

**ONTONAGON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**REPORT ON FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
(with additional information)

For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

# ONTONAGON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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## **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

To the Board of Education  
Ontonagon Area School District  
Ontonagon, Michigan

### **Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements**

#### **Opinion**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund and each fiduciary fund, of the Ontonagon Area School District ("District"), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

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

#### **Basis for Opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in the *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 opinion.

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

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

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

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

#### **Required Supplementary Information**

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

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

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated October 25, 2024, on our consideration of the District's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



ANDERSON, TACKMAN & COMPANY, PLC  
Certified Public Accountants  
Iron Mountain, Michigan

October 25, 2024

Ontonagon Area School District  
Management Discussion and Analysis  
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024

Ontonagon Area School District's Management Discussion and Analysis is intended to assist the reader focus on significant financial issues, provide an overview of the District's financial activity, and identify changes in the District's financial position including its ability to address the next and subsequent years' challenges. It also identifies any material deviations from the financial plan and identifies individual fund issues or concerns. This is a requirement of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 34 (GASB 34) as amended by GASB Statement No. 63, GASB Statement No. 65, and GASB Statement No. 68 and 75, GASB Statement No. 71 an amendment of GASB Statement No. 68, GASB 84, and GASB 87, and GASB 96 and is intended to provide the financial results for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024.

***Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A)***  
(Required Supplemental Information)

Basic Financial Statements

***District-Wide Financial Statements***

***Fund Financial Statements***

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements

***(Required Supplemental Information)***  
(other than MD&A expanded)

GASB 34, as amended by GASB Statement No. 63 and 65, requires the presentation of two basic types of financial statements: District-Wide Financial Statements and Fund Financial Statements.

**District-Wide Financial Statements**

The District-Wide Financial Statements provide a perspective of the District as a whole. These financial statements use the full accrual basis of accounting similar to private sector companies. There are two District-Wide Financial Statements: the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities.

The Statement of Net Position combines and consolidates governmental funds: current financial resources (short-term available resources) (assets, liabilities, and deferred outflow/inflow of resources) with capital assets and long-term obligations, regardless of their current availability.

Consistent with the full accrual basis method of accounting, the Statement of Activities accounts for current year revenues and expenses regardless of when cash is received or paid. The intent of this statement is to summarize and simplify the user's analysis of the costs of various District services.

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**Fund Financial Statements**

The Fund Financial Statements are similar to financial presentations of years past, but the new focus is on the District's Major Funds rather than fund types as in the past. The two Account Groups: General Fixed Assets and General Long-Term Debt are no longer reported. Consistent with previous years, the fund statements are reported using the modified accrual method of accounts. Under this basis of accounting, revenues are recorded when received, except when they are measurable and available and therefore represent resources that may be appropriated. Expenditures are accounted for in the period those goods and services are used in school programs. In addition, capital asset purchases are expensed and not recorded as an asset. Debt payments are recorded as expenditures in the current year, and future debt obligations are not recorded.

Fund types include the General Fund, School Service Fund, Debt Retirement Fund, Capital Project Fund, Student Activity Fund, and Fiduciary Funds. The General Fund is used primarily to account for the general education requirements of the District. For fiscal year ending June 30, 2024 and 2023, Athletics is combined with the General Fund. Its revenues are derived from property taxes, state and federal distributions and grants, and other intergovernmental revenues. The School Service Fund is comprised of Food Service. The Debt Retirement Fund is used to record the funding and payment of principal and interest on bonded debt. The Capital Project Fund is used to account for financial resources to be used for acquisition, construction, or improvements of major capital facilities. The Student Activity Fund accounts for assets held by the District as an agent for various student groups and related activities. The Fiduciary Funds account for assets held by the District in a trustee capacity for various student groups and related activities.

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**Financial Analysis of the District as a Whole**

Summary of Net Position

	<u>June 30, 2024</u>	<u>June 30, 2023</u>
<b>Assets:</b>		
Current assets	\$ 2,362,198	\$ 1,940,387
Net non-current assets	<u>3,329,517</u>	<u>2,966,657</u>
<b>Total assets</b>	<u>5,691,715</u>	<u>4,907,044</u>
<b>Deferred Pension Outflows</b>	<u>2,126,262</u>	<u>2,093,639</u>
<b>Liabilities:</b>		
Current liabilities	771,697	710,293
Long term liabilities	<u>6,336,304</u>	<u>7,425,103</u>
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<u>7,108,001</u>	<u>8,135,396</u>
<b>Deferred Pension Inflows</b>	<u>1,468,771</u>	<u>933,503</u>
<b>Net Position:</b>		
Net investment in capital assets	2,699,563	2,291,657
Restricted for debt service	54,017	8,354
Restricted for food service	66,271	43,607
Restricted for capital projects	896,070	898,116
Restricted for student activities	106,655	91,044
Unrestricted	<u>(4,581,371)</u>	<u>(5,400,994)</u>
<b>Total net position</b>	<u>\$ (758,795)</u>	<u>\$ (2,068,216)</u>

The School District's net position was (deficit) \$(758,795) at June 30, 2024, compared to (deficit) \$(2,068,216) at June 30, 2023. Total net position can be separated into three categories: Net investment in capital assets, restricted assets for debt service, food service, capital projects, and student activities and unrestricted assets.



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Net capital assets are a combination of funds available for capital assets less accumulated depreciation and related debt. The original cost of capital assets was \$8,108,851 at June 30, 2024, and \$7,739,563 at June 30, 2023. The accumulated depreciation is the accumulation of depreciation expense since acquisition. In accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP), depreciation expense is recorded on the original cost of the asset, less any estimated salvage value, expensed over the estimated use life of the assets. Total accumulated depreciation was \$4,884,288 at June 30, 2024, and \$4,772,906 at June 30, 2023. Total debt related to capital assets was \$525,000 at June 30, 2024, and \$675,000 at June 30, 2023.

Restricted net position are funds that, by their nature, are restricted for use by laws or regulations by the State of Michigan. These funds totaled \$1,123,013 at June 30, 2024, compared to \$1,041,121 at June 30, 2023.

The remaining balance in unrestricted net position represents a deficit balance of \$(4,581,371) at June 30, 2024, and a deficit balance of \$(5,400,994) as reported at June 30, 2023. The deficit balances are a result of GASB Statement No. 68 and 75 "Accounting and Finance Reporting for Pensions and Other Post Employment Benefits which is effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2014 and 2018. Additional information regarding GASB Statement No. 68 and 75 can be found in the audit report under Note 10 & 11.

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The results of this year's operations for the School District as a whole are reported in the Statement of Activities. A summary of the District-Wide results of operations for the years ended June 30, 2024 and June 30, 2023 is as follows:

	<u>June 30, 2024</u>	<u>June 30, 2023</u>
Program revenue		
Charges for services - local	\$ 74,516	\$ 70,930
Operating grants - federal state local	<u>411,682</u>	<u>716,645</u>
Total program revenue	<u>486,198</u>	<u>787,575</u>
General revenue		
Property taxes levied for general operations	2,437,904	2,336,432
State of Michigan aid, unrestricted	1,522,741	1,336,724
Other- federal, state and local	<u>434,419</u>	<u>390,504</u>
Total general revenue	<u>4,395,064</u>	<u>4,063,660</u>
Total revenue	<u>4,881,262</u>	<u>4,851,235</u>
Expenses		
Instruction	1,727,960	2,144,289
Support services	1,330,070	1,903,844
School service	277,486	308,145
Interest on long term debt	41,080	61,590
Depreciation (unallocated)	<u>195,245</u>	<u>162,423</u>
Total expenses	<u>3,571,841</u>	<u>4,580,291</u>
Changes in net position	1,309,421	270,944
Net Position July 1	<u>(2,068,216)</u>	<u>(2,339,160)</u>
Net Position June 30	<u>\$ (758,795)</u>	<u>\$ (2,068,216)</u>

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**GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS**

The overall condition of the governmental funds has increased during June 30, 2024 and June 30, 2023. In the General Fund, the excess of revenues over expenditures totaled \$304,305 during fiscal year June 30, 2024, and the excess of expenditures over revenues totaled \$(79,842) during fiscal year June 30, 2023.

**MAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BUDGETING AND OPERATING HIGHLIGHTS**

The District's budgets are prepared according to Michigan law and are initially adopted prior to July 1 of each year, before student enrollment counts are known. Therefore, it is expected that there will be changes between the initial budget and subsequent budgets, as actual enrollments are known. The most significant fund budgeted is the General Fund operations. The General Fund operating budget was amended two times during fiscal year 2024.

**General Fund Operations**

In the General Fund operations, the actual revenue for fiscal year June 30, 2024 was \$4,053,744. This is above the original budget of \$3,670,575 and above the final budget of \$3,930,240 - a variance of 3.0%. The actual expenditures of the general fund for fiscal year June 30, 2024 operations were \$3,749,439. This is above the original budget of \$3,680,825 and below the final budget of \$3,864,125 - a variance of -3.1%.

**GOVERNMENTAL FUND EXPENDITURES**

Below is a summary of the governmental fund expenditures and their percentages as they relate to total governmental funds:

	Total Expenditures June 30, 2024	Percentage	Total Expenditures June 30, 2023	Percentage
General Fund	\$ 3,749,439	82.22%	\$ 4,142,552	82.69%
Debt Service Fund	193,237	4.24%	290,730	5.80%
Capital Projects Fund	298,960	6.56%	252,832	5.05%
Food Service Fund	237,570	5.21%	246,958	4.93%
Student Activities Fund	80,787	1.77%	76,780	1.53%
Total Expenditures	<u>\$ 4,559,993</u>	<u>100.00%</u>	<u>\$ 5,009,852</u>	<u>100.00%</u>

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**TOTAL REVENUES**

Below is a summary of the governmental fund revenues and their percentages as they relate to governmental funds.

	Total Revenue June 30, 2024	Percentage	Total Revenue June 30, 2023	Percentage
State of Michigan Aid unrestricted	\$ 1,522,741	30.79%	\$ 1,336,724	28.66%
Prop taxes general operation	2,077,322	42.01%	1,969,558	42.22%
Prop taxes debt retirement	126,939	2.57%	119,480	2.56%
Prop taxes sinking fund	233,643	4.72%	219,911	4.71%
Operating grants federal state local	411,682	8.32%	716,645	15.36%
Charges for services - local	74,516	1.51%	70,930	1.52%
Other federal state local	498,400	10.08%	231,498	4.96%
	<u>4,945,243</u>	<u>100.00%</u>	<u>4,664,746</u>	<u>100.00%</u>
Total Revenues	<u>\$ 4,945,243</u>	<u>100.00%</u>	<u>\$ 4,664,746</u>	<u>100.00%</u>

**Unrestricted State Aid**

The District is predominately funded by State Aid based on a blended count formula that the State of Michigan utilizes. State revenues to the District have increased as a result of new categorical budgets including the addition of enrollment stabilization and District transportation funds.. State aid membership was 251 for fiscal year June 30, 2024 and 275.86 for fiscal year June 30, 2023. The foundation allowance increased \$450 per student from the previous year.

**Property Taxes**

The District levies 18 mills of property taxes on all Non-Homestead property located within the District for General Fund operations. The levy is assessed on the taxable value of the property. The increase in taxable value is limited to the lesser of the inflation rate of the prior year or 5%. When a property is sold, the taxable valuation of the sold property is readjusted to the State Equalized Value, which is approximately 50% of market value.

The District levied 0.70 mills of property taxes on all classes of property located within the District for bonded debt retirement. The levy is not subject to rollback provisions and is used to pay the principal and interest on bond obligations.

The District levied 1.2883 mills on property taxes on all classes of property located within the District for our Sinking Fund. The levy is to rollback provisions and is used for acquisition, construction, and improvements of the facilities.

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**Operating Grants Federal, State, and Local**

The primary sources are the Federal Title One Program, the State funded At Risk Program and the Special Education Obligation funds required under the Headlee Amendment, State of Michigan legislation. Both Title One and At Risk Programs assist students who are deemed to be at risk in the instruction process. For the 2023-2024 fiscal year, the District has utilized \$125,245 for the Title One and \$181,632 for the State At Risk programs. For fiscal year 2024 the State, under the Headlee amendment, is obligated to remit to the District \$7,899.

**ENROLLMENT**

The District's 2023-2024 fall enrollment totaled 251. This is a decrease of 23 students from the previous year. The district had a decrease due to a larger graduating class offset by a smaller incoming Kindergarten class. Ontonagon Area School District is located in Michigan's Upper Peninsula and continues to work through difficult economic times.

Enrollment changes over the last ten years can be illustrated as follows:

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>(Fall) Student Enrollment</u>	<u>Increase (Decrease) in Student Enrollment</u>
2024	251	(23)
2023	274	(13)
2022	287	18
2021	269	(2)
2020	271	(1)
2019	272	(27)
2018	299	2
2017	297	(19)
2016	316	(30)
2015	346	(33)

Student enrollment is important to the financial health of the District because state funding is based on a per pupil formula.

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**CAPITAL ASSETS AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION**

**Capital Assets**

At the end of the fiscal year 2024, the District had \$8,108,851 invested in land and building, furniture and equipment, vehicles and buses compared to \$7,739,563 at June 30, 2023. Of this amount, \$4,884,288 and \$4,772,906 has been depreciated at June 30, 2024 and June 30, 2023 respectively. Net book value totaled \$3,224,563 at June 30, 2024, and \$2,966,657 at June 30, 2023. The District maintains a \$2,000 threshold for capitalization of assets.

**Outstanding Debt at Year End**

As of June 30, 2024, the District had \$525,000 in bonds outstanding, compared to \$675,000 at June 30, 2023. The District collects bonded debt across the total property values. Therefore, total growth in valuation is an important element in determining the District's ability to retire bonded debt and/or to incur additional bond debt.

For more detailed information regarding capital assets and debt administration, please review the Notes to the Basic Financial Statements located in the financial section of this report.

**CONTACTING THE SCHOOL DISTRICT'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT**

This report is designed to give an overview of the financial conditions of the Ontonagon Area School District. For additional detailed financial information contact:

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**ONTONAGON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT****STATEMENT OF NET POSITION**

June 30, 2024

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>
<b>ASSETS:</b>	
Current assets:	
Cash and equivalents	\$ 413,720
Investments	1,527,182
Accounts receivable	34,918
Inventory	21,395
Due from other governments	<u>364,983</u>
Total current assets	<u>2,362,198</u>
Noncurrent assets:	
Capital assets	8,108,851
Accumulated depreciation	(4,884,288)
Net other post employment benefits asset	<u>104,954</u>
Total noncurrent assets	<u>3,329,517</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>5,691,715</u>
<b>DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES:</b>	
Pension outflows	1,781,299
Other post employment benefits outflows	<u>344,963</u>
TOTAL DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	<u>2,126,262</u>
<b>LIABILITIES:</b>	
Current liabilities:	
Accounts payable	168,203
Accrued interest	4,345
Accrued expenses	183,697
Unearned revenues	225,119
Early retirement	25,333
Bonds payable	<u>165,000</u>
Total current liabilities	<u>771,697</u>
Noncurrent liabilities:	
Compensated absences	26,733
Early retirement	24,001
Bonds payable	360,000
Net pension liability	<u>5,925,570</u>
Total noncurrent liabilities	<u>6,336,304</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>7,108,001</u>
<b>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES:</b>	
Pension inflows	623,767
Other post employment benefits inflows	<u>845,004</u>
TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	<u>1,468,771</u>
<b>NET POSITION:</b>	
Net investment in capital assets	2,699,563
Restricted	1,123,013
Unrestricted	<u>(4,581,371)</u>
TOTAL NET POSITION	<u>\$ (758,795)</u>

The accompanying notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.



**ONTONAGON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES**

For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

FUNCTIONS/PROGRAMS	Program Revenue				Net (Expense) Revenue and Change in Net Position
	Expenses	Fees, Fines and Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	Primary Government
<b>PRIMARY GOVERNMENT:</b>					
Governmental Activities:					
Instruction	\$ (1,727,960)	\$ 17,340	\$ 217,991	\$ -	\$ (1,492,629)
Support	(1,330,070)	39,803	-	-	(1,290,267)
School service	(277,486)	17,373	193,691	-	(66,422)
Depreciation	(195,245)	-	-	-	(195,245)
Debt interest, fees and expenses	(41,080)	-	-	-	(41,080)
<b>TOTAL PRIMARY GOVERNMENT</b>	<b>(3,571,841)</b>	<b>74,516</b>	<b>411,682</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(3,085,643)</b>
General revenues:					
Property taxes					\$ 2,437,904
State revenue sharing					1,522,741
Unrestricted investment earnings					38,186
Other					396,233
Total general revenues and transfers					4,395,064
Change in net position					1,309,421
Net position, beginning of year, restated					(2,068,216)
Net position, end of year					\$ (758,795)

The accompanying notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.



**ONTONAGON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**BALANCE SHEET  
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**

June 30, 2024

	<u>General</u>	<u>Debt Service</u>
ASSETS:		
Cash and equivalents	\$ 152,993	\$ 8,350
Investments	828,083	-
Accounts receivable	33,132	20
Inventory	15,905	-
Due from other funds	-	45,647
Due from other governments	364,983	-
	<u>364,983</u>	<u>-</u>
 TOTAL ASSETS	 <u>\$ 1,395,096</u>	 <u>\$ 54,017</u>
 LIABILITIES:		
Accounts payable	\$ 168,186	\$ -
Due to other funds	164,872	-
Accrued expenses	67,983	-
Salaries payable and related items	115,714	-
Unearned revenue	221,665	-
	<u>221,665</u>	<u>-</u>
 TOTAL LIABILITIES	 <u>738,420</u>	 <u>-</u>
 FUND BALANCE AND OTHER CREDITS:		
 Fund balances:		
Restricted	-	54,017
Nonspendable	15,905	-
Unassigned	640,771	-
	<u>640,771</u>	<u>-</u>
 TOTAL FUND BALANCE AND OTHER CREDITS	 <u>656,676</u>	 <u>54,017</u>
 TOTAL LIABILITIES, FUND BALANCE AND OTHER	 <u>\$ 1,395,096</u>	 <u>\$ 54,017</u>



**ANDERSON, TACKMAN  
& COMPANY, P.L.C.**  
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

Capital Projects Sinking Fund	Special Revenue		Total Governmental Funds
	Food Service	Student Activities	
\$ 141,096	\$ 4,626	\$ 106,655	\$ 413,720
699,099	-	-	1,527,182
40	1,726	-	34,918
-	5,490	-	21,395
55,835	63,390	-	164,872
-	-	-	364,983
<u>\$ 896,070</u>	<u>\$ 75,232</u>	<u>\$ 106,655</u>	<u>\$ 2,527,070</u>
\$ -	\$ 17	\$ -	\$ 168,203
-	-	-	164,872
-	-	-	67,983
-	-	-	115,714
-	3,454	-	225,119
-	3,471	-	741,891
896,070	66,271	106,655	1,123,013
-	5,490	-	21,395
-	-	-	640,771
<u>896,070</u>	<u>71,761</u>	<u>106,655</u>	<u>1,785,179</u>
<u>\$ 896,070</u>	<u>\$ 75,232</u>	<u>\$ 106,655</u>	<u>\$ 2,527,070</u>

The accompanying notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

**ONTONAGON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET  
TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION**

For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

Total fund balances for governmental funds	\$ 1,785,179
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Total net position reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position is different because:

Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds. Those assets consist of:

Total capital assets	\$ 8,108,851	
Accumulated depreciation	<u>(4,884,288)</u>	
Net capital assets		3,224,563

Deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions and OPEB are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds.

Those resources consist of:

Deferred outflows of pension and OPEB resources	\$ 2,126,262	
Deferred inflows of pension and OPEB resources	<u>(1,468,771)</u>	
Net deferred pension and OPEB sources		657,491

Long-term liabilities applicable to the District's governmental activities are not due and payable in the current period and accordingly are not reported as fund liabilities. Interest on long-term debt is not accrued in governmental funds, but rather is recognized as an expenditure when due. All liabilities, both current and long-term, are reported in the statement of net position.

Accrued interest on long-term debt	\$ (4,345)	
Bonds payable	(525,000)	
Net pension liability	(5,925,570)	
OPEB asset	104,954	
Compensated absences and early retirement	<u>(76,067)</u>	<u>(6,426,028)</u>
Total net position of governmental activities		\$ <u>(758,795)</u>



**ONTONAGON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT****STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND  
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE  
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**

For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

REVENUES:	General	Debt Service
Local sources	\$ 2,222,063	\$ 173,343
State sources	1,566,873	1,577
Federal sources	217,991	-
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>4,006,927</b>	<b>174,920</b>
EXPENDITURES:		
Instruction:		
Current	1,980,657	-
Supporting services:		
Current	1,703,015	-
Capital outlay	-	-
Debt service	-	193,237
School service activities	-	-
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>3,683,672</b>	<b>193,237</b>
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	323,255	(18,317)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):		
Payments received from other governmental units	34,944	-
Transfers in	-	63,980
Other sources	11,873	-
Other uses	(1,787)	-
Transfers out	(63,980)	-
<b>TOTAL OTHER FINANCING     SOURCES (USES)</b>	<b>(18,950)</b>	<b>63,980</b>
EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES OVER EXPENDITURES AND OTHER FINANCING USES	304,305	45,663
FUND BALANCE, JULY 1	352,371	8,354
FUND BALANCE, JUNE 30	\$ 656,676	\$ 54,017

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Capital Projects	Special Revenue		Total
Sinking Fund	Food Service	Student Activities	Governmental Funds
\$ 262,838	\$ 17,494	\$ 96,398	\$ 2,772,136
-	48,102	-	1,616,552
-	193,691	-	411,682
262,838	259,287	96,398	4,800,370
-	-	-	1,980,657
-	-	-	1,703,015
298,960	-	-	298,960
-	-	-	193,237
-	237,570	80,787	318,357
298,960	237,570	80,787	4,494,226
(36,122)	21,717	15,611	306,144
-	-	-	34,944
-	-	-	63,980
34,076	-	-	45,949
-	-	-	(1,787)
-	-	-	(63,980)
34,076	-	-	79,106
(2,046)	21,717	15,611	385,250
898,116	50,044	91,044	1,399,929
<u>\$ 896,070</u>	<u>\$ 71,761</u>	<u>\$ 106,655</u>	<u>\$ 1,785,179</u>

The accompanying notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

**ONTONAGON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES  
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES**

For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

Net changes in fund balances - total governmental funds	\$ 385,250
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The change in net position reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities is different because:

Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities the cost of those assets is capitalized and the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which capital outlay \$453,151 net of deletions exceeded depreciation expense \$(195,245).	257,906
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The change in net pension and OPEB deferred inflows and outflows and net pension and OPEB liability is not recorded in the governmental funds. However, in the statement of activities this change is recognized as an adjustment to instruction, support and school service expenses as it relates to these categories.	533,973
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Bond and loan proceeds are reported as financing sources in governmental funds and thus contribute to the change in fund balance. In the statement of net position, however, issuing debt increases long-term liabilities and does not affect the statement of activities. Similarly, repayment of principal is an expenditure in the governmental funds but reduces the liability in the statement of net position.

Principal repayments:

Bond principal	150,000
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Under the modified accrual basis of accounting used in governmental funds, expenditures are not recognized for transactions that are not normally paid with expendable available financial resources. In the statement of activities, however, which is presented on the accrual basis, expenses and liabilities are reported regardless of when financial resources are available. In addition, interest on long-term debt is not recognized under the modified accrual basis of accounting until due, rather than as it accrues. This adjustment combines the following net changes:

Compensated absences and early retirement	(19,865)
Accrued interest	<u>2,157</u>
Change in net position of governmental activities	<u>\$ 1,309,421</u>

**ONTONAGON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION  
FIDUCIARY FUNDS**

June 30, 2024

	Expendable Trust Fund	Non-Expendable Trust Fund
	<u>Scholarships</u>	<u>Scholarships</u>
ASSETS:		
Cash & Investments	\$ 4,488	\$ 4,740
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 4,488</u>	<u>\$ 4,740</u>
NET POSITION:		
Reserved	<u>\$ 4,488</u>	<u>\$ 4,740</u>

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**ONTONAGON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION  
FIDUCIARY FUNDS**

For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

	Expendable Trust Fund <u>Scholarships</u>	Non -Expendable Trust Fund <u>Scholarships</u>
ADDITIONS:		
Interest and contributions	\$ 26	\$ -
TOTAL ADDITIONS	26	-
Change in net position	26	-
NET POSITION:		
BEGINNING OF YEAR	4,462	4,740
NET POSITION:		
END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 4,488</u>	<u>\$ 4,740</u>

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## **ONTONAGON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT**

### **NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

#### **NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The accompanying basic financial statements of the Ontonagon Area School District ("District") have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) as applied to government units, as prescribed by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB). GASB is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The significant accounting principles and policies utilized by the District are described below:

In June 1999, the GASB issued Statement No. 34, *Basic Financial Statements and Management's Discussion and Analysis for State and Local Governments*. Certain of the significant changes in the statement include the following:

An Administration's Discussion and Analysis section providing an analysis of the District's overall financial position and results of operations.

Financial statements prepared using full accrual accounting for all the District's activities.

A change in the fund financial statements to focus on the major funds.

Effective for periods beginning after December 15, 2011, GASB Statement No. 63, effective for periods after December 15, 2012, GASB 65 amends Statement No. 34, and effective for periods beginning after June 15, 2015, GASB Statement No. 68 an amendment of GASB Statement No. 27, and GASB Statement No. 71 an amendment of GASB Statement No. 68. Statement No. 63 and No. 65 establish standards for reporting deferred outflows of resources, deferred inflows of resources, and net position in a statement of financial position and related disclosures. Statements No. 68, 71 and 75 establish standards for measuring and recognizing liabilities, deferred outflows and inflows of resources, and expense/expenditures for defined benefit pension plans and Other Post-Employment Benefits. Effective for periods beginning after December 15, 2019, GASB Statement No. 84 establishes standards for reporting fiduciary activities. GASB Statement No. 87, effective for periods beginning after June 15, 2021, establishes lease reporting standards. GASB Statement No. 96, effective for periods beginning after June 15, 2022, establishes subscription-based information technology arrangements.

These and other changes are reflected in the accompanying financial statements (including notes to financial statements). The District has elected to implement the provisions of the Statements.

#### **A. Reporting Entity**

In evaluating how to define the District, for financial reporting purposes, management has considered all potential component units. The decision to include a potential component unit in the reporting entity was made by applying the criteria set forth in GAAP, currently GASB Statement No. 14, *The Financial Reporting Entity* and as amended by GASB Statement No. 61.

The criteria established by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board for determining the various governmental organizations to be included in the reporting entity's financial statements include budget adoption, taxing authority, funding, appointment of the respective governing board, and scope of public service.

## **ONTONAGON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT**

### **NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

(Continued)

#### **NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

Based on the foregoing criteria, it has been determined that there are no component units of the Ontonagon Area School District.

##### **B. Basic Financial Statements – Government-Wide Statements**

The District's basic financial statements include both government-wide (reporting the District as a whole) and fund financial statements (reporting the District's major funds). The government-wide financial statements categorize primary activities as either governmental or business type. All of the District's activities are classified as governmental activities except for fiduciary activities.

In the government-wide Statement of Net Position, both the governmental activities column (a) is presented on a consolidated basis, (b) and is reported on a full accrual, economic resource basis, which recognizes all long-term assets and receivables as well as long-term debt and obligations. The District's net position is reported in three parts – net investment in capital assets; restricted; and unrestricted.

The District first utilizes restricted resources to finance qualifying activities.

The government-wide Statement of Activities reports both the gross and net cost of each of the District's functions. The functions are also supported by general government revenues (property taxes, certain intergovernmental revenues, fines, permits and charges, etc.). The Statement of Activities reduces gross expenses (including depreciation) by related program revenues, operating and capital grants. Program revenues must be directly associated with the function. Operating grants include operating-specific and discretionary (either operating or capital) grants.

The net costs (by function) are normally covered by general revenue (property taxes, state sources and federal sources, interest income, etc.).

The District does not allocate indirect costs. In creating the government-wide financial statements the District has eliminated interfund transactions.

The government-wide focus is on the sustainability of the District as an entity and the change in the District's net position resulting from the current year's activities.

##### **C. Basic Financial Statements – Fund Financial Statements**

The accounts of the District are organized on the basis of funds and account groups, each of which is considered a separate accounting entity. The operations of each fund are accounted for with a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprise its assets, liabilities, fund balance, revenue and expenditures. Government resources are allocated to and accounted for in individual funds based upon the purposes for which they are to be spent and the means by which spending activities are controlled. The various funds are grouped into generic fund types in two broad fund categories as follows:

## **ONTONAGON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT**

### **NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

(Continued)

#### **NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

##### **C. Basic Financial Statements – Fund Financial Statements (Continued)**

**Governmental Funds** – Governmental funds are used to account for the acquisition, use and balances of expendable financial resources and the related current liabilities, except for those accounted for in fiduciary funds. Governmental fund types use the flow of current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting.

**General Fund** – The General Fund is the primary operating fund of the District. It is used to account for all financial transactions of the District, except those required to be accounted for in other funds.

**Special Revenue Funds** – Special Revenue Funds are used to account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources (other than expendable trusts or capital projects) that are legally restricted to expenditures for specified purposes. The District uses the Special Revenue Fund to account for the Ontonagon Area School District's food service activity and student activities.

**Capital Project Funds** – Capital project funds are used to account for the acquisition or construction of major capital facilities (other than those financed by proprietary funds).

**Debt Service Funds** – Debt Service Funds are used to account for the accumulation of resources for, and the payment of, general long-term debt principal, interest, and related costs.

**Fiduciary Funds** – Fiduciary funds account for assets held by the government in a trustee capacity or as an agent on behalf of others. Trust funds account for assets held by the government under the terms of a formal trust agreement.

**Expendable Trust Fund** – The expendable trust fund is accounted for in essentially the same manner as the governmental fund types, using the same measurement focus and basis of accounting. Expendable trust funds account for assets where both the principal and interest may be spent.

**Non-Expendable Trust Fund** – The non-expendable trust fund is accounted for utilizing the accrual method of accounting. Non-expendable trust funds account for assets of which the principal may not be spent.

**Account Groups** – Account groups are used to establish accounting control and accountability for the District's general fixed assets and long-term obligations. The following are the District's account groups:

**General Fixed Assets** – This group of accounts was established to account for all general fixed assets of the District.



## **ONTONAGON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT**

### **NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

(Continued)

#### **NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

##### **C. Basic Financial Statements – Fund Financial Statements (Continued)**

General Long-Term Obligations – This group of accounts has been established to account for unmatured general long-term obligations and certain other liabilities of the District not expected to be liquidated through the use of available expendable financial resources.

##### **D. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting**

Basis of accounting refers to when revenues and expenditures or expenses are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. Basis of accounting relates to the timing of the measurements made regardless of the measurement focus. The government-wide statement uses the economic resources measurement focus.

###### Accrual

Governmental activity in the government-wide financial statements are presented on the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recognized when incurred.

###### Modified Accrual

The governmental funds financial statements are presented on the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when they become both measurable and available (susceptible to accrual). "Measurable" means the amount of the transaction can be determined and "available" means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. The District considers property taxes as available if they are collected within 60 days after the year end. A one-year period is used for revenue recognition for all other governmental fund revenues. Those revenues prone to accrual are property taxes, federal aid, interest-revenue, and charges for services.

The District reports deferred revenue on its governmental fund balance sheet. Deferred revenues arise when a potential revenue does not meet both the "measurable" and "available" criteria for recognition by the District before it has a legal claim to them, as when grant monies are received prior to the incurrence of qualifying expenditures. In subsequent periods, when both revenue recognition criteria are met, or when the government has a legal claim to the resources, the liability for deferred revenue is removed from the combined balance sheet and revenue is recognized.

**State Foundation Revenue** - For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, the State of Michigan adopted a foundation grant approach which provides for a specific annual amount of revenue per student based on a state-wide formula. In previous years, the state utilized a district power equalizing approach. The Foundation is funded from state and local sources.





## **ONTONAGON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT**

### **NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

(Continued)

#### **NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

##### **D. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting (Continued)**

Revenues from state sources are primarily governed by the School Aid Act and the School Code of Michigan. The Michigan Department of Education administers the allocation of state funds to school districts based on information supplied by the districts. For the year ended June 30, 2024, the foundation allowance was based on 10% of the pupil membership count taken in February of 2023 and 90% taken in October of 2023.

Expenditures and related liabilities are recognized when obligations are incurred as a result of the receipt of goods and services. Modifications include:

Principal and interest on general long-term debt are recorded as fund liabilities when due, or when amounts have been accumulated in the debt service fund for payments of principal and interest to be made early in the following year.

##### **E. Cash and Equivalents**

The District's cash and cash equivalents are considered to be cash on hand, demand deposits and short-term investments with original maturities of three months or less from date of acquisition. Cash and equivalent balances for individual funds are pooled unless maintained in segregated accounts.

##### **F. Interfund Balances and Transfers**

The current portion of lending/borrowing arrangements between funds are identified as "due to/from other funds". The non-current portion of outstanding balances between funds are reported as "advances to/from other funds". Advances between funds are offset by a fund balance reserve account to indicate that they are not available for appropriation and are not expendable available financial resources.

Transfers represent a flow of assets without equivalent flows of assets in return or a requirement for repayment.

##### **G. Inventories and Prepaid Items**

Inventories are valued at the lower of cost (first-in, first-out) or net realizable value. Inventories in the Food Service Fund consisting of expendable supplies held for consumption, are recorded as expenditures when consumed rather than when purchased. Inventories for commodities are recorded as revenue when utilized. Certain payments to vendors reflect costs applicable to future accounting periods and are recorded as prepaid items.

##### **H. Capital Assets**

Capital assets purchased or acquired are capitalized at historical cost or estimated historical cost.



## **ONTONAGON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT**

### **NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

(Continued)

#### **NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

##### **H. Capital Assets (Continued)**

Donated fixed assets are valued at their estimated fair market value on the date received.

The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend asset lives are not capitalized. Improvements are capitalized and depreciated over the remaining useful lives of the related fixed assets.

Depreciation on all assets is provided on the straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives as follows:

Buildings and additions	20-50 years
Buses and other vehicles	5-10 years
Furniture and other equipment	5-20 years

The District has adopted a capitalization policy of \$2,000.

##### **I. Long-Term Debt**

Long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the proprietary fund statements and the government-wide statements (either governmental activities or business-type activities, as applicable). Bond premiums, discounts and issuance costs are deferred and amortized over the life of the bonds using the effective interest method. Bonds payable are reported net of the applicable premiums and discounts. Issuance costs are reported as deferred charges.

In the governmental fund financial statements, bond premiums, discounts and issuance costs are recognized during the current period. The face amount of debt issued, and any premiums received are reported as other financing sources while discounts are reported as other financing uses. Issuance costs are reported as debt service expenditures.

##### **J. Compensated Absences**

Amounts representing accumulated vacation and personal leave expected to be liquidated with expendable, available financial resources are reported as an expenditure and a fund liability of the government fund that will pay it.

##### **K. Property Taxes**

Property taxes levied by the District are collected by various municipalities and periodically remitted to the District. The taxes are levied as of December 1 and are due upon receipt of the billing by the taxpayer and become a lien on the first day of the levy year. The actual due dates are February 14, after which time the bills become delinquent and penalties and interest may be assessed by the collecting entity. School District property tax revenues are recognized as revenue when levied to the extent they result in current receivables (collected within sixty days after year end). Amounts received subsequent to August 31 are recognized as revenue when collected.



## ONTONAGON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

(Continued)

#### NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

##### K. Property Taxes (Continued)

The District, along with certain other governmental units, is permitted by the Constitution of the State of Michigan of 1963 to levy combined taxes up to \$50 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation for general governmental services other than the payment of Debt Service Fund expenses if approved by a majority of the electors. The District must include certain tax levies of other governmental units located within the District, primarily the county, when determining the maximum millage of \$50 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. For the year ended June 30, 2024, the District levied the following amounts per \$1,000 of assessed valuation:

##### Fund Mills

General Fund - Non-Homestead	18.0
Debt Retirement	0.70
Sinking Fund	1.2883

##### L. Unemployment Insurance

The District reimburses the Unemployment Insurance Agency (UIA) for the actual amount of unemployment benefits disbursed by the UIA on behalf of the District. Billings received for amounts paid by the UIA through June 30 are accrued.

##### M. Fund Balance

The restricted fund balances for governmental funds represent the amount that has been legally identified for specific purposes. Nonspendable fund balance represents the amount that cannot be spent because they are either not spendable in form or are legally or contractually required to be maintained intact. The unassigned fund balances for governmental funds represent the amount available for budgeting future operations.

##### N. Budgets

Budgets are adopted on a basis consistent with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Annual appropriated budgets are adopted for the general and special revenue funds. All annual appropriations lapse at fiscal year end. The District follows these procedures in establishing the budgetary date reflected in the financial statements:

1. The Superintendent submits to the School Board a proposed operating budget for the fiscal year commencing on July 1. The operating budget includes proposed expenditures and the means of financing them. The level of control for the budget is at the functional level as set forth in the combined statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances - budget and actual - all governmental fund types.
2. Public hearings are conducted to obtain taxpayer comments.

## **ONTONAGON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT**

### **NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

(Continued)

#### **NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

##### **N. Budgets (Continued)**

3. Prior to July 1, the budget is legally adopted by School Board resolution pursuant to the Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act (P.A. 621 of 1978). The Act requires that the budget be amended prior to the end of the fiscal year when necessary to adjust appropriations if it appears that revenues and other financing sources will be less than anticipated, or so that expenditures will not be in excess of original estimates. Expenditures shall not be made or incurred unless authorized in the budget, or in excess of the amount appropriated. Any material expenditures in violation of the budgeting act are disclosed in the footnotes.
4. The Superintendent is authorized to transfer budgeted amounts between major expenditure functions within any fund; however, these transfers and any revisions that alter the total expenditures of any fund must be approved by the School Board.
5. Formal budgetary integration is employed as a management control device during the year for the general fund.
6. The budget, as presented, has been amended. Supplemental appropriations were made during the year with the last one approved prior to June 30th.

The budget for the year ended June 30, 2024 was adopted on June 29, 2023 and formally amended on June 17, 2024.

A comparison of actual results of operations to the budgeted amounts (at the level of control adopted by the Board of Education) for the General Fund is presented as Required Supplemental Information.

##### **O. Pension:**

For purposes of measuring the net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pension, and pension expense, information about fiduciary net position of the Michigan Public School Employees Retirement Systems (MPERS) and additions to/deductions from MPERS fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported to MPERS. For this purpose, benefit payments (including refunds or employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value.





## ONTONAGON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

### **NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

(Continued)

#### **NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

##### P. Other Post-Employment Benefits:

For purposes of measuring the net OPEB liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB, and OPEB expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the Michigan Public School Employees Retirement Systems (MPERS) and additions to/deductions from MPERS fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported to MPERS. For this purpose, benefit payments (including refunds or employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value.

#### **NOTE 2 - CASH AND INVESTMENTS**

##### Deposits

The District's cash and equivalents, as reported in the Statement of Net Position, consisted of the following:

Petty cash	\$ 750
Checking accounts	304,643
Savings/money market accounts	<u>108,327</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$ 413,720</u>

##### Deposit Risk

*Custodial Credit Risk.* Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the District's deposits may not be returned. State law does not require, and the District does not have a policy for, deposit custodial credit risk. As of June 30, 2024, the District held cash and equivalents in the amount of \$466,785, of which \$372,831 was insured through the FDIC and the remaining \$93,954 was uninsured, and uncollateralized.

##### Investments

The District's investments, as reported in the Statement of Net Position, consisted of the following:

Michigan Liquid Asset Fund (MILAF)	<u>\$ 1,527,182</u>
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Michigan statutes authorize the District to invest in bonds, other direct obligations and repurchase agreements of the United States, certificates of deposits, savings accounts, deposit accounts or receipts of a bank which is a member of the FDIC, commercial paper rated at the time of purchase within the two highest classifications established by not less than two standard rating services and matures within 270 days of date of purchase, bankers' acceptances of United States banks, obligations of the State of Michigan and its political subdivisions, external investment pools, and certain mutual funds.



## ONTONAGON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

### **NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

(Continued)

#### **NOTE 2 - CASH AND INVESTMENTS (Continued)**

*Custodial Credit Risk.* Custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of the failure of the counterparty, the District will not be able to recover the value of its investments or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. As of June 30, 2024, the District's investments were not exposed to credit risk due to them being fully invested in governmental securities.

Investments are recorded at fair market value, which is based on quoted market prices.

*Interest Rate Risk.* Interest rate risk is the risk that changes in interest rates will adversely affect the fair value of the District's investments. The District's investment policy does not have specific limits in excess of state law on investment maturities as a means of managing its exposure to fair value losses arising from increasing interest rates. The District's investments are with the Michigan Liquid Asset Fund (MILAF) which consists of different funds including mutual funds with a high degree of liquidity. The District's investments are not subject to interest rate risk.

#### **NOTE 3 - INTERFUND BALANCES AND TRANSFERS**

Interfund receivables and payables for the year ended June 30, 2024 are as follows:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Interfund Receivable</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Interfund Payable</u>
Capital Projects	\$ 55,835	General fund	\$ <u>164,872</u>
Food Service	63,390		
Debt service	<u>45,647</u>		
Total	\$ <u>164,872</u>	Total	\$ <u>164,872</u>

Interfund transfers for the year ended June 30, 2024 are as follows:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Transfers In</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Transfers Out</u>
Debt service	\$ <u>63,980</u>	General fund	\$ <u>63,980</u>



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### **NOTE 4 - CAPITAL ASSETS**

A summary of changes in capital assets for the year ended June 30, 2024 follows:

	<u>Balance</u> <u>July 1, 2023</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deletions</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>June 30, 2024</u>
<i>Assets not subject to depreciation:</i>				
Land	\$ 7,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,000
Construction in progress	-	8,100	-	8,100
<i>Assets subject to depreciation:</i>				
Land improvements	362,553	206,081	-	568,634
Building	6,078,629	56,804	-	6,135,433
Equipment	648,251	69,535	(13,824)	703,962
Vehicles	643,130	112,631	(70,039)	685,722
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>7,739,563</b>	<b>\$ 453,151</b>	<b>\$ (83,863)</b>	<b>8,108,851</b>
Accumulated Depreciation	(4,772,906)	\$ (195,245)	\$ 83,863	(4,884,288)
Net Capital Assets	<u>\$ 2,966,657</u>			<u>\$ 3,224,563</u>

Depreciation for the year ended June 30, 2024, amounted to \$195,245. The District determined that it was impractical to allocate depreciation to various governmental activities as the assets serve multiple functions.

### **NOTE 5 - LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS**

During the year ended June 30, 2024, the following changes occurred in long-term obligations:

	<u>Balance</u> <u>July 1, 2023</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Repayments</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>June 30, 2024</u>	<u>Amounts</u> <u>Due Within</u> <u>One Year</u>
General obligation bonds	\$ 675,000	\$ -	\$ (150,000)	\$ 525,000	\$ 165,000
Early retirement incentives	26,668	36,000	(13,334)	49,334	25,333
Vested compensated absences	29,535	-	(2,802)	26,733	-
Net pension liability	6,472,630	-	(547,060)	5,925,570	-
Net OPEB liability	384,604	-	(489,558)	(104,954)	-
<b>TOTALS</b>	<u>\$ 7,588,437</u>	<u>\$ 36,000</u>	<u>\$ (1,202,754)</u>	<u>\$ 6,421,683</u>	<u>\$ 190,333</u>



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### **NOTE 6 - BONDS AND NOTES PAYABLE**

Long-term obligations at June 30, 2022 is comprised of the following amounts:

1. 2010 Building and Site Bonds due in annual installments of \$45,000 to \$50,000 through May 1, 2027 with interest from 1.1% to 6.75%.	\$ 150,000
2. 2023 Bus Bond due in annual installments of \$100,000 to \$135,000 through May 1, 2027 with an interest of 4.310%.	375,000
3. Vested compensated absences.	26,733
4. Early retirement incentive.	49,334
5. Net OPEB liability	(104,954)
6. Net pension liability.	<u>5,925,570</u>
<b>TOTAL LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS</b>	<b><u>\$ 6,421,683</u></b>

The annual requirements to amortize long-term obligations outstanding as of June 30, 2024 are as follows:

Year Ended June 30	Bond Issues		Early Retirement & Compensated Absences	Net Pension & OPEB Liability	Total
	Principal	Interest			
2025	\$ 165,000	\$ 26,213	\$ 25,333	\$ -	\$ 216,546
2026	175,000	17,906	12,000	-	204,906
2027	185,000	9,169	12,001	-	206,170
2028	-	-	-	-	-
2029	-	-	26,733	-	26,733
2030-2034	-	-	-	5,820,616	5,820,616
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b><u>\$ 525,000</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 53,288</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 76,067</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 5,820,616</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 6,474,971</u></b>

Interest expense for the year ended June 30, 2024 was \$78,244.

### **NOTE 7 - COMPENSATED ABSENCES**

At June 30, 2024 accumulated non-vested sick time amounted to \$30,945. Non-vested, unused sick time does not vest and so is not included in the general long-term debt account group.



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#### NOTE 8 - FUND BALANCES

Portions of fund balances are restricted, nonspendable, or assigned and not available for general purposes other than fund usage as follows.

General – Nonspendable inventory	<u>\$15,905</u>
Debt Service – Restricted for debt service	<u>\$54,017</u>
Sinking Fund – Restricted for capital projects	<u>\$896,070</u>
Food Service – Restricted for food service	<u>\$66,271</u>
Nonspendable inventory	<u>\$5,490</u>
Student Activities – Restricted for student activities	<u>\$106,655</u>

#### NOTE 9 - SINKING FUND COMPLIANCE

The Capital Projects Fund includes activities funded with sinking fund tax dollars issued after May 1, 1994. For this capital project, the District has complied with the applicable provisions of §1351a of the Revised School Code.

#### NOTE 10 - EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEM - DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN

##### Plan Description

The Michigan Public School Employees' Retirement System (System or MPSERS) is a cost-sharing, multiple employer, state-wide, defined benefit public employee retirement plan governed by the State of Michigan (State) originally created under Public Act 136 of 1945, recodified and currently operating under the provisions of Public Act 300 of 1980, as amended. Section 25 of this act establishes the board's authority to promulgate or amend the provisions of the System. The board consists of twelve members - eleven appointed by the Governor and the State Superintendent of Instruction, who serves as an ex-officio member.

The System's pension plan was established by the State to provide retirement, survivor and disability benefits to public school employees. In addition, the System's health plan provides all retirees with the option of receiving health, prescription drug, dental and vision coverage under the Michigan Public School Employees' Retirement Act (1980 PA 300 as amended).

The System is administered by the Office of Retirement Services (ORS) within the Michigan Department of Technology, Management & Budget. The Department Director appoints the Office Director, with whom the general oversight of the System resides. The State Treasurer serves as the investment officer and custodian for the System.

The System's financial statements are available at [www.michigan.gov/orsschools](http://www.michigan.gov/orsschools).

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### **NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

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#### **NOTE 10 - EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEM - DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN (Continued)**

##### **Benefits Provided**

Benefit provisions of the defined benefit pension plan are established by State statute, which may be amended. Public Act 300 of 1980, as amended, establishes eligibility and benefit provisions for the defined benefit (DB) pension plan. Depending on the plan option selected, member retirement benefits for are determined by final average compensation, years of service, and a pension factor ranging from 1.25 percent to 1.50 percent. DB members are eligible to receive a monthly benefit when they meet certain age and service requirements. The System also provides disability and survivor benefits to DB plan members.

A DB member plan member who leaves Michigan public school employment may request a refund of his or her member contributions to the retirement system account if applicable. A refund cancels a former member's rights to future benefits. However, returning members who previously received a refund of their contributions may reinstate their service through repayment of the refund upon satisfaction of certain requirements.

##### **Contributions**

Employers are required by Public Act 300 of 1980, as amended, to contribute amounts necessary to finance the coverage of active and retired members. Contribution provisions are specified by State statute and may be amended only by action of the State Legislature.

Employer contributions to the System are determined on an actuarial basis using the entry age normal actuarial cost method. Under this method, the actuarial present value of the projected benefits of each individual included in the actuarial valuation is allocated on a level basis over the service of the individual between entry age and assumed exit age. The portion of this cost allocated to the current valuation year is called the normal cost. The remainder is called the actuarial accrued liability. Normal cost is funded on a current basis. The unfunded (overfunded) actuarial accrued liability as of the September 30, 2022 valuation will be amortized over a 16-year period beginning October 1, 2022 and ending September 30, 2038.



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### **NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

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#### **NOTE 10 - EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEM - DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN (Continued)**

The schedule below summarizes pension contribution rates in effect for fiscal year ended September 30, 2023.

Pension Contribution Rates		
Benefit Structure	Member	Employer
Basic	0.0 - 4.0%	20.16%
Member Investment Plan	3.0 - 7.0%	20.16%
Pension Plus	3.0 - 6.4%	17.24%
Pension Plus 2	6.2%	19.95%
Defined Contribution	0.0%	13.75%

Required contributions to the pension plan from the District were \$659,840 for the year ended September 30, 2023.

#### **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 \$5,925,570 for its proportionate share of the MPSERS net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of September 30, 2023, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation rolled forward from September 2022. The District's proportion of the net pension liability was determined by dividing each employer's statutorily required pension contributions to the system during the measurement period by the percent of pension contributions required from all applicable employers during the measurement period. At September 30, 2023, the District's proportion was 0.01830797 percent, which was an increase of 0.00109752 percent from its proportion measured as of September 30, 2022.





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**NOTE 10 - EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEM - DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN (Continued)**

For the year ended June 30, 2024, the District recognized pension expense of \$787,546. At June 30, 2024, the District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between actual and expected experience	\$187,052	\$9,077
Changes of Assumptions	802,942	462,958
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	-	121,256
Changes in proportion and differences between Employer contributions and proportionate share of contributions	350,545	30,476
Employer contributions subsequent to the measurement date	440,760	-
Total	<u>\$1,781,299</u>	<u>\$623,767</u>





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**NOTE 10 - EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEM - DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN (Continued)**

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

Contributions subsequent to the measurement date reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from employer contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ended June 30, 2025. Other amounts as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as reported in the table as follows:

Deferred (Inflow) and Deferred Outflow of Resources by Year (To Be Recognized in Future Pension Expenses)	
Year Ending September 30	Amount
2024	\$666,793
2025	\$200,222
2026	\$344,586
2027	\$(54,069)

**Actuarial Assumptions**

Projections of benefits for financial reporting purposes are based on the substantive plan (the plan as understood by the employer and plan members) and include the types of benefits provided at the time of each valuation and the historical pattern of sharing of benefit costs between the employer and plan members to that point. The actuarial methods and assumptions used include techniques that are designed to reduce the effects of short-term volatility in actuarial accrued liabilities and the actuarial value of assets, consistent with the long-term perspective of the calculations.

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### **NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

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#### **NOTE 10 - EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEM - DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN (Continued)**

##### **Actuarial Assumptions (Continued)**

Additional information as of the latest actuarial valuation follows:

##### **Summary of Actuarial Assumptions**

Valuation Date:	September 30, 2022
Actuarial Cost Method:	Entry Age, Normal
Wage Inflation Rate:	2.75%
Investment Rate of Return:	
- MIP and Basic Plans	6.00% net of investment expenses
- Pension Plus Plan:	6.00% net of investment expenses
- Pension Plus 2 Plan:	6.00% net of investment expenses
Projected Salary Increases:	2.75-11.55%, including wage inflation at 2.75%
Cost-of-Living Pension Adjustments:	3% Annual Non-Compounded for MIP Members
Mortality: Retirees:	PubT-2010 Male and Female Retiree Mortality Tables scaled by 116% for males and 116% for females and adjusted for mortality improvements using projection scale MP-2021 from 2010.
Active Members:	PubT-2010 Male and Female Employee Mortality Tables scaled 100% and adjusted for mortality improvements using projection scale MP-2021 from 2010.

##### *Notes:*

- *Assumption changes as a result of an experience study for the period 2017 through 2022 have been adopted by the System for use in the annual pension valuations beginning with the September 30, 2023 valuation. The total pension liability as of September 30, 2023, is based on the results of an actuarial valuation date of September 30, 2022, and rolled forward using generally accepted actuarial procedures, including the experience study.*
- *Recognition period for liabilities is the average of the expected remaining service lives of all employees in years: 4.4406 for non-university employers*
- *Recognition period for assets in years is 5.0000*
- *Full actuarial assumptions are available in the 2023 MPSERS Comprehensive Annual Financial Report ([www.michigan.gov/mpsers-cafr](http://www.michigan.gov/mpsers-cafr)).*



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**NOTE 10 - EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEM - DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN (Continued)**

**Long-Term Expected Return on Plan Assets**

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension 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 the pension plan's target asset allocation as of September 30, 2023, are summarized in the following table:

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Long Term Expected Real Rate of Return <sup>*</sup>
Domestic Equity Pools	25.0%	5.8%
% Alternative Investment Pools	16.0	9.6
International Equity	15.0	6.8
Fixed Income Pools	13.0	1.3
Real Estate and Infrastructure Pools	10.0	6.4
Absolute Return Pools	9.0	4.8
Real Return / Opportunistic Pools	10.0	7.3
Short Term Investment Pools	2.0	0.3
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	

*\*Long term rate of return does not include 2.7% inflation*

**Rate of Return**

For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023, the annual money-weighted rate of return on pension plan investment, net of pension plan investment expense, was 8.29%. The money-weighted rate of return expresses investment performance, net of investment expense, adjusted for the changing amounts actually invested.

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**NOTE 10 - EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEM - DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN (Continued)**

**Discount Rate**

A discount rate of 6.00% was used to measure the total pension liability (6.00% for the Pension Plus plan, 6.00% for Pension Plus 2 plan provided through non-university employers only). This discount rate was based on the long term expected rate of return on pension plan investments of 6.00% (6.00% for the Pension Plus plan, 6.00% for the Pension Plus 2 plan). The projection of cash flows used to determine this discount rate assumed that plan member contributions will be made at the current contribution rate and that employer contributions will be made at rates equal to the difference between actuarially determined contribution rates and the member rate. Based on these assumptions, the pension plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

**Sensitivity of the District's proportionate share of the net pension liability to changes in the discount rate**

The following presents the District's proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 6.00% (6.00% for the Pension Plus plan, 6.00% for the Pension Plus 2 plan), 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 higher:

1% Decrease 5.0%	Current Single Discount Rate Assumption 6.0%	1% Increase 7.0%
\$8,005,427	\$5,925,570	\$4,194,013

**Michigan Public School Employees' Retirement System (MPSERS) Fiduciary Net Position**

Detailed information about the pension plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued MPSERS CAFR; available on the ORS website at [www.michigan.gov/orsschools](http://www.michigan.gov/orsschools).



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#### **NOTE 11 – POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSIONS (OPEB)**

##### **Plan Description**

The Michigan Public School Employees' Retirement System (System or MPSERS) is a cost-sharing, multiple employer, state-wide, defined benefit public employee retirement plan governed by the State of Michigan (State) originally created under Public Act 136 of 1945, recodified and currently operating under the provisions of Public Act 300 of 1980, as amended. Section 25 of this act establishes the board's authority to promulgate or amend the provisions of the System. The board consists of twelve members— eleven appointed by the Governor and the State Superintendent of Instruction, who serves as an ex-officio member.

The System's health plan provides all eligible retirees with the option of receiving health, prescription drug, dental and vision coverage under the Michigan Public School Employees' Retirement Act (1980 PA 300 as amended).

The System is administered by the Office of Retirement Services (ORS) within the Michigan Department of Technology, Management & Budget. The Department Director appoints the Office Director, with whom the general oversight of the System resides. The State Treasurer serves as the investment officer and custodian for the System.

The System's financial statements are available on the ORS website at [www.michigan.gov/orsschools](http://www.michigan.gov/orsschools).

##### **Benefits Provided**

Benefit provisions of the postemployment healthcare plan are established by State statute, which may be amended. Public Act 300 of 1980, as amended, establishes eligibility and benefit provisions. Retirees have the option of health coverage, which, through 2012, was funded on a cash disbursement basis. Beginning fiscal year 2013, it is funded on a prefunded basis. The System has contracted to provide the comprehensive group medical, prescription drug, dental and vision coverage for retirees and beneficiaries. A subsidized portion of the premium is paid by the System with the balance deducted from the monthly pension of each retiree healthcare recipient. For members who first worked before July 1, 2008, (Basic, MIP-Fixed, and MIP Graded plan members) the subsidy is the maximum allowed by statute. To limit future liabilities of Other Postemployment Benefits, members who first worked on or after July 1, 2008 (MIP-Plus plan members) have a graded premium subsidy based on career length where they accrue credit towards their insurance premiums in retirement, not to exceed the maximum allowable by statute. Public Act 300 of 2012 sets the maximum subsidy at 80% beginning January 1, 2013; 90% for those Medicare eligible and enrolled in the insurances as of that date. Dependents are eligible for healthcare coverage if they meet the dependency requirements set forth in Public Act 300 of 1980, as amended.

Public Act 300 of 2012 granted all active members of the Michigan Public School Employees Retirement System, who earned service credit in the 12 months ending September 3, 2012 or were on an approved professional services or military leave of absence on September 3, 2012, a voluntary election regarding their retirement healthcare. Any changes to a member's healthcare benefit are effective as of the member's transition date, which is defined as the first day of the pay period that begins on or after February 1, 2013.



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#### **NOTE 11 – POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSIONS (OPEB) (Continued)**

##### **Benefits Provided (Continued)**

Under Public Act 300 of 2012, members were given the choice between continuing the 3% contribution to retiree healthcare and keeping the premium subsidy benefit described above, or choosing not to pay the 3% contribution and instead opting out of the subsidy benefit and becoming a participant in the Personal Healthcare Fund (PHF), a portable, tax-deferred fund that can be used to pay healthcare expenses in retirement. Participants in the PHF are automatically enrolled in a 2% employee contribution into their 457 account as of their transition date, earning them a 2% employer match into a 401(k) account. Members who selected this option stop paying the 3% contribution to retiree healthcare as of the day before their transition date, and their prior contributions were deposited into their 401(k) account.

##### **Contributions**

Employers are required by Public Act 300 of 1980, as amended, to contribute amounts necessary to finance the coverage of active and retired members. Contribution provisions are specified by State statute and may be amended only by action of the State Legislature.

Employer OPEB contributions to the System are determined on an actuarial basis using the entry age normal actuarial cost method. Under this method, the actuarial present value of the projected benefits of each individual included in the actuarial valuation is allocated on a level basis over the service of the individual between entry age and assumed exit age. The portion of this cost allocated to the current valuation year is called the normal cost. The remainder is called the actuarial accrued liability. Normal cost is funded on a current basis. The unfunded (overfunded) actuarial accrued liability as of the September 30, 2022 valuation will be amortized over a 16-year period beginning October 1, 2022 and ending September 20, 2038.

The schedule below summarizes OPEB contribution rates in effect for fiscal year ended September 30, 2023.

OPEB Contribution Rates			
Benefit Structure	Member	Employer	
		Universities	Non-Universities
Premium Subsidy	3.00%	0.92%	8.07%
Personal Healthcare Fund (PHF)	0.00%	0.00%	7.21%

Required contributions to the OPEB plan from the District were \$144,527 for the year ended September 30, 2023.



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**NOTE 11 – POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSIONS (OPEB) (Continued)**

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

At June 30, 2024, the District reported a liability of \$(104,954) for its proportionate share of the MPSERS net OPEB liability. The net OPEB liability was measured as of September 30, 2023, and the total OPEB liability used to calculate the net OPEB liability was determined by an actuarial valuation rolled forward from September 2022. The District's proportion of the net OPEB liability was determined by dividing each employer's statutorily required OPEB contributions to the system during the measurement period by the percent of OPEB contributions required from all applicable employers during the measurement period. At September 30, 2023, the District's proportion was 0.01855300 percent, which was a decrease of 0.0000299 percent from its proportion measured as of October 1, 2022.

For the year ending June 30, 2024, the District recognized OPEB expense of \$(198,988). At June 30, 2024, the District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between actual and expected experience	\$-	\$793,087
Changes of Assumptions	233,646	28,135
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on OPEB plan investments	320	-
Changes in proportion and differences between employer contributions and proportionate share of contributions	79,427	23,782
Employer contributions subsequent to the measurement date	31,570	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$344,963</b>	<b>\$845,004</b>

Contributions subsequent to the measurement date reported as deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB resulting from employer contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net OPEB liability in the year ended June 30, 2025. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB will be recognized in OPEB expense as follows:

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**NOTE 11 – POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSIONS (OPEB) (Continued)**

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

**Deferred (Inflow) and Deferred Outflow of Resources by Year  
(To Be Recognized in Future OPEB Expenses)**

2024	\$(153,624)
2025	\$(166,232)
2026	\$(51,379)
2027	\$(55,012)
2028	\$(48,131)
Thereafter	\$(25,663)

**Actuarial Assumptions**

Projections of benefits for financial reporting purposes are based on the substantive plan (the plan as understood by the employer and plan members) and include the types of benefits provided at the time of each valuation and the historical pattern of sharing of benefit costs between the employer and plan members to that point. The actuarial methods and assumptions used include techniques that are designed to reduce the effects of short-term volatility in actuarial accrued liabilities and the actuarial value of assets, consistent with the long-term perspective of the calculations.

Additional information as of the latest actuarial valuation follows:

**Summary of Actuarial Assumptions**

Valuation Date:	September 30, 2022
Actuarial Cost Method:	Entry Age, Normal
Wage Inflation Rate:	2.75%
Investment Rate of Return:	6.00% net of investment expenses
Projected Salary Increases:	2.75-11.55%, including wage inflation at 2.75%
Healthcare Cost Trend Rate:	Pre- 65 : 7.50% Year 1 graded to 3.5% Year 15





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#### **NOTE 11 – POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSIONS (OPEB) (Continued)**

##### **Actuarial Assumptions (Continued)**

Healthcare Cost Trend Rate:	Post 65: 6.25 % Year 1 graded to 3.5% Year 15
Mortality: Retirees:	PubT-2010 Male and Female Retiree Mortality Tables scaled by 116% for males and 116% for females and adjusted for mortality improvements using projection scale MP-2021 from 2010.
Active Members:	PubT-2010 Male and Female Employee Mortality Tables scaled 100% and adjusted for mortality improvements using projection scale MP-2021 from 2010.
Other Assumptions:	
Opt Out Assumptions	21% of eligible participants hired before July 1, 2008 and 30% of those hired after June 30, 2008 are assumed to opt out of the retiree health plan
Survivor Coverage	80% of male retirees and 67% of female retirees are assumed to have coverages continuing after the retiree's death
Coverage Election at Retirement	75% of male and 60% of female future retirees are assumed to elect coverage for 1 or more dependents.

##### *Notes:*

- *Assumption changes as a result of an experience study for the period 2017 through 2022 have been adopted by the System for use in the annual pension valuations beginning with the September 30, 2023 valuation. The total OPEB liability as of September 30, 2023, is based on the results of an actuarial valuation date of September 30, 2022, and rolled forward using generally accepted actuarial procedures, including the experience study.*
- *Recognition period for liabilities is the average of the expected remaining service lives of all employees in years: 6.5099 for non-university employers*
- *Recognition period for assets in years is 5.0000*
- *Full actuarial assumptions are available in the 2023 MPSEERS Comprehensive Annual Financial Report found on the ORS website at [www.michigan.gov/orsschools](http://www.michigan.gov/orsschools).*



## **ONTONAGON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT**

### **NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

(Continued)

#### **NOTE 11 – POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSIONS (OPEB) (Continued)**

##### **Long-Term Expected Return on Plan Assets**

The long-term expected rate of return on OPEB plan investments was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of OPEB 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 the OPEB plan's target asset allocation as of September 30, 2022, are summarized in the table on the following page:

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Long Term Expected Real Rate of Return*
Domestic Equity Pools	25.0%	5.8%
% Alternative Investment Pools	16.0	9.6
International Equity	15.0	6.8
Fixed Income Pools	13.0	1.3
Real Estate and Infrastructure Pools	10.0	6.4
Absolute Return Pools	9.0	4.8
Real Return / Opportunistic Pool	10.0	7.3
Short Term Investment Pools	2.0	0.3
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	

*\*Long-term rates of return are net of administrative expenses and 2.7% inflation.*

##### **Rate of Return**

For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023, the annual money-weighted rate of return on OPEB plan investment, net of OPEB plan investment expense, was 7.94%. The money-weighted rate of return expresses investment performance, net of investment expense, adjusted for the changing amounts actually invested.

## **ONTONAGON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT**

### **NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

(Continued)

#### **NOTE 11 – POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSIONS (OPEB) (Continued)**

##### **Discount Rate**

A discount rate of 6.00% was used to measure the total OPEB liability. This discount rate was based on the long-term expected rate of return on OPEB plan investments of 6.00%. The projection of cash flows used to determine this discount rate assumed that plan member contributions will be made at the current contribution rate and that employer contributions will be made at rates equal to the difference between actuarially determined contribution rates and the member rate. Based on these assumptions, the OPEB 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 OPEB plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total OPEB liability.

##### **Sensitivity of the District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability to changes in the discount rate**

The following presents the District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability calculated using the discount rate of 6.00%, as well as what the District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1 percentage point lower or 1 percentage higher:

1% Decrease 5.00%	Current Discount Rate 6.00%	1% Increase 7.00%
\$108,806	\$(104,954)	\$(288,660)

##### **Sensitivity of the District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability to Healthcare Cost Trend Rate**

The following presents the District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability calculated using assumed trend rates, as well as what the District's proportionate share of net OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a trend rate that is 1-percentage-point lower or 1-percentage-point higher:

1% Decrease	Current Healthcare Cost Trend Rate	1% Increase
\$(289,118)	\$(104,954)	\$94,371

##### **OPEB Plan Fiduciary Net Position**

Detailed information about the OPEB plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued 2023 MPSERS CAFR, available on the ORS website at [www.michigan.gov/orsschools](http://www.michigan.gov/orsschools).



## **ONTONAGON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT**

### **NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

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#### **NOTE 12 - RISK MANAGEMENT**

The District is exposed to various risk of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. The District participated in two distinct pools of educational institutions within the State of Michigan for self-insuring property and casualty and workers' disability compensation. The pools are considered public entity risk pools. The District pays annual premiums to each pool for the respective insurance coverage. In the event a pool's total claims and expenses for a policy year exceed the total normal annual premiums for said year, all members of the specific pool's policy year may be subject to special assessment to make up the deficiency. Each of the pools maintain reinsurance for claims in excess of \$500,000 for each occurrence with the overall maximum coverage being unlimited. The District has not been informed of any special assessments being required. Settled claims have not exceeded this commercial coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

The District continues to carry commercial insurance for other risks of loss, including employee health and accident insurance.

#### **NOTE 13 - USE OF ESTIMATES**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

#### **NOTE 14 - SIGNIFICANT ESTIMATES**

Included in Notes 10 and 11 is a summary of the employee retirement plan provisions and actuarial assumptions. The actuarial assumptions are very critical to the computation of actuarial determined liabilities of the plan. If the assumptions differ from actual results annual contributions to the defined benefit plan can substantially change.





**ANDERSON, TACKMAN  
& COMPANY, P.L.C.**  
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

**REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

**ONTONAGON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND  
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL  
GENERAL FUND**

For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual (Budgetary Basis) (See Note 1)
	Original	Final	
REVENUES:			
Local sources	\$ 2,094,475	\$ 2,100,690	\$ 2,222,063
State sources	1,337,940	1,545,170	1,566,873
Federal sources	207,730	242,830	217,991
TOTAL REVENUES	3,640,145	3,888,690	4,006,927
EXPENDITURES:			
Instruction	1,958,710	2,017,385	1,980,657
Supporting services	1,655,165	1,779,860	1,703,015
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	3,613,875	3,797,245	3,683,672
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	26,270	91,445	323,255
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):			
Payments received from other governmental units	16,995	29,475	34,944
Other sources	13,435	12,075	11,873
Other (uses)	(3,100)	(2,900)	(1,787)
Transfers out	(63,850)	(63,980)	(63,980)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	(36,520)	(25,330)	(18,950)
EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES OVER EXPENDITURES AND OTHER FINANCING USES	(10,250)	66,115	304,305
FUND BALANCE, JULY 1	352,371	352,371	352,371
FUND BALANCE, JUNE 30	\$ 342,121	\$ 418,486	\$ 656,676

The accompanying notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.





**ONTONAGON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

**SCHEDULE OF THE REPORTING UNIT'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET PENSION LIABILITY**

**MICHIGAN PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT PLAN**

LAST 10 FISCAL YEARS (Amounts were determined as of 9/30 of each fiscal year)

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
A. Reporting unit's proportion of net pension liability (%)	0.018307970%	0.017210450%	0.016715870%	0.016622920%	0.017146170%	0.018241360%	0.019433230%	0.020268800%	0.02004311%	0.02072%
B. Reporting unit's proportionate share of net pension liability	\$ 5,925,570	\$ 6,472,630	\$ 3,957,551	\$ 5,710,154	\$ 5,678,235	\$ 5,483,682	\$ 5,035,976	\$ 5,056,900	\$ 4,895,535	\$ 4,564,134
C. Reporting unit's covered-employee payroll	\$ 1,850,645	\$ 1,767,541	\$ 1,542,234	\$ 1,486,643	\$ 1,483,919	\$ 1,491,199	\$ 1,588,139	\$ 1,719,854	\$ 1,677,879	\$ 1,780,284
D. Reporting unit's proportionate share of net pension liability as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll (%)	320.18945%	366.19405%	256.61158%	384.09719%	382.65128%	367.73643%	317.09920%	294.03077%	291.76923%	256.37112%
E. Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of total pension liability	66.30%	60.77%	72.60%	59.72%	60.31%	62.36%	64.21%	63.27%	63.17%	66.20%

The accompanying notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.



**ONTONAGON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

**SCHEDULE OF THE REPORTING UNIT'S CONTRIBUTIONS  
MICHIGAN PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT PLAN  
LAST 10 FISCAL YEARS (Amounts were determined as of 6/30 of each fiscal year)**

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
A. Statutorily required contributions	\$ 659,840	\$ 585,773	\$ 501,914	\$ 456,820	\$ 456,385	\$ 451,261	\$ 464,063	\$ 456,991	\$ 458,439	\$ 520,024
B. Contributions in relation to statutorily required contributions*	\$ 659,840	\$ 585,773	\$ 501,914	\$ 456,820	\$ 456,385	\$ 451,261	\$ 464,063	\$ 456,991	\$ 458,439	\$ 520,024
C. Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
D. Reporting unit's covered-employee payroll	\$ 1,740,240	\$ 1,916,678	\$ 1,735,937	\$ 1,486,643	\$ 1,474,217	\$ 1,475,172	\$ 1,511,196	\$ 1,600,937	\$ 1,671,970	\$ 1,691,126
E. Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	37.91661%	30.56189%	28.91315%	30.72829%	30.95779%	30.59040%	30.70833%	28.54522%	27.41909%	30.75016%

\* Contributions in relation to statutorily required contributions are the contributions an employer actually made to the System, as distinct from the statutorily required contributions.





**ONTONAGON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

**SCHEDULE OF THE REPORTING UNIT'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET OPEB LIABILITY**  
**MICHIGAN PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT PLAN**  
**LAST 10 FISCAL YEARS (Amounts were determined as of 9/30 of each fiscal year)**

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
A. Reporting unit's proportion of net OPEB liability (%)				0.01855300%	0.01815829%	0.01716528%	0.01654612%	1.69710000%	0.01750293%	0.01950709%
B. Reporting unit's proportionate share of net OPEB liability				\$ (104,954)	\$ 384,604	\$ 262,007	\$ 886,420	\$ 1,218,136	\$ 1,391,299	\$ 1,727,445
C. Reporting unit's covered-employee payroll				\$ 1,850,645	\$ 1,767,541	\$ 1,542,234	\$ 1,486,643	\$ 1,483,919	\$ 1,491,199	\$ 1,588,139
D. Reporting unit's proportionate share of net OPEB liability as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll (%)				-5.67121%	21.75927%	16.98880%	59.62561%	82.08912%	93.30069%	108.77165%
E. Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of total OPEB liability				105.72%	83.09%	87.33%	59.44%	48.46%	42.95%	36.39%

The accompanying notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.



**ONTONAGON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

**SCHEDULE OF THE REPORTING UNIT'S OPEB CONTRIBUTIONS**  
**MICHIGAN PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT PLAN**  
**LAST 10 FISCAL YEARS (Amounts were determined as of 6/30 of each fiscal year)**

	<u>2027</u>	<u>2026</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
A. Statutorily required OPEB contributions				\$ 144,527	\$ 138,318	\$ 127,426	\$ 116,902	\$ 117,147	\$ 117,746	\$ 109,140
B. OPEB contributions in relation to statutorily required contributions*				\$ 144,527	\$ 138,318	\$ 127,426	\$ 116,902	\$ 117,147	\$ 117,746	\$ 109,140
C. Contribution deficiency (excess)				\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
D. Reporting unit's covered-employee payroll				\$ 1,740,240	\$ 1,916,678	\$ 1,735,937	\$ 1,486,643	\$ 1,474,217	\$ 1,475,172	\$ 1,511,196
E. OPEB contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll				8.30500%	7.21655%	7.34047%	7.86349%	7.94639%	7.98185%	7.22209%

\* Contributions in relation to statutorily required OPEB contributions are the contributions an employer actually made to the OPEB Plans, as distinct from the statutorily required contributions.

The accompanying notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

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

Board of Education  
Ontonagon Area School District  
Ontonagon, Michigan

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the governmental activities, each major fund, and each fiduciary fund type of the Ontonagon Area School District as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise Ontonagon Area School District's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated October 25, 2024.

**Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

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

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

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

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

**Report on Compliance and Other Matters**

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

**Purpose of this Report**

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

*Anderson Tackman & Co. PLLC*

ANDERSON, TACKMAN & COMPANY, PLC  
Certified Public Accountants  
Iron Mountain, Michigan

October 25, 2024



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October 25, 2024

To the Board of Education  
Ontonagon Area School District

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and each fiduciary fund of the Ontonagon Area School District for the year ended June 30, 2024. Professional standards require that we provide you with information about our responsibilities under generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards*, as well as certain information related to the planned scope and timing of our audit. We have communicated such information in our letter to you dated June 4, 2024. Professional standards also require that we communicate to you the following information related to our audit.

**Significant Audit Findings**

**Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices**

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. The significant accounting policies used by Ontonagon Area School District are described in Note 1 to the financial statements. No new accounting policies were adopted and the application of existing policies was not changed during 2024. We noted no transactions entered into by Ontonagon Area School District during the year for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus. All significant transactions have been recognized in the financial statements in the proper period.

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based on management's knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ significantly from those expected. There were no major sensitive accounting estimates.

The financial statement disclosures are neutral, consistent, and clear.

**Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit**

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management in performing and completing our audit.

Corrected and Uncorrected Misstatements

Professional standards require us to accumulate all known and likely misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that are trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. Management has corrected all such misstatements. In addition, none of the misstatements detected as a result of audit procedures and corrected by management were material, either individually or in the aggregate, to each opinion unit's financial statements taken as a whole.

Disagreements with Management

For purposes of this letter, a disagreement with management is a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, that could be significant to the financial statements or the auditor's report. We are pleased to report that no such disagreements arose during the course of our audit.

Management Representations

We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the management representation letter dated October 25, 2024.

Management Consultations with Other Independent Accountants

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters, similar to obtaining a "second opinion" on certain situations. If a consultation involves application of an accounting principle to Ontonagon Area School District's financial statements or a determination of the type of auditor's opinion that may be expressed on those statements, our professional standards require the consulting accountant to check with us to determine that the consultant has all the relevant facts. To our knowledge, there were no such consultations with other accountants.

Other Audit Findings or Issues

We generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, with management each year prior to retention as the governmental unit's auditors. However, these discussions occurred in the normal course of our professional relationship and our responses were not a condition to our retention.

Other Matters

We applied certain limited procedures to the MD&A, budgetary comparison schedule – general fund, and pension and OPEB schedules, which are required supplementary information (RSI) that supplements the basic financial statements. Our procedures consisted of inquiries of management regarding 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 did not audit the RSI and do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the RSI.

Restriction on Use

This information is intended solely for the use of the Board of Education and management of the Ontonagon Area School District and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Very truly yours,

ANDERSON, TACKMAN & COMPANY, PLC

By: Shane M. Ellison, CPA, PC

By: 

Shane M. Ellison, President