	7,429,290	7,429,290	100.00%	-0-

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

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

HIGH BRIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
RATIOS OF OUTSTANDING DEBT BY TYPE
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS
UNAUDITED

Fiscal Year Ended June 30,	Governmental Activities		Total District	Percentage of Personal Income ^a	Per Capita ^a
	General Obligation Bonds				
2015	\$ 4,410,000	\$	4,410,000	1.53%	\$ 1,242
2016	4,110,000		4,110,000	1.38%	1,159
2017	3,795,000		3,795,000	1.26%	1,073
2018	3,460,000		3,460,000	1.14%	999
2019	3,105,000		3,105,000	0.99%	908
2020	2,730,000		2,730,000	0.85%	806
2021	2,335,000		2,335,000	0.65%	652
2022	1,920,000		1,920,000	0.52%	534
2023	1,480,000		1,480,000	0.40%	412
2024	1,015,000		1,015,000	0.28%	283

Source: School District Financial Reports

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

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

HIGH BRIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
RATIOS OF NET GENERAL BONDED DEBT OUTSTANDING
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS
UNAUDITED

<u>General Bonded Debt Outstanding</u>					
<u>Fiscal Year Ended June 30,</u>	<u>General Obligation Bonds</u>	<u>Deductions</u>	<u>Net General Bonded Debt Outstanding</u>	<u>Percentage of Net Valuation Taxable ^a of Property</u>	<u>Per Capita ^b</u>
2015	\$ 4,410,000	\$ -0-	\$ 4,410,000	1.211%	\$ 1,242
2016	4,110,000	-0-	4,110,000	1.143%	1,159
2017	3,795,000	-0-	3,795,000	1.148%	1,073
2018	3,460,000	-0-	3,460,000	1.050%	999
2019	3,105,000	-0-	3,105,000	0.943%	908
2020	2,730,000	-0-	2,730,000	0.828%	806
2021	2,335,000	-0-	2,335,000	0.701%	652
2022	1,920,000	-0-	1,920,000	0.571%	534
2023	1,480,000	-0-	1,480,000	0.431%	412
2024	1,015,000	-0-	1,015,000	0.265%	283

Source: School District Financial Reports

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

a See Exhibit J-6 for property tax data. This ratio is calculated using valuation data for the prior calendar year.

b See Exhibit J-14 for population data. This ratio is calculated using population for the prior calendar year.

HIGH BRIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
RATIOS OF OVERLAPPING GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES DEBT
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2023
UNAUDITED

<u>Governmental Unit</u>	<u>Debt Outstanding</u>	<u>Estimated Percentage Applicable ^a</u>	<u>Estimated Share of Overlapping Debt</u>
Debt Repaid with Property Taxes:			
High Bridge Borough	\$ 7,247,165	100.00%	\$ 7,247,165
North Hunterdon-Voorhees Regional High School District Debt	6,360,000	1.63%	6,960,000
Hunterdon County General Obligation Debt	71,347,396	1.66%	1,184,367
Subtotal, Overlapping Debt			15,391,532
High Bridge School District Direct Debt			1,480,000
Total Direct and Overlapping Debt			\$ 16,871,532

Source: Assessed value data used to estimate applicable percentages provided by the Hunterdon County Board of Taxation; debt outstanding data provided by each governmental unit.

Note: Overlapping governments are those that coincide, at least in part, with the geographic boundaries of the District.

This schedule estimates the portion of the outstanding debt of those overlapping governments that is borne by the residents and businesses of High Bridge. This process recognizes that, when considering the District's ability to issue and repay long-term, the entire debt burden borne by the residents and businesses should be taken into account. However this does not imply that every taxpayer is a resident, and therefore responsible for repaying the debt, of each overlapping unit.

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

HIGH BRIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
LEGAL DEBT MARGIN INFORMATION
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS
UNAUDITED

Legal Debt Margin Calculation for Fiscal Year 2024			
	Equalized Valuation Basis		
	2021	2022	2023
	\$ 373,129,831	\$ 417,874,514	\$ 422,896,047
			\$ 1,213,900,392
Average Equalized Valuation of Taxable Property			\$ 404,633,464
Debt Limit (a) (3% of Average Equalization Value)	\$ 12,139,004		
Net Bonded School Debt	1,015,000		
Legal Debt Margin	\$ 11,124,004		

	Fiscal Year									
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Debt Limit	\$ 10,712,546	\$ 10,657,631	\$ 10,723,446	\$ 10,451,820	\$ 10,894,917	\$ 10,832,724	\$ 10,740,398	\$ 10,733,690	\$ 11,407,761	\$ 12,139,004
Total Net Debt Applicable to Limit	4,410,000	4,110,000	3,795,000	3,460,000	3,105,000	2,730,000	2,335,000	1,920,000	1,480,000	1,015,000
Legal Debt Margin	\$ 6,302,546	\$ 6,547,631	\$ 6,928,446	\$ 6,991,820	\$ 7,789,917	\$ 8,102,724	\$ 8,405,398	\$ 8,813,690	\$ 9,927,761	\$ 11,124,004
Total Net Debt Applicable to the Limit	41.17%	38.56%	35.39%	33.10%	28.50%	25.20%	21.74%	17.89%	12.97%	8.36%
As a Percentage of Debt Limit										

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

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

HIGH BRIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
DEMOGRAPHIC AND ECONOMIC STATISTICS
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS
UNAUDITED

<u>Year</u>	<u>Population ^a</u>	<u>Hunterdon County Per Capita Personal Income ^b</u>	<u>Total County Personal Income ^c</u>	<u>Unemployment Rate ^d</u>
2015	3,551	\$ 80,981	\$ 287,563,531	5.40%
2016	3,546	83,763	297,023,598	4.70%
2017	3,536	84,912	300,248,832	4.30%
2018	3,462	87,934	304,427,508	3.80%
2019	3,418	91,946	314,271,428	3.80%
2020	3,388	95,088	322,158,144	9.40%
2021	3,584	100,288	359,432,192	5.70%
2022	3,594	102,044	366,746,136	3.90%
2023	3,592	102,044 **	366,542,048 ***	4.30%
2024	3,592 *	102,044 **	366,542,048 ***	N/A

* - Latest Hunterdon County per capita personal income available (2023) was used for calculation purposes.

** - Latest population data available (2022) was used for calculation purposes.

*** - Latest County Personal Income data available (2022) was used for calculation purposes.

N/A - Information unavailable.

Source:

- ^a Population information provided by the NJ Dept of Labor and Workforce Development
- ^b Per Capita Personal Income provided by the NJ Dept of Labor and Workforce Development
- ^c Personal income has been estimated based upon the municipal population and per capita personal income presented
- ^d Unemployment data provided by the NJ Dept of Labor and Workforce Development

HIGH BRIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT DISTRICT EMPLOYEES BY FUNCTION/PROGRAM
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS
UNAUDITED

<u>Function/Program</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>
Instruction										
Regular	31.80	31.80	30.24	30.80	32.00	30.00	29.00	29.00	29.35	28.27
Special Education	34.70	34.70	42.74	20.27	20.60	24.00	21.00	21.00	18.58	21.35
Support Services:										
School Administrative Services	3.10	3.10	3.10	3.10	3.10	3.10	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00
General and Business Administrative Services	4.70	4.70	4.70	4.70	4.70	4.70	5.00	5.00	4.00	5.86
Plant Operations and Maintenance	5.30	5.30	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	7.00	7.00	8.40	5.90
Pupil transportation	0.10	0.10	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total	<u>79.70</u>	<u>79.70</u>	<u>86.78</u>	<u>64.87</u>	<u>66.40</u>	<u>67.80</u>	<u>65.00</u>	<u>65.00</u>	<u>63.33</u>	<u>64.38</u>

Source: District Personnel Records

HIGH BRIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
OPERATING STATISTICS
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS
UNAUDITED

Fiscal Year	Enrollment	Operating Expenditures ^a	Cost Per Pupil ^d	Percentage Change	Teaching Staff ^b	Pupil/Teacher Ratio	Average Daily Enrollment (ADE) ^c	Average Daily Attendance (ADA) ^c	% Change in Average Daily Enrollment	Student Attendance Percentage
2015	380	\$ 7,553,159	\$ 19,877	0.84%	45.0	1:8.4	377	360	2.42%	95.52%
2016	380	7,899,225	20,787	4.58%	45.0	1:8.4	378	361	0.29%	95.50%
2017	392	8,634,467	22,027	5.96%	50.0	1:8.0	390	372	3.17%	95.38%
2018	370	8,725,984	23,584	7.07%	41.0	1:9.0	370	349	-5.13%	94.32%
2019	370	8,879,954	24,000	1.76%	41.0	1:9.0	370	349	0.00%	94.32%
2020	363	8,812,076	24,276	1.15%	42.0	1:8.6	364	353	-1.62%	96.98%
2021	364	9,434,426	25,919	6.77%	42.0	1:8.7	364	352	-0.41%	96.57%
2022	348	9,906,321	28,466	9.83%	42.0	1:8.7	348	337	-4.40%	96.84%
2023	353	10,651,740	30,175	6.00%	41.0	1:8.6	354	330	1.72%	93.22%
2024	350	7,992,267	22,835	-24.32%	43.0	1:8.1	346	327	-2.26%	94.51%

Sources: High Bridge School District records

Note: Enrollment based on annual October district count.

^a Operating expenditures equal total expenditures less debt service and capital outlay.^b Teaching staff includes only full-time equivalents of certificated staff.^c Average daily enrollment and average daily attendance are obtained from the School Register Summary (SRS).^d The Cost Per Pupil calculated above is the sum of the operating expenditures divided by enrollment. This Cost Per Pupil may be different from other Cost Per Pupil calculations.

HIGH BRIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHOOL BUILDING INFORMATION
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS
UNAUDITED

<u>District Building</u>	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Elementary										
Square Feet	46,459	46,459	46,459	46,459	46,459	46,459	46,459	46,459	46,459	46,459
Capacity (students)	349	349	349	349	349	349	349	349	349	349
Enrollment	265	263	271	271	193	195	210	212	209	212
Middle School										
Square Feet	54,584	54,584	54,584	54,584	54,584	54,584	54,584	54,584	54,587	54,587
Capacity (students)	126	126	126	126	126	126	126	126	126	126
Enrollment	115	115	121	121	177	168	154	146	144	138

Number of Schools at June 30, 2024:

Elementary = 1

Middle School = 1

Source: High Bridge School District Facilities Office

Note: Enrollment is based on the annual October district count.

HIGH BRIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHEDULE OF REQUIRED MAINTENANCE
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS
UNAUDITED

Fiscal Year Ended June 30,	High Bridge Elementary School	High Bridge Middle School	Total
2015	\$ 57,806	\$ 65,185	\$ 122,991
2016	143,593	168,705	312,298
2017	67,743	87,745	155,488
2018	234,456	131,831	366,287
2019	175,110	98,499	273,609
2020	111,380	216,208	327,588
2021	188,062	137,088	325,150
2022	126,915	149,111	276,026
2023	213,692	94,136	307,828
2024	329,927	434,342	764,269

Source: High Bridge School District records

HIGH BRIDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION
INSURANCE SCHEDULE
JUNE 30, 2024
UNAUDITED

	<u>Coverage</u>	<u>Deductible</u>
Commercial Package Policy - School Alliance Insurance Fund:		
<u>PROPERTY SECTION:</u>		
Blanket Building and Contents (fund limit)	\$ 500,000,000	\$ 2,500
Accounts Receivable	2,500,000	2,500
Automobile Physical Damage	In Blanket Limit	1,000
Builders Risk	25,000,000	2,500
Electronic Data Processing Equipment	In Blanket Limit	2,500
<u>LIABILITY SECTION:</u>		
Comprehensive General Liability	5,000,000	
Automobile Liability	5,000,000	
Employee Benefit Liability	5,000,000	1,000
<u>EXCESS LIABILITY:</u>		
Excludes School Board Legal Liability	5,000,000	
<u>CRIME:</u>		
Blanket Employee Dishonesty	500,000	1,000
Forgery	50,000	1,000
Theft/Disappearance/Destruction:		
Inside	50,000	1,000
Outside	50,000	1,000
Computer Fraud	50,000	1,000
Funds Transfer Fund	50,000	1,000
Chartis (SAIF):		
<u>SCHOOL BOARD LEGAL LIABILITY</u>	5,000,000	5,000
ACE American Insurance Company (SAIF):		
<u>ENVIRONMENTAL IMPAIRMENT LIABILITY:</u>		
Limit of Liability:		
Incident	1,000,000	10,000
Fund Annual Aggregate	25,000,000	
<u>WORKERS' COMPENSATION (SAIF):</u>		
(a) Statutory Benefits	Included	
(a) Employer's Liability	5,000,000	
Supplemental Coverage (optional)	Included	
RLI Insurance Company:		
Public Employees' Faithful Performance Blanket Position Bond -		
Treasurer - Judy Favino	200,000	

SINGLE AUDIT SECTION

Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and on Compliance
and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with
Government Auditing Standards

Independent Auditors' Report

The Honorable President and Members
of the Board of Education
High Bridge School District
County of Hunterdon, New Jersey

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States and the audit requirements prescribed by the Office of School Finance, Department of Education, State of New Jersey (the "Office"), the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the High Bridge School District, in the County of Hunterdon (the "District") 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, and have issued our report thereon dated October 22, 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 audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. *A material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the 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 the internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified.

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Report on Compliance and Other Matters

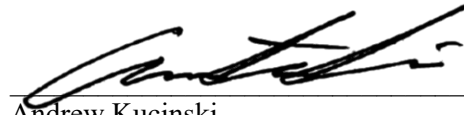
As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the District's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material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

Purpose of this Report

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

October 22, 2024
Mount Arlington, New Jersey

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Report on Compliance For Each Major State Program;
Report on Internal Control Over Compliance Required by NJOMB 15-08
Independent Auditors' Report

The Honorable President and Members
of the Board of Education
High Bridge School District
County of Hunterdon, New Jersey

Report on Compliance for Each Major State Program

Opinion on Each Major State Program

We have audited the High Bridge School District's (the District's) compliance with the types of compliance requirements identified as subject to audit in the *New Jersey State Aid/Grant Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of the District's major state programs for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024. The District's major state programs are identified in the summary of auditors' results section of the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs.

In our opinion, the District complied, in all material respects, with the compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major state programs for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024.

Basis for Opinion on Each Major State Program

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS); the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States (*Government Auditing Standards*); the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance) and New Jersey's OMB Circular 15-08, *Single Audit Policy for Recipients of Federal Grants, State Grants, and State Aid*. Our responsibilities under those standards, the Uniform Guidance and New Jersey's 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 our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion on compliance for each major 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.

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

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, *Government Auditing Standards*, the Uniform Guidance and New Jersey's OMB Circular 15-08, we

- exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- identify and assess the risks of material noncompliance, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the District's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.
- obtain an understanding of the District's internal control over compliance relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance and New Jersey's 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 a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance, such that there is a reasonable possibility that material noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal 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.

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

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

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

October 22, 2024
Mount Arlington, New Jersey

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HIGH BRIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

Federal Grantor/Pass Through Grantor/ Program Title/Cluster Title:	Assistance Listing Number	Grant or State Project Number	Grant Period	Award Amount	Balance June 30, 2023			Balance at June 30, 2024			Amount Provided to Subrecipients	
					Unearned Revenue/ (Accounts Receivable)	Due to Grantor	Cash Received	Budgetary Expenditures	Unearned Revenue	(Accounts Receivable)		Due to Grantor
U.S. Department of Agriculture Passed-through State Department of Agriculture: Child Nutrition Cluster:												
Food Distribution Program	10.555	N/A	7/1/23-6/30/24	\$ 12,412			\$ 12,412	\$ (10,007)	\$ 2,405			
Food Distribution Program	10.555	N/A	7/1/22-6/30/23	12,986	\$ 2,789			(2,789)				
National School Lunch Program	10.555	N/A	7/1/23-6/30/24	34,830			33,363	(34,830)		\$ (1,467)		
National School Lunch Program	10.555	N/A	7/1/22-6/30/23	40,439	(2,260)		2,260					
School Breakfast Program	10.555	N/A	7/1/23-6/30/24	78			78	(78)				
School Breakfast Program	10.555	N/A	7/1/23-6/30/24	12,902			12,902	(16,045)	5,949			
COVID 19 - Supply Chain Assistance	10.555	N/A	7/1/22-6/30/23	30,335	21,994		61,668	(64,402)	21,256	(1,467)		
COVID 19 - Supply Chain Assistance	10.555	N/A	7/1/22-6/30/23		22,523							
Total U.S. Department of Agriculture Child Nutrition Cluster					22,523		61,668	(64,402)	21,256	(1,467)		
Total Enterprise Funds												
U.S. Department of Education Passed-through State Department of Education: Elementary and Secondary Education Act:												
Title I	84.010A	ESEA-2140-24	7/1/23-9/30/24	28,372			21,359	(21,359)				
Title I	84.010A	ESEA-2140-23	7/1/22-9/30/23	57,645	(10,891)		10,891					
Title II - Part A	84.367	ESEA-2140-24	7/1/23-9/30/24	12,427			8,250	(8,250)				
Title III	84.365	ESEA-2140-24	7/1/23-9/30/24	919			879	(879)				
Title III	84.365	ESEA-2140-23	7/1/22-9/30/23	980			1,020	(1,020)				
Title IV	84.424	ESEA-2140-24	7/1/23-9/30/24	18,609			9,226	(14,358)		(5,132)		
Total Elementary and Secondary Education Act					(10,891)		51,625	(45,866)		(5,132)		
Special Education Cluster:												
I.D.E.A. Part B, Basic	84.027	IDEA-2140-24	7/1/23-9/30/24	139,380			106,547	(130,799)		(24,252)		
I.D.E.A. Part B, Basic	84.027	IDEA-2140-23	7/1/22-9/30/23	157,881	(37,358)		37,385	(27)				
I.D.E.A. Part B, Preschool	84.173	IDEA-2140-24	7/1/23-9/30/24	4,503			441	(1,134)		(693)		
I.D.E.A. Part B, Preschool	84.173	IDEA-2140-23	7/1/22-9/30/23	6,438	(1,430)		1,635	(205)				
A.R.P. I.D.E.A. Part B, Preschool	84.027X	H027X210100	7/1/21-9/30/22	1,424			1,424	(1,424)				
Total Special Education Cluster					(38,788)		147,432	(133,589)		(24,945)		
Education Stabilization Fund:												
COVID-19 - CRRSA - Accelerated Learning Coach and Educator Support	84.425D	S425D3210027	3/13/20-9/30/23	25,000			22,600	(22,600)				
COVID-19 - CRRSA - NJTSS Mental Health Support Staffing	84.425D	S425D210027	3/13/20-9/30/23	45,000	480		27,411	(27,891)				
COVID-19 - A.R.P. - ESSER III	84.425U	S425U210027	3/13/20-9/30/24	251,658	(4,849)		118,313	(116,279)		(2,815)		
COVID-19 - A.R.P. - Accelerated Learning Coach and Educator Support	84.425U	S425U210027	3/13/20-9/30/24	50,000			2,100	(2,100)				
COVID-19 - A.R.P. - Evidence Based Summer Learning and Enrichment	84.425U	S425U210027	3/13/20-9/30/24	45,000			30,692	(35,227)		(11,998)		
COVID-19 - A.R.P. - Evidence Based Comprehensive Beyond the School Day	84.425U	S425U210027	3/13/20-9/30/24	45,000	(3,050)		42,712	(41,950)		(2,288)		
COVID-19 - A.R.P. - NJTSS Mental Health Support Staffing	84.425U	S425U210027	3/13/20-9/30/24	45,000	(7,419)		243,828	(258,045)		(21,636)		
Total Education Stabilization Fund												
COVID-19 - Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer	10.649	N/A	7/1/23-6/30/24	653			653	(653)				
COVID-19 - Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer	10.649	N/A	7/1/23-6/30/24				653	(653)				
Total U.S. Department of Education					(57,098)		443,538	(438,153)		(51,713)		
Total Special Revenue Fund					(57,098)		443,538	(438,153)		(51,713)		
Total Federal Financial Awards					\$ (34,575)	\$ -0-	\$ 504,553	\$ (501,902)	\$ 21,256	\$ (53,180)	\$ -0-	

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO SCHEDULES OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AND STATE AWARDS

HIGH BRIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF STATE AWARDS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

State Grantor/Program Title	Grant or State Project Number	Grant Period	Award Amount	Balance June 30, 2023		Cash Received	Budgetary Expenditures	Cancellation of Prior Year Encumbrance	Balance June 30, 2024		Memo	
				Unearned Revenue/ (Accounts Receivable)	GAAP Unearned Revenue (Accounts Receivable)				Budgetary Unearned Revenue	Budgetary (Accounts Receivable)		Cumulative Total Expenditures
General Fund:												
State Department of Education:												
Equalization Aid	24-495-034-5120-078	7/1/23-6/30/24	\$ 426,548			\$ 383,894	\$ (426,548)			\$ (42,654)	\$ 426,548	
Special Education Aid	24-495-034-5120-089	7/1/23-6/30/24	275,401			247,861	(275,401)			(27,540)	275,401	
Security Aid	24-100-034-5120-084	7/1/23-6/30/24	34,384			30,946	(34,384)			(3,438)	34,384	
Transportation Aid	24-495-034-5120-014	7/1/23-6/30/24	14,338			12,904	(14,338)			(1,434)	14,338	
Nonpublic Transportation Aid	24-495-034-5120-014	7/1/23-6/30/24	6,825				(6,825)		\$ (6,825)	(6,825)	6,825	
Extraordinary Aid	24-495-034-5120-044	7/1/23-6/30/24	428,783				(428,783)		(428,783)	(428,783)	428,783	
Reimbursed TPAF Social Security Contributions	24-495-034-5095-002	7/1/23-6/30/24	263,308			210,697	(263,308)		(52,611)	(52,611)	254,282	
Equalization Aid	23-495-034-5120-078	7/1/22-6/30/23	773,249	\$ (77,324)		77,324					773,249	
School Choice Aid	23-495-034-5120-068	7/1/22-6/30/23	1,048	(105)		105					1,048	
Transportation Aid	23-495-034-5120-014	7/1/22-6/30/23	14,338	(1,434)		1,434					14,338	
Special Education Aid	23-495-034-5120-089	7/1/22-6/30/23	275,401	(27,540)		27,540					275,401	
Security Aid	23-100-034-5120-084	7/1/22-6/30/23	34,384	(3,438)		3,438					34,384	
Nonpublic Transportation Aid	23-495-034-5120-014	7/1/22-6/30/23	3,432	(3,432)		3,432					3,432	
Extraordinary Aid	23-495-034-5120-044	7/1/22-6/30/23	389,484	(389,484)		389,484					389,484	
TPAF Pension Contributions (On-Behalf - Non-Budgeted)	24-495-034-5094-002	7/1/23-6/30/24	1,392,426			1,392,426	(1,392,426)				1,392,426	
TPAF Post Retirement Contributions (On-Behalf - Non-Budgeted)	24-495-034-5094-001	7/1/23-6/30/24	383,289			383,289	(383,289)				383,289	
TPAF Non-Contributory Insurance (On-Behalf - Non-Budgeted)	24-495-034-5094-004	7/1/23-6/30/24	15,880			15,880	(15,880)				15,880	
TPAF Long Term Disability Insurance (On-Behalf - Non-Budgeted)	24-495-034-5094-004	7/1/23-6/30/24	487			487	(487)				487	
Reimbursed TPAF Social Security Contributions	23-495-034-5095-002	7/1/22-6/30/23	263,080	(26,426)		26,426	(3,241,669)		(488,219)	(563,285)	263,080	
Total General Fund				(529,183)		3,207,567					4,987,059	
Special Revenue Fund:												
State Department of Education:												
Preschool Education Aid	24-495-034-5120-086	7/1/23-6/30/24	861,996			775,797	(408,496)	\$ 5		(86,199)	408,496	
Preschool Education Aid	23-495-034-5120-086	7/1/22-6/30/23	842,340	64,139		84,234			\$ 453,500		693,962	
Preschool Education Aid	22-495-034-5120-086	7/1/21-6/30/22	909,216	409,143			(409,143)		148,378		909,216	
SDA Emergent and Capital Maintenance Needs	N/A	7/1/23-6/30/24	8,116			8,116	(8,116)				8,116	
SDA Emergent and Capital Maintenance Needs	N/A	7/1/22-6/30/23	8,293			8,293	(8,293)				8,293	
Climate Change Grant	N/A	7/1/22-6/30/23	6,660	(1,780)		1,780					6,660	
Total Special Revenue Fund				471,502		878,220	(834,048)	5		(86,199)	2,034,743	
Debt Service Fund:												
Debt Service Type II Aid	24-100-034-5120-124	7/1/23-6/30/24	79,353			79,353	(79,353)				79,353	
Total Debt Service Fund						79,353	(79,353)				79,353	
Enterprise Fund:												
State Department of Agriculture:												
State School Lunch Program	24-100-010-3350-023	7/1/23-6/30/24	2,054			1,966	(2,054)		(88)	(88)	2,054	
State School Lunch Program	23-100-010-3350-023	7/1/22-6/30/23	2,277	(124)		124					2,277	
Total Enterprise Fund				(124)		2,090	(2,054)		(88)	(88)	2,054	
Total State Financial Awards				\$ (57,805)		\$ 4,167,230	\$ (4,157,124)	\$ 5	\$ (488,307)	\$ (649,572)	\$ 7,103,209	
Less: State Awards Not Subject to Single Audit Major Program Determination												
On-Behalf TPAF Pension System Contributions:												
On-Behalf TPAF Post Retirement Contributions	24-495-034-5094-002	7/1/23-6/30/24	\$ (1,392,426)				\$ 1,392,426					
On-Behalf TPAF Pension Contributions	24-495-034-5094-001	7/1/23-6/30/24	(383,289)				383,289					
On-Behalf TPAF Non-Contributory Insurance	24-495-034-5094-004	7/1/23-6/30/24	(15,880)				15,880					
On-Behalf TPAF Long-Term Disability Insurance	24-495-034-5094-004	7/1/23-6/30/24	(487)				487					
Subtotal - On-Behalf TPAF Pension System Contributions							1,792,082					
Total State Awards Subject to Single Audit Major Program Determination							\$ (2,365,042)					

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO SCHEDULES OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AND STATE AWARDS

HIGH BRIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
NOTES TO SCHEDULES OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AND STATE AWARDS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

NOTE 1. BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The accompanying schedules of expenditures of federal and state awards includes the federal and state grant activity of the Board of Education, High Bridge School District under programs of the federal and state governments for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024. The information in these schedules are presented in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* ("Uniform Guidance") and New Jersey's OMB Circular 15-08, *Single Audit Policy for Recipients of Federal Grants, State Grants and State Aid*. Because the schedules present only a selected portion of the operations of the District, they are not intended to and do not present the financial position, changes in net position or cash flows of the District.

NOTE 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Expenditures reported on the accompanying schedules of expenditures of federal and state awards are reported on the budgetary basis of accounting with the exception of programs recorded in the food service fund, which are presented on the accrual basis of accounting. These bases of accounting are described in Note 1 to the District's basic financial statements. Such expenditures are recognized following the cost principles contained in the Uniform Guidance, wherein certain types of expenditures are not allowable or are limited as to reimbursement. Negative amounts, if any, shown on the Schedules represent adjustments or credits made in the normal course of business to amounts reported as expenditures in prior years.

NOTE 3. INDIRECT COST RATE

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

NOTE 4. 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.

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

The net adjustment to reconcile from the budgetary basis to the GAAP basis is (\$34,775) for the general fund and \$1,382 for the special revenue fund. See Note 1D for a reconciliation of the budgetary basis to the modified accrual basis of accounting for the general special revenue funds.

HIGH BRIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
NOTES TO SCHEDULES OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AND STATE AWARDS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024
(Continued)

NOTE 4. RELATIONSHIP TO FEDERAL AND STATE FINANCIAL REPORTS (Cont'd)

Revenue from federal and state awards are reported in the Board's basic financial statements on a GAAP basis as presented below:

	<u>Federal</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Total</u>
General Fund		\$ 3,276,444	\$ 3,276,444
Special Revenue Fund	\$ 437,678	832,488	1,270,166
Debt Service Fund		79,353	79,353
Enterprise Fund	<u>64,402</u>	<u>2,054</u>	<u>66,456</u>
Total	<u>\$ 502,080</u>	<u>\$ 4,190,339</u>	<u>\$ 4,692,419</u>

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

NOTE 5. OTHER

Revenue and expenditures reported under the Food Distribution Program represent current year value received and current year distributions respectively. TPAF Social Security contributions represent the amount reimbursed by the State for the employers' share of social security contributions for TPAF members for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024.

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Section I - Summary of Auditors' Results

Financial Statements

Type of auditors' report issued on whether the financial statements audited were prepared in accordance with GAAP.

Unmodified

Internal control over financial reporting:

1.) Material weakness identified?	_____ Yes	_____ X	No
2.) Significant deficiencies identified?	_____ Yes	_____ X	None reported
Noncompliance material to basic financial statements noted?	_____ Yes	_____ X	No

Federal Awards

The District was not subject to the single audit provisions of the Uniform Guidance for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024 as federal grant expenditures were less than the single audit threshold of \$750,000 identified in the Uniform Guidance.

State Awards

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

Unmodified

Internal control over major programs:

1.) Material weakness identified?	_____ Yes	_____ X	No
2.) Significant deficiencies identified?	_____ Yes	_____ X	None reported
Noncompliance material to basic financial statements noted?	_____ Yes	_____ X	No

Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with New Jersey's OMB Circular 15-08?

_____ Yes _____ X No

Identification of major programs:

Program Name or Cluster	State Grant No.	Grant Period		Award Amount	Budgetary Expenditures
		Start	End		
State Aid Public:					
Equalization Aid	24-495-034-5120-078	7/1/23	6/30/24	\$ 426,548	\$ 426,548
Special Education Aid	24-495-034-5120-089	7/1/23	6/30/24	275,401	275,401
Security Aid	24-495-034-5120-084	7/1/23	6/30/24	34,384	34,384
Preschool Education Aid	24-495-034-5120-086	7/1/23	6/30/24	861,996	408,496
Preschool Education Aid	22-495-034-5120-086	7/1/21	6/30/22	909,216	409,143

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Dollar threshold used to distinguish between Type A and B programs			<u>\$ 750,000</u>
Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee?	<u> X </u>	Yes	<u> </u> No

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SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

Status of Prior Year Findings:

There were no prior year findings.