OFFICIAL STATEMENT DATED JUNE 13, 2023

<u>NEW ISSUE</u> | **<u>BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES</u>**

See "Bond Rating" herein. | **Moody's Short-Term Rating: MIG-1 – Series A**

In the opinion of Bond Counsel, under the existing statutes, regulations and court decisions, interest on the Notes is excludable from gross income for Federal income tax purposes, and, under the existing statutes, interest on the Bonds and Notes is exempt from New York State and New York City personal income taxes. In the opinion of Bond Counsel, interest on the Notes is not a specific preference item for purposes of Federal alternative minimum tax; however for tax years beginning after December 31, 2022, interest on the Notes is included in the "adjusted financial statement income" of certain corporations that are subject to the alternative minimum tax under Section 55 of the Code. No opinion is expressed regarding other Federal tax consequences arising with respect to the Notes. See "Tax Exemption" herein.

The Notes will <u>NOT</u> be designated as "qualified tax-exempt obligations" pursuant to Section 265(b)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 as amended.

DOLGEVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
HERKIMER COUNTY, NEW YORK

$12,000,000
BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES, 2023
(the "Series A Notes")

At an Interest Rate of 4.50% to Yield 3.40%
CUSIP #256633 GA0

Dated Date: June 29, 2023 | **Date of Maturity: June 28, 2024**

$443,200
BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES, 2023
(the "Series B Notes")

Dated Date: July 11, 2023 | **Date of Maturity: June 26, 2024**

The Series A and Series B Notes (collectively "the Notes") are general obligations of the Dolgeville Central School District, Herkimer County, New York, all the taxable real property within which is subject to the levy of *ad valorem* taxes to pay the Notes and interest thereon, without limitation as to rate or amount, subject to applicable statutory limitations. See "Nature of the Obligation" and "TAX LEVY LIMITATION LAW" herein. The Notes will be issued without the option of prepayment, with interest payable at maturity.

The Series A Notes will be registered in the name of Cede & Co. as nominee of The Depository Trust Company ("DTC"), New York, New York, which will act as the securities depository for the Notes. Noteholders will not receive certificates representing their ownership interest in the Notes. Such Notes will be issued in denominations of $5,000 or integral multiples thereof, and payment of principal of and interest on the Notes to the Beneficial Owner(s) of the Notes will be made by DTC Direct Participants and Indirect Participants in accordance with standing instructions and customary practices, as is now the case with municipal securities held for the accounts of customers registered in the name of the purchaser or registered in "street name". Payment will be the responsibility of such DTC Direct Participants, subject to any statutory and regulatory requirements as may be in effect from time to time. See "Book-Entry-Only System" herein.

The Notes are offered when, as and if issued and received by the purchaser(s) and subject to the receipt of an unqualified legal opinion as to the validity of the Notes of Timothy R. McGill, Esq., Fairport, New York. It is anticipated that the Series A Notes will be available for delivery on or about June 29, 2023, and the Series B Notes will be available for delivery on or about July 11, 2023.

Facsimile or telephone bids for the Series B Notes will be received THURSDAY, June 29, 2023, until 10:00 a.m. Prevailing Time, pursuant to the terms of the Notice of Sale.

The School District is unable to identify and state herein all of the direct or indirect effects, if any, of the COVID-19 pandemic on the School District or on the fair market value, at any time, of the Bonds.

OPPENHEIMER & CO.

THIS REVISED OFFICIAL STATEMENT SUPPLEMENTS THE OFFICIAL STATEMENT OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT DATED JUNE 7, 2023 RELATING TO THE OBLIGATIONS THEREOF DESCRIBED THEREIN AND HEREIN BY INCLUDING CERTAIN INFORMATION OMITTED FROM SUCH OFFICIAL STATEMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISION RULE 15C2-12. OTHER THAN AS SET FORTH ON THIS REVISED COVER PAGE, THE "BOND RATING" SECTION AND THE DATED DATE ON PAGE 39, THERE HAVE BEEN NO MATERIAL REVISIONS TO SAID OFFICIAL STATEMENT.

DATED: June 13, 2023

DOLGEVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
HERKIMER COUNTY, NEW YORK

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No person has been authorized by the District to give any information or to make any representations not contained in this Official Statement, and, if given or made, such information or representations must not be relied upon as having been authorized. This Official Statement does not constitute an offer to sell or solicitation of an offer to buy any of the Notes in any jurisdiction to any person to whom it is unlawful to make such offer or solicitation in such jurisdiction. The information, estimates, and expressions of opinion herein are subject to change without notice, and neither the delivery of this Official Statement nor any sale made hereunder shall, under any circumstances, create any implication that there has been no change in the affairs of the District.

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OFFICIAL STATEMENT

DOLGEVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
HERKIMER COUNTY, NEW YORK

Relating To

$12,000,000
Bond Anticipation Notes, 2023
(the "Series A Notes")

$443,200
Bond Anticipation Notes, 2023
(the "Series B Notes")

This Official Statement, which includes the cover page, has been prepared by the Dolgeville Central School District, Herkimer County, New York (the "District", "County" and "State," respectively) in connection with the sale by the District of $12,000,000 Bond Anticipation Notes, 2023 (the "Series A Notes") and $443,200 Bond Anticipation Notes, 2023 (the "Series B Notes" and, collectively with the Series A Notes, The "Notes").

The factors affecting the District's financial condition and the Notes are described throughout this Official Statement. Inasmuch as many of these factors, including economic and demographic factors, are complex and may influence the District tax base, revenues, and expenditures, this Official Statement should be read in its entirety, and no one factor should be considered more or less important than any other by reason of its relative position in this Official Statement.

All quotations from and summaries and explanations of provisions of the Constitution and Laws of the State and acts and proceedings of the District contained herein do not purport to be complete and are qualified in their entirety by reference to the official compilations thereof, and all references to the Notes and the proceedings of the District relating thereto are qualified in their entirety by reference to the definitive form of the Notes and such proceedings.

DESCRIPTION OF THE NOTES

The Notes are general obligations of the District and will contain a pledge of its faith and credit for the payment of the principal of and interest on the Notes as required by the Constitution and laws of the State (State Constitution, Art. VIII, Section 2; Local Finance Law, Section 100.00). All the taxable real property within the School District is subject to the levy of ad valorem taxes to pay the Notes and interest thereon, without limitation as to rate or amount.

The Series A Notes are dated June 29, 2023, and mature, without option of prior redemption, June 28, 2024. Interest will be calculated on a 30-day month and 360-day year basis, payable at maturity.

The Series B Notes are dated July 11, 2023, and mature, without option of prior redemption, June 26, 2024. Interest will be calculated on a 30-day month and 360-day year basis, payable at maturity.

The Notes will be issued as registered notes and, at the option of the purchaser, may be registered to the Depository Trust Company ("DTC") or may be registered in the name of the purchaser.

If the Notes will be issued through DTC, the Notes will be registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee of DTC in New York, New York, which will act as Securities Depository for the Notes. Payments of principal of and interest on the

Notes will be made by the District to DTC, which will in turn remit such principal and interest to its Participants, for subsequent distribution to the Beneficial Owners of the Notes.

If the Notes are registered in the name of the purchaser, principal of and interest on the Notes will be payable in Federal Funds by the District.

Purpose and Authorization

The Series A Notes are authorized to be issued pursuant to the Constitution and laws of the State of New York, including among others, the Education Law, the Local Finance Law, and pursuant to a Bond Resolution dated April 18, 2023 authorizing the issuance of up to $11,354,400 in Bond Anticipation Notes or Bonds for the financing of certain capital improvements consisting of reconstruction of the James A. Green school building, bus garage facility and athletic field. Also, contingent upon the aforementioned resolution passing, the following resolution for capital improvements at the James A. Greene School consisting of additional site and athletic field improvements at an estimated maximum aggregate cost of $2,957,300 was also approved.

The Series B Notes are authorized to be issued pursuant to the Constitution and laws of the State of New York, including among others, the Education Law, the Local Finance Law, and pursuant to a Bond Resolution dated March 21, 2023, authorizing the issuance of up to $4,180,000 in Bond Anticipation Notes or Bonds for the financing of capital improvements to the existing BOCES facilities.

Certificated Notes

In the event the purchaser does not request the DTC book-entry-only system apply to the Notes on the date of initial issuance thereof, or in the event that book-entry only system is requested but subsequently discontinued by either DTC or the District, the following provisions will apply:

The Notes will be issued registered in the name of the purchaser in denominations of $5,000 each or integral multiples thereof, except for any necessary odd denomination. Principal of and interest on the Notes will be payable at a principal corporate trust office of a bank or trust company located and authorized to do business in the State of New York to be named as a fiscal agent by the District. The Notes will remain not subject to redemption prior to their stated final maturity date.

Nature of the Obligations

Each Note, when duly issued and paid for, will constitute a contract between the District and the holder thereof.

Holders of any series of notes or bonds of the District may bring an action or commence a proceeding in accordance with the civil practice law and rules to enforce the rights of the holders of such series of notes.

The Notes will be general obligations of the District and will contain a pledge of the faith and credit of the District for the payment of the principal thereof and the interest thereon as required by the Constitution and laws of the State. For the payment of such principal and interest, the District has power and statutory authorization to levy ad valorem taxes on all real property within the District subject to such taxation by the District, without limitation as to rate or amount.

Although the State Legislature is restricted by Article VIII, Section 12 of the State Constitution from imposing limitations on the power to raise taxes to pay "interest on or principal of indebtedness theretofore contracted" prior to the effective date of any such legislation, the New York State Legislature may from time to time impose additional limitations or requirements on the ability to increase a real property tax levy or on the methodology, exclusions or other restrictions of various aspects of real property taxation (as well as on the ability to issue new indebtedness). On June 24, 2011, Chapter 97 of the Laws of 2011 was signed into law by the Governor (the "Tax Levy Limitation Law" or "Chapter 97"). The Tax Levy Limitation Law applies to local governments and school districts in the State (with certain exceptions) and imposes additional procedural requirements on the ability of municipalities and school districts to levy certain year-to-year increases in real property taxes.

Under the Constitution of the State, the District is required to pledge its faith and credit for the payment of the principal of and interest on the Notes and is required to raise real estate taxes, and without specification, other revenues, if such levy is necessary to repay such indebtedness. While the Tax Levy Limitation Law imposes a statutory limitation on the District's power to increase its annual tax levy, with the amount of such increase limited by the formulas set forth in the Tax Levy Limitation Law, it also provides the procedural method to surmount that limitation. See "TAX LEVY LIMITATION LAW" herein.

The Constitutionally-mandated general obligation pledge of municipalities and school districts in New York State has been interpreted by the Court of Appeals, the State's highest court, in Flushing National Bank v. Municipal Assistance Corporation for the City of New York, 40 N.Y.2d 731 (1976), as follows:

"A pledge of the city's faith and credit is both a commitment to pay and a commitment of the city's revenue generating powers to produce the funds to pay. Hence, an obligation containing a pledge of the City's "faith and credit" is secured by a promise both to pay and to use in good faith the city's general revenue powers to produce sufficient funds to pay the principal and interest of the obligation as it becomes due. That is why both words, "faith" and "credit" are used, and they are not tautological. That is what the words say, and this is what the courts have held they mean... So, too, although the Legislature is given the duty to restrict municipalities in order to prevent abuses in taxation, assessment, and in contracting of indebtedness, it may not constrict the City's power to levy taxes on real estate for the payment of interest on or principal of indebtedness previously contracted... While phrased in permissive language, these provisions, when read together with the requirement of the pledge and faith and credit, express a constitutional imperative: debt obligations must be paid, even if tax limits be exceeded".

In addition, the Court of Appeals in the Flushing National Bank (1976) case has held that the payment of debt service on outstanding general obligation bonds and notes takes precedence over fiscal emergencies and the police power of political subdivisions in New York State.

The pledge has generally been understood as a promise to levy property taxes without limitation as to rate or amount to the extent necessary to cover debt service due to language in Article VIII Section 10 of the Constitution, which provides an exclusion for debt 'service from Constitutional limitations on the amount of a real property tax levy, ensuring the availability of the levy of property tax revenues to pay debt service. As the Flushing National Bank (1976) Court noted, the term "faith and credit" in its context is "not qualified in any way". Indeed, in Flushing National Bank v. Municipal Assistance Corp., 40 N.Y.2d 1088 (1977) the Court of Appeals described the pledge as a direct constitutional mandate. In Quirk v. Municipal Assistance Corp., 41 N.Y.2d 644 (1977), the Court of Appeals stated that, while holders of general obligation debt did not have a right to particular revenues such as sales tax, "with respect to traditional real estate tax levies, the bondholders are constitutionally protected against an attempt by the State to deprive the city of those revenues to meet its obligations." According to the Court in Quirk, the State Constitution "requires the city to raise real estate taxes, and without specification other revenues, if such a levy be necessary to repay indebtedness."

In addition, the Constitution of the State requires that every county, city, town, village, and school district in the State provide annually by appropriation for the payment of all interest and principal on its serial bonds and certain other obligations, and that, if at any time the respective appropriating authorities shall fail to make such appropriation, a sufficient sum shall be set apart from the first revenues thereafter received and shall be applied to such purposes. In the event that an appropriating authority were to make an appropriation for debt service and then decline to expend it for that purpose, this provision would not apply. However, the Constitution of the State does also provide that the fiscal officer of any county, city, town, village, or school district may be required to set apart and apply such first revenues at the suit of any holder of any such obligations.

In Quirk v. Municipal Assistance Corp., the Court of Appeals described this as a "first lien" on revenues, but one that does not give holders a right to any particular revenues. It should thus be noted that the pledge of the faith and credit of a political subdivision in New York State is a pledge of an issuer of a general obligation bond or note to use its general revenue powers, including, but not limited to, its property tax levy to pay debt service on such obligations, but that such pledge may not be interpreted by a court of competent jurisdiction to include a constitutional or statutory lien upon any particular revenues.

While the courts in New York State have historically been protective of the rights of holders of general obligation debt of political subdivisions, it is not possible to predict what a future court might hold.

Book-Entry-Only System

The Depository Trust Company ("DTC"), New York, NY, will act as securities depository for the Notes, if so requested. The Notes will be issued as fully-registered Notes registered in the name of Cede & Co. (DTC's partnership nominee) or such other name as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC, only if requested by the purchaser prior to the initial issuance of Notes. One fully-registered note certificate will be issued for each of the notes bearing the same rate of interest and CUSIP number and will be deposited with DTC.

DTC, the world's largest depository, is a limited-purpose trust company organized under the New York Banking Law, a "banking organization" within the meaning of the New York Banking Law, a member of the Federal Reserve System, a "clearing corporation" within the meaning of the New York Uniform Commercial Code, and a "clearing agency" registered pursuant to the provisions of Section 17A of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. DTC holds and provides asset servicing for over 3.5 million issues of U.S. and non-U.S. equity issues, corporate and municipal debt issues, and money market instruments from over 100 countries that DTC's participants ("Direct Participants") deposit with DTC. DTC also facilitates the post-trade settlement among Direct Participants of sales and other securities transactions in deposited securities, through electronic computerized book-entry transfers and pledges between Direct Participants' accounts. This eliminates the need for physical movement of securities certificates. Direct Participants include both U.S. and non-U.S. securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, clearing corporations, and certain other organizations. DTC is a wholly-owned subsidiary of The Depository Trust & Clearing Corporation ("DTCC"). DTCC is the holding company for DTC, National Securities Clearing Corporation and Fixed Income Clearing Corporation, all of which are registered clearing agencies. DTCC is owned by the users of its regulated subsidiaries. Access to the DTC system is also available to others such as both U.S. and non-U.S. securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, and clearing corporations that clear through or maintain a custodial relationship with a Direct Participant, either directly or indirectly ("Indirect Participants"). The DTC Rules applicable to its Participants are on file with the Securities and Exchange Commission. More information about DTC can be found at www.dtcc.com and www.dtc.org.

Purchases of Notes under the DTC system must be made by or through Direct Participants, which will receive a credit for the Notes on DTC's records. The ownership interest of each actual purchaser of each Note ("Beneficial Owner") is in turn to be recorded on the Direct and Indirect Participants' records. Beneficial Owners will not receive written confirmation from DTC of their purchase. Beneficial Owners are, however, expected to receive written confirmations providing details of the transaction, as well as periodic statements of their holdings, from the Direct or Indirect Participant through which the Beneficial Owner entered into the transaction. Transfers of ownership interests in the Notes are to be accomplished by entries made on the books of Direct and Indirect Participants acting on behalf of Beneficial Owners. Beneficial Owners will not receive certificates representing their ownership interests in Notes, except in the event that use of the book-entry system for the Notes is discontinued.

To facilitate subsequent transfers, all Notes deposited by Direct Participants with DTC are registered in the name of DTC's partnership nominee, Cede & Co., or such other name as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC. The deposit of Notes with DTC and their registration in the name of Cede & Co. or such other DTC nominee do not affect any change in beneficial ownership. DTC has no knowledge of the actual Beneficial Owners of the Notes; DTC's records reflect only the identity of the Direct Participants to whose accounts such Notes are credited, which may or may not be the Beneficial Owners. The Direct and Indirect Participants will remain responsible for keeping account of their holdings on behalf of their customers.

Conveyance of notices and other communications by DTC to Direct Participants, by Direct Participants to Indirect Participants, and by Direct Participants and Indirect Participants to Beneficial Owners will be governed by arrangements among them, subject to any statutory or regulatory requirements as may be in effect from time to time. Beneficial Owners of Notes may wish to take certain steps to augment the transmission of them of notices of significant events with respect to the Notes, such as redemptions, tenders, defaults and proposed amendments to the Notes documents. For example. Beneficial Owners of Notes may wish to ascertain that the nominee holding the Notes for their benefit has agreed to obtain and transmit notices to Beneficial Owners. In the alternative, Beneficial Owners may wish to provide their names and addresses to the registrar and request that copies of notices be provided directly to them.

Redemption proceeds, distributions and dividend payments on the Notes will be made to Cede & Co., or such other nominee as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC. DTC's practice is to credit Direct Participants' accounts upon DTC's receipt of funds and corresponding detail information from the District, on payable date in accordance with their respective holdings shown on DTC's records. Payments by Participants to Beneficial Owners will be governed by standing instructions and customary practices, as is the case with securities held for the accounts of customers in bearer form or registered in "street name," and will be the responsibility of such Participant and not of DTC not its nominee or the District, subject to any statutory or regulatory requirements as may be in effect from time to time.

Payment of redemption proceeds, distributions, and dividend payments Cede & Co. (or such other nominee as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC) is the responsibility of the District, disbursement of such payments to Direct Participants will be the responsibility of DTC, and disbursement of such payments to the Beneficial Owners will be the responsibility of Direct and Indirect Participants.

DTC may discontinue providing its services as depository with respect to the Notes at any time by giving reasonable notice to the District. Under such circumstances, in the event that a successor depository is not obtained, note certificates are required to be printed and delivered.

The District may decide to discontinue use of the system of book-entry-only transfers through DTC (or a successor securities depository). In that event, note certificates will be printed and delivered to DTC.

The information in this section concerning DTC and DTC's book-entry system has been obtained from sources that the District believes to be reliable, but the District takes no responsibility for the accuracy thereof.

Source: The Depository Trust Company

THE DISTRICT CANNOT AND DOES NOT GIVE ANY ASSURANCES THAT DTC, DIRECT PARTICIPANTS OR INDIRECT PARTICIPANTS OF DTC WILL DISTRIBUTE TO THE BENEFICIAL OWNERS OF THE NOTES (1) PAYMENTS OF PRINCIPAL OF OR INTEREST OR REDEMPTION PREMIUM ON THE NOTES; (2) CONFIRMATIONS OF THEIR OWNERSHIP INTERESTS IN THE NOTES; OR (3) OTHER NOTICES SENT TO DTC OR CEDE & CO., ITS PARTNERSHIP NOMINEE, AS THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE NOTES, OR THAT THEY WILL DO SO ON A TIMELY BASIS, OR THAT DTC, DIRECT PARTICIPANTS OR INDIRECT PARTICIPANTS WILL SERVE AND ACT IN THE MANNER DESCRIBED IN THIS OFFICIAL STATEMENT.

THE DISTRICT WILL NOT HAVE ANY RESPONSIBILITY OR OBLIGATIONS TO DTC, THE DIRECT PARTICIPANTS, THE INDIRECT PARTICIPANTS OF DTC OR THE BENEFICIAL OWNERS WITH RESPECT TO (1) THE ACCURACY OF ANY RECORDS MAINTAINED BY DTC OR ANY DIRECT PARTICIPANTS OR INDIRECT PARTICIPANTS OF DTC; (2) THE PAYMENT BY DTC OR ANY DIRECT PARTICIPANTS OR INDIRECT PARTICIPANTS OF DTC OF ANY AMOUNT DUE TO ANY BENEFICIAL OWNER IN RESPECT OF THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF OR INTEREST OR REDEMPTION PREMIUM ON THE NOTES; (3) THE DELIVERY BY DTC OR ANY DIRECT PARTICIPANTS OR INDIRECT PARTICIPANTS OF DTC OF ANY NOTICE TO ANY BENEFICIAL OWNER; OR (4) ANY CONSENT GIVEN OR OTHER ACTION TAKEN BY DTC AS THE REGISTERED HOLDER OF THE NOTES.

THE INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN CONCERNING DTC AND ITS BOOK-ENTRY SYSTEM HAS BEEN OBTAINED FROM DTC AND THE DISTRICT MAKES NO REPRESENTATION AS TO THE COMPLETENESS OR THE ACCURACY OF SUCH INFORMATION OR AS TO THE ABSENCE OF MATERIAL ADVERSE CHANGES IN SUCH INFORMATION SUBSEQUENT TO THE DATE HEREOF.

THE SCHOOL DISTRICT

General Information

The School District, which was established in 1942, is. located in the towns of Ephratah, Oppenheim and Strafford in Fulton County and the towns of Fairfield, Manheim and Salisbury in Herkimer County.

The School District is located along a narrow plain of the East Canada Creek and has both natural and cultural distinguishing features.

Utilities are provided by National Grid, Iroquois Gas Company and Verizon New York, Inc.

District Population

The 2021 population of the School District is estimated to be 4,888. (Source: 2021 U.S. Census Bureau estimate)

Economic Developments

M & T Bank ceased local operations in July 2018. The Mohawk Valley Land Bank disclosed plans to renovate or remove old properties/housing within the Dolgeville community.

Selected Wealth and Income Indicators

Per capita income statistics are not available for the District as such. The smallest areas for which such statistics are available, which include the District are the Village, Towns and Counties listed below. The Figures set below with respect to such Villages Towns, Counties and State are included for information only. It should not be inferred from the inclusion of such data in this Official Statement that the Villages, Towns, Counties or State are necessarily representative of the District, or vice versa.

	Per Capita Income			Median Family Income		
	2000	2006-2010	2017-2021	2000	2006-2010	2017-2021
Village Of:						
Dolgeville	$14,787	$22,530	$24,968	$38,646	$47,266	$65,179
Towns Of:						
Ephratah	$14,656	$21,511	$30,310	$36,324	$58,068	$76,161
Oppenheim	13,504	18,034	28,835	34,306	45,484	83,452
Stratford	13,120	18,666	28,896	33,125	39,432	56,250
Fairfield	15,603	23,944	31,408	45,069	56,016	83,854
Manheim	15,429	23,860	26,999	39,032	53,724	74,286
Salisbury	12,642	18,618	23,591	36,384	44,485	73,235
County Of:						
Herkimer	$16,141	$21,908	$30,791	$40,570	$53,288	$79,001
Fulton	$16,844	$23,147	30,539	$39,801	$50,425	$69,213
State Of:						
New York	23,389	30,948	43,208	51,691	67,405	92,731

Note: 2018-2022 American Community Survey Estimates are not available as of the date of this Official Statement

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 census, 2006-2010 and 2017-2021 American Survey data.

District Facilities

Name	Grades	Year Built	Current Maximum Capacity	Date of Last Addition or Alteration
Dolgeville Elementary School	PK-6	1987	756	2017
James A. Green High School	7-12	1954	719	2017

Source: District Official

District Employees

The District employs a total of 133 full time-time and 88 part-time employees with representation by the various bargaining units listed below.

Bargaining Unit	Employees	Expiration Date
Dolgeville Administrators Association	3	6/30/2025
Dolgeville Teacher's Association	84	6/30/2025
Dolgeville Teaching Assistants' Association	6	6/30/2025
Dolgeville Non-Instructional Personnel	40	6/30/2023*

*Currently under negotiations.

Source: District Officials

Historical and Projected Enrollment

Fiscal Year	Actual	Fiscal Year	Projected
2018-19	964	2023-24	800
2019-20	885	2024-25	790
2020-21	783	2025-26	790
2021-22	809	2026-27	785
2022-23	801	2027-28	785

Source: District Officials

Employee Pension Benefits

All non-teaching and non-certified administrative employees of the District eligible for pension or retirement benefits under the Retirement and Social Security Law of the State of New York are members of the New York and Local Employees' Retirement -System ("ERS"). Teachers and certified administrators are members of the New York State Teachers' Retirement System ("TRS"). Payments to TRS are deducted from the School District's State aid payments. Both the ERS and the TRS (together, the "Retirement Systems") are non-contributory with respect to members hired prior to July 27, 1976.

Other than those in Tier V and Tier VI, all members hired on or after July 27, 1976, with less than 10 years of service must contribute 3% of their gross annual salary toward the cost of retirement programs.

On December 10, 2009, pension reform legislation was signed into law that created a new Tier V pension level. Key components of Tier V include:

• Raising the minimum age at which most civilians can retire without penalty from 55 to 62 and imposing a penalty of up to 38% for any civilian who retires prior to age 62.
• Requiring ERS employees to continue contributing 3% of their salaries toward pension costs so long as they accumulate additional pension credits.
• Increasing the minimum years of service required to draw a pension from 5 years to 10 years.
• Capping the amount of overtime that can be considered in the calculation of pension benefits for civilians at $15,000 per year, and for police and firefighters at 15% of non-overtime wages.

Members of the TRS have a separate Tier V benefit structure that will achieve equivalent savings as other civilian public employees. It includes:
• Raising the minimum age an individual can retire without penalty from 55 to 57 years.
• Contributing 3.5% of their annual wages to pension costs rather than 3% and continuing this increased contribution so long as they accumulate additional pension credits.
• Increasing the 2% multiplier threshold for final pension calculations from 20 to 25 years.

In accordance with constitutional requirements, Tier V applies only to public employees hired after December 31, 2009, and before April 2, 2012.

On March 16, 2012, legislation was signed into law that created a new Tier VI pension program. The Tier VI plan only applies to those employees hired on or after April 1, 2012. The new pension tier has progressive contribution rates between 3% to 6% of salary; it increases the retirement age for new employees from 62 to 63 and includes provisions allowing early retirement with penalties. Under previous tiers, there was no limit to the number of public employers a public employee worked for from which retirement benefits could be calculated. Tier VI permits only two salaries to be included in the calculation. The pension multiplier for Tier VI is 1.75% for the first 20 years of service and 2% thereafter; Vesting will occur after 10 years of service. The final average salary is based on a five-year average instead of the previous Tiers' three-year average. Pension eligible overtime for civilian and non-uniformed employees will be capped at $15,000, indexed for inflation. For uniformed employees outside of New York City, the cap is set at 15% of base pay. The number of sick and leave days that can be applied toward retirement service credit is reduced from 200 to 100. The legislation includes an optional defined contribution plan for new non-union employees with annual salaries of $75,000 or more. The State is required to fund any pension enhancements on an ongoing basis. This is a potential future cost savings for local governments.

The District is required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate. The actual contribution for the last five years and the budgeted figures for the 2022-2023 fiscal years are as follows:

Fiscal Year	ERS	TRS
2017-2018	$171,266	$710,067
2018-2019	175,496	784,767
2019-2020	182,671	532,066
2020-2021	222,569	568,548
2021-2022	190,001	639,047
2022-2023 (Budgeted)	236,270	707,995

Source: Audited financial statements for the 2017-2018 fiscal year through the 2021-2022 fiscal year and the adopted budget of the District for the 2022-2023 fiscal year. This table is not audited.

Retirement Incentive Program – Pursuant to various laws enacted between 1991 and 2002, the State Legislature authorized local governments to make available certain early retirement incentive programs to its employees. The District does not currently have early retirement incentive programs for its employees.

Historical Trends and Contribution Rates – Historically there has been a State mandate requiring full (100%) funding of the annual actuarially required local governmental contribution out of current budgetary appropriations. With the strong performance of the Retirement System in the 1990s, the locally required annual contribution declined to zero. However, with the subsequent decline in the equity markets, the pension system became underfunded. As a result, required contributions increased substantially to 15% to 20% of payroll for the employees' and the police and fire retirement systems, respectively. Wide swings in the contribution rate resulted in budgetary planning problems for many participating local governments.

A chart of average ERS and TRS rates as a percent of payroll (2018-19 to 2023-24) is show below:

Fiscal Year	ERS	TRS
2018-2019	14.9	10.62
2019-2020	14.6	8.86
2020-2021	14.6	9.53
2021-2022	16.2	9.80
2022-2023	11.6	10.29
2023-2024	13.1	N/A

In 2003, Chapter 49 of the Laws of 2003 amended the Retirement and Social Security Law and the Local Finance Law. The amendments empowered the State Comptroller to implement a comprehensive structural reform program for ERS. The reform program established a minimum contribution for any local governmental employer equal to 4.5% of pensionable salaries for bills which were due December 15, 2003, and for all fiscal years thereafter, as a minimum annual contribution where the actual rate would otherwise be 4.5% or less due to the investment performance of the fund. In addition, the reform program instituted a billing system to match the budget cycle of municipalities and school districts that will advise such employers over one year in advance concerning actual pension contribution rates for the next annual billing cycle. Under the previous method, the requisite ERS contributions for a fiscal year could not be determined until after the local budget adoption process was complete. Under the new system, a contribution for a given fiscal year is based on the valuation of the pension fund on the prior April 1 of the calendar year preceding the contribution due date instead of the following April 1 in the year of contribution so that the exact amount may now be included in a budget.

Chapter 57 of the Laws of 2010 (Part TT) amended the Retirement and Social Security Law to authorize participating employers, if they so elect, to amortize an eligible portion of their annual required contributions to ERS when employer contribution rates rise above certain levels. The option to amortize the eligible portion began with the annual contribution due February 1, 2011. The amortizable portion of an annual required contribution is based on a "graded" rate by the State Comptroller in accordance with formulas provided in Chapter 57. Amortized contributions are to be paid in equal annual installments over a ten-year period; but may be prepaid at any time. Interest is to be charged on the unpaid amortized portion at a rate to be determined by the State Comptroller, which approximates a market rate of return on taxable fixed rate securities of a comparable duration issued by comparable issuers. The interest rate is established annually for that year's amortized amount and then applies to the entire ten years of the amortization cycle of that amount. When in any fiscal year, the participating employer's graded payment eliminates all balances owed on prior amortized amounts, any remaining graded payments are to be paid into an employer contribution reserve fund established by the State Comptroller for the employer, to the extent that amortizing employer has no currently unpaid prior amortized amounts, for future such use.

The District is not amortizing any pension payments, nor does it intend to do so in the foreseeable future.

Stable Rate Pension Contribution Option - The 2013-14 State Budget included a provision that provides local governments and school districts, including the District, with the option to "lock-in" long-term, stable rate pension contributions for a period of years determined by the State Comptroller and ERS and TRS. The stable rates would be 12% for ERS and 12.5%

for TRS. The pension contribution rates under this program would reduce near-term payments for employers; but will require higher than normal contributions in later years.

The District did not participate in the Stable Rate Pension Contribution Option, nor does it intend to do so in the foreseeable future.

The State's 2019-2020 Enacted Budget will allow school districts in the State to establish a reserve fund for the purpose of funding/offsetting the cost of TRS contributions. School districts may pay into such fund, during any particular fiscal year, an amount not to exceed two percent of the total compensation or salaries of all district employed teachers who are members of the TRS paid during the immediately preceding fiscal year; provided that the balance of such fund may not exceed ten percent of the total compensation or salaries of all district-employed teachers who are members of the TRS paid during the immediately preceding fiscal year. The District established a TRS Reserve on August 20, 2019.

The investment of monies, and assumptions underlying same, of the Retirement Systems covering the District's employees is not subject to the direction of the District. Thus, it is not possible to predict, control or prepare for future unfunded accrued actuarial liabilities of the Retirement Systems ("UAALs"). The UAAL is the difference between total actuarially accrued liabilities and actuarially calculated assets available for the payment of such benefits. The UAAL is based on assumptions as to retirement age, mortality, projected salary increases attributed to inflation, across-the-board raises and merit raises, increases in retirement benefits, cost-of-living adjustments, valuation of current assets, investment return and other matters. Such UAALs could be substantial in the future, requiring significantly increased contributions from the District which could affect other budgetary matters. Concerned investors should contact the Retirement Systems administrative staff for further information on the latest actuarial valuations of the Retirement Systems.

Other Post-Employment Benefits

The District provides post-retirement healthcare benefits to various categories of former employees. These costs may be expected to rise substantially in the future. School districts and Boards of Cooperative Educational Services, unlike other municipal units of government in the State, have been prohibited from reducing retiree health benefits or increasing health care contributions paid by retirees below the level of benefits or contributions afforded to or required from active employees since the implementation of Chapter 729 of the Laws of 1994. Legislative attempts to provide similar protection to retirees of other local units of government in the State have not succeeded as of this date. Nevertheless, many such retirees of all varieties of municipal units in the State do presently receive such benefits.

OPEB - refers to "other post-employment benefits," meaning other than pension benefits. OPEB consists primarily of health care benefits; and may include other benefits such as disability benefits and life insurance. Until now, these benefits have generally been administered on a pay-as-you-go basis and have not been reported as a liability on governmental financial statements.

GASB 75 - requires municipalities and school districts to account for OPEB liabilities much like they already account for pension liabilities, generally adopting the actuarial methodologies used for pensions, with adjustments for the different characteristics of OPEB and the fact that most municipalities and school districts have not set-aside any funds against this liability. However, GASB 75 also addresses certain circumstances in which a non-employer entity provides financial support for OPEB of employees of another entity and requires: (a) explanations of how and why the OPEB liability changed from year to year (b) amortization and reporting of deferred inflows and outflows due to assumption changes, (c) use of a discount rate that takes into account resources of an OPEB plan and how they will be invested to maximize coverage of the liability (d) a single actual cost method and (e) immediate recognition of OPEB expense and effects of changes to benefit terms.

Under GASB 75, a total OPEB liability is determined for each municipality or school district. A net change in the total OPEB Liability is calculated as the sum of changes for the year including service cost, interest, difference between expected and actual experience, changes in benefit terms, changes in assumptions or other inputs, less the benefit payments made by the School District for the year.

Based on the most recent actuarial valuation dated July 1, 2020, and financial data as of June 30, 2022, the School District's beginning year total OPEB liability was $35,242,376, the net change for the year was $1,889,127 resulting in a total OPEB liability of $37,131,503 for a fiscal year ending June 30, 2022. The aforementioned liability is recognized and disclosed in accordance with GASB 75 standards in the School District's June 30, 2022, financial statements.

The total OPEB liability is required to be determined through an actuarial valuation every two years, at a minimum. However, OPEB plans with fewer than 100 members may use an alternative measurement method in place of an actuarial valuation. Additional information about GASB 75 and other accounting rules applicable to municipalities and school districts may be obtained from GASB.

There is no authority in current State law to establish a trust account or reserve fund for this liability. While State Comptroller Thomas P. DiNapoli proposed a bill in April of 2015 that would create an optional investment pool to help local governments fund their OPEB liabilities, such legislation has not advanced past the committee stage.

The School District's total OPEB liability is expected to increase. As is the case with most municipalities, this is being handled by the School District on a "pay-as-you-go" basis. Substantial future increases could have a material adverse impact upon the School District's finances and could force the School District to reduce services, raise taxes or both.

Major Employers

Name	Nature of Business	Estimated Number of Employees
Dolgeville Central School District	Public Education	221
Gehring-Tricot Corporation	Manufacturer-Textiles	90
North Hudson Woodcraft Corporation	Manufacturer-Furniture & Piano Parts	50
Rawlings Adirondack	Manufacturer - Sporting Goods	49
Bergeron Companies	Manufacturer - Surgical and Medical Instruments	20
Tumble Forms, Inc.	Manufacturer - Therapeutic Equipment	10

Source: District Officials

Unemployment Rate Statistics

Unemployment statistics are not available for the School District as such. The smallest area for which such statistics are available (which includes the School District) are the counties of Herkimer and Fulton. The data set forth below with respect to the Counties are included for information purposes only. It should not be inferred from the inclusion of such data in this Statement that the School District is necessarily representative of the Counties or vice versa.

Year	Herkimer County Unemployment Rate	Fulton County Unemployment Rate	New York State Unemployment Rate	U.S. Unemployment Rate
2018	4.9%	5.1%	4.1%	3.9%
2019	4.7%	4.8%	3.9%	3.7%
2020	8.2%	8.6%	9.8%	8.3%
2021	5.8%	5.5%	7.0%	5.4%
2022	3.9%	3.9%	4.3%	3.5%

Source: Department of Labor, State of New York. (Note: Figures not seasonally adjusted)

2022-2023 Monthly Figures

	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
Fulton	3.8%	3.4%	3.7%	4.0%	4.1%	3.4%	3.2%	3.6%	3.9%	5.3%	5.0%	4.4%
Herkimer	3.8%	3.3%	3.5%	3.7%	3.8%	3.1%	3.0%	3.5%	4.0%	5.4%	4.8%	4.3%
New York State	4.2%	4.1%	4.3%	4.8%	4.9%	3.9%	3.6%	3.8%	3.8%	4.6%	4.5%	4.0%

Source: Department of Labor, State of New York. (Note: Figures not seasonally adjusted).

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Investment Policy

Pursuant to the statutes of the State of New York, the School District is permitted to invest only in the following investments: (1) special time deposit accounts in, certificates of deposit issued by or a deposit placement program (as provided by statute) with a bank or trust company located and authorized to do business in the State of New York; (2) obligations of the United States of America; (3) obligations guaranteed by agencies of the United States of America where the payment of principal and interest is guaranteed by the United States of America; (4) obligations of the State of New York; (5) obligations issued pursuant to Local Finance Law Sections 24.00 (tax anticipation notes) or 25.00 (revenue anticipation notes) with approval of the State Comptroller, by any municipality, school district or district corporation other than the School District; and (6) in the case of the School District moneys held in certain reserve funds established pursuant to law, obligations issued by the School District. These statutes further require that all bank deposits, in excess of the amount insured under the Federal Deposit Insurance Act, be secured by a pledge of eligible securities, an eligible letter of credit or an eligible surety bond, as each such term is defined in the law, or satisfy the statutory requirements of the deposit placement program.

Consistent with the above statutory limitations, it is the School District’s current policy to invest in: (1) certificates of deposit or time deposit accounts that are fully secured as required by statute, (2) obligations of the United States of America or (3) obligations guaranteed by agencies of the United States of America where the payment of principal and interest is guaranteed by the United States of America. In the case of obligations of the United States government, the School District may purchase such obligations pursuant to a written repurchase agreement that requires the purchased securities to be delivered to a third-party custodian. The School District is not authorized by State Law to invest in reverse repurchase agreements or similar derivative-type investments.

The School District has adopted its own Investment Policy, which, in addition to incorporating all of the provisions of statute enumerated above, further restricts trading partners to commercial banks or trust companies licensed and doing business in New York State. The Policy prohibits investing through any private entity or brokerage firm and provides for written security agreements and/or custodial agreements with each commercial bank or trust company.

Form of School Government

The Board of Education, the policy-making body of the School District, consists of seven members with overlapping three-year terms so that an equal number is elected to the Board each year. The President and the Vice President are selected by the Board members.

The duties of the administrative officers of the School District include the implementation of the policies of the Board of Education and the supervision of the operation of the school system.

Budgetary Procedures

Pursuant to the Education Law, the Board of Education of the School District annually prepares a budget for the ensuing fiscal year. A public hearing on such budget is held not less than seven and not more than fourteen days prior to the vote. The Board of Education causes notice of such public hearing to be published four times beginning seven weeks prior to the vote. After the public hearing, but not less than six days prior to the budget vote, the School District must mail a school budget notice to all qualified voters which contains the total budgeted amount, the dollar and percentage increase or decrease in the proposed budget (or contingency budget) as compared to the current budget, the percentage increase or decrease in the consumer price index, the estimated property tax levy, the basic STAR exemption impact and the date, time and place of the budget vote. After the budget hearing and subsequent notice, a referendum upon the question of the adoption of the budget is held on the third Tuesday in May each year. All qualified School District residents are eligible to participate.

Pursuant to Chapter 97 of the Laws of 2011 of the State of New York ("Chapter 97"), beginning with the 2012-13 fiscal year, if the proposed budget requires a tax levy increase that does not exceed the lesser of 2% (plus certain adjustments, if applicable) or the rate of inflation (the " Tax Cap"), then a majority vote is required for approval. If the proposed budget requires a tax levy increase that exceeds the Tax Cap, the budget proposition must include special language and a 60% vote is required for approval. Any separate proposition that would cause the School District to exceed the School District Tax Cap also must receive at least 60% voter approval.

If the proposed budget is not approved by the required margin, the Board of Education may resubmit the original budget or a revised budget to the voters on the third Tuesday in June, or adopt a contingency budget (which would provide for ordinary contingent expenses, including debt service) that levies a tax levy no greater than that of the prior fiscal year (i.e., a 0% increase in the tax levy).

If the resubmitted and/or revised budget is not approved by the required margin, the Board of Education must adopt a budget that requires a tax levy no greater than that of the prior fiscal year (i.e., a 0% increase in the tax levy). For a complete discussion of Chapter 97, see "Tax Levy Limitation Law" herein.

The school district budget vote for the 2020-21 fiscal year was originally scheduled to be held on May 19, 2020, however, annual school budget votes across the State are postponed until June 9, 2020, under an Executive Order from Governor Andrew Cuomo that extended and expanded restrictions aimed at limiting the spread of COVID-19. The Budget for the 2020-21 fiscal year was not approved by a supermajority of the qualified voters of the District on June 9, 2020, by a vote of 606 no to 464 yes. On July 28, 2020, the District had a revote and the budget passed by a vote of 414 yen to 170 no. The School District’s 2020-21 budget remained within the School District Tax Cap imposed by Chapter 97 of the laws of 2011.

The budget for the 2021-22 fiscal year was adopted by the qualified voters on May 18, 2021, by a vote of 183 to 82. The School District's 2021-22 Budget remained within the School District Tax Cap imposed by Chapter 97 of the laws of 2011.

The budget for the 2022-23 fiscal year was adopted by the qualified voters on May 17, 2022, by a vote of 173 to 54. The School District's 2022-23 Budget remained within the School District Tax Cap imposed by Chapter 97 of the laws of 2011.

The budget for the 2023-24 fiscal year was adopted by the qualified voters on May 16, 2023, by a vote of 141 to 83. The School District's 2023-24 Budget remained within the School District Tax Cap imposed by Chapter 97 of the laws of 2011.

State Aid

The District receives appropriations from the State of State aid for operating, building and other purposes at various times throughout its fiscal year, pursuant to formulas and payment schedules set forth by statute. In its adopted budget for the 2023-24 fiscal year, approximately 75.02% of the revenues of the District are estimated to be received in the form of State aid. While the State has a constitutional duty to maintain and support a system of free common schools that provides a “sound basic education” to children of the State, there can be no assurance that the State appropriation for State aid to school districts will be continued in future years, either pursuant to existing formulas or in any form whatsoever

In addition to the amount of State Aid budgeted annually by the District, the State makes payments of STAR aid representing tax savings provided by school districts to their taxpayers under the STAR Program.

The State is not constitutionally obligated to maintain or continue State aid to the District. No assurance can be given that present State aid levels will be maintained in the future. State budgetary restrictions which could eliminate or substantially reduce State aid could have a material adverse effect upon the District, requiring either a counterbalancing increase in revenues from other sources to the extent available, or a curtailment of expenditures (See also "MARKET AND RISK FACTORS").

There can be no assurance that the State appropriation for building aid and other State aid to school districts will be continued in future years, either pursuant to existing formulas or in any form whatsoever. State aid, including building aid appropriated and apportioned to the School District, can be paid only if the State has such monies available therefor. The availability of such monies and the timeliness of such payment could be affected by a delay in the adoption of the State budget or their elimination therefrom.

There can be no assurance that the State's financial position will not change materially and adversely from current projections. If this were to occur, the State would be required to take additional gap-closing actions. Such actions may include but are not limited to reductions in State agency operations, delays or reductions in payments to local governments or other recipients of State aid including school districts in the State. Reductions in the payment of State aid could adversely affect the financial condition of school districts in the State.

The amount of State aid to school districts can vary from year to year and is dependent in part upon the financial condition of the State. During the 2011 to 2019 fiscal years of the State, State aid to school districts was paid in a timely manner; however, during the State's 2010 and 2020 fiscal years, State budgetary restrictions resulted in delayed payments of State aid to school districts in the State. In addition, the availability of State aid and the timeliness of payment of State aid to school districts could be affected by a delay in adoption of the State budget, which is due at the start of the State's fiscal year of April 1. The State's budget has been adopted by April 1 or shortly thereafter for over ten (10) years. The State's 2021-22 Enacted Budget was adopted on April 7, 2021, and the State's 2023-2024 Enacted Budget was adopted on May 3, 2023. No assurance can be given that the State will not experience delays in the adoption of the budget in future fiscal years. Significant delays in the adoption of the State budget could result in delayed payment of State aid to school districts in the State which could adversely affect the financial condition of school districts in the State.

Should the District fail to receive State aid expected from the State in the amounts and at the times expected, occasioned by a delay in the payment of such monies or by a mid-year reduction in State aid, the District is authorized by the Local Finance Law to provide operating funds by borrowing in anticipation of the receipt of uncollected State aid.

Federal Aid Received by the State –

The State receives a substantial amount of federal aid for health care, education, transportation and other governmental purposes, as well as federal funding to respond to, and recover from, severe weather events and other disasters. Many of the policies that drive this federal aid may be subject to change under the federal administration and Congress. Current federal aid projections, and the assumptions on which they rely, are subject to revision in the future as a result of changes in federal policy, the general condition of the global and national economies and other circumstances.

Since March 2020, the State has been awarded over $14 billion in Federal education COVID response funding through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security ("CARES") Act; Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 ("CRRSA"); and the American Rescue Plan ("ARP") Act. These funds are supporting the ability of local educational agencies to address the impact that COVID-19 has had, and continues to have, on elementary and secondary schools in the State. The District has been allocated a total of approximately $3,384,939. in ARP funds and $879,766 in CRRSA funds. As of May 30, 2023, the District has received $2,236,183 in ARP funds and $176,069 in CRRSA funds.

Reductions in Federal funding levels could have a materially adverse impact on the State budget. In addition to the potential fiscal impact of policies that may be proposed and adopted by the new administration and Congress, the State budget may be adversely affected by other actions taken by the Federal government, including audits, disallowances, and changes to Federal participation rates or other Medicaid rules.

State Aid History - State aid to school districts within the State has declined in some recent years before increasing again in more recent years.

The State 2018-2019 Enacted Budget included nearly $1 billion in additional education funding, representing a 3.9% increase over 2017-2018. Approximately $859 million of that increase was comprised of traditional public-school aid, including increased Foundation Aid and full-funding of expense-based aids. Formula-based school aid stood at $26.03 billion statewide, a 3.4% increase over the prior year. The State's 2018-19 Enacted Budget included an increase of $618 million in Foundation Aid for school districts. Foundation Aid totaled nearly $17.8 billion statewide. For the seventh consecutive year, the Foundation Aid increase was distributed using a one-year, off formula methodology. The State's 2018-2019 Enacted Budget guaranteed that all school districts receive an increase in Foundation Aid over their 2017-2018 levels. $50 million of the Foundation Aid increase was "set aside" for certain school districts to fund community schools. The State's 2018-2019 Enacted Budget fully funded all expense-based aid for 2018-2019, including building, transportation, BOCES and special education aid. These categories served as State reimbursements for school district expenses made in the prior year, based on school district-specific aid ratios. A total of $240 million was approved for increases in all expense-based aids in 2018-2019.

The State 2019-2020 Enacted Budget included a total of $27.69 billion for School Aid, a year-to-year funding increase of $956 million or 3.6 percent and provided additional funding for Foundation Aid of $338.0 million and $409.65 million in reimbursements for expense-based aids. In addition, the 2019-2020 Enacted Budget increased the Community Schools set-aside funding amount by $49.99 million to a total of $250.0 million. This increased funding is targeted to districts with failing schools and/or districts experiencing significant growth in English language learners. The 2019-2020 Enacted Budget increased the minimum community schools funding amount from $75,000 to $100,000. This ensures all high-need districts across the State can apply the funds to a wide range of activities.

The State’s 2020- 2021 Enacted Budget - Due to the anticipated impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on State revenues, State aid in the State’s 2020-2021 Enacted Budget was 3.7% lower than in the State’s 2019-2020 Enacted Budget but was offset in part with increased Federal support. This reduction in State Operating Funds support was offset by approximately $1.1 billion in funding provided to the State through the Federal CARES Act, including the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Education Relief Fund and the Governor’s Emergency Education Relief Fund. With these Federal funds, State aid in the school district fiscal year 2020-2021 was approximately $27.9 billion, an annual increase of approximately $100 million or 0.4%. The State’s 2020-2021 Enacted Budget continued prior year funding levels for existing programs, including Foundation Aid, Community Schools and Universal Prekindergarten. The 2020-2021 Enacted Budget also provided over $200 million in support for competitive grant programs, including $1 million for development of a new Civics Education curriculum and $10 million for a Student Mental Health program. Funding for expense-based aids, such as Building Aid, Transportation Aid, and Boards of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES) Aid continued under existing aid formulas. The out-year growth in School Aid reflected then current projections of the ten-year average growth in State personal income. The State’s 2020- 2021 Enacted Budget authorized the State’s Budget Director to make periodic adjustments to State Aid, in the event that actual State revenues come in below 99% of estimates or if actual disbursements exceed 101% of estimates. Pursuant to that provision, in October 2020, the State announced that, in the absence of Federal funding to offset such lost revenue, the State had begun to take steps to reduce spending, including but not limited to, temporarily holding back 20% of most aid payments to local governments and school districts. However, the 2020-2021 State aid declines were offset, in part, by $1.1 billion of increased federal funding through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act. With these federal funds, State aid totaled $27.9 billion in the State’s 2020-2021 Enacted Budget, an annual increase of approximately $100 million or 0.4% from the 2019-2020 Enacted Budget. As of February 1, 2021, the State Education Department (“SED”) advised school districts that the State Division of the Budget would, at some point, provide approval for SED to make the payments to school districts for State aid and other Pre-K-12 grant programs that had been subject to the above-referenced 20% withholding. Such approval was received, and the State released all of the withheld funds prior to June 30, 2021.

The State 2021-22 Budget included $29.5 billion in state aid to school districts, and significantly increased funding for schools and local governments, including a $1.4 billion increase in Foundation Aid and a three-year phase in of the full restoration to school districts of Foundation Aid that was initially promised in 2007. Additionally, the budget includes the use of $13 billion of federal funds for emergency relief, along with the Governor’s Emergency Education Relief, which includes, in part, the allocation of $629 million to school districts as targeted grants in an effort to address learning loss as a result of the loss of enrichment and after-school activities. In addition, $105 million of federal funds are to be allocated to expand full-day kindergarten programs. Under the budget, school districts are to be reimbursed for the cost of delivering school meals and instructional materials in connection with COVID-19-related school closures in spring 2020, along with the costs of keeping transportation employees and contractors on stand-by during the short-term school closures prior to the announcement of the closure of schools for the remainder of the 2019-20 year. Under the budget, local governments are to receive a full restoration of proposed cuts to Aid and Incentives for Municipalities (AIM) funding and will receive a full restoration of $10.3 million in proposed Video Lottery Terminal (VLT) aid cuts where applicable.

The State's 2023-2024 Enacted Budget was enacted on May 3, 2023, and provides for a total of $34 billion in State funding to school districts for the 2023-24 school year. The State's 20232-2024 Enacted Budget represents a $3.2 billion or 10.4% increase in State funding for education, and includes a $2.629, or 12.3% percent Foundation Aid increase.

State Aid Litigation - In January 2001, the State Supreme Court issued a decision in Campaign for Fiscal Equity v. New York mandating that the system of apportionment of State aid to school districts within the State be restructured by the Governor and the State Legislature. On June 25, 2002, the Appellate Division of the State Supreme Court reversed that decision. On June 26, 2003, the State Court of Appeals, the highest court in the State, reversed the Appellate Division, holding that the State must, by July 30, 2004, ascertain the actual cost of providing a sound basic education, enact reforms to the system of school funding and ensure a system of accountability for such reforms. The Court of Appeals further modified the decision of the Appellate Division by deciding against a Statewide remedy and instead limited its ruling solely to the New York City school system.

After further litigation, on appeal in 2006, the Court of Appeals held that $1.93 billion of additional funds for the New York City schools — as initially proposed by the Governor and presented to the Legislature as an amount sufficient to provide a sound basic education — was reasonably determined. State legislative reforms in the wake of The Campaign for Fiscal Equity decision included increased accountability for expenditure of State funds and collapsing over 30 categories of school aid for school districts in the State into one classroom operating formula referred to as foundation aid. The stated purpose of foundation aid is to prioritize funding distribution based upon student need. As a result of the Court of Appeals ruling schools were to receive $5.5 billion increase in foundation aid over a four fiscal year phase-in covering 2007 to 2011.

A case related to the Campaign for Fiscal Equity, Inc. v. State of New York was heard on appeal on May 30, 2017, in New Yorkers for Students' Educational Rights v. State of New York ("NYSER") and a consolidated case on the right to a sound basic education. The NYSER lawsuit asserts that the State has failed to comply with the original decision in the Court of Appeals in the Campaign for Fiscal Equity case, and asks the Court of Appeals to require the State to develop new methodologies, formulas and mechanisms for determining State aid, to fully fund the foundation aid formula, to eliminate the supermajority requirement for voter approval of budgets which increase school district property tax levies above the property tax cap limitation, and related matters. On June 27, 2017, the Court of Appeals held that the plaintiffs' causes of action were properly dismissed by the earlier Appellate Division decision except insofar as two causes of action regarding accountability mechanisms and sufficient State funding for a "sound basic education" as applicable solely to the school districts in New York City and Syracuse. The Court emphasized its previous ruling in the Campaign for Fiscal Equity case that absent "gross education inadequacies", claims regarding State funding for a "sound basic education" must be made on a district-by-district basis based on the specific facts therein. On October 14, 2021, Governor Hochul announced that New York State has reached an agreement to settle and discontinue the New Yorkers for Students' Educational Rights v. New York State case, following through on the State's commitment to fully fund the current Foundation Aid formula to New York's school districts over three years and ending the State's prior opposition to providing such funding. The litigation, which has been ongoing since 2014, sought to require New York State to fully fund the Foundation Aid formula that was put into place following the Campaign for Fiscal Equity cases, and has been previously opposed by the State. Foundation Aid was created in 2007 and takes school district wealth and student need into account to create and equitable distribution of state funding to schools, however, New York State has never fully funded Foundation Aid, The new settlement requires New York to phase-in full funding of Foundation Aid by the FY 2024 budget. In the 2022 Enacted State Budget approved in April 2022, the Executive and Legislature agreed to fully fund the Foundation Aid by FY 2024 budget and enacted this commitment into law. A breakdown of the currently anticipated Foundation Aid funding is available below:

- FY 2022: $19.8 billion, covering 30% of existing shortfall
- FY 2023: Approximately $21.3 billion, cover 50% of the anticipated shortfall

- FY 2024: Approximately $23.2 billion, eliminating the anticipated shortfall, and funding the full amount of Foundation Aid for all school Districts.

The following table illustrates the percentage of total revenue of the District for each of the below fiscal years comprised of State aid and budgeted figures for 2022-23 and 2023-24 fiscal years.

Fiscal Year	Total Revenues	Total State Aid	Percentage of Total Revenues Consisting of State Aid
2017-2018	$17,977,244	$12,742,904	70.88%
2018-2019	18,363,427	13,063,217	71.14
2019-2020	18,662,423	13,325,327	71.40
2020-2021	18,404,663	12,577,895	68.34
2021-2022	19,008,000	13,372,507	70.35
2022-2023 (Budgeted)	21,261,920	15,951,774	75.02

Source: Audited financial statements for the 2017-2018 fiscal year through the 2021-2022 fiscal year and the adopted budget of the District for the 2022-2023 and 2023-24 fiscal year. This table is not audited.

Fiscal Stress Monitoring

The New York State Comptroller has developed a Fiscal Stress Monitoring System ("FSMS") to provide independent information to School District officials, taxpayers and policy makers regarding the various levels of fiscal stress under which the State's diverse school districts are operating.

The fiscal stress scores are based on financial information submitted as part of each School District's ST-3 report filed yearly with the State Education Department. Using financial indicators that include year-end fund balance, cash position and patterns of operating deficits, the OSC system creates an overall fiscal stress score which classifies whether a district is in "significant fiscal stress", in "moderate fiscal stress", as "susceptible to fiscal stress" or "no designation". Entities that do not accumulate the number of points that would place them in a stress category will receive a financial score but will be classified in a category of "no designation". This classification should not be interpreted to imply that the entity is completely free of fiscal stress conditions. Rather, the entity's financial information, when objectively scored according to the FSMS criteria, did not generate sufficient points to place them in one of the three established stress categories.

The reports of State Comptroller for the past five fiscal years if the District are as follows:

Fiscal Year Ending In	Stress Designation	Fiscal Score
2022	No Designation	0.0
2021	Susceptible	26.7
2020	No Designation	13.3
2019	Susceptible	26.7
2018	No Designation	13.3

Note: See the official website of the New York State Comptroller for more information on FSMS. Reference to websites implies no warranty of accuracy of information therein.

New York State Comptroller Report of Examination

The State Comptroller's office, i.e., the Department of Audit and Control, periodically performs a compliance review to ascertain whether the District has complied with the requirements of various State and Federal statutes. These audits can be found by visiting the Audits of Local Governments section of the Office of the State Comptroller website.

The State Comptroller's office released an audit report of the District on January 6, 2017. The purpose of the audit was to examine information technology access controls over personal, private and sensitive information in the District's financial system and student information system for the period July 1, 2014, through April 15, 2016.

Key Findings

- Not all financial system and student information system user accounts were necessary.
- Some users were assigned more access permissions than needed for their job duties.
- District officials did not regularly review system logs.

Key Recommendations

- Evaluate all existing financial system and student information system user accounts and remove any deemed unnecessary.
- Establish written procedures for managing and monitoring system access, including guidance for assigning permissions.
- Ensure that system audit logs are periodically reviewed for indications of unauthorized or inappropriate activity.

A copy of the complete report and response can be found via the website of the Office of the New York State Comptroller.

There are no State Comptroller's audits of the District that are currently in progress or pending release.

Note: Reference to website implies no warranty of accuracy of information therein.

Other Information

The statutory authority for the power to spend money for the object or purpose, or to accomplish the object or purpose, for which the Notes were issued is the Education Law and the Local Finance Law.

No principal or interest upon any obligation of the School District is past due.

The fiscal year of the School District is from July 1 to June 30.

Other than "Estimated Calculation of Overlapping Indebtedness", this Official Statement does not include the financial data of any other political subdivisions of the State having power to levy taxes within the School District.

Financial Statements

The School District retains an independent Certified Public Accountant, whose most recent report covers the period ended June 30, 2022, and may be found attached hereto as Appendix B.

The District complies with the Uniform System of Accounts as prescribed for school districts in New York State. This system differs from generally accepted accounting principles as prescribed by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants' Industry Audit Guide, "Audits of State and Local Governmental Units", and codified in Government Accounting, Auditing and Financial Reporting ("GAAFR"), published by the National Committee on Government Accounting.

TAX INFORMATION

Assessed and Full Valuations

Fiscal Year Ended June 30:	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Assessed Valuations:					
Ephratah	$ 896,177	$ 914,104	$ 920,547	$ 961,123	$ 982,085
Oppenheim	3,646,901	3,636,522	3,688,030	3,755,104	3,677,924
Stratford	109,974,111	109,385,436	109,137,407	109,190,911	109,388,849
Fairfield	5,070	5,070	5,070	5,070	5,070
Manheim	68,132,022	67,603,036	67,468,484	67,449,654	67,335,248
Salisbury	131,104,421	132,198,138	135,504,484	143,744,737	143,843,380
Total	$ 313,758,702	$ 313,742,306	$ 316,724,022	$ 325,106,599	$ 325,232,556
Equalization Rates:					
Ephratah	69.00%	69.00%	69.00%	64.90%	61.00%
Oppenheim	51.42%	51.42%	52.00%	51.00%	40.00%
Stratford	100.00%	97.00%	97.00%	95.50%	85.00%
Fairfield	76.00%	76.00%	75.00%	74.00%	67.00%
Manheim	67.00%	67.00%	66.00%	64.50%	61.00%
Salisbury	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	87.85%
Full Valuations:					
Ephratah	$ 1,298,807	$ 1,324,788	$ 1,334,126	$ 1,480,929	$ 1,609,975
Oppenheim	7,092,378	7,072,194	7,092,365	7,362,949	9,194,810
Stratford	109,974,111	112,768,491	112,512,791	114,336,032	128,692,764
Fairfield	6,671	6,671	6,760	6,851	7,567
Manheim	101,689,585	100,900,054	102,224,976	104,573,107	110,385,652
Salisbury	131,104,421	132,198,138	135,504,484	143,744,737	163,737,484
Total	$ 351,165,974	$ 354,270,336	$ 358,675,502	$ 371,504,606	$ 413,628,253

Equalized values shown here are those used by the School District for tax levy purposes as provided in the Real Property Tax Law. In some cases, equalization rates established specifically for school tax apportionment may have been used, as is also provided in the Real Property Tax Law.

Tax Rate per $1,000 Assessed Value

Fiscal Year Ending June 30:	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Ephratah	$ 20.13	$ 19.96	$ 19.94	$ 21.24	$ 20.30
Oppenheim	27.02	26.78	26.46	27.03	30.95
Stratford	13.89	14.20	14.19	14.43	14.57
Fairfield	18.28	18.12	18.35	18.63	18.48
Manheim	20.74	20.55	20.85	21.37	20.30
Salisbury	13.89	13.77	13.76	13.78	14.09

Tax Collection Procedure

School taxes are payable during the month of September without penalty. Payments made during the month of October carry a 2% penalty.

In November a list of all unpaid taxes is given to the County Treasurers. The County Treasurers will accept payment until November 30. Any unpaid taxes will be re-levied in the next Town and County tax bill.

The School District is reimbursed by the Counties for all unpaid taxes in April of each year and is thus assured of 100% collection of its annual levy.

Tax Collection Record

Fiscal Year Ended June 30:	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023*
General Fund Tax Levy	$4,851,196	$4,851,196	$4,908,342	$5,093,163	$5,093,520
Omissions/Loss of Exemptions - Prior Years	0	0	0	0	0
Levy for Library	27,500	27,500	27,500	27,500	27,500
Total Levy for All Purposes	$4,878,696	$4,878,696	$4,935,842	$5,120,663	$5,121,020
Excess/(Deficit) on Tax Rolls	0	0	0	0	0
Taxes Cancelled	0	0	0	0	0
Net Taxes on Roll	4,878,696	4,878,696	4,935,842	5,120,663	5,121,012
STAR Program	704,526	669,105	643,486	624,092	579,316
Net Taxes After STAR Program	$4,174,170	$4,209,59	$4,292,356	$4,496,571	$4,541,696
Taxes Collected Prior to Return	3,798,813	3,615,518	3,740,745	3,885,471	3,532,359
Uncollected Date of Return	375,357	435,959	550,980	436,385	493,481
Percentage Collected Prior to Return	91.01%	91.06%	87.15%	88.70%	90.30%

*Collection figures are as of November 9, 2022.

Real Property Tax Revenues

The following table illustrates the percentage of total revenues of the District for each of the below fiscal years comprised of Real Property Taxes.

Fiscal Year	Total Revenues	Total Real Property Taxes	Percentage of Total Revenues Consisting of Real Property Taxes
2017-2018	$17,977,244	$4,038,155	22.46%
2018-2019	18,363,427	4,146,190	22.58
2019-2020	18,662,243	4,188,921	22.45
2020-2021	18,404,663	4,271,958	23.21
2021-2022	19,008,000	4,477,799	23.56
2022-2023 (Budgeted)	21,261,920	4,623,215	21.74

Source: Audited financial statements for the 2017-18 fiscal year through 2021-22 fiscal year and the adopted budget of the District for the 2022-2023 and 2023-24 fiscal year. This table is not audited.

Major Taxpayers 2022

For 2022-23 Tax Roll

Name	Type	Full Value
State of NY	Land	$41,299,539
New York State Land	Land	11,843,100
National Grid	Energy	5,681,788
Iroquois Gas Co	Gas/Fuel	4,034,539
Generation Limited EONY	Executive Office	3,156,000
Village of Dolgeville	Land	5,268,550
Gehring Tricot Corp	Manufacturer	1,708,100
Rawlings	Manufacturer	1,155,700
Niagara Mohawk	Power	1,231,237
Time Warner	Cable	1,313,834
Total		$76,692,387

1. The above taxpayers represent 18.54% of the School District's 2022-23 Full Value of $413,628,253.

General Fund Operations

District finances are operated primarily through its General Fund. All taxes and most other revenues are paid into this fund and all current operating expenditures are made from it. (A statement of such revenues and expenditures for the five-year period ending June 30, 2022, is contained in the Appendices). As reflected in the Appendices, the District derives the bulk of its annual revenues from a tax on real property and from State aid. Capital improvements are generally financed by the issuance of bonds and bond anticipation notes.

STAR – School Tax Exemption

The STAR (School Tax Relief) program provides State-funded exemptions from school property taxes to homeowners for their primary residences. School districts are reimbursed by the State for real property taxes exempted pursuant to the STAR Program.

Homeowners over 65 years of age with household adjusted gross incomes, less the taxable amount of total distributions from individual retirement accounts and individual retirement annuities ("STAR Adjusted Gross Income") of $93,200 or less in 2023-2024 , increased annually according to a cost-of-living adjustment, are eligible for a "full value" exemption of the first $81,400 for the 2023-24 school year (adjusted annually). Other homeowners with household STAR Adjusted Gross income not in excess of $250,000 ($500,000 in the case of a STAR credit, as discussed below) are eligible for a $30,000 "full value" exemption on their primary residence.

Part A of Chapter 60 of the Laws of 2016 of the State of New York ("Chapter 60") gradually converts the STAR program from a real property tax exemption to a personal income tax credit. Chapter 60 prohibits new STAR exemptions from being granted unless at least one of the applicants held title to the property on the taxable status date of the assessment roll that was used to levy school district taxes for the 2015-2016 school year (generally, March 1, 2015), and the property was granted a STAR exemption on that assessment roll. A new homeowner may receive a new personal income tax credit in the form of a check. A taxpayer who is eligible for the new credit will receive a check from the State equal to the amount by which the STAR exemption would have reduced his or her school tax bill. A homeowner who owned his or her home on the taxable status date for the assessment roll used to levy taxes for the 2015-2016 school year, and who received a STAR exemption on that roll, may continue to receive a STAR exemption on that home as long as he or she still owns and primarily resides in it. No further action is required (unless the homeowner has been receiving Basic STAR and wants to apply for Enhanced STAR, which is permissible).

The 2019-20 Enacted State Budget made several changes to the STAR program, which went into effect immediately. The changes are intended to encourage homeowners to switch from the STAR exemption to the STAR credit. The income limit for the exemption has been lowered to $250,000, compared with a $500,000 limit for the credit. The amount received for the STAR exemption will remain the same each year, while the amount of the STAR credit can increase up to two percent annually. Homeowners with STAR Adjusted Gross Income of $250,000 or less have the option to select the credit or the exemption.

The State's 2020-21 Enacted State Budget further modified the STAR program. Under such legislation, property owners with property tax delinquencies greater than one year are not eligible for the Basic STAR exemption or the Basic STAR credit. Recipients of the Enhanced STAR exemptions and credits are not impacted by this program; they may continue to receive STAR benefits even if their property taxes are delinquent. While Governor Cuomo had issued various Executive Orders in response to the COVID-19 pandemic that temporarily precluded the State Tax Department from disallowing STAR exemptions or credits, the most recent of such Executive Orders expired on July 5, 2021.

The 2022-23 Enacted State Budget provides $2.2 billion in State funding for a new property tax relief credit, the Homeowner Tax Rebate Credit, for eligible low- and middle-income households, as well as eligible senior households. Under this program, basic STAR exemption and credit beneficiaries with incomes below $250,000 and Enhanced STAR recipients are eligible for the property tax rebate where the benefit is a percentage of the homeowners' existing STAR benefit.

Real Property Tax Rebate

Certain additional restrictions on the amount of the personal income tax credit are set forth in Chapter 59 in order for the tax cap to qualify as one which will provide the tax credit benefit to such real property taxpayers. The refundable personal income tax credit amount was increased in the second year if compliance occurs in both taxable years.

For the second taxable year of the program, the refundable personal income tax credit for real property taxpayers was additionally contingent upon adoption by the school district or municipal unit of a state approved "government efficiency plan" which demonstrated "three-year savings and efficiencies of at least one per cent per year from shared services, cooperation agreements and/or mergers or efficiencies".

Municipalities, school districts and independent special districts must have provided certification of compliance with the requirements of the new provisions to certain state officials in order to render their real property taxpayers eligible for the personal income tax credit.

While the provisions of Chapter 59 did not directly further restrict the taxing power of the affected municipalities, school districts and special districts, they did provide an incentive for such tax levies to remain within the tax cap limits established by the Tax Levy Limitation Law. The implications of this for future tax levies and for operations and services of the District are uncertain at this time.

An additional real property tax rebate program applicable solely to school districts was enacted by Chapter 20 of the Laws of 2015 and was signed into law by the Governor on June 26, 2015. The program began in 2016 and was fully phased in 2019.

TAX LEVY LIMITATION LAW

On June 24, 2011, Chapter 97 of the Laws of 2011 was signed into law by the Governor. The Tax Levy Limit Law modifies current law by imposing a limit on the amount of real property taxes that a school district may levy. The Law affected school district tax levies for the school district fiscal year beginning July 1, 2012.

Prior to the enactment of the Law, there was no statutory limitation on the amount of real property taxes that a school district could levy if its budget had been approved by a simple majority of its voters. In the event the budget had been defeated by the voters, the school district was required to adopt a contingency budget. Under a contingency budget, school budget increases were limited to the lesser of four percent (4%) of the prior year's budget or one hundred twenty percent (120%) of the consumer price index ("CPI").

The Tax Levy Limit Law requires that a school district hereafter submit its proposed tax levy (not its proposed budget) to the voters each year and imposes a limitation on the amount of tax levy growth from one fiscal year to the next. Such limitation is the lesser of (i) 2% or (ii) the annual percentage increase in the CPI, as described in the Law. Tax levies that do not exceed such limit will require approval by at least 50% of the voters. Approval by at least 60% of the voters will be required for a tax levy in excess of the limit. In the event the voters reject the tax levy, the school district's tax levy for the ensuing fiscal year may not exceed the amount of the tax levy for the prior fiscal year, without any stated exceptions.

There are exceptions for school districts to the tax levy limitation provided in the law, including expenditures made on account of certain tort settlements and certain increases in the average actuarial contribution rates of the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System and the Teachers' Retirement System. School districts are also permitted to carry forward a certain portion of their unused levy limitation from a prior year.

There is also an exception for school districts for "Capital Local Expenditures" subject to voter approval where required by law. This term is defined in a manner that does not include certain items for which a school district may issue debt, including the payment of judgments or settled claims, including tax certiorari payments, and cashflow borrowings, including tax anticipation notes, revenue anticipation notes, budget notes and deficiency notes. "Capital Local Expenditures", are defined as "the taxes associated with budgeted expenditures resulting from the financing, refinancing, acquisition, design, construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, improvement, furnishing and equipping of or otherwise providing for school district capital facilities or school district capital equipment, including debt service and lease expenditures, and transportation capital debt service, subject to the approval of the qualified voters where required by law". The portion of the tax levy necessary to support "Capital Local Expenditures" is defined as the "Capital Tax Levy" and is an exclusion from the tax levy limitation.

On February 20, 2013, the New York State United Teachers ("NYSUT") and several individuals filed a lawsuit in State Supreme Court seeking a declaratory judgment and a preliminary injunction that the Tax Levy Limitation Law is unconstitutional as it applies to public school districts. On September 23, 2014, a Justice of the State Supreme Court dismissed each of NYSUT's causes of action but granted NYSUT's motion to amend the complaint. After the ruling, NYSUT amended its complaint to include a challenge to the Real Property Tax Rebate, also on Federal and State constitutional grounds. On March 16, 2015, all causes of action contained in the amended complaint were dismissed. On May 5, 2016, the dismissal was upheld by the New York Supreme Court, Appellate Division, Third Judicial Department to dismiss the complaint. An additional appeal by NYSUT was dismissed on October 20, 2016, by the Court of Appeals, New York's highest court, on the grounds that no substantial constitutional question was directly involved, and thereafter, leave to appeal was denied on January 14, 2017 by the Court of Appeals.

STATUS OF INDEBTEDNESS

Constitutional Requirements

The New York State Constitution limits the power of the District (and other municipalities and certain school districts of the State) to issue obligations and to contract indebtedness. Such constitutional limitations in summary form and as generally applicable to the District include the following:

Purpose and Pledge. The District shall not give or loan any money or property to or in aid of any individual or private undertaking or give or loan its credit to or in aid of any of the foregoing or any public corporation.

The District may contract indebtedness only for a District purpose and shall pledge its faith and credit for the payment of principal of and interest thereon.

Payment and Maturity. Except for certain short-term indebtedness contracted in anticipation of taxes or to be paid within three fiscal year periods, indebtedness shall be paid in annual installments commencing no later than two years after the date such indebtedness shall have been contracted and ending no later than the expiration of the period of probable usefulness of the object or purpose as determined by statute; unless substantially level or declining annual debt service is utilized, no installment maybe more than fifty percent in excess of the smallest prior installment. The District is required to provide an annual appropriation for the payment of interest due during the year on its indebtedness and for the amounts required in such year for amortization and redemption of its serial bonds and such required annual installments on its notes.

Debt Limit. The District has the power to contract indebtedness for any school district purpose so long as the principal amount thereof shall not exceed ten per centum of the full valuation of the taxable real estate of the District and subject to certain enumerated deductions. The constitutional method for determining full valuation by taking the assessed valuation of taxable real estate for the last completed assessment roll and applying thereto the ratio which such assessed valuation bears to the full valuation as determined by the State Office of Real Property Services. The State Legislature is required to prescribe the manner by which such ratio shall be determined.

Statutory Procedure

In general, the State Legislature has, by the enactment of the Local Finance Law, authorized the powers and procedure for the District to borrow and incur indebtedness subject, of course, to the constitutional provisions set forth above. The power to spend money, however, generally derives from other laws, including the Education Law.

The District is generally required by such laws to submit propositions for the expenditure of money for capital purposes to the qualified electors of the District. Upon approval thereby, the Board of Education may adopt a bond resolution authorizing the issuance of bonds and notes in anticipation of the bonds. With respect to certain school building construction projects, the District is not permitted to spend in excess of $100,000 for construction costs until the plans and specifications for such project have been approved by the Commissioner of Education of the State. The District has obtained such approval with respect to the project to be financed by the Notes.

Each bond resolution usually authorizes the construction, acquisition or installation of the object or purpose to be financed, sets forth the plan of financing and specifies the maximum maturity of the bonds subject to the legal (Constitution, Local Finance Law and case law) restrictions relating to the period of probable usefulness with respect thereto.

The Local Finance Law also provides that where a bond resolution is published with a statutory form of notice, the validity of the bonds authorized thereby, including bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the sale thereof, may be contested only if:

(1) Such obligations are authorized for a purpose for which the District is not authorized to expend money, or

(2) There has not been substantial compliance with the provisions of law which should have been complied within the authorization of such obligations

and an action contesting such validity, is commenced within twenty days after the date of such publication or,

(3) Such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.

The Board of Education, as the finance board of the District, has the power to enact bond resolutions. In addition, such finance board has the power to authorize the sale and issuance of obligations. However, such finance board may delegate the power to sell the obligations to the President of the Board of Education, the chief fiscal officer of the District, pursuant to the Local Finance Law.

The District is further subject to constitutional limitation by the general constitutionally imposed duty on the State Legislature to restrict the power of taxation and contracting indebtedness; however, the State Legislature is prohibited by a specific constitutional provision from restricting the power of the District to levy taxes on real estate for the payment of interest on or principal of indebtedness theretofore contracted.

Statutory law in the State permits bond anticipation notes to be renewed each year provided annual principal installments are made in reduction of the total amount of such notes outstanding, commencing no later than 2 years from the date of the first issuance of such notes and provided that such renewal issues do not exceed 5 years beyond the original date of borrowing.

In general, the Local Finance Law contains provisions providing the District with power to issue certain other short-term general obligation indebtedness including revenue, tax anticipation, budget and capital notes.

Debt Outstanding End of Fiscal Year

Fiscal Year Ending June 30:	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Serial Bonds	$ 11,530,000	$ 10,245,000	$ 9,155,000	$ 9,144,395	$ 7,730,000
Bond Anticipation Notes	-	-	-	-	-
Total Debt Outstanding	$ 11,530,000	$ 10,245,000	$ 9,155,000	$ 9,144,395	$ 7,730,000

Status of Outstanding Bond Issues

Year of Issue:	2016			
Amount Issued:	$8,143,804			
Purpose/Instrument:	Additions/Reconstruction			
Fiscal Year Ending June 30:	Principal		Interest	
2023	$ 520,000		$ 110,000	
2024	535,000		99,600	
2025	545,000		88,900	
2026	555,000		78,000	
2027	570,000		66,900	
2028	580,000		55,500	
2029	590,000		43,900	
2030	605,000		30,625	
2031	620,000		15,500	
Totals:	$ 5,120,000		$ 588,925	

Year of Issue:	2017		
Amount Issued:	$400,000		
Purpose/Instrument:	Buses		
Fiscal Year Ending June 30:	Principal		Interest
2023	$ 90,000	*	$ 900
Totals:	$ 90,000		$ 900

Year of Issue:	2017		2018		
Amount Issued:	$2,735,000		$338,306		
Purpose/Instrument:	Advance Refunding		Buses		
Fiscal Year Ending June 30:	Principal	Interest	Principal		Interest
2023	$ 565,000	$ 58,000	$ 80,000	*	$ 2,990
2024	595,000	29,750	75,000		975
Totals:	$ 1,160,000	$ 87,750	$ 155,000		$ 3,965

Year of Issue:	2020		2021	
Amount Issued:	$324,395		$990,000	
Purpose/Instrument:	Buses		Reconstruction	
Fiscal Year Ending June 30:	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest
2023	$ 65,000*	$ 3,439	$ 65,000	$ 16,168
2024	65,000	2,513	60,000	15,050
2025	65,000	1,538	65,000	14,018
2026	70,000	525	65,000	12,900
2027	0	0	65,000	11,782
2028	0	0	65,000	10,664
2029	0	0	70,000	9,546
2030	0	0	70,000	8,342
2031	0	0	70,000	7,138
2032	0	0	70,000	5,934
2033	0	0	75,000	4,730
2034	0	0	60,000	3,440
2035	0	0	45,000	2,408
2036	0	0	45,000	1,634
2037	0	0	50,000	860
Totals:	$ 265,000	$ 8,014	$ 940,000	$ 124,614

* Principal reduction made prior to the date of the Debt Statement, dated December 15, 2022

Total Annual Bond Principal and Interest Due

Fiscal Year Ending June 30:	Principal	Interest	Total Debt Service	%Paid
2023	$ 1,385,000	$ 191,497	$ 1,576,497	18.45%
2024	1,330,000	147,888	1,477,888	35.75%
2025	675,000	104,456	779,456	44.87%
2026	690,000	91,425	781,425	54.02%
2027	635,000	78,682	713,682	62.37%
2028	645,000	66,164	711,164	70.69%
2029	660,000	53,446	713,446	79.04%
2030	675,000	38,967	713,967	87.40%
2031	690,000	22,638	712,638	95.74%
2032	70,000	5,934	75,934	96.63%
2033	75,000	4,730	79,730	97.56%
2034	60,000	3,440	63,440	98.30%
2035	45,000	2,408	47,408	98.86%
2036	45,000	1,634	46,634	99.40%
2037	50,000	860	50,860	100.00%
Totals:	$ 7,730,000	$ 814,168	$ 8,544,168	

Status of Short-Term Indebtedness

The School District has no outstanding short-term indebtedness as of the date of this Official Statement.

Cash Flow Borrowings

The School District, historically, does not issue Tax Anticipation Notes or Revenue Anticipation Notes.

Capital Project Plans

The District voters approved a $12,854,400 capital project on April 18, 2023. The capital project consists of maintenance and renovations to aging facilities, upgrades to the Heating, Roofing at Electrical components at the main campus, bus garage upgrades and expansion and the athletic facilities. Also, contingent upon the aforementioned capital project vote passing, the following proposition for capital improvements at the James A. Greene School consisting of additional site and athletic field improvements at an estimated maximum aggregate cost of $2,957,300 was also approved.

This is the first borrowing against said authorization.

School Bus Borrowings

No new borrowing for school bus purchases is planned for the 2022-2023 fiscal year.

Building Aid Estimate

Pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 760 of the Laws of 1963, the District is eligible to receive a Building Aid Estimate from the New York State Department of Education. The District has not applied for such estimate, but anticipates that aid may be received on its outstanding indebtedness at their Building Aid Ratio of 90.7%

The State building aid ratio is calculated each year based upon a formula which reflects Resident Weighted Average Daily Attendance (RWADA) and the full value per pupil compared with the State average. Consequently, the estimated aid will vary over the life of each issue. State building aid is further dependent upon the continued apportionment of funds by the State Legislature.

A fundamental reform of building aid was enacted as Chapter 383 of the Laws of 2001. The provisions legislated, among other things, a new "assumed amortization" payout schedule for future State building aid payments based on an annual "average interest rate" and mandatory periods of probable usefulness with respect to the allocation of building aid. The School District has no reason to believe that it will not ultimately receive all of the building aid it anticipates; however, no assurance can be given as to when and how much building aid the School District will receive in relation to its outstanding debt. See "State Aid" herein.

Debt Statement Summary

As of June 6, 2023

Town	Taxable Assessed Valuation	State Equalization Rate	Taxable Full Valuation
Ephratah	$ 982,085	61.00%	$ 1,609,975
Oppenheim	3,677,924	40.00%	9,194,810
Stratford	109,388,849	85.00%	128,692,764
Fairfield	5,070	67.00%	7,567
Manheim	67,335,248	61.00%	110,385,652
Salisbury	143,843,380	87.85%	163,737,484
			$ 413,628,253

Debt Limit: 10% of Full Valuation		$ 41,362,825
Inclusions:		
Serial Bonds		$ 7,495,000
Total Inclusions:		$ 7,495,000
Exclusions:		
Building Aid Estimate [1]		$0
Total Exclusions:		$0
Total Net Indebtedness Before Giving Effect to This Issue:		$ 7,495,000
This Issue:	$ 12,443,200	$ 12,443,200
Total Net Indebtedness After Giving Effect to This Issue:		$ 19,938,200
Net Debt Contracting Margin		$ 21,424,625
Percentage of Debt-Contracting Power Exhausted		48.20%

Notes:

1. Pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 760 of the Laws of New York State of 1963, the School District receives aid on existing building debt. Since the Gross Indebtedness of the School District is within the debt limit, the School District is not required to apply for a Building Aid Estimate and therefore is not permitted to deduct Estimated Building Aid

Estimated Overlapping Indebtedness

Overlapping Unit	Applicable Equalized Value	Percent	Gross Indebtedness [1]	Exclusions	Net Indebtedness	Estimated Applicable Overlapping Indebtedness
Herkimer	$ 274,130,704					
County	$ 5,233,890,786	5.24%	$18,560,000	N/A	$18,560,000	$ 972,100
Fulton	$ 139,497,549					
County	$3,697,146,950	3.77%	901,162	N/A	901,162	$ 34,002
Town of	$ 1,609,975					
Ephratah	$ 97,410,322	1.65%	-	N/A	-	$ -
Town of	$ 9,194,810					
Oppenheim	$ 104,810,160	8.77%	128,985	N/A	128,985	$ 11,316
Town of	$ 128,692,764					
Stratford	$ 128,692,764	100.00%	143,128	N/A	143,128	$ 143,128
Town of	$ 7,567					
Fairfield	$ 102,829,715	0.01%	600,000	N/A	600,000	$ 44
Town of	$ 110,385,652					
Manheim	$ 183,059,753	60.30%	180,000	N/A	180,000	$ 108,541
Town of	$ 163,737,484					
Salisbury	$ 163,737,484	100.00%	43,260	N/A	43,260	$ 43,260
Village of	$ 67,108,955					
Dolgeville	$ 67,108,955	100.00%	-	N/A	-	$ -
Total						$ 1,312,390

Source: Comptroller's Special Report on Municipal Affairs for Local Fiscal Years Ended in 2021.

Notes: 1 Bonds and Bond Anticipation notes as of 2021 fiscal year. Not adjusted to include subsequent bond and note sale.

N/A Information not available from source document.

Debt Ratios

The following table sets forth certain ratios relating to the District's indebtedness as of June 6, 2023:

	Amount	Per Capita [a]	Percentage of Full Value [b]
Net Indebtedness	$ 19,938,200	$ 4,079.01	4.820%
Net Indebtedness Plus Net Overlapping Indebtedness	$ 21,250,590	$ 4,347.50	5.138%

(a) The District's estimated population is 4,888. (Source: 2021 U.S. Census Bureau estimate)

(b) The District's full valuation of taxable real estate for 2022-23 is $413,628,253.

Note: The above ratios do not take into account State building aid the District will receive for past and current construction building projects**.**

SPECIAL PROVISIONS AFFECTING REMEDIES UPON DEFAULT

In the event of a default in the payment of the principal of and/or interest on the Notes, the State Comptroller is required to withhold, under certain conditions prescribed by Section 99-b of the State Finance Law, state aid and assistance to the School District and to apply the amount thereof so withheld to the payment of such defaulted principal and/or interest, which requirement constitutes a covenant by the State with the holders from time to time of the Notes. The covenant between the State of New York and the purchasers and the holders and owners from time to time of the notes and bonds issued by the school districts in the State for the school purposes provides that it will not repeal, revoke or rescind the provisions of Section 99-b, or amend or modify the same so as to limit, impair or impede the rights and remedies granted thereby.

Said section provides that in the event a holder or owner of any bond issued by a school district for school purposes shall file with the State Comptroller a verified statement describing such bond and alleging default in the payment thereof or the interest thereon or both, it shall be the duty of the State Comptroller to immediately investigate the circumstances of the alleged default and prepare and file in his office a certificate setting forth his determinations with respect thereto and to serve a copy thereof by registered mail upon the chief fiscal officer of the school district which issued the bond. Such investigation by the State Comptroller shall cover the current status with respect to the payment of principal of and interest on all outstanding bonds of such school district issued for school purposes and the statement prepared and filed by the State Comptroller shall set forth a description of all such bonds of the school district found to be in default and the amount of principal and interest thereon past due.

Upon the filing of such a certificate in the office of the State Comptroller, he shall thereafter deduct and withhold from the next succeeding allotment, apportionment or payment of such State aid or assistance due to such school district such amount thereof as may be required to pay (a) the school district’s contribution to the State teachers retirement system, and (b) the principal of and interest on such bonds of such school district then in default. In the event such State aid or assistance initially so withheld shall be insufficient to pay said amounts in full, the State Comptroller shall similarly deduct and withhold from each succeeding allotment, apportionment or payment of such State aid or assistance due such school district such amount or amounts thereof as may be required to cure such default. Allotments, apportionments and payments of such State aid so deducted or withheld by the State Comptroller for the payment of principal and interest on bonds shall be forwarded promptly to the paying agent or agents for the bonds in default of such school district for the sole purpose of the payment of defaulted principal of and interest on such bonds. If any of such successive allotments, apportionments or payments of such State Aid so deducted or withheld shall be less than the amount of all principal and interest on the bonds in default with respect to which the same was so deducted or withheld, the State Comptroller shall promptly forward to each paying agent an amount in the proportion that the amount of such bonds in default payable to such paying agent bears to the total amount of the principal and interest then in default on such bonds of such school district. The State Comptroller shall promptly notify the chief fiscal officer of such school district of any payment or payments made to any paying agent or agents of defaulted bonds pursuant to said Section 99-b.

General Municipal Law Contract Creditors' Provision. Each Bond when duly issued and paid for will constitute a contract between the School District and the holder thereof. Under current law, provision is made for contract creditors of the School District to enforce payments upon such contracts, if necessary, through court action. Section 3-a of the General Municipal Law provides, subject to exceptions not pertinent, that the rate of interest to be paid by the School District upon any judgement or accrued claim against it on an amount adjudged due to a creditor shall not exceed nine per centrum per annum from the date due to the date of payment. This provision might be construed to have application to the holders of the Notes in the event of a default in the payment of the principal of and interest on the Notes.

Execution/Attachment of Municipal Property. As a general rule, property and funds of a municipal corporation serving the public welfare and interest have not been judicially subjected to execution or attachment to satisfy a judgement, although judicial mandates have been issued to officials to appropriate and pay judgements our of certain funds or the District may not be enforced to levy and execution against property owned by the School District.

Authority to File for Municipal Bankruptcy. The Federal Bankruptcy Code allows public bodies, such a as municipalities, recourse to the protection of a Federal Court for the purpose of adjusting outstanding indebtedness. Section 85.80 of the Local Finance Law contains specific authorization or any municipality in the State or its emergency control board to file a petition under any provision of Federal bankruptcy law for the composition or adjustment of municipal indebtedness. While this Local Finance Law provision does not apply to school districts, there can be no assurance that it will not be made so applicable in the future.

Constitutional Non-Appropriation Provision. There is in the Constitution of the State, Article VII, Section 2, the following provision relating to the annual appropriation of monies for the payment of due principal of an interest on indebtedness of every county, city, town. Village and school district in the State: "If at any time the respective appropriating authorities shall fail to make such appropriations, a sufficient sum shall be set apart from the first revenues thereafter received and shall be applied to such purposes. The Fiscal officer of any county, city, town, village or school district may be required to set aside and apply such revenues as aforesaid at the suit of any holder of obligations issued for any such indebtedness." This constitutes a specific non-exclusive constitutional remedy against a defaulting municipality or school district; however, it does not apply in a context in which monies have been appropriated for debt service, but the appropriating authorities decline to use such monies to pay debt service. However, Article VIII, Section 2 of the Constitution of the State also provides that the fiscal officer of any county, city, town, village or school district may be required to set apart and apply such revenues at the suit of any holder of any obligations of indebtedness issued with the pledge of the faith of the credit of such political subdivision.

The Constitutional provision providing for first revenue set asides does not apply to tax anticipation notes, revenue anticipation notes or bond anticipation notes.

Default Litigation. In prior years, certain events and legislation affecting a holder's remedies upon default have resulted in litigation. While courts of final jurisdiction have upheld and sustained the rights of bondholders, such courts might hold that future events including financial crises as they may occur in the State and in political subdivisions of the State require the exercise by the State or its political subdivisions of emergency and police powers to assure the continuations of essential public services prior to the payment of debt service.

No Past Due Debt. No principal of or interest on School District indebtedness is past due. The School has never defaulted on the payment of the principal of and interest on any indebtedness.

MARKET AND RISK FACTORS

The financial and economic condition of the District as well as the market for the Notes could be affected by a variety of factors, some of which are beyond the District's control. There can be no assurance that adverse events in the State and in other jurisdictions in the country, including for example, the seeking by a municipality or large taxable property owner of remedies pursuant to the Federal Bankruptcy Code or otherwise, will not occur which might affect the market price of and the market for the Notes. If a significant default or other financial crisis should occur in the affairs of the State or any other jurisdiction or any of its agencies or political subdivisions thereby further impairing the acceptability of obligations issued by borrowers within the State, both the ability of the District to arrange for additional borrowings, and the market for and market value of outstanding debt obligations, including the Notes, could be adversely affected.

The District relies in part on State aid to fund its operations. There can be no assurance that the State appropriations for State aid to school districts will be continued in futures years, either pursuant to existing formulas or in any form whatsoever. State aid appropriated and apportioned to the District can be paid only if the State has such monies available, therefore. The availability of such monies and the timelines of such payments may also be affected by a delay in the adoption of the State budget and other circumstances, including state fiscal stress. In any event, State aid appropriated and apportioned to the District can be paid only if the State has such monies available, therefore.

Should the District fail to receive State aid expected from the State in the amounts and at the times expected, occasioned by a delay in the payment of such monies or by a reduction in State aid, the District is authorized by the Local Finance Law to provide operating funds by borrowing on account of the uncollected State aid.

Current and future legislative proposals, if enacted into law, or clarification of the Code or court decisions may cause interest on the Notes to be subject, directly or indirectly, to federal income taxation or to be subject to or exempted from state income taxation, or otherwise prevent the beneficial owners of the Notes from realizing the full current benefit of the tax status of such interest. No assurance can be given that pending or future legislation or amendments to the Code, if enacted into law, or any proposed legislation or amendments to the Code, will not adversely affect the value of the Notes, or tax status of interest on the Notes.

Cyber Security

The District, like many other public and private entities, relies on technology to conduct its operations. As a recipient and provider of personal, private, or sensitive information, the District faces multiple cyber threats including, but not limited to hacking, viruses, malware and other attacks on computer and other sensitive digital networks and systems. To mitigate the risk of business operations impact and/or damage from cyber incidents or cyber-attacks, the District invests in various forms of cybersecurity and operation controls; however, no assurances can be given that such security and operational control measures will be completely successful to guard again cyber threats and attacks. The results of any such attack could impact business operations and/or damage District digital networks and systems and the costs of remedying any such damage could be substantial.

COVID – 19

An outbreak of disease or similar public health threat, such as the COVID-19 outbreak, or fear of such an event, could have an adverse impact on the District's financial condition and operating results by potentially delaying the receipt of real property tax or resulting in a delay or reduction by the State in the payment of State aid. Currently, the spread of COVID-19, is a respiratory disease caused by a new strain of coronavirus, has spread globally, including the United States, and has been declared a pandemic by the World Health Organization. The outbreak of the disease has affected travel, commerce and financial markets globally and is widely expected to affect economic growth worldwide. The current outbreak has caused the Federal government to declare a national state of emergency. The State has also declared a state of emergency and the Governor has taken and continues to take steps designed to mitigate the spread and impacts of COVID-19, including closing schools and non-essential business. The outbreak of COVID-19 and the dramatic steps taken by the State to address it have and are expected to continue to negatively impact the State's economy and financial condition. The full impact of COVID-19 upon the State is not expected to be known for some time. Similarly, the degree of the impact of COVID-19 on the operations and finances of the District is extremely difficult to predict due to the dynamic nature of the COVID-19 outbreak, including uncertainties relating to its (i) duration, (ii) severity, as well as with regard to what actions may be taken by governmental and health care authorities, including the State, to contain or mitigate its impact. The continued spread of the outbreak could have a material adverse effect on the State and municipalities and school districts located in the State, including the District. The District is monitoring the situation and will take such proactive measures as may be required to maintain its operations and meet its obligations. (See "State Aid" herein).

The District does not expect to realize any significant negative impacts from the COVID-19 pandemic through its 2021-22 fiscal year or for the foreseeable future.

TAX EXEMPTION

The delivery of the Notes is subject to the opinion of Bond Counsel to the effect that interest on the Notes for federal income tax purposes (1) will be excludable from gross income, as defined in Section 61 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended to the date of such opinion (the "Code"), pursuant to Section 103 of the Code and existing regulations, published rulings, and court decisions, and (2) is not a specific preference item for purposes of the federal alternative minimum tax; however for tax years beginning after December 31, 2022, interest on the Notes is included in the "adjusted financial statement income" of certain corporations that are subject to the alternative minimum tax under Section 55 of the Code. The statutes, regulations, rulings, and court decisions on which such opinion is based are subject to change.

In rendering the foregoing opinions, Bond Counsel will rely upon representations and certifications of the District made in a certificate (the "Tax Certificate") dated the date of delivery of the Notes pertaining to the use, expenditure, and investment of the proceeds of the Notes and will assume continuing compliance by the District with the provisions of the Tax Certificate subsequent to the issuance of the Notes. The Tax Certificate contains covenants by the District with respect to, among other matters, the use of the proceeds of the Notes and the facilities financed therewith by persons other than state or local governmental units, the manner in which the proceeds of the Notes are to be invested, the periodic calculation and payment to the United States Treasury of arbitrage "profits" from the investment of proceeds, and the reporting of certain information to the United States Treasury. Failure to comply with any of these covenants may cause interest on the Notes to be includable in the gross income of the owners thereof from the date of the issuance.

Bond Counsel's opinion is not a guarantee of a result, but represents its legal judgment based upon its review of existing statutes, regulations, published rulings and court decisions and the representations and covenants of the District described above. No ruling has been sought from the Internal Revenue Service (the "IRS") with respect to the matters addressed in the opinion of Bond Counsel, and Bond Counsel's opinion is not binding on the IRS. The IRS has an ongoing program of auditing the tax-exempt status of the interest on tax-exempt obligations. If an audit of the Notes is commenced, under current procedures the IRS is likely to treat the District as the "taxpayer," and the owners of the Notes would have no right to participate in the audit process. In responding to or defending an audit of the tax-exempt status of the interest on the Notes, the District may have different or conflicting interests from the owners of the Notes. Public awareness of any future audit of the Notes could adversely affect the value and liquidity of the Notes during the pendency of the audit, regardless of its ultimate outcome.

In the opinion of Bond Counsel, under existing law interest on the Notes is exempt from personal income taxes imposed by the State of New York or any political subdivision thereof (including The City of New York).

Except as described above, Bond Counsel expresses no opinion with respect to any federal, state or local tax consequences under present law, or proposed legislation, resulting from the receipt or accrual of interest on, or the acquisition or disposition of, the Notes. Prospective purchasers of the Notes should be aware that the ownership of tax-exempt obligations such as the Notes may result in collateral federal tax consequences to, among others, financial institutions, life insurance companies, property and casualty insurance companies, certain foreign corporations doing business in the United States, S corporations with subchapter C earnings and profits, individual recipients of Social Security or Railroad Retirement benefits, individuals otherwise qualifying for the earned income tax credit, owners of an interest in a FASIT, and taxpayers who may be deemed to have incurred or continued indebtedness to purchase or carry, or who have paid or incurred certain expenses allocable to, tax-exempt obligations. Prospective purchasers should consult their own tax advisors as to the applicability of these consequences to their particular circumstances.

Existing law may change to reduce or eliminate the benefit to bondholders of the exclusion of interest on the Bonds from gross income for federal income tax purposes. Any proposed legislation or administrative action, whether or not taken, could also affect the value and marketability of the Bonds. Prospective purchasers of the Bonds should consult with their own tax advisors with respect to any proposed or future changes in tax law.

APPROVAL OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

The validity of the Notes will be covered by the unqualified legal opinion of Timothy R. McGill, Esq., Bond Counsel to the School District, such opinion to be delivered with the Notes. The proposed form of such opinion is attached hereto as Appendix C.

CONTINUING DISCLOSURE COMPLIANCE

In accordance with the provisions of Rule 15c2-12, as the same may be amended or officially interpreted from time to time (the "Rule"), promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the School District will enter into an Undertaking to provide Material Event Notices, the description of which is attached hereto as “Appendix D”.

The District is in compliance in all material respects within the last five years with all previous undertakings made pursuant to the Rule 15c2-12.

LITIGATION

The District is subject to a number of lawsuits in the ordinary conduct of its affairs. The District does not believe, however, that such suits, individually or in the aggregate, are likely to have a material adverse effect on the financial condition of the District.

The District is the subject of a claim filed under the Child Victims Act. The action is in the early stages of discovery. The District does not have insurance coverage for this claim. It is not anticipated at this time that the claim will have a material adverse impact on the financial condition of the District.

BOND RATING

The Notes were sold as non-rated. The Purchaser, Oppenheimer & Co., chose to have the Notes rated following the sale at its expense, including any fees incurred by the District. Such a rating action is a material event under the Rule; and requires the District to post a material event notification to EMMA pursuant to the Disclosure Undertaking of the Notes, the form of which is attached hereto as “Appendix D”. On June 15, 2023, Moody’s Investors Service, assigned its short-term rating of MIG 1 to the Notes.

The underlying rating assigned to the School District by S&P Global Ratings, a division of Standard & Poor’s Financial Services LLC, is an A rating, which was assigned in connection with the issuance by the School District of $8,143,804 School District (Serial) Bonds dated June 20, 2016.

A rating reflects only the view of the rating agency assigning such rating and an explanation of the significance of such rating may be obtained from such rating agency. Generally, rating agencies base their ratings on the information and materials furnished to it and on investigations, studies, and assumptions by the respective rating agency. There is no assurance that a rating will continue for any given period of time or that it will not be revised downward or withdrawn entirely by such rating agency if, in its judgment, circumstances so warrant. Any downward revision or withdrawal of the rating of the District's outstanding serial bonds may have an adverse effect on the market price of the bonds.

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MUNICIPAL ADVISOR

R.G. Timbs, Inc.is a Municipal Advisor, registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission and the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board. The Municipal Advisor serves as independent municipal advisor to the District on matters relating to debt management. The Municipal Advisor is a municipal advisory and consulting organization and is not engaged in the business of underwriting, marketing, or trading municipal securities or any other negotiated instruments. The Municipal

Advisor has provided advice as to the plan of financing and the structuring of the Notes and has reviewed and commented on certain legal documents, including this Official Statement. The advice on the plan of financing and the structuring of the Notes was based on materials provided by the District and other sources of information believed to be reliable. The Municipal Advisor has not audited, authenticated, or otherwise verified the information provided by the District or the information set forth in this Official Statement or any other information available to the District with respect to the appropriateness, accuracy, or completeness of disclosure of such information and no guarantee, warranty, or other representation is made by the Municipal Advisor respecting the accuracy and completeness of or any other matter related to such information and this Official Statement.

MISCELLANEOUS

The execution and delivery of this Official Statement have been duly authorized by the Board of Education of the School District. Concurrently with the delivery of the Notes, the School District will furnish a certificate to the effect that as of the date of the Official Statement, the Official Statement did not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading, subject to the condition that while information in the Official Statement obtained from sources other than the School District is not guaranteed as to accuracy, completeness or fairness, the School District has no reason to believe and does not believe that such information is materially inaccurate or misleading, and to the knowledge of the School District, since the date of the Official Statement, there have been no material transactions not in the ordinary course of affairs entered into by the School District and no material adverse changes in the general affairs of the School District or in its financial condition as shown in the Official Statement other than as disclosed in or contemplated by the Official Statement. Certain information contained in the Official Statement has been obtained from sources other than the School District. All quotations from and summaries and explanations of provisions of laws herein do not purport to be complete and reference is made to such laws for full and complete statements of their provisions.

So far as any statements made in this Official Statement involve matters of opinion or estimates, whether or not expressly stated, they are set forth as such and not as representations of fact, and no representation is made that any of the statements will be realized. Neither this Official Statement nor any statement which may have been made verbally or in writing is to be construed as a contract with the holders of the Notes.

R.G. Timbs, Inc. may place a copy of this Official Statement on its website at www.RGTimbsInc.net. Unless this Official Statement specifically indicates otherwise, no statement on such website is included by specific reference or constitutes a part of this Official Statement. R.G. Timbs, Inc. has prepared such website information for convenience, but no decisions should be made in reliance upon that information. Typographical or other errors may have occurred in converting original source documents to digital format, and neither the School District nor R.G. Timbs, Inc. assumes any liability or responsibility for errors or omissions on such website. Further, R.G. Timbs, Inc. and the School District disclaim any duty or obligation either to update or to maintain that information or any responsibility or liability for any damages caused by viruses in the electronic files on the website.

The School District contact information is as follows: Jessica Radley, Business Manager, phone: (315) 429-3155 x3002 email: jradley@dolgeville.org.

Additional copies of the Official Statement may be obtained upon request from the offices of R. G. Timbs, Inc., telephone number (877) 315-0100, or at www.RGTimbsInc.net

Dolgeville Central School District

Dated: June 13, 2023
Dolgeville, New York

Scott Hongo II
President of the Board of Education
and Chief Fiscal Officer

APPENDIX A

Financial Information

General Fund – Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Fund Balance

Fiscal Year Ending June 30:	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	Budget 2023	
Beginning Fund Balance - July 1	$3,158,279	$2,805,494	$2,129,318	$4,104,412	$5,927,501	$7,980,845	E
Revenues:							
Real Property Taxes	$4,038,155	$4,146,190	$4,188,921	$4,271,958	$4,477,799	$4,469,428	
Other Tax Items	737,437	724,999	681,437	655,975	636,330	636,642	
Charges for Services	44,843	0	11,416	6,587	11,645	0	
Use of Money & Property	18,141	29,154	27,035	11,696	11,599	16,500	
Sale of Property/Comp. for Loss	13,663	34,678	466	0	12,964	0	
Miscellaneous	359,035	306,493	274,694	619,040	400,038	22,000	
State Aid	12,742,904	13,063,217	13,325,327	12,577,895	13,372,507	13,842,999	
Federal Aid	23,066	58,696	8,999	261,512	74,895	11,789	
Interfund Transfer			144,128	0	10,223	0	
Total Revenues	$17,977,244	$18,363,427	$18,662,423	$18,404,663	$19,008,000	$18,999,358	
Expenditures:							
General Support	$1,922,128	$1,833,233	$1,737,378	$1,806,561	$2,061,077	$2,323,145	
Instruction	9,417,009	9,717,319	8,309,650	8,250,843	7,988,259	9,576,892	
Transportation	807,272	760,523	696,252	568,668	677,306	799,377	
Community Services	2,473	2,560	2,650	2,650	0	2,743	
Employee Benefits	4,638,802	5,089,851	4,206,178	4,239,916	4,370,853	5,000,422	
Debt Service - Principal	1,217,712	1,330,000	1,668,221	1,335,000	1,492,726	1,385,000	
- Interest	324,633	306,117	0	247,936	237,305	191,497	
Interfund Transfer	0	0	67,000	130,000	127,130	115,000	
Total Expenditures	$18,330,029	$19,039,603	$16,687,329	$16,581,574	$16,954,656	$19,394,075	
Adjustments	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Year End Fund Balance	$2,805,494	$2,129,318	$4,104,412	$5,927,501	$7,980,845	$7,586,128	E
Excess (Deficit) Revenues Over Expenditures	($352,785)	($676,176)	$1,975,094	$1,823,089	$2,053,344	($394,717)	1

Source: Audited Annual Financial Reports and Annual Budget. This table is NOT audited.

Note:

1. Appropriated Fund Balance is planned to be used
E. Estimated

General Fund – Budget Summary

	2023-24 Adopted Budget
Revenues:	
Real Property Taxes	$4,623,215
Other Tax Items	629,142
Use of Money & Property	16,500
Miscellaneous	22,000
State Aid	15,951,774
Federal Aid	11,789
Appropriated Fund Balance	127,690
Total Revenues	$21,389,610
Expenditures:	
General Support	$2,475,377
Instruction	10,682,445
Transportation	869,556
Community Service	2,743
Employee Benefits	5,121,932
Debt Service	2,122,558
Interfund Transfers	115,000
Total Expenditures	$21,389,611

Source: Adopted Budget of the School District. This table is NOT audited

General Fund – Comparative Balance Sheet

Fiscal Year Ending June 30:	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Assets:					
Unrestricted Cash	$1,951,210	$1,072,864	$1,973,963	$218,470	$2,282,725
Restricted Cash	926,395	927,624	1,482,314	4,617,038	5,739,754
Other Receivables	26,951	58,306	13,191	22,409	19,318
Due from Other Funds	36,162	255,840	482,397	1,211,657	71,741
Due from State & Federal	996,254	1,064,523	885,096	920,063	715,625
Due from Other Governments	0	0	0	0	0
Total Assets	$3,936,972	$3,379,157	$4,836,961	$6,989,637	$8,829,163
Liabilities:					
Accounts Payable	$287,053	$239,285	$69,809	$346,178	$44,699
Accrued Liabilities	0	107,138	0	0	18,625
Due to Other Funds	31,394	0	0	0	0
Due to Other Governments	0	0	0	29,068	29,068
Due to State Teachers Retirement System	770,248	856,634	50,697	629,443	716,447
Due to Employees' Retirement System	42,783	46,782	612,043	57,447	39,479
Total Liabilities:	$1,131,478	$1,249,839	$732,549	$1,062,136	$848,318
Fund Balances:					
Restricted:					
Reserves for Debt	4,305	0	0	0	0
Reserves for Tax Certiorari	0	0	0	26,000	26,000
Insurance Reserve	0	0	0	25,000	25,000
Liability Reserve	0	0	0	25,000	25,000
Capital Reserve	0	0	0	2,730,724	3,730,724
Workers Compensation Reserve	0	0	0	200,000	200,000
Employee Benefits Accrued Liability	343,314	343,314	343,314	343,314	343,314
Retirement Contribution	528,776	534,310	1,046,000	1,174,000	1,296,716
Unemployment	50,000	50,000	93,000	93,000	93,000
Assigned:					
Encumbrances					
Appropriated Fund Balance	1,091,260	448,743	454,600	249,000	434,971
Unassigned					
Unappropriated Fund Balance	787,839	752,951	2,167,498	1,061,463	1,806,120
Total Fund Balance	$2,805,494	$2,129,318	$4,104,412	$5,927,501	$7,980,845
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	$3,936,972	$3,379,157	$4,836,961	$6,989,637	$8,829,163

Source: Audited Financial Reports. This table is NOT audited.

<u>APPENDIX B</u>

Audited Financial Statements

For The Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2022

Note: Such Financial Reports and opinions were prepared as of the date thereof and have not been reviewed and/or updated by the District's Auditors in connection with the preparation and dissemination of this official statement. Consent of the Auditors for inclusion of the Audited Financial Reports in this Official Statement has neither been requested nor obtained.

DOLGEVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
AND
SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULES

JUNE 30, 2022

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the President and the Other Members
of the Board of Education of the
Dolgeville Central School District
Dolgeville, New York

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Dolgeville Central School District (the District), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2022, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the District, as of June 30, 2022, and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinions

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

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

The District's 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.

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Auditors' 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 auditors' report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS 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 GAAS 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, schedule of funding progress – changes in total other post-employment benefits liability and related ratios, and schedule of local government's proportionate share of the net pension liability and contributions on pages 4 through 13 and 52 through 56 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements. The introductory section, combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements, and statistical section, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. The schedule of expenditures of federal awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations*, Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards,* and is also not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The supplementary information on pages 57 through 59 is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the schedule of expenditures of federal awards is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

The introductory section has not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, accordingly, we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on them.

Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated September 20, 2022 on our consideration of the District's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

WEST & COMPANY CPAs PC

Gloversville, New York
September 20, 2022

The following is a narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the Dolgeville Central School District (District) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2022. This discussion is intended to serve as an introduction to the District's basic financial statements, which immediately follow this section. The basic financial statements have the following components: (1) management's discussion and analysis (MD&A), (2) District-wide financial statements, (3) fund financial statements and (4) notes to the financial statements.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

District leadership continues to be prudent in financial management. For the year ended June 30, 2022, total expenses for the District funds decreased by .63% compared to the prior year. In addition, due to successful budget management, the District was able to build fund balance and continue comparable academic programs.

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

This annual report consists of three parts: MD&A (this section), the basic financial statements and required supplementary information. The basic financial statements include two kinds of statements that present different views of the School District:

The first two statements are *District-wide* financial statements that provide both short-term and long-term information about the School District's overall financial status.

The remaining statements are *fund financial statements* that focus on individual parts of the School District, reporting the School District's operations in more detail than the District-wide statements.

The *governmental funds statements* tell how basic services such as general and special education were financed in the short-term, as well as what remains for future spending.

Fiduciary funds statements provide information about the financial relationships, in which the School District acts solely as a custodian for the benefit of others.

The financial statements also include notes that provide additional information about the financial statements and the balances reported. The statements are followed by a section of required supplementary information that further explains and supports the financial statements with a comparison of the School District's budget for the year.

Table A-1 summarizes the major features of the School District's financial statements, including the portion of the School District's activities that they cover and the types of information that they contain. The remainder of this overview section highlights the structure and contents of each statement.

Table A-1 Major Features of the District-wide and Fund Financial Statements.

		Fund Financial Statements	
	District-Wide	**Governmental Funds**	**Fiduciary Funds**
Scope	Entire District (except fiduciary funds)	The activities of the School District that are not proprietary or fiduciary, such as instruction, special education and building maintenance	Instances in which the School District administers resources on behalf of someone else, such as scholarships and student activities monies
Required financial statements	• Statement of net position • Statement of activities	• Balance sheet • Statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances	• Statement of fiduciary net position • Statement of changes in fiduciary net position
Accounting basis and measurement focus	Accrual accounting and economic resources focus	Modified accrual accounting and current financial focus	Accrual accounting and economic resources focus
Type of asset/deferred outflows of resources/liability/ deferred inflows of resources information	All assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities and deferred inflows of resources, both financial and capital, short-term and long-term	Generally, assets and deferred outflows of resources expected to be used up and liabilities and deferred inflows of resources that come due or available during the year or soon thereafter; no capital assets or long-term liabilities included	All assets, deferred outflows of resources (if any), liabilities and deferred inflows of resources (if any), both short-term and long-term; funds do not currently contain capital assets, although they can
Type of inflow/outflow information	All revenues and expenses during the year, regardless of when cash is received or paid	Revenues for which cash is received during or soon after the end of the year; expenditures when goods or services have been received and the related liability is due and payable	All additions and deductions during the year, regardless of when cash is received or paid

District-Wide Statements

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

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

- Over time, increases or decreases in the School District's net position are an indicator of whether its financial position is improving or deteriorating, respectively.

- For assessment of the overall health of the School District, additional nonfinancial factors such as changes in the property tax bases and the condition of buildings and other facilities should be considered.

Net position of the governmental activities differ from the governmental fund balance because governmental fund level statements only report transactions using or providing current financial resources. Also, capital assets are reported as expenditures when financial resources (dollars) are expended to purchase or build such assets. Likewise, the financial resources that may have been borrowed are considered revenue when they are received. Principal and interest payments are considered expenditures when paid. Depreciation is not calculated. Capital assets and long-term debt are accounted for in account groups and do not affect the fund balance.

District-wide statements use an economic resources measurement focus and full accrual basis of accounting that involves the following steps to prepare the statement of net position.

- Capitalize current outlays for capital assets.
- Report long-term debt as a liability.
- Calculate revenue and expenditures using the economic resources measurement focus and the full accrual basis of accounting.
- Allocate net position balances as follows:
  - Net position invested in capital assets, net of debt.
  - Restricted net position are those with constraints placed on use by external sources or imposed by law.
  - Unrestricted net position are net position that do not meet any of the above restrictions.

Fund Financial Statements

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

- Some funds are required by state law and by bond covenants.

- The District establishes other funds to control and manage money for particular purposes (such as repaying its long-term debt) or to show that it is properly using certain revenues (such as federal grants).

The District has two kinds of funds:

- Governmental Funds: Most of the School District's basic services are included in governmental funds, which generally focus on (1) how cash and other financial assets can be readily converted to cash flow in and out and (2) the balances left at year end that are available for spending. Consequently, the governmental funds statements provide a detailed short-term view that helps you determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance the School District's programs.

  Because this information does not encompass the additional long-term focus of the District-wide statements, additional information at the bottom of the governmental funds statements explains the relationship (or differences) between them. The governmental fund statements focus primarily on current financial resources and often have a budgetary orientation. Governmental funds include the general fund, special aid fund, school lunch fund and the capital project fund. Required financial statements are the balance sheet and the statement of revenue, expenditures and changes in fund balances.

- Fiduciary Fund: The School District is the custodian of assets that belong to others. The School District is responsible for ensuring that the assets reported in these funds are used only for their intended purposes and by those to whom the assets belong. The School District excludes these activities from the District-wide financial statements because it cannot use these assets to finance its operations. Fiduciary fund reporting focuses on net position and changes in net position.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE DISTRICT AS A WHOLE

Table A-2

Condensed Statement of Net Position

	Fiscal Year 2022	Fiscal Year 2021	Percentage Change (Incr.;-Decr.)
Assets			
Current and other assets	$ 15,797,176	$ 8,152,599	93.8%
Capital assets - net	20,882,180	20,818,802	0.3%
Total Assets	36,679,356	28,971,401	26.6%
Deferred Outflows of Resources			
Other post-employment benefits	7,027,373	7,903,716	-11.1%
Pensions	4,601,950	4,727,906	-2.7%
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	11,629,323	12,631,622	-7.9%
Liabilities			
Current liabilities	2,461,430	2,495,379	-1.4%
Long-term liabilities	44,415,265	44,896,098	-1.1%
Total Liabilities	46,876,695	47,391,477	-1.1%
Deferred Inflows of Resources			
Other post-employment benefits	3,339,518	4,505,805	-25.9%
Pensions	8,138,730	2,467,135	229.9%
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	11,478,248	6,972,940	64.6%
Net Position			
Net investment in capital assets	12,968,721	11,674,407	11.1%
Restricted	5,739,754	4,617,038	24.3%
Unrestricted	(28,754,739)	(29,052,839)	1.0%
Total Net Position	$ (10,046,264)	$ (12,761,394)	21.3%

Changes in Net Position

The School District's 2022 revenue was $22,093,587 (see Table A-3). Real property taxes and New York State aid accounted for the majority of revenue by contributing 20.3% and 60.5%, respectively, of the total revenue raised (see Table A-4). The remainder of revenue came from fees for services, use of money and property, operating grants and other miscellaneous sources.

The total cost of all programs and services totaled $19,378,457 for 2022. These expenses (80.7%) are predominantly for the education; supervision and transportation of students (see Table A-5). The School District's administrative, occupancy and business activities accounted for 15.1% of total costs.

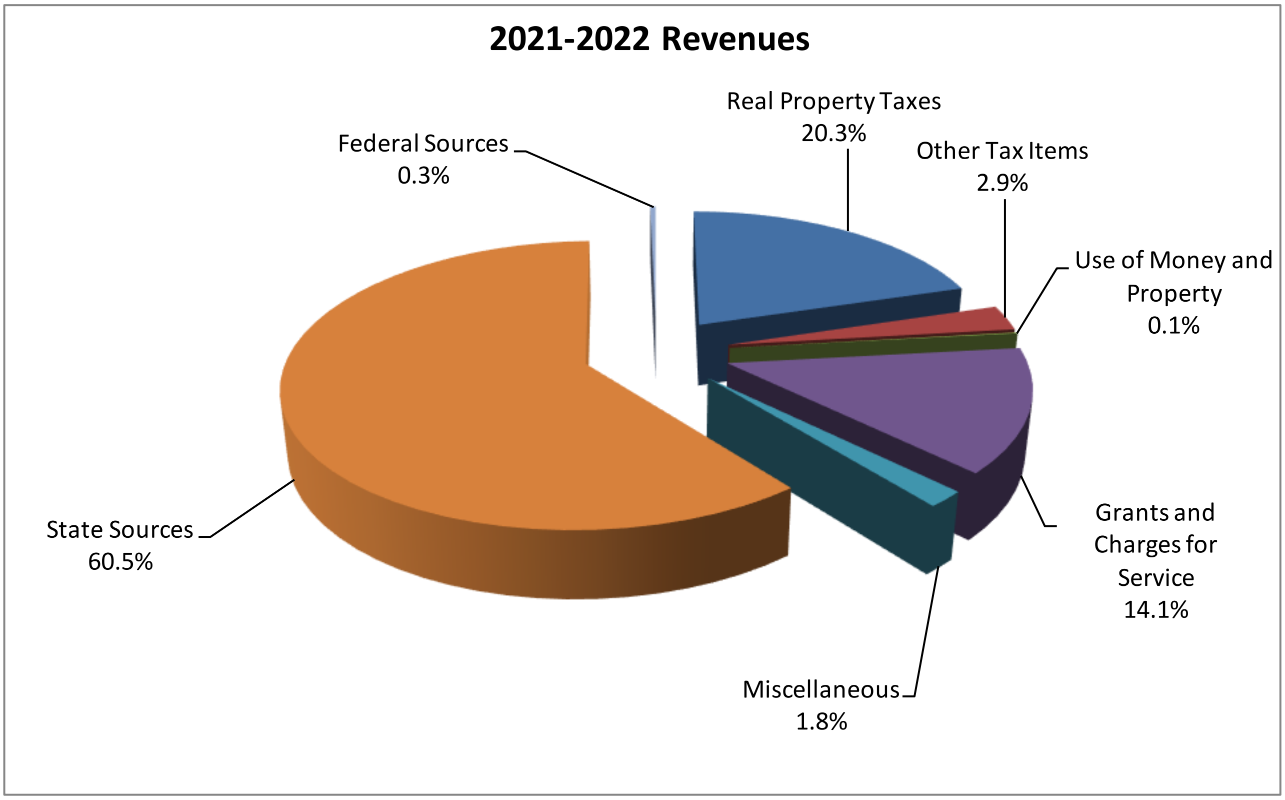
Net position increased during the year by $2,715,130.

Table A-3

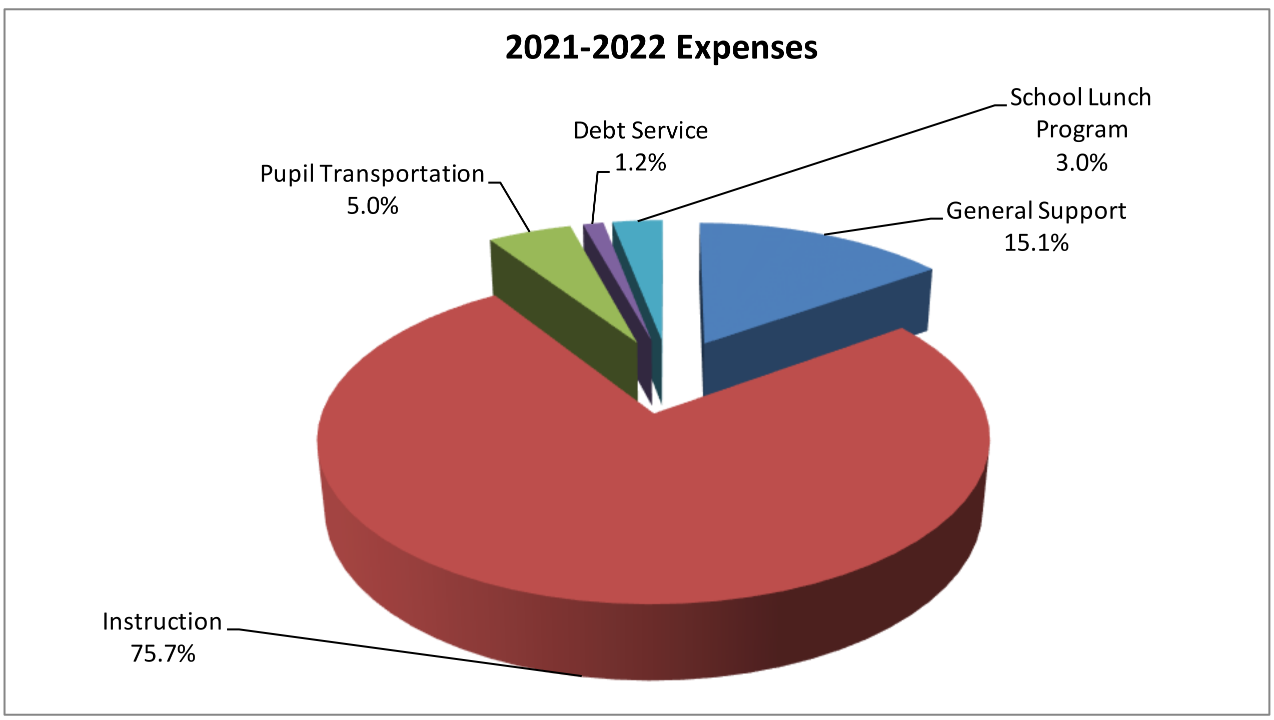
Changes in Net Position from Operating Results

	Fiscal Year 2022	Fiscal Year 2021	Percentage Change (Incr.;-Decr.)
Revenues			
Program Revenues			
Charges for services	$ 49,850	$ 18,935	163.3%
Operating grants and contributions	3,055,063	1,140,557	167.9%
General Revenues			
Property taxes	5,114,129	4,927,933	3.8%
State formula aid	13,372,507	13,060,232	2.4%
Federal sources	74,895	261,512	-71.4%
Use of money and property	11,603	11,725	-1.0%
Sale of property and compensation for loss	12,964	0	100.0%
Miscellaneous	402,576	621,119	-35.2%
Total Revenues	22,093,587	20,042,013	10.2%
Expenses			
General support	2,922,027	2,404,652	21.5%
Instruction	14,664,918	12,088,159	21.3%
Transportation	971,381	756,620	28.4%
Community service	0	2,650	-100.0%
Debt service	237,305	247,936	-4.3%
Cost of sales – Lunch Program	582,826	368,763	58.0%
Total Expenses	19,378,457	15,868,780	22.1%
Total Increase in Net Position	$ 2,715,130	$ 4,173,233	-34.9%

REVENUES – TABLE A–4



EXPENDITURES – TABLE A–5



Governmental Activities

Revenue for the School District's governmental activities totaled $22,093,587 while total expenses were $19,378,457. Net position increased by $2,715,130.

Table A-6 presents the cost of several of the School District's major activities. The table also shows each activity's net cost (total cost less fees generated by the activity and intergovernmental aid provided for specific programs). The net cost shows the financial burden placed on the School District's taxpayers by each of these functions.

Table A-6

Net Cost of Governmental Activities

	Total Cost of Services		Percentage Change	Net Cost of Services		Percentage Change
	2022	2021	(Incr.; -Decr.)	2022	2021	(Incr.; -Decr.)
General support	$ 2,922,027	$ 2,404,652	21.5%	$ 2,922,027	$ 2,404,652	21.5%
Instruction	14,664,918	12,088,159	21.3%	12,200,437	11,247,077	8.5%
Pupil transportation	971,381	756,620	28.4%	971,381	756,620	28.4%
Community service	0	2,650	-100.0%	0	2,650	-100.0%
Debt service - interest	237,305	247,936	-4.3%	237,305	247,936	-4.3%
Cost of sales - lunch program	582,826	368,763	58.0%	(57,606)	50,353	-214.4%
Totals	$ 19,378,457	$ 15,868,780		$ 16,273,544	$ 14,709,288	

- The cost of all governmental activities for the year was $19,378,457.
- The users of the School District's programs financed $49,850 of the costs.
- The federal and state government grants financed $3,055,063.
- The majority of costs were financed by the School District's taxpayers and state aid.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT'S FUNDS

Variances between years for the governmental funds financial statement are not the same as variances between years for the District-wide financial statements. The District’s governmental funds are presented on the *current financial resources measurement focus* and the *modified accrual basis of accounting*. Based on this presentation, governmental funds do not include long-term debt liabilities for the funds’ projects and capital assets purchased by the funds. Governmental funds will include the proceeds received from the issuance of debt, the current payments for capital assets, and the current payments for debt.

General Fund Budgetary Highlights

Results vs. Budget	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual (Budgetary Basis)	Variance Fav; (Unfav)
REVENUES				
Local Sources	$ 5,137,213	$ 5,137,213	$ 5,550,375	$ 413,162
State Sources	13,596,326	13,596,326	13,372,507	(223,819)
Federal Sources	11,789	11,789	74,895	63,106
Total Revenues	18,745,328	18,745,328	18,997,777	252,449
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES				
Transfers from other funds	0	0	10,223	10,223
Total Revenues and Other Financing Sources	18,745,328	18,745,328	19,008,000	262,672
EXPENDITURES				
General Support	2,166,246	2,386,625	2,061,077	325,548
Instruction	9,441,872	9,243,743	7,988,259	1,255,484
Pupil Transportation	772,701	780,887	677,306	103,581
Community Services	2,743	2,743	0	2,743
Employee Benefits	4,849,587	4,628,682	4,370,853	257,829
Debt Service	1,624,179	1,824,517	1,730,031	94,486
Total Expenditures	18,857,328	18,867,197	16,827,526	2,039,671
OTHER USES				
Transfers Out	110,000	127,131	127,130	1
Total Expenditures and Other Uses	18,967,328	18,994,328	16,954,656	$ 2,039,672
Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Uses	(222,000)	(249,000)	2,053,344	
Beginning Fund Balance	5,927,501	5,927,501	5,927,501	
Ending Fund Balance	$ 5,705,501	$ 5,678,501	$ 7,980,845	

No other variances are reflected in the governmental funds financial statements for 2022.

The General Fund is the only fund for which a budget is legally adopted.

CAPITAL ASSET AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

As of June 30, 2022, the School District had $20,882,180 (net of depreciation) invested in a broad range of capital assets including land, buildings, buses, athletic facilities, computers and other educational equipment.

Capital Assets

Table A-7

Capital Assets (Net of Depreciation and Amortization)

	Fiscal Year 2022	Fiscal Year 2021
Land	$ 6,268	$ 6,268
Buildings	15,702,795	9,493,652
Right to use assets	205,028	119,638
Construction in progress	3,476,424	9,643,553
Furniture and equipment	1,491,665	1,675,329
Totals	$ 20,882,180	$ 20,938,440

Long-Term Debt

As of June 30, 2022, the School District had $45,851,709 in general obligation and other long-term debt outstanding. More detailed information about the School District's long-term debt is included in the notes to the basic financial statements.

Table A-8

Outstanding Long-Term Debt

	Fiscal Year 2022	Fiscal Year 2021
General obligation bonds (financed with property taxes)	$ 7,730,000	$ 9,144,395
Other debt	38,121,709	36,266,275
Totals	$ 45,851,709	$ 45,410,670

During 2022, the School District paid $1,414,395 of outstanding bond principal payments. Other debt represents compensated absences, leases payable, termination incentives and other post-employment benefits, and increased primarily due to GASB 75.

FACTORS BEARING ON THE DISTRICT’S FUTURE

The District continues to update and monitor their five year financial plan, and reserve plans to reduce costs and continue programs while being fiscally responsible.

CONTACTING THE SCHOOL DISTRICT'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT TEAM

This financial report is designed to provide the Dolgeville Central School District's citizens, taxpayers, customers, investors and creditors with a general overview of the School District's finances and to demonstrate the School District's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact:

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DOLGEVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION

JUNE 30, 2022

ASSETS		
Cash		
Unrestricted	$	2,489,651
Restricted		5,739,754
Receivables		
State and Federal aid		1,018,253
Other receivables		19,331
Inventories		32,274
Net pension asset - proportionate share		6,497,913
Right to use assets, net of amortization		205,028
Capital assets, net of depreciation		20,677,152
Total Assets		36,679,356
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES		
Other post-employment benefits		7,027,373
Pensions		4,601,950
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources		11,629,323
LIABILITIES		
Payables		
Accounts payable		90,831
Accrued liabilities		18,625
Due to other governments		29,353
Unexpended grant revenue		115,639
Long-term liabilities		
Due and payable within one year		
Due to Teachers' Retirement System		716,447
Due to Employees' Retirement System		54,091
Leases payable		51,444
Bonds payable		1,385,000
Due and payable after one year		
Bonds payable		6,345,000
Leases payable		132,015
Other post-employment benefits		37,131,503
Termination incentives		514,453
Compensated absences payable		292,294
Total Liabilities		46,876,695
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES		
Other post-employment benefits		3,339,518
Pensions		8,138,730
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources		11,478,248
NET POSITION		
Net investment in capital assets		12,968,721
Restricted		
Unemployment insurance reserve		93,000
Retirement contribution reserve fund - TRS		396,716
Retirement contribution reserve fund - ERS		900,000
Reserve for tax certiorari		26,000
Insurance reserve		25,000
Liability reserve		25,000
Workers' compensation reserve		200,000
Capital reserve		3,730,724
Employee benefit accrued liability reserve		343,314
Unrestricted		(28,754,739)
Total Net Position	$	(10,046,264)

See notes to basic financial statements.

DOLGEVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES AND CHANGE IN NET POSITION

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

		Program Revenues		Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position
	Expenses	Charges for Services	Operating Grants	
FUNCTIONS/PROGRAMS				
General support	$ 2,922,027	$ 0	$ 0	$ (2,922,027)
Instruction	14,664,918	(11,645)	(2,452,836)	(12,200,437)
Pupil transportation	971,381	0	0	(971,381)
Debt service	237,305	0	0	(237,305)
School lunch program	582,826	(38,205)	(602,227)	57,606
Total Functions and Programs	$ 19,378,457	$ (49,850)	$ (3,055,063)	(16,273,544)
GENERAL REVENUES				
Real property taxes				4,477,799
Other tax items				636,330
Use of money and property				11,603
Sale of property and compensation for loss				12,964
Miscellaneous				402,576
State sources				13,372,507
Federal sources				74,895
Total General Revenues				18,988,674
CHANGE IN NET POSITION				2,715,130
TOTAL NET POSITION - BEGINNING OF YEAR, AS RESTATED				(12,761,394)
TOTAL NET POSITION - END OF YEAR				$ (10,046,264)

See notes to basic financial statements.

DOLGEVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

BALANCE SHEET – GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

JUNE 30, 2022

	General	Special Aid	School Lunch	Capital	CM Misc. Special Revenue	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS						
Cash						
Unrestricted	$ 2,282,725	$ 0	$ 1,299	$ 190,501	$ 15,126	$ 2,489,651
Restricted	5,739,754	0	0	0	0	5,739,754
Due from other funds	71,741	0	0	0	0	71,741
State and federal aid receivable	715,625	193,678	108,950	0	0	1,018,253
Other receivables	19,318	0	13	0	0	19,331
Inventories	0	0	32,274	0	0	32,274
TOTAL ASSETS	$ 8,829,163	$ 193,678	$ 142,536	$ 190,501	$ 15,126	$ 9,371,004
LIABILITIES						
Accounts payable	$ 44,699	$ 6,425	$ 18	$ 39,689	$ 0	$ 90,831
Accrued liabilities	18,625	0	0	0	0	18,625
Due to other funds	0	71,614	127	0	0	71,741
Due to other governments	29,068	0	285	0	0	29,353
Due to Employees' Retirement System	39,479	0	14,612	0	0	54,091
Due to Teachers' Retirement System	716,447	0	0	0	0	716,447
Unexpended grant revenue	0	115,639	0	0	0	115,639
Total Liabilities	848,318	193,678	15,042	39,689	0	1,096,727
FUND BALANCE						
Nonspendable						
Inventory	0	0	32,274	0	0	32,274
Restricted						
Unemployment insurance reserve	93,000	0	0	0	0	93,000
Retirement contribution reserve fund - TRS	396,716	0	0	0	0	396,716
Retirement contribution reserve fund - ERS	900,000	0	0	0	0	900,000
Reserve for tax certiorari	26,000	0	0	0	0	26,000
Insurance reserve	25,000	0	0	0	0	25,000
Liability reserve	25,000	0	0	0	0	25,000
Workers' compensation reserve	200,000	0	0	0	0	200,000
Capital reserve	3,730,724	0	0	0	0	3,730,724
Employee benefit accrued liability reserve	343,314	0	0	0	0	343,314
Assigned	434,971	0	95,220	150,812	15,126	696,129
Unassigned	1,806,120	0	0	0	0	1,806,120
Total Fund Balance	7,980,845	0	127,494	150,812	15,126	8,274,277
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE	$ 8,829,163	$ 193,678	$ 142,536	$ 190,501	$ 15,126	$ 9,371,004

See notes to basic financial statements.

DOLGEVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

RECONCILIATION OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET TO STATEMENT OF NET POSITION

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

Total fund balance - governmental funds balance sheet (page 16)	$ 8,274,277
Add:	
Land, building and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation	20,677,152
Right to use assets, net of amortization	205,028
Pensions	2,961,133
Total	23,843,313
Deduct:	
Compensated absences	292,294
Other post-employment benefits	33,443,648
Termination incentives	514,453
Long and short-term leases payable	183,459
Long and short-term bonds payable	7,730,000
Total	42,163,854
NET POSITION, GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES	$ (10,046,264)

See notes to basic financial statements.

DOLGEVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES – GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

	General	Special Aid	School Lunch	Capital	CM Misc. Special Revenue	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES						
Real property taxes	$ 4,477,799	$ 0	$ 0	$ 0	$ 0	$ 4,477,799
Other tax items	636,330	0	0	0	0	636,330
Charges for services	11,645	0	0	0	0	11,645
Use of money and property	11,599	0	2	0	2	11,603
Sale of property and compensation for loss	12,964	0	0	0	0	12,964
Miscellaneous	400,038	0	2,538	0	0	402,576
State sources	13,372,507	20,826	9,629	0	0	13,402,962
Federal sources	74,895	2,432,010	553,038	0	0	3,059,943
Surplus food	0	0	39,560	0	0	39,560
Sales - school lunch	0	0	38,205	0	0	38,205
Total Revenues	18,997,777	2,452,836	642,972	0	2	22,093,587
EXPENDITURES						
General support	2,061,077	0	0	0	120	2,061,197
Instruction	7,988,259	2,356,192	0	0	0	10,344,451
Pupil transportation	677,306	7,894	0	0	0	685,200
Employee benefits	4,370,853	88,750	94,785	0	0	4,554,388
Debt service						
Principal	1,492,726	0	0	0	0	1,492,726
Interest	237,305	0	0	0	0	237,305
Cost of sales	0	0	446,376	0	0	446,376
Capital outlay	0	0	0	1,211,434	0	1,211,434
Total Expenditures	16,827,526	2,452,836	541,161	1,211,434	120	21,033,077
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES AND USES						
Proceeds from debt	0	0	0	142,152	0	142,152
Operating transfers in	10,223	0	0	127,130	0	137,353
Operating transfers (out)	(127,130)	0	0	(10,223)	0	(137,353)
Total Other Sources (Uses)	(116,907)	0	0	259,059	0	142,152
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES OVER EXPENDITURES AND USES	2,053,344	0	101,811	(952,375)	(118)	1,202,662
FUND BALANCE - BEGINNING OF YEAR	5,927,501	0	25,683	1,103,187	15,244	7,071,615
FUND BALANCE - END OF YEAR	$ 7,980,845	$ 0	$ 127,494	$ 150,812	$ 15,126	$ 8,274,277

See notes to basic financial statements.

DOLGEVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

REVENUES - STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES		$ 22,093,587
EXPENDITURES	21,033,077	
Add:		
Depreciation and amortization	1,267,694	
Increase in other post-employment benefits	1,599,183	
	2,866,877	
Deduct:		
Decrease in compensated absences	46,648	
Decrease in termination incentives	50,866	
Change in fixed assets	1,211,434	
Pensions	1,719,823	
Principal payments of long-term debt	1,492,726	
	4,521,497	
EXPENDITURES - STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES		19,378,457
CHANGE IN NET POSITION		$ 2,715,130

See notes to basic financial statements.

DOLGEVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION

JUNE 30, 2022

		Custodial Funds
ASSETS		
Cash	$	338,742
Total Assets	$	338,742
NET POSITION		
Reserved for scholarships	$	273,763
Reserved for extraclassroom activity funds		64,979
Total Net Position	$	338,742

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

ADDITIONS		
Investment earnings	$	462
Extraclassroom receipts		53,022
Gifts and contributions		29,276
Total Additions		82,760
DEDUCTIONS		
Extraclassroom disbursements		54,030
Scholarships and awards		24,495
Total deductions		78,525
CHANGE IN NET POSITION		4,235
NET POSITION - BEGINNING OF YEAR		334,507
NET POSITION - END OF YEAR	$	338,742

See notes to basic financial statements

NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements of the Dolgeville Central School District (the "District") have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as applied to governmental units. Those principles are prescribed by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB), which is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles.

Significant accounting principles and policies utilized by the District are described below:

A) Reporting Entity

The Dolgeville Central School District is governed by the laws of New York State. The District is an independent entity governed by an elected Board of Education consisting of 7 members. The President of the Board serves as the chief fiscal officer and the Superintendent is the chief executive officer. The Board is responsible for, and controls, all activities related to public school education within the District. Board members have authority to make decisions, power to appoint management and primary accountability for all fiscal matters.

The reporting entity of the District is based upon criteria set forth by GASB Statement 14, *The Financial Reporting Entity*, as amended by GASB Statement 39, *Component Units*. The financial reporting entity consists of the primary government, organizations for which the primary government is financially accountable and other organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationship with the primary government are such that exclusion would cause the reporting entity's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete.

The accompanying financial statements present the activities of the District and other organizational entities determined to be includable in the District's financial reporting entity. The District is not a component unit of another reporting entity. The decision to include a potential component unit in the District's reporting entity is based on several criteria including legal standing, fiscal dependency and financial accountability. Based on the application of these criteria, the following is a brief description of certain entities included in the District's reporting entity.

i) The Extraclassroom Activity Funds

The Extraclassroom Activity Funds of the District represent funds of the students of the District. The Board of Education exercises general oversight of these funds. The Extraclassroom Activity Funds are independent of the District with respect to its financial transactions and the designation of student management. Separate audited financial statements (cash basis) of the Extraclassroom Activity Funds can be found with these financial statements. The District accounts for these funds in the Custodial Fund.

B) Joint Venture

The District is one of 10 component districts in the Herkimer County Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES). A BOCES is a voluntary, cooperative association of school districts in a geographic area that shares planning, services and programs that provide educational and support activities. There is no authority or process by which a school district can terminate its status as a BOCES component.

NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – (CONTINUED)

B) Joint Venture – (Continued)

BOCES are organized under Section 1950 of the New York State Education Law. A BOCES Board is considered a corporate body. Members of a BOCES Board are nominated and elected by their component member boards in accordance with provisions of Section 1950 of the New York State Education Law. All BOCES property is held by the BOCES Board as a corporation (Section 1950(6)). In addition, BOCES Boards also are considered municipal corporations to permit them to contract with other municipalities on a cooperative basis under Section 119-n(a) of the New York State General Municipal Law.

A BOCES' budget is comprised of separate budgets for administrative, program and capital costs. Each component district's share of administrative and capital cost is determined by resident public school district enrollment, as defined in the New York State Education Law, Section 1950(4)(b)(7). In addition, component districts pay tuition or a service fee for programs in which its students participate.

During the year, the District was billed $2,407,694 for BOCES administrative and program costs.

Participating school districts issue debt on behalf of BOCES. During the year, the District issued no serial bonds on behalf of BOCES. As of year-end, the District had no outstanding BOCES debt.

The District's share of BOCES aid amounted to $996,919.

Financial statements for the BOCES are available from the BOCES administrative office.

C) Basis of Presentation

i) District-Wide Statements

The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities present financial information about the District's governmental activities. These statements include the financial activities of the overall government in its entirety, except those that are fiduciary.

Eliminations have been made to minimize the double counting of internal transactions. Governmental activities generally are financed through taxes, state aid, intergovernmental revenues and other exchange and nonexchange transactions. Operating grants include operating-specific and discretionary (either operating or capital) grants.

The Statement of Net Position presents the financial position of the District at fiscal year-end. The Statement of Activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for each function of the District's governmental activities. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with and are clearly identifiable to a particular function. Indirect expenses, principally employee benefits, are allocated to functional areas in proportion to the payroll expended for those areas. Program revenues include charges paid by the recipients of goods or services offered by the programs, and grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program. Revenues that are not classified as program revenues, including all taxes, are presented as general revenues.

NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – (CONTINUED)

C) Basis of Presentation – (Continued)

ii) Funds Statements

The fund statements provide information about the District's funds, including fiduciary funds. Separate statements for each fund category (governmental and fiduciary) are presented. The emphasis of fund financial statements is on major governmental funds, each displayed in a separate column.

The District reports the following major governmental funds:

General Fund – This is the District's primary operating fund. It accounts for all financial transactions that are not required to be accounted for in another fund.

School Lunch Fund – This fund accounts for the proceeds of specific revenue sources, such as federal and state grants, that are legally restricted for expenditures of the school breakfast and lunch programs.

Special Aid Funds – These funds account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources, such as federal and state grants, that are legally restricted to expenditures for specified purposes and other activities whose funds are restricted as to use. These legal restrictions may be imposed either by governments that provide the funds, or by outside parties.

Capital Projects Fund – These funds are used to account for the financial resources used for acquisition, construction or major repair of capital facilities.

Miscellaneous Special Revenue Fund – Miscellaneous Special Revenue Fund is used to account for those revenues that are legally restricted to expenditures for a specific purpose.

The District reports the following fiduciary fund:

Custodial Fund – Fiduciary activities are those in which the District acts as custodian for resources that belong to others. These activities are not included in the District-wide financial statements, because their resources do not belong to the District and are not available to be used.

D) Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

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

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

NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – (CONTINUED)

D) Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting – (Continued)

The governmental fund statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under this method, revenues are recognized when measurable and available. The District considers all revenues reported in the governmental funds to be available if the revenues are collected within one year after the end of the fiscal year as it matches the liquidation of related obligations.

Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred, except for principal and interest on general long-term debt, claims and judgments and compensated absences, pensions and post-employment benefits, which are recognized as expenditures to the extent they have matured. General capital asset acquisitions are reported as expenditures in governmental funds. Proceeds of general long-term debt and acquisitions under capital leases are reported as other financing sources.

E) Property Taxes

Real property taxes are levied annually by the Board of Education no later than September 1, and become a lien on September 1. Taxes are collected during the period September 1 to October 31.

Uncollected real property taxes are subsequently enforced by the Counties of Fulton and Herkimer. The Counties pay an amount representing uncollected real property taxes transmitted to the Counties for enforcement to the District no later than the following April 1.

F) Restricted Resources

When an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net position are available, the District's policy concerning which to apply first varies with the intended use, and with associated legal requirements, many of which are described elsewhere in these Notes.

G) Interfund Transactions

The operations of the District include transactions between funds. These transactions may be temporary in nature, such as with interfund borrowings. The District typically loans resources between funds for the purpose of providing cash flow. These interfund receivables and payables are expected to be repaid within one year. Permanent transfers of funds include the transfer of expenditures and revenues to provide financing or other services.

In the District-wide statements, the amounts reported on the Statement of Net Position for interfund receivables and payables represent amounts due between different fund types (governmental activities and fiduciary funds). Eliminations have been made for all interfund receivables and payables between the funds, with the exception of those due from or to the fiduciary funds.

The governmental funds report all interfund transactions as originally recorded. Interfund receivables and payables may be netted on the accompanying governmental funds balance sheet when it is the District's practice to settle these amounts at a net balance based upon the right of legal offset.

Refer to Note 7 for a detailed disclosure by individual fund for interfund receivables, payables, expenditures and revenues activity.

NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – (CONTINUED)

H) 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 amount of assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, deferred inflows of resources and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates. Estimates and assumptions are made in a variety of areas, including computation of encumbrances, compensated absences, potential contingent liabilities and useful lives of long-lived assets.

I) Cash (and Cash Equivalents)/Investments

The District's cash and cash equivalents consist of cash on hand, demand deposits and short-term investments with original maturities of three months or less from date of acquisition.

New York State law governs the District's investment policies. Resources must be deposited in FDIC-insured commercial banks or trust companies located within the State. Permissible investments include obligations of the United States Treasury, United States Agencies, repurchase agreements and obligations of New York State or its localities.

Collateral is required for demand and time deposits and certificates of deposit not covered by FDIC insurance. Obligations that may be pledged as collateral are obligations of the United States and its agencies and obligations of the State and its municipalities and Districts.

Investments are stated at fair value.

J) Accounts Receivable

Accounts receivable are shown gross, with uncollectible amounts recognized under the direct write-off method. No allowance for uncollectible accounts has been provided since it is believed that such allowance would not be material.

K) Inventories and Prepaid Items

Inventories of food in the School Lunch Fund are recorded at cost on a first-in, first-out basis, or in the case of surplus food, at stated value that approximates market. Purchases of inventoriable items in other funds are recorded as expenditures at the time of purchase, and are considered immaterial in amount.

Prepaid items represent payments made by the District for which benefits extend beyond year end. These payments to vendors reflect costs applicable to future accounting periods and are recorded as prepaid items in both the District-wide and fund financial statements. These items are reported as assets on the statement of net position or balance sheet using the consumption method. A current asset for the prepaid amounts is recorded at the time of receipt and/or purchase and an expense/expenditure is reported in the year the goods or services are consumed.

A reserve for these nonliquid assets (inventories and prepaid items) has been recognized to signify that a portion of fund balance is not available for other subsequent expenditures.

NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – (CONTINUED)

L) Other Assets

In the District-wide financial statements, bond issuance costs are capitalized and amortized over the life of the debt issue. In the fund statements, these same costs are netted against proceeds and recognized in the period of issuance.

M) Capital Assets

Capital assets are reported at actual cost when such data was available. For assets in which there was no data available, estimated historical costs, based on direct costing, standard costing or normal costing methods, were used. Donated assets are reported at estimated fair market value at the time received.

Land and construction in process are not depreciated. Capitalization thresholds (the dollar value above which asset acquisitions are added to the capital asset accounts), depreciation methods and estimated useful lives of capital assets reported in the District-wide statements are as follows:

	Capitalization Threshold	Depreciation Method	Estimated Useful Life
Buildings and improvements	$ 5,000	Straight-line	50
Site improvements	5,000	Straight-line	20
Vehicles	5,000	Straight-line	8
Computer equipment and books	5,000	Straight-line	5
Equipment	5,000	Straight-line	10

N) Right to Use Assets

Right to use assets are reported at actual cost or estimated historical cost. Right to use assets are amortized using the straight line method over the estimated useful life of the asset. All right to use assets are furniture and equipment which are amortized over a 3-5 year period.

O) Deferred Outflows and Inflows of Resources

In addition to assets, the Statement of Net Position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. The separate financial statement element, *deferred outflows of resources*, represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then. The District has three items that qualify for reporting in this category. The first item is related to pensions reported in the District-wide Statement of Net Position. This represents the effect of the net change in the District's proportion of the collective net pension asset or liability and difference during the measurement period between the District's contributions and its proportionate share of total contributions to the pension systems not included in pension expense. The second is the District contributions to the pension systems (TRS and ERS Systems) and OPEB subsequent to the measurement date. The third item relates to OPEB reporting in the District-wide Statement of Net Position. This represents the effect of the net change in the actual and expected experience.

NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – (CONTINUED)

O) Deferred Outflows and Inflows of Resources – (Continued)

In addition to liabilities, the Statement of Net Position or Balance Sheet will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, *deferred inflows of resources*, represents an acquisition of net position or fund balance that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. The District has three items that qualify for reporting in this category. The first item is related to pensions reported in the District-wide Statement of Net Position. This represents the effect of the net change in the District's proportion of the collective net pension liability (ERS System) and net pension asset (TRS System) and difference during the measurement periods between the District's contributions and its proportion share of total contributions to the pension systems not included in pension expense. The second item is revenues from grants received that have met all other eligibility requirements except those related to time restrictions. The third item is related to OPEB reporting in the District-wide Statement of Net Position. This represents the effect of the net changes of assumptions or other inputs.

The District reports only one deferred outflow item (pensions) and one deferred inflow item (pensions).

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

At June 30, 2022, the District reported the following asset (liability) for its proportionate share of the net pension asset (liability) for each of the Systems. The net pension asset (liability) was measured as of March 31, 2022 for ERS and June 30, 2021 for TRS. The total pension asset (liability) used to calculate the net pension asset (liability) was determined by an actuarial valuation. The District's proportion of the net pension asset (liability) was based on a projection of the District's long-term share of contributions to the Systems relative to the projected contributions of all participating members, actuarially determined. This information was provided by the ERS and TRS Systems in reports provided to the District.

	ERS	TRS
Measurement date	March 31, 2022	June 30, 2021
District's proportionate share of the net pension asset (liability)	$ 376,814	$ 6,121,099
District's portion of the Plan's total net pension asset (liability)	0.0046096%	0.035323%
Change in proportion since the prior measurement date	(0.0000632)%	(0.001402)%

For the year ended June 30, 2022, the District recognized its proportionate share of pension expense of $190,001 for ERS and $639,047 for TRS. At June 30, 2022, the District's reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources were:

NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – (CONTINUED)

O) Deferred Outflows and Inflows of Resources – (Continued)

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

	Deferred Outflows of Resources		Deferred Inflows of Resources	
	ERS	**TRS**	**ERS**	**TRS**
Differences between expected and actual experience	$ 28,537	$ 843,729	$ 37,014	$ 31,802
Changes of assumptions	628,860	2,013,357	10,611	356,536
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	0	0	1,233,908	6,406,363
Changes in proportion and differences between the District's contributions and proportionate share of contributions	34,608	359,721	4,925	57,571
District's contributions subsequent to the measurement date	54,091	639,047	0	0
Total	$ 746,096	$ 3,855,854	$ 1,286,458	$ 6,852,272

District contributions subsequent to the measurement date which will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension asset (liability) in the year ended March 31, 2023 for ERS and June 30, 2023 for TRS. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred (inflows) of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year ended:	ERS	TRS
2023	$ (79,209)	$ (871,303)
2024	(130,545)	(1,123,159)
2025	(316,347)	(1,482,697)
2026	(68,352)	353,574
2027	0	215,406
Thereafter	0	0

Actuarial Assumptions

The total pension asset (liability) as of the measurement date was determined by using an actuarial valuation as noted in the table below, with update procedures used to roll forward the total pension asset (liability) to the measurement date. The actuarial valuations used the following actuarial assumptions:

NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – (CONTINUED)

O) Deferred Outflows and Inflows of Resources – (Continued)

Actuarial Assumptions – (Continued)

	ERS	TRS
Measurement date	March 31, 2022	June 30, 2021
Actuarial valuation date	April 1, 2021	June 30, 2020
Interest rate	5.9%	6.95%
Salary scale	4.4%	1.95% - 5.18%
Decrement tables	April 1, 2015 - March 31, 2020 Systems experience	July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2020 Systems experience
Inflation rate	2.7%	2.40%
Projected cost of living adjustments	1.4%	1.3%

For ERS, annuitant mortality rates are based on April 1, 2015 through March 31, 2020 System’s experience with adjustments for mortality improvements based on MP-2020. For TRS, annuitant mortality rates are based on July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2020 System’s experience with adjustments for mortality improvements based on Society of Actuaries Scale MP-2020.

For ERS, the actuarial assumptions used in the April 1, 2021 valuation are based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period April 1, 2015through March 31, 2020. For TRS, the actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2020 valuation are based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2020.

The long-term 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 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 each target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. Best estimates of the arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class included in the target asset allocation are summarized below:

NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – (CONTINUED)

O) Deferred Outflows and Inflows of Resources – (Continued)

Actuarial Assumptions – (Continued)

	ERS	TRS
Measurement date	March 31, 2022	June 30, 2021
Asset type		
Domestic equity	3.30%	6.8%
International equity	5.85	7.6
Global equities	0	7.1
Real estate	5.00	6.5
Domestic fixed income securities	0	1.3
Global fixed income securities	0	0.8
High-yield fixed income securities	0	3.8
Real estate debt	0	3.3
Private debt	0	5.9
Credit	3.78	0
Private equity/alternative investments	6.50	10.0
Absolute return strategies	4.10	0
Opportunistic portfolio	4.10	0
Cash	(1.00)	(0.2)
Real assets	5.80	0

Discount Rate

The discount rate used to calculate the total pension asset (liability) was 5.9% for ERS and 6.95% for TRS. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumes that contributions from plan members will be made at the current contribution rates and that contributions from employers will be made at statutorily required rates, actuarially. Based upon the assumptions, the Systems' 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 asset (liability).

Sensitivity of the Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Asset (Liability) to the Discount Rate Assumption

The following presents the District's proportionate share of the net pension asset (liability) calculated using the discount rate of 5.9% for ERS and 6.95% for TRS, as well as what the District's proportionate share of the net pension asset (liability) would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1 percentage point lower (4.9% for ERS and 5.95% for TRS) or 1 percentage point higher (6.9% for ERS and 7.95% for TRS) than the current rate:

NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – (CONTINUED)

O) Deferred Outflows and Inflows of Resources – (Continued)

Sensitivity of the Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Asset (Liability) to the Discount Rate Assumption – (Continued)

ERS	1% Decrease (4.9%)	Current Assumption (5.9%)	1% Increase (6.9%)
District's proportionate share of the net pension asset (liability)	$ (969,915)	$ 376,814	$ 1,503,288

TRS	1% Decrease (5.95%)	Current Assumption (6.95%)	1% Increase (7.95%)
District's proportionate share of the net pension asset (liability)	$ 642,320	$ 6,121,099	$10,725,615

Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position

The components of the current-year net pension asset (liability) of the employers as of the respective valuation dates were as follows:

	(Dollars in thousands)		
	ERS	TRS	Total
Measurement date	March 31, 2022	June 30, 2021	
Employers' total pension asset (liability)	$(223,874,888)	$(130,819,415)	$(354,694,303)
Plan fiduciary net position asset (liability)	232,049,473	148,148,457	380,197,930
Employers' net pension asset (liability)	8,174,585	17,329,042	25,503,627
Ratio of plan fiduciary net position to the employers' total pension asset (liability)	103.65%	113.2%	107.19%

Payables to the Pension Plans

For ERS, employer contributions are paid annually based on the System's fiscal year which ends on March 31. Accrued retirement contributions as of June 30, 2022 represent the projected employer contribution for the period of April 1, 2022 through June 30, 2022 based on paid ERS wages multiplied by the employer's contribution rate, by tier. Accrued retirement contributions as of June 30, 2022 amounted to $54,091.

For TRS, employer and employee contributions for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2022 are paid to the System in September, October and November 2022 through a state aid intercept. Accrued retirement contributions as of June 30, 2022 represent employee and employer contributions for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2022 based on paid TRS wages multiplied by the employer's contribution rate, by tier and employee contributions for the fiscal year as reported to the TRS System. Accrued retirement contributions as of June 30, 2022 amount to $716,447.

Additional pension information can be found in Note 8.

NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – (CONTINUED)

P) Unearned Revenue

The District reports unearned revenues on its Statement of Net Position and its Balance Sheet. On the Statement of Net Position, unearned revenue arises when resources are received by the District before it has legal claim to them, as when grant monies are received prior to incurrence of qualifying expenditures. In subsequent periods, when the District has legal claim to resources, the liability for unearned revenue is removed and revenue is recognized. The District had $115,639 in unearned revenue at June 30, 2022.

Q) Vested Employee Benefits

Compensated Absences

Compensated absences consist of unpaid accumulated annual sick leave and vacation.

Sick leave eligibility and accumulation is specified in negotiated labor contracts, and in individual employment contracts. Upon retirement, resignation or death, employees may contractually receive a payment based on unused accumulated sick leave.

District employees are granted vacation in varying amounts, based primarily on length of service and service position. Some earned benefits may be forfeited if not taken within varying time periods.

Consistent with GASB Statement 16, *Accounting for Compensated Absences*, the liability has been calculated using the vesting/termination method and an accrual for that liability is included in the District-wide financial statements. The compensated absences liability is calculated based on the pay rates in effect at year end.

In the funds statements, only the amount of matured liabilities is accrued within the General Fund based upon expendable and available financial resources. These amounts are expensed on a pay-as-you go basis.

R) Other Benefits

District employees participate in the New York State Employees' Retirement System and the New York State Teachers' Retirement System.

In addition to providing pension benefits, the District provides post-employment health insurance coverage and survivor benefits to retired employees and their survivors in accordance with the provision of various employment contracts in effect at the time of retirement.

Substantially all of the District's employees may become eligible for these benefits if they reach normal retirement age while working for the District. Healthcare benefits are provided through plans whose premiums are based on the benefits paid during the year. The cost of providing post-retirement benefits is shared between the District and the retired employee. The District recognizes the cost of providing health insurance by recording its share of insurance premiums as an expenditure.

NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – (CONTINUED)

S) Short-Term Debt

The District may issue Revenue Anticipation Notes (RANs) and Tax Anticipation Notes (TANs), in anticipation of the receipt of revenues. These notes are recorded as a liability of the fund that will actually receive the proceeds from the issuance of the notes. The RANs and TANs represent a liability that will be extinguished by the use of expendable, available resources of the fund.

The District may issue budget notes up to an amount not to exceed 5% of the amount of the annual budget during any fiscal year for expenditures for which there is an insufficient or no provision made in the annual budget. The budget note must be repaid no later than the close of the second fiscal year succeeding the year in which the note was issued.

The District may issue Bond Anticipation Notes (BANs), in anticipation of proceeds from the subsequent sale of bonds. These notes are recorded as current liabilities of the funds that will actually receive the proceeds from the issuance of bonds. State law requires that BANs issued for capital purposes be converted to long-term financing within five years after the original issue date.

The District may issue deficiency notes up to an amount not to exceed 5% of the amount of that same year's annual budget in any fund or funds arising from revenues being less than the amount estimated in the budget for that fiscal year. The deficiency notes may mature no later than the close of the fiscal year following the fiscal year in which they were issued. However, they may mature no later than the close of the second fiscal year after the fiscal year in which they were issued, if the notes were authorized and issued after the adoption of the budget for the fiscal year following the year in which they were issued.

The District had no short-term debt as of June 30, 2022.

T) Accrued Liabilities and Long-Term Obligations

Payables, accrued liabilities and long-term obligations are reported in the District-wide financial statements. In the governmental funds, payables and accrued liabilities are paid in a timely manner and in full from current financial resources. Claims and judgments, other post-employment benefits payable, and compensated absences that will be paid from governmental funds, are reported as a liability in the funds financial statements only to the extent that they are due for payment in the current year. Bonds and other long-term obligations that will be paid from governmental funds are recognized as a liability in the fund financial statements when due.

Long-term obligations represent the District's future obligations or future economic outflows. The liabilities are reported as due in one year or due within more than one year in the Statement of Net Position.

U) Equity Classifications

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

i) Net Investment in Capital Assets

Consists of net capital assets (cost less accumulated depreciation) reduced by outstanding balances of related debt obligations from the acquisition, construction or improvements of those assets.

NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – (CONTINUED)

U) Equity Classifications – (Continued)

ii) Restricted Net Position

Reports net position when constraints placed on the assets or deferred outflows of resources are either externally imposed by creditors (such as through debt covenants), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments, or imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

iii) Unrestricted Net Position

Reports the balance of net position that does not meet the definition of the above two classifications and is deemed to be available for general use by the District.

Funds Statements

In the funds statements, there are five classifications of fund balance:

1. Nonspendable

Includes amounts that cannot be spent because they are either not in spendable form or legally or contractually required to be maintained intact. Nonspendable fund balance includes the inventory recorded in the School Lunch Fund of $32,274.

2. Restricted

Includes amounts with constraints placed on the use of resources either externally imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation. All encumbrances of funds other than the General Fund are classified as restricted fund balance.

The School District has established the following restricted fund balances:

Currently Utilized by the District:

Employee Benefit Accrued Liability

According to General Municipal Law §6-p, must be used for the payment of accrued employee benefit due an employee upon termination of the employee’s service. This reserve may be established by a majority vote of the Board and is funded by budgetary appropriations and such other reserves and funds that may be legally appropriated. The reserve is accounted for in the General Fund under Restricted Fund Balance.

NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – (CONTINUED)

U) Equity Classifications – (Continued)

Funds Statements – (Continued)

2. Restricted – (Continued)

Currently Utilized by the District: – (Continued)

Retirement Contributions

According to General Municipal Law §6-r, must be used for financing retirement contributions to the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System. This reserve is established by Board resolution and is funded by budgetary appropriation and such other reserves and funds that may be legally appropriated. The reserve must be accounted for separate and apart from all other funds and a detailed report of the operation and condition of the fund must be provided to the Board. Effective April 1, 2019, a Board may adopt a resolution establishing a sub-fund for contributions to the New York State Teachers' Retirement System. During the fiscal year, the Board may authorize payment into the sub-fund of up to 2% of the total covered salaries paid during the preceding fiscal year, with the total amount funded not to exceed 10% of the total covered salaries during the preceding fiscal year. The sub-fund is separately administered, but must comply with all the existing provisions of General Municipal Law §6-r. This reserve is accounted for in the General Fund under Restricted Fund Balance.

Unemployment Insurance

According to General Municipal Law §6-m, must be used to pay the cost of reimbursement to the State Unemployment Insurance Fund for payments made to claimants where the employer has elected to use the benefit reimbursement method. The reserve may be established by Board action and is funded by budgetary appropriations and such other funds as may be legally appropriated. Within sixty days after the end of any fiscal year, excess amounts may either be transferred to another reserve or the excess applied to the appropriations of the next succeeding fiscal year's budget. If the District elects to convert to tax (contribution) basis, excess resources in the fund over the sum sufficient to pay pending claims may be transferred to any other reserve fund. This reserve is accounted for in the General Fund under Restricted Fund Balance.

Capital

According to Education Law §3651, must be used to pay the cost of any object or purpose for which bonds may be issued. The creation of a capital reserve fund requires authorization by a majority of the voters establishing the purpose of the reserve, the ultimate amount, its probable term and the source of the funds. Expenditure may be made from the reserve only for a specific purpose further authorized by the voters. The form for the required legal notice for the vote on establishing and funding the reserve and the form of the proposition to be placed on the ballot are set forth in §3651 of the Education Law. This reserve is accounted for in the General Fund under Restricted Fund Balance.

Property Loss and Liability Reserve

According to Education Law 1709(8)(c), must be used to pay for liability claims and property loss incurred. Separate funds for liability claims and property loss are required, and these reserves may not in total exceed 3% of the annual budget or $15,000, whichever is greater. This reserve is accounted for in the General Fund under Restricted Fund Balance.

NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – (CONTINUED)

U) Equity Classifications – (Continued)

Funds Statements – (Continued)

2. Restricted – (Continued)

Currently Utilized by the District: – (Continued)

Workers' Compensation

According to General Municipal Law §6-j, must be used to pay for compensation benefits and other expenses authorized by Article 2 of the Workers' Compensation Law, and for payment of expenses of administering this self-insurance program. The reserve may be established by Board action and is funded by budgetary appropriations and such other funds as may be legally appropriated. Within sixty days after the end of any fiscal year, excess amounts may either be transferred to another reserve or the excess applied to the appropriations of the next succeeding fiscal year's budget. This reserve is accounted for in the General Fund under Restricted Fund Balance.

Insurance

According to General Municipal Law §6-n, must be used to pay liability, casualty and other types of losses, except losses incurred for which the following types of insurance may be purchased: life, accident, health, annuities, fidelity and surety, credit, title residual value and mortgage guarantee. In addition, this reserve may not be used for any purpose for which a special reserve may be established pursuant to law (for example, for unemployment compensation insurance). The reserve may be established by Board action, and funded by budgetary appropriations, or such other funds as may be legally appropriated. There is no limit on the amount that may be accumulated in the Insurance Reserve; however, the annual contribution to this reserve may not exceed the greater of $33,000 or 5% of the budget. Settled or compromised claims up to $25,000 may be paid from the reserve without judicial approval. This reserve is accounted for in the General Fund under Restricted Fund Balance.

Tax Certiorari

According to Education Law §3651.1-a, must be used to establish a reserve fund for tax certiorari and to expend from the fund without voter approval. The monies held in the reserve shall not exceed the amount that might reasonably be deemed necessary to meet anticipated judgments and claims arising out of tax certiorari proceedings. Any resources deposited to the reserve which are not expended for tax certiorari proceedings in the year such monies are deposited must be returned to the General Fund on or before the first day of the fourth fiscal year after deposit of these monies. This reserve is accounted for in the General Fund under Restricted Fund Balance.

3. Committed

Includes amounts that can only be used for the specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by formal action of the School Districts highest level of decision making authority, i.e., the Board of Education. The School District has no committed fund balances as of June 30, 2022.

NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – (CONTINUED)

U) Equity Classifications – (Continued)

Funds Statements – (Continued)

4. Assigned

Includes amounts that are constrained by the School District's intent to be used for specific purposes, but are neither restricted nor committed. The purpose of the constraint must be narrower than the purpose of the General Fund, and in funds other than the General Fund. Assigned fund balance represents the residual amount of fund balance. Assigned fund balance also includes an amount appropriated to partially fund the subsequent year's budget, as well as encumbrances not classified as restricted at the end of the fiscal year.

5. Unassigned

Includes all other General Fund amounts that do not meet the definitions of the above four classifications and are deemed to be available for general use by the District. In funds other than the General Fund, the unassigned classification is used to report a deficit fund balance resulting from overspending for specific purposes for which amounts had been restricted or assigned.

NYS Real Property Tax Law §1318 limits the amount of unexpended surplus funds, excluding the reserve for tax reduction, a school district can retain to no more than 4% of the School District's budget for the General Fund for the ensuing fiscal year. Nonspendable and restricted fund balance of the General Fund are excluded from the 4% limitation. Amounts appropriated for the subsequent year and encumbrances are also excluded from the 4% limitation.

Order of Use of Fund Balance

The District's policy is to annually determine the appropriate use of fund balance upon recommendation of the Superintendent and Board of Education.

V) New Accounting Standards

The District has adopted all current Statements of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) that are applicable. At June 30, 2022, the District implemented the following new standards issued by GASB:

GASB has issued Statement No. 87, *Leases*, effective for the year ending June 30, 2022. This statement requires the recognition of certain lease assets and liabilities for leases previously classified as operating leases along with recognition of inflows and outflows of resources, as appropriate.

GASB has issued Statement No. 89, *Accounting Interest Cost Incurred before the End of a Construction Period,* effective for the year ending June 30, 2022. This statement requires that interest cost incurred during construction be expensed in that period rather than being included in the cost of the capital asset.

NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – (CONTINUED)

V) New Accounting Standards – (Continued)

GASB has issued Statement No. 97, *Certain Component Unit Criteria, and Accounting and Financial Reporting for Internal Revenue Code Section 457 Deferred Compensation Plans – an amendment of GASB Statements No. 14 and No. 84, and a supersession of GASB Statement No, 32,* portions of the statement are effective for the year ending June 30, 2022. This statement increases consistency and comparability related to the reporting of fiduciary component units which do not have a governing board.

W) Future Changes in Accounting Standards

GASB has issued Statement No. 91, *Conduit Debt Obligations*, effective for the year ending June 30, 2023. This statement provides a single method of reporting conduit debt obligations by issuers.

GASB has issued Statement No. 94, *Public-Private and Public-Public Partnerships and Availability Payment Arrangements,* effective for the year ending June 30, 2023. This statement improves the financial reporting related to Public-Private and Public-Public Partnerships to provide services.

GASB has issued Statement No. 96, *Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements,* effective for the year ending June 30, 2023. This statement requires the recognition of a right-to-use subscription asset – an intangible asset – and a corresponding subscription liability for subscription-based information technology arrangements for government end users.

GASB has issued Statement No. 101, *Compensated Absences*, effective for the year ending June 30, 2025. This Statement amends the existing requirements related to Compensated Absences by updating the recognition and measurement guidance.

The District will evaluate the impact each of these pronouncements may have on its financial statements and will implement them as applicable and when material.

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

Due to the differences in the measurement focus and basis of accounting used in the governmental fund statements and the District-wide statements, certain financial transactions are treated differently. The basic financial statements contain a full reconciliation of these items. The differences result primarily from the economic focus of the District-wide statements compared with the current financial resources focus of the governmental funds.

A) Total Fund Balance of Governmental Funds vs. Net Position of Governmental Activities

Total fund balance of the District’s governmental funds differs from “net position” of governmental activities reported in the Statement of Net Position. This difference primarily results from the long-term economic focus of the Statement of Net Position versus the solely current financial resources focus of the governmental fund balance sheets, as applied to the reporting of capital assets and long-term liabilities, including pensions and other post-employment benefits.

NOTE 2 – EXPLANATION OF CERTAIN DIFFERENCES BETWEEN GOVERNMENTAL FUND STATEMENTS AND DISTRICT-WIDE STATEMENTS – (CONTINUED)

B) Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance vs. Statement of Activities

Differences between the governmental funds Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance and the Statement of Activities fall into one of five broad categories, described as follows:

i) Long-Term Revenue and Expense Differences

Long-term revenue differences arise because governmental funds report revenues only when they are considered “available”, whereas the Statement of Activities reports revenues when earned. Differences in long-term expenses arise because governmental funds report on a modified accrual basis, whereas the accrual basis of accounting is used on the Statement of Activities.

ii) Capital Related Differences

Capital related differences include the difference between proceeds for the sale of capital assets reported on governmental fund statements and the gain or loss on the sale of assets as reported on the Statement of Activities, and the difference between recording an expenditure for the purchase of capital items in the governmental fund statements and depreciation expense on those items as recorded in the Statement of Activities.

iii) Long-Term Debt Transaction Differences

Long-term debt transaction differences occur because both interest and principal payments are recorded as expenditures in the fund statements, whereas interest payments are recorded in the Statement of Activities as incurred, and principal payments are recorded as a reduction of liabilities in the Statement of Net Position.

iv) Pension Differences

Pension differences occur as a result of changes in the District’s proportion of the collective net pension asset (liability) and differences between the District’s contributions and its proportionate share of the total contributions to the pension systems.

v) OPEB Differences

OPEB differences occur as a result of changes in the District’s total OPEB liability and differences between the District’s contributions and OPEB expense.

NOTE 3 – STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Budgetary Procedures and Budgetary Accounting

The District administration prepares a proposed budget for approval by the Board of Education for the following governmental funds for which legal (appropriated) budgets are adopted.

The voters of the District approved the proposed appropriation budget for the General Fund.

Appropriations are adopted at the program line item level.

Appropriations established by the adoption of the budget constitute a limitation on expenditures (and encumbrances) that may be incurred. Appropriations lapse at the end of the fiscal year unless expended or encumbered. Encumbrances will lapse if not expended in the subsequent year. Appropriations authorized for the current year are increased by the planned use of specific reserves, and budget amendments approved by the Board of Education as a result of selected new revenue sources not included in the original budget (when permitted by law). These supplemental appropriations may occur subject to legal restrictions, if the Board approves them, because of a need that exists which was not determined at the time the budget was adopted. No supplemental appropriations occurred during the year.

Budgets are adopted annually on a basis consistent with GAAP. Appropriations authorized for the year are increased by the amount of encumbrances carried forward from the prior year.

Budgets are established and used for individual capital project funds expenditures as approved by a special referendum of the District's voters. The maximum project amount authorized is based primarily upon the cost of the project, plus any requirements for external borrowings, not annual appropriations. These budgets do not lapse and are carried over to subsequent fiscal years until the completion of the projects.

Encumbrances

Encumbrance accounting is used for budget control and monitoring purposes and is reported as a part of the governmental funds. Under this method, purchase orders, contracts and other commitments for the expenditure of monies are recorded to reserve applicable appropriations. Outstanding encumbrances as of year-end are presented as restrictions or assignments of fund balance and do not represent expenditures or liabilities. These commitments will be honored in the subsequent period. Related expenditures are recognized at that time, as the liability is incurred or the commitment is paid.

Excess Fund Balance – Real Property Tax Limit

The portion of the District's fund balance subject to the New York State Real Property Tax Law §1318 limit exceed the amount allowable, which is 4% of the District's budget for the upcoming school year.

NOTE 4 – CASH (AND CASH EQUIVALENTS) – CUSTODIAL CREDIT, CONCENTRATION OF CREDIT, INTEREST RATE AND FOREIGN CURRENCY RISKS

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the District's deposits may not be returned to it. While the District does not have a specific policy for custodial credit risk, New York State statutes govern the District's investment policies, as discussed previously in these Notes.

The District's aggregate bank balances (disclosed in the financial statements), included balances not covered by depository insurance at year-end, collateralized as follows:

Uncollateralized	$ 25,957
Collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution, or its trust department or agent, but not in the District's name	7,257,237

Restricted cash represents cash and cash equivalents where use is limited by legal requirements. These assets represent amounts required by statute to be reserved for various purposes. Restricted cash as of year-end includes $5,739,754 within the governmental funds and $338,742 in fiduciary funds.

NOTE 5 – CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital asset balances and activity for the year ended June 30, 2022, were as follows:

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Retirements/ Reclassifications	Ending Balance
Capital assets that are not depreciated:				
Land	$ 6,268	$ 0	$ 0	$ 6,268
Construction in process	9,643,553	942,151	7,109,280	3,476,424
Total nondepreciable historical cost	9,649,821	942,151	7,109,280	3,482,692
Capital assets that are depreciated:				
Buildings	23,856,009	7,109,280		30,965,289
Furniture and equipment	5,100,952	127,131	0	5,228,083
Total depreciable historical cost	28,956,961	7,236,411	0	36,193,372
Less accumulated depreciation:				
Buildings	14,362,357	900,137		15,262,494
Furniture and equipment	3,425,623	310,795	0	3,736,418
Total accumulated depreciation	17,787,980	1,210,932	0	18,998,912
Net depreciable historical cost	11,168,981	6,025,479	0	17,194,460
Right to use assets that are amortized:				
Equipment	134,638	142,152	0	276,790
Less accumulated amortization:				
Equipment	15,000	56,762	0	71,762
Net amortizable historical cost	119,638	85,390	0	205,028
Total historical cost, net	$ 20,938,440	$ 7,053,020	$ 7,109,280	$ 20,882,180

Depreciation and amortization were allocated to the following programs as follows:

General support	$ 191,669
Instruction	961,980
Pupil transportation	63,720
School lunch program	50,325
Total	$ 1,267,694

NOTE 6 – LONG-TERM DEBT

Interest paid on long-term debt for the year was $237,305.

Long-term liability balances and activity for the year are summarized below:

	Beginning Balance	Issued	Redeemed	Ending Balance	Amounts Due Within One Year
Governmental activities:					
Bonds and notes payable:					
Serial bonds	$ 9,144,395	$ 0	$1,414,395	$ 7,730,000	$ 1,385,000
Total bonds and notes payable	9,144,395	0	1,414,395	7,730,000	1,385,000
Other liabilities:					
Other post-employment benefits	35,242,376	1,889,127	0	37,131,503	0
Leases payable	119,638	142,152	78,331	183,459	51,444
Termination incentives	565,319	0	50,866	514,453	0
Compensated absences, net	338,942	0	46,648	292,294	0
Total other liabilities	36,266,275	2,031,279	175,845	38,121,709	51,444
TOTAL LONG-TERM LIABILITIES	$45,410,670	$2,031,279	$1,590,240	$45,851,709	$ 1,436,444

The General Fund has typically been used to liquidate long-term liabilities such as termination incentive and compensated absences.

The current portion (amount due within one year) of other liabilities as of June 30, 2022, was not determinable.

The following is a summary of the maturity of long-term indebtedness:

Description of Issue	Issue Date	Final Maturity	Interest Rate	Outstanding at June 30, 2022
Construction	11/9/2017	6/15/2024	2.0964%	$ 1,160,000
Construction	6/17/2021	6/15/2037	1.7200%	940,000
Buses	10/28/2020	10/15/2026	1.250 - 1.50%	265,000
Buses	9/18/2018	9/15/2023	2.5648%	155,000
Buses	9/27/2017	3/15/2023	1.9687%	90,000
Construction	6/20/2016	6/15/2031	1.00 - 2.50%	5,120,000
Total				$ 7,730,000

	Principal	Interest	Total
Fiscal year ended June 30,			
2023	$ 1,385,000	$ 191,497	$ 1,576,497
2024	1,330,000	147,888	1,477,888
2025	675,000	103,555	778,555
2026	690,000	91,425	781,425
2027	635,000	78,682	713,682
2028-2032	2,740,000	187,149	2,927,149
2033-2037	275,000	13,072	288,072
Totals	$ 7,730,000	$ 813,268	$ 8,543,268

NOTE 6 – LONG-TERM DEBT – (CONTINUED)

The following is a summary of the maturity of leases payable:

Description of Issue	Issue Date	Final Maturity	Interest Rate	Outstanding at June 30, 2022
2021 Lease	2021	2025	3.5670%	$ 91,307
2022 Lease	2022	2026	2.7830%	92,152
Total				$ 183,459

	Principal	Interest	Total
Fiscal year ended June 30,			
2023	$ 51,444	$ 5,909	$ 57,353
2024	53,132	4,221	57,353
2025	54,875	2,478	57,353
2026	24,008	677	24,685
Totals	$ 183,459	$ 13,285	$ 196,744

NOTE 7 – INTERFUND TRANSACTIONS – GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

	Interfund		Interfund	
	Receivable	Payable	Revenues	Expenditures
General Fund	$ 71,741	$ 0	$ 10,223	$ 127,130
Special Aid Fund	0	71,614	0	0
School Lunch Fund	0	127	0	0
Capital Projects Fund	0	0	127,130	10,223
Total Governmental Activities	71,741	71,741	137,353	137,353
Custodial Fund	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	$ 71,741	$ 71,741	$ 137,353	$ 137,353

Interfund receivables and payables, other than between governmental activities and fiduciary funds, are eliminated on the Statement of Net Position.

The District typically loans resources between funds for the purpose of mitigating the effects of transient cash flow issues.

All interfund payables are expected to be repaid within one year.

NOTE 8 – PENSION PLANS

General Information

The District participates in the New York State Employees' Retirement System (NYSERS) and the New York State Teachers' Retirement System (NYSTRS). These are cost-sharing multiple employer public employee retirement systems. The Systems offer a wide range of plans and benefits, which are related to years of service and final average salary, vesting of retirement benefits, death and disability.

Plan Descriptions and Benefits Provided:

Teachers' Retirement System (TRS)

The District participates in the New York State Teachers' Retirement System (TRS). This is a cost-sharing multiple-employer retirement system. The System provides retirement benefits as well as, death and disability benefits to plan members and beneficiaries as authorized by the Education Law and the Retirement and Social Security Law of the State of New York. The System is governed by a 10 member Board of Trustees. System benefits are established under New York State Law. Membership is mandatory and automatic for all full-time teachers, teaching assistants, guidance counselors and administrators employed in New York Public Schools and BOCES who elected to participate in TRS. Once a public employer elects to participate in the System, the election is irrevocable. The New York State Constitution provides that pension membership is a contractual relationship and plan benefits cannot be diminished or impaired. Benefits can be changed for future members only by enactment of a State statute. The System issues a publicly available financial report that contains financial statements and required supplementary information. The report may be obtained by writing to the New York State Teachers' Retirement System, 10 Corporate Woods Drive, Albany, NY 12211-2395 or by referring to the TRS Comprehensive Annual Financial report, which can be found on the System's website at www.nystrs.org.

Employees' Retirement System (ERS)

The District participates in the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System (ERS). This is a cost-sharing multiple-employer retirement system. The System provides retirement benefits as well as death and disability benefits. The net position of the System is held in the New York State Common Retirement Fund (the Fund), which was established to hold all net assets and record changes in plan net position allocated to the System. The Comptroller of the State of New York serves as the trustee of the Fund and is the administrative head of the System. The New York State Retirement and Social Security Law (NYSRSSL) govern obligations of employers and employees to contribute, and benefits to employees. Once a public employer elects to participate in the System, the election is irrevocable. The New York State Constitution provides that pension membership is a contractual relationship and plan benefits cannot be diminished or impaired. Benefits can be changed for future members only by enactment of a State statute. The District also participates in the Public Employees' Group Life Insurance Plan (GLIP), which provides death benefits in the form of life insurance. The System is included in the State's financial report as a pension trust fund. The System issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. That report may be obtained by writing to the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System, Office of the State Comptroller, 110 State Street, Albany, NY 12244 or by referring to the ERS Comprehensive Annual Report, which can be found at www.osc.state.ny.us/retire/publications/index.php.

NOTE 8 – PENSION PLANS – (CONTINUED)

Plan Descriptions and Benefits Provided: – (Continued)

The Systems are noncontributory except for employees who joined after July 27, 1976, who contribute 3% of their salary for the first ten years of membership, and employees who joined on or after January 1, 2010 who generally contribute 3.0% to 3.5% of their salary for their entire length of service. In addition, employee contribution rates under ERS tier VI vary based on a sliding salary scale. For ERS, the Comptroller annually certifies the actuarially determined rates expressly used in computing the employers' contributions based on salaries paid during the Systems' fiscal year ending March 31. For TRS, contribution rates are established annually by the New York State Teachers' Retirement Board pursuant to Article 11 of the Education Law.

The District is required to contribute at a rate determined actuarially by the Systems. The District contributions made to the Systems were equal to 100% of the contributions required for each year. Required contributions for the current and two preceding years were:

	NYSTRS	NYSERS
2022	$ 639,047	$ 190,001
2021	568,548	222,569
2020	532,066	182,671

ERS has provided additional disclosures through entities that elected to participate in Chapter 260, 57 and 105.

Additional pension information can be found in Note 1 O.

NOTE 9 – POST-EMPLOYMENT (HEALTH INSURANCE) BENEFITS

General Information About the OPEB Plan:

Plan Description

The District administers a defined benefit OPEB plan that provides OPEB for all permanent full-time general employees of the District. The plan is a single-employer defined benefit OPEB plan (the Plan) administered by Article 11 of the State Compiled Statutes, which grants the authority to establish and amend the benefit terms and financing requirements to the District's Board, subject to applicable collective bargaining and employment agreements, and Board of Education policy. The Plan does not issue a separate financial report since there are no assets legally segregated for the sole purpose of paying benefits under the Plan. No assets are accumulated in a trust that meets the criteria in paragraph 4 of GASB Statement No. 75.

Funding Policy

The obligations of the Plan members and employers are established by action of the District pursuant to applicable collected bargaining and other employment agreements. Employees contribute varying percentages of the premiums, depending on when retired and their applicable agreement. The District currently funds the Plan to satisfy current obligations on a pay-as-you-go basis.

NOTE 9 – POST-EMPLOYMENT (HEALTH INSURANCE) BENEFITS – (CONTINUED)

Benefits Provided

The District provides healthcare and life insurance benefits for retirees and their dependents. The benefit terms are dependent on which contract each employee falls under. The specifics of each contract are on file at the District offices and are available upon request.

Employees Covered by Benefit Terms

At June 30, 2022, the following employees were covered by the benefit terms:

Inactive employees or beneficiaries currently receiving benefit payments	107
Inactive employees entitled to but not yet receiving benefit payments	0
Active employees	135
Total	242

Net OPEB Liability:

The District's total OPEB liability of $37,131,503 was measured as of July 1, 2021, and was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2020.

Actuarial Assumptions and Other Inputs

The total OPEB liability in the July 1, 2020 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions and other inputs, applied to all periods included in the measurement, unless otherwise specified:

Inflation	2.4%
Salary Increases	3.5%, average, including inflation
Discount Rate	2.14%
Healthcare Cost Trend Rates	6.0% for 2020, decreasing to an ultimate rate of 3.94% for 2089.

The discount rate was based on the Bond Buyer Weekly 20-Bond GO Index.

Mortality rates were based on the RPH-2014 Mortality Table for employees, sex distinct, with generational mortality adjusted to 2006 using scale MPH-2014, and projected forward with scale MP-2020.

NOTE 9 – POST-EMPLOYMENT (HEALTH INSURANCE) BENEFITS – (CONTINUED)

Changes in the Total OPEB Liability:

Balance at June 30, 2021	$ 35,242,376
Changes for the year:	
Service cost	1,461,571
Interest	801,911
Changes in benefit terms	0
Differences between expected and actual experience	0
Changes in assumptions or other inputs	462,478
Benefit payments	(836,833)
Net changes	1,889,127
Balance at June 30, 2022	$ 37,131,503

Changes in assumptions and other inputs reflect a change in the discount rate from 2.21% in 2021 to 2.14% in 2022.

Sensitivity of the Total OPEB Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate

The following presents the total OPEB liability of the District, as well as what the District's total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1 percentage point lower (1.14%) or 1 percentage point higher (3.14%) than the current discount rate:

	1% Decrease	Discount Rate	1% Increase
Total OPEB Liability	$ 44,676,915	$ 37,131,503	$ 31,203,098

Sensitivity of the Total OPEB Liability to Changes in the Healthcare Cost Trend Rates

The following presents the total OPEB liability of the District, as well as what the District's total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using healthcare cost trend rates that are 1 percentage point lower (5.0% decreasing to 2.94%) or 1 percentage point higher (7.0% decreasing to 4.94%) than the current healthcare cost trend rate:

	1% Decrease (5.0% Decreasing to 2.94%)	Healthcare Cost Trend Rates (6.0% Decreasing to 3.94%)	1% Increase 7.0% Decreasing to 4.94%)
Total OPEB Liability	$ 30,079,036	$ 37,131,503	$ 46,654,871

NOTE 9 – POST-EMPLOYMENT (HEALTH INSURANCE) BENEFITS – (CONTINUED)

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

For the year ended June 30, 2022, the District recognized a negative OPEB expense of $1,599,183. At June 30, 2022, 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 expected and actual experience	$ 0	$ 1,469,173
Changes of assumptions or other inputs	6,171,480	1,870,345
Employer contributions subsequent to the measurement date (expected employer contribution including implicit subsidy)	855,893	0
Total	$ 7,027,373	$ 3,339,518

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

Fiscal Year Ending June 30:	
2023	$ 1,047,487
2024	244,363
2025	851,215
2026	950,054
2027	559,818
Thereafter	34,918
Total	$ 3,687,855

NOTE 10 – RISK MANAGEMENT

The District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts, theft of, damage to and destruction of assets, injuries to employees, errors and omissions and natural disasters, etc. The risks are covered by commercial insurance purchased from independent third parties. Settled claims from these risks have not exceeded commercial insurance coverage.

NOTE 10 – RISK MANAGEMENT – (CONTINUED)

Consortiums and Self-Insured Plans

For its workers' compensation, the District is a participant in the Madison-Oneida-Herkimer Consortium, a public entity risk pool operated for the benefit of 30 individual governmental units located within the Counties of Madison, Oneida and Herkimer. The District pays an annual premium to the Plan for this workers' compensation insurance coverage. The Madison-Oneida-Herkimer Consortium is considered a self-sustaining risk pool that will provide coverage for its members up to $25,000 per insured event. Madison-Oneida-Herkimer Consortium obtains independent coverage for insured events in excess of the $25,000 limit and the Dolgeville Central School District has essentially transferred all related risk to the Consortium.

The District is a participant in the Herkimer County Health Insurance Consortium (the Consortium), a public entity risk pool operated for the benefit of nine individual governmental units located within the Herkimer, Otsego and Oneida Counties. The Consortium is a fully insured plan administered through Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Utica-Watertown (BCBS-UW) which provides Hospitalization, Medical Surgical, Major Medical and Prescription Drug coverage. This plan is provided pursuant to a minimum premium financial agreement. The Consortium does not purchase specific or aggregate stop-loss insurance.

The Consortium, as a result of their size and financial position, has not found it advantageous to purchase these forms of insurance, as it is not financially efficient to do so at this time.

In terms of the liabilities of the Consortium, BCBS-UW estimates the Incurred But Not Reported (IBNR) claims liability. Each District's share of the liability is based on their enrollment compared to the enrollment of the Consortium as a whole.

In addition to the liability associated with the IBNR, the BCBS-UW minimum premium agreement contains an advance deposit requirement. This money is to cover the "lag" between when the claims are paid by BCBS-UW and when the Consortium reimburses BCBS-UW for those claims. Currently, the Consortium is billed on a weekly basis for claim payments and this advance deposit is considered to be more than sufficient to cover the financial exposure of BCBS-UW relative to the payment of claims. At June 30, 2022, the District was not liable for any known unfunded liability.

NOTE 11 – COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

The District has received grants which are subject to audit by agencies of the federal and state governments. Such audits may result in disallowances and a request for a return of funds to the federal and state governments. The District's administration believes that disallowances, if any, would be immaterial.

NOTE 12 – TAX ABATEMENTS

The County of Herkimer enters into various property tax and sales tax (if applicable) abatement programs for the purpose of economic development. The School District's property tax revenue was reduced $2,726. The District received Payment in Lieu of Tax (PILOT) payment totaling $8,203.

The County of Herkimer also entered into sales tax abatement programs for the purpose of economic development. The District's sales tax revenue was reduced $-0- as a result of this program.

NOTE 13 – RESTATEMENT OF NET POSITION

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2022, the District implemented GASB Statement No. 87, *Leases.* The District's net position has been restated as follows:

	Government-wide Statement of Net Position
Net Position, beginning of year as previously stated	$ (12,761,394)
GASB Statement No. 87 implementation:	
Lease Payable	(119,638)
Right to use asset, net of amortization	119,638
Net Position, beginning of year as restated	$ (12,761,394)

NOTE 14 – SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Management has evaluated subsequent events through the issuance date of the of the audit report. There were no issues to report that would have a material effect on the financial statements.

DOLGEVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE – BUDGET (NON–GAAP BASIS) AND ACTUAL – GENERAL FUND

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual Revenues	Final Budget Variance with Budgetary Actual Over (Under)
REVENUES:				
Local Sources				
Real property taxes	$ 4,449,677	$ 4,449,677	$ 4,477,799	$ 28,122
Real property tax items	656,036	656,036	636,330	(19,706)
Charges for services	0	0	11,645	11,645
Use of money and property	16,500	16,500	11,599	(4,901)
Sale of property and compensation for loss	0	0	12,964	12,964
Miscellaneous	15,000	15,000	400,038	385,038
Total Local Sources	5,137,213	5,137,213	5,550,375	413,162
State Sources	13,596,326	13,596,326	13,372,507	(223,819)
Federal Sources	11,789	11,789	74,895	63,106
Total Revenues	18,745,328	18,745,328	18,997,777	252,449
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES				
Transfers from other funds	0	0	10,223	10,223
Total Revenues and Other Financing Sources	18,745,328	18,745,328	19,008,000	$ 262,672

See paragraph on supplementary schedules included in independent auditors' report.

DOLGEVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE – BUDGET (NON–GAAP BASIS) AND ACTUAL – GENERAL FUND

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual Expenditures	Year End Encumbrances	Final Budget Variance With Budgetary Actual and Encumbrances (Over) Under
EXPENDITURES					
General Support					
Board of Education	43,581	40,181	30,173	$ 0	$ 10,008
Central administration	194,836	217,149	205,404	0	11,745
Finance	300,455	298,711	271,150	0	27,561
Staff	26,000	45,000	31,958	0	13,042
Central services	1,098,876	1,300,593	1,041,731	14,748	244,114
Special items	502,498	484,991	480,661	0	4,330
Instructional					
Instruction, administration and improvements	397,345	343,821	318,320	0	25,501
Teaching – regular school	5,183,423	5,162,407	4,455,549	0	706,858
Programs for children with handicapping conditions	1,966,353	1,829,158	1,502,387	11	326,760
Occupational education	284,121	368,000	368,000	0	0
Instructional media	782,744	935,866	851,904	0	83,962
Pupil services	827,886	604,491	492,099	25,492	86,900
Pupil Transportation	772,701	780,887	677,306	0	103,581
Community Services	2,743	2,743	0	0	2,743
Employee Benefits	4,849,587	4,628,682	4,370,853	0	257,829
Debt Service	1,624,179	1,824,517	1,730,031	0	94,486
Total Expenditures	18,857,328	18,867,197	16,827,526	40,251	1,999,420
Other Financing Uses					
Transfers to other funds	110,000	127,131	127,130	0	1
Total Expenditures	18,967,328	18,994,328	16,954,656	$ 40,251	$ 1,999,421
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	(222,000)	(249,000)	2,053,344		
FUND BALANCE – BEGINNING	5,927,501	5,927,501	5,927,501		
FUND BALANCE – ENDING	$ 5,705,501	$ 5,678,501	$ 7,980,845		

See paragraph on supplementary schedules included in independent auditors' report.

DOLGEVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

SCHEDULE OF FUNDING PROGRESS – CHANGES IN TOTAL OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS LIABILITY AND RELATED RATIOS

FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2022, 2021, 2020, 2019 AND 2018

Measurement Date	July 1, 2021	July 1, 2020	July 1, 2019	July 1, 2018	July 1, 2017
Total OPEB Liability					
Service cost	$ 1,461,571	$ 1,210,081	$ 1,208,365	$ 1,107,537	$ 1,460,652
Interest	801,911	1,158,278	1,194,810	1,112,375	971,586
Change of benefit terms	0	(4,482,347)	0	0	0
Differences between expected and actual experience	0	(1,923,458)	0	(295,361)	0
Change of assumptions or other inputs	462,478	7,809,653	627,136	(1,288,144)	(4,564,578)
Benefit payments	(836,833)	(826,832)	(797,124)	(728,694)	(683,228)
Net change in total OPEB liability	1,889,127	2,945,375	2,233,187	(92,287)	(2,815,568)
Total OPEB Liability - beginning	35,242,376	32,297,001	30,063,814	30,156,101	32,971,669
Total OPEB Liability - ending	$37,131,503	$35,242,376	$32,297,001	$30,063,814	$30,156,101
Covered-employee payroll	$ 7,628,981	$ 8,249,102	$ 8,249,102	$ 8,283,763	$ 7,223,095
Total OPEB liability as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	486.72%	427.23%	391.52%	362.92%	417.50%
Plan's fiduciary net position	$ 0	$ 0	$ 0	$ 0	$ 0
Net OPEB Liability	$37,131,503	$35,242,376	$32,297,001	$30,063,814	$30,156,101

See paragraph on supplementary schedules included in independent auditors’ report.

DOLGEVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

SCHEDULE OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET PENSION LIABILITY

FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2022, 2021, 2020, 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016 AND 2015

NYS Teachers' Retirement System

	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
District's proportion of the net pension liability (asset)	0.035323%	0.036725%	0.043606%	0.043474%	0.041779%	0.042640%	0.043372%	0.043848%
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset)	$ (6,121,099)	$ 1,014,808	$ (1,132,891)	$ (786,129)	$ (317,560)	$ 456,692	$ (4,504,988)	$ (4,884,381)
District's covered-employee payroll	6,748,883	6,135,824	6,419,565	7,389,060	7,245,574	6,806,789	6,763,234	6,658,302
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset) as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	90.7%	16.5%	17.6%	10.6%	4.4%	6.7%	66.6%	73.4%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability (asset)	113.20%	97.80%	102.20%	101.53%	100.70%	99.00%	110.50%	111.48%

NYS Employees' Retirement System

	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
District's proportion of the net pension liability (asset)	0.0046096%	0.0046728%	0.0044809%	0.0044736%	0.0040133%	0.0022631%	0.0039956%	0.0039451%
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset)	$ (376,814)	$ 4,653	$ 1,186,567	$ 316,968	$ 129,626	$ 212,646	$ 641,303	$ 133,276
District's covered-employee payroll	1,444,551	1,452,007	1,383,661	1,289,273	1,155,961	1,134,200	1,092,138	1,075,834
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset) as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	26.1%	0.3%	85.8%	24.6%	11.2%	18.7%	58.7%	12.4%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability (asset)	103.65%	99.95%	86.4%	96.3%	98.2%	94.7%	90.7%	97.9%

See paragraph on supplementary schedules included in independent auditors' report.

DOLGEVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

SCHEDULE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT CONTRIBUTIONS

FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2022, 2021, 2020, 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016 AND 2015

NYS Teachers' Retirement System

	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Contractually required contribution	$ 661,213	$ 584,744	$ 568,773	$ 784,718	$ 710,067	$ 840,671	$ 971,464	$ 1,142,095
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	661,213	584,744	568,773	784,718	710,067	840,671	971,464	1,142,095
Contribution deficiency (excess)	$ 0	$ 0	$ 0	$ 0	$ 0	$ 0	$ 0	$ 0
District's covered-employee payroll	$ 6,748,883	$ 6,135,824	$ 6,419,565	$ 7,389,060	$ 7,245,574	$ 6,806,789	$ 6,763,234	$ 6,658,302
Contribution as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	9.80%	9.53%	8.86%	10.62%	9.80%	12.35%	14.36%	17.15%

NYS Employees' Retirement System

	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Contractually required contribution	$ 190,001	$ 222,569	$ 182,671	$ 175,496	$ 156,823	$ 149,153	$ 175,448	$ 207,941
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	190,001	222,569	182,671	175,496	156,823	149,153	175,448	207,941
Contribution deficiency (excess)	$ 0	$ 0	$ 0	$ 0	$ 0	$ 0	$ 0	$ 0
District's covered-employee payroll	$ 1,444,551	$ 1,452,007	$ 1,383,661	$ 1,289,273	$ 1,155,961	$ 1,134,200	$ 1,092,138	$ 1,075,834
Contribution as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	13.15%	15.33%	13.20%	13.61%	13.57%	13.15%	16.06%	19.33%

See paragraph on supplementary schedules included in independent auditors' report.

DOLGEVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

SCHEDULE OF CHANGE FROM ADOPTED BUDGET TO FINAL BUDGET – GENERAL FUND

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

ADOPTED BUDGET	$	18,967,328
ADDITIONS:		
Prior year's encumbrances		27,000
FINAL BUDGET	$	18,994,328

SECTION 1318 OF REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW LIMIT CALCULATION

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

2022-2023 voter-approved expenditure budget	$	19,394,076
Maximum allowed (4% of 2022-2023 budget)		775,763
General Fund Fund Balance Subject to Section 1318 of Real Property Tax Law:		
Unrestricted fund balance:		
Assigned fund balance		434,971
Unassigned fund balance		1,806,120
Total unrestricted fund balance		2,241,091
Less:		
Appropriated fund balance		394,720
Encumbrances included in assigned fund balance		40,251
Total Adjustments		434,971
General Fund Fund Balance Subject to Section 1318 of Real Property Tax Law	$	1,806,120
Actual percentage		9.31%

See paragraph on supplementary schedules included in independent auditors' report.

DOLGEVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

SCHEDULE OF CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND – PROJECT EXPENDITURES AND FINANCING RESOURCES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

Project Title	Original Appropriation	Revised Appropriation	Expenditures Prior Year	Expenditures Current Year	Expenditures Total	Unexpended Fund Balance	Methods of Financing Local Sources	Methods of Financing State Aid	Methods of Financing Proceeds of Obligations	Methods of Financing Total	Fund Balances
HVAC	$ 25,000	$ 25,000	$ 13,963	$ 41,074	$ 55,037	$ (30,037)	$ 60,005	$ 0	$ 0	$ 60,005	$ 4,968
Smart Schools	714,164	714,164	635,619	0	635,619	78,545	0	618,215	0	618,215	(17,404)
Unit ventilation project	1,000,000	1,000,000	18,651	854,078	872,729	127,271	10,000	0	990,000	1,000,000	127,271
Capital outlay	100,000	100,000	1,800	57,223	59,023	40,977	95,000	0	0	95,000	35,977
Leases	142,152	142,152	0	142,152	142,152	0	0	0	142,152	142,152	0
Bus purchase	518,000	518,000	324,395	127,130	451,525	66,475	127,130	0	324,395	451,525	0
TOTALS	$ 2,499,316	$ 2,499,316	$ 994,428	$ 1,221,657	$ 2,216,085	$ 283,231	$ 292,135	$ 618,215	$ 1,456,547	$ 2,366,897	$ 150,812

See paragraph on supplementary schedules included in independent auditors' report.

DOLGEVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

NET INVESTMENT IN CAPITAL ASSETS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

CAPITAL ASSETS, NET		$ 20,882,180
DEDUCT:		
Short-term portion of bonds payable	$ 1,385,000	
Short-term portion of leases payable	51,444	
Long-term portion of leases payable	132,015	
Long-term portion of bonds payable	6,345,000	
		7,913,459
NET INVESTMENT IN CAPITAL ASSETS		$ 12,968,721

See paragraph on supplementary schedules included in independent auditors' report.

DOLGEVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

FEDERAL AWARD PROGRAM INFORMATION
(SINGLE AUDIT)

(UNIFORM GUIDANCE)

JUNE 30, 2022

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' 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*

To the President and the Other Members
of the Board of Education of the
Dolgeville Central School District
Dolgeville, New York

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of Dolgeville Central School District as of and for the year ended June 30, 2022, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated September 20, 2022.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered Dolgeville Central School District's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Dolgeville Central School District's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Dolgeville Central 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 of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

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Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Dolgeville Central 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.

WEST & COMPANY CPAs PC

Gloversville, New York
September 20, 2022

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR FEDERAL PROGRAM AND REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE

To the President and the Other Members
of the Board of Education of the
Dolgeville Central School District
Dolgeville, New York

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We have audited Dolgeville Central School District's (the District) compliance with the types of compliance requirements identified as subject to audit in the OMB *Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of the District's major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2022. The District's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

In our opinion, the District complied, in all material respects, with the compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2022.

Basis for Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS); the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States (*Government Auditing Standards*); and the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Our responsibilities under those standards and the Uniform Guidance are further described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section of our report.

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

Responsibilities of Management for Compliance

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

Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether material noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above occurred, whether due to fraud or error, and express an opinion on the District's compliance based on our audit. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance will always detect material noncompliance when it exists. The risk of not detecting material noncompliance resulting from fraud is higher than for that resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above is considered material, if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, it would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user of the report on compliance about the District's compliance with the requirements of each major federal program as a whole.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.

- Identify and assess the risks of material noncompliance, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the District's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

- Obtain an understanding of the District's internal control over compliance relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

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

Report on Internal Control Over Compliance

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

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

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

The purpose of this report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over compliance and the results of that testing based on the requirements of the Uniform Guidance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

WEST & COMPANY CPAs PC

Gloversville, New York
September 20, 2022

DOLGEVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

Federal Grantor/Pass-Through Grantor/Program	Assistance Listing	Pass-through Grantor's Number	Federal Expenditures
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION			
Passed Through NYS Education Department:			
Special Education Cluster:			
Special Education Grants to States	84.027	0032220308	$ 225,081
Special Education Preschool Grants	84.173	0033220308	12,340
Total Special Education Cluster			237,421
Covid-19 Education Stabilization Funds			
CARES, ESSER	84.425D	5890211130	5,309
CARES, GEER	84.425C	5895211130	57,548
CRRSA, ESSER	84.425D	5891211130	60,430
ARP, ESSER	84.425U	5880211130	569,329
ARP, ESSER, Summer Enrichment	84.425U	5882211130	83,542
ARP, ESSER, Comprehensive	84.425U	5883211130	158,252
ARP, ESSER, Learning Loss	84.425U	5884211130	565,055
ARP, ESSER, Universal Pre-Kindergarten	84.425U	5870229070	168,259
Total Education Stabilization Fund Grants			1,667,724
Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies	84.010	0021221130	265,180
Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies	84.010	0011212050	21,515
Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies	84.010	0011222050	246,725
Total Title I Grants to Loval Educational Agencies			533,420
Supporting Effective Instruction State Grants	84.367	0147221130	36,503
Student Support and Academic Enrichment Program	84.424	020422130	19,799
Total U.S. Department of Education			2,494,867
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE			
Passed Through NYS Education Department:			
Child Nutrition Cluster:			
Non-Cash Assistance (Food Distribution)			
National School Lunch Program	10.555	Not Applicable	39,560
Cash Assistance			
School Breakfast Program	10.553	Not Applicable	94,161
National School Lunch Program	10.555	Not Applicable	412,394
Covid-19 National School Lunch Program, School Programs Emergency Operational Costs Reimbursement Program	10.555	Not Applicable	16,603
Covid-19 National School Lunch Program, Supply Chain Assistance	10.555	Not Applicable	20,127
Summer Food Service Program for Children	10.559	Not Applicable	9,753
Total Child Nutrition Cluster			592,598
Total U.S. Department of Agriculture			592,598
TOTAL FEDERAL AWARDS EXPENDED			$ 3,087,465

See notes to schedule of expenditure of federal awards.

NOTE 1 – SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards presents the activity of federal award programs administered by the District, which is described in Note 1 to the District's accompanying financial statements, using the modified accrual basis of accounting. Federal awards that are included in the schedule may be received directly from federal agencies, as well as federal awards that are passed through from other government agencies. The information is presented in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* (CFR) Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards.* Therefore, some amounts presented in this schedule may differ from amounts presented in, or used in the preparation of, the financial statements.

Matching costs (the District's share of certain program costs) are not included in the reported expenditures.

The basis of accounting varies by federal program consistent with the underlying regulations pertaining to each program.

The amounts reported as federal expenditures were obtained from the federal financial reports for the applicable program and periods. The amounts reported in these reports are prepared from records maintained for each program, which are reconciled with the District's financial reporting system.

NOTE 2 – SUBRECIPIENTS

No amounts were provided to subrecipients.

NOTE 3 – FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Nonmonetary assistance is reported in the schedule at the fair market value of the commodities received and disbursed. At June 30, 2022, the District had food commodities totaling $20,825 in inventory.

NOTE 4 – INDIRECT COST RATE

The District has elected to use the 10-percent de minimis indirect cost rate allowed under the Uniform Guidance.

NOTE 5 – CLUSTERS

The special education cluster consists of Special Education – Grants to States and Special Education – Preschool Grants.

The child nutrition cluster consists of Food Distribution, School Breakfast Program, and National School Lunch Program.

DOLGEVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

A. Summary of Results

Financial Statements

1. Type of auditors' report issued: Unmodified
2. Internal control over financial reporting:
   a. Material weakness(es) identified? ___Yes _X_ No
   b. Significant deficiency(ies) identified? ___Yes _X_ No
3. Noncompliance material to financial statements noted? ___Yes _X_ No

Federal Awards

1. Internal control over major programs:
   a. Material weakness(es) identified? ___Yes _X_ No
   b. Significant deficiency(ies) identified? ___Yes _X_ No
2. Type of auditors' report issued on compliance for major programs: Unmodified
3. Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with 2 CFR 200.516? ___Yes _X_ No
4. The programs tested as major programs included:

Program Name	CFDA No.
Covid-19 Education Stabilization Funds	84.425

5. The threshold for distinguishing type A and B programs was $750,000.
6. Dolgeville Central School District was determined to be a low-risk auditee.

B. Findings – Basic Financial Statement Audit

None

C. Findings and Questioned Costs – Major Federal Award Programs Audit

None

DOLGEVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

EXTRACLASSROOM ACTIVITY FUNDS

JUNE 30, 2022

WEST & COMPANY CPAs PC

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the President and the Other Members
of the Board of Education of the
Dolgeville Central School District
Dolgeville, New York

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying statement of assets and liabilities arising from cash transactions of the Extraclassroom Activity Funds of Dolgeville Central School District (the District) as of June 30, 2022, and the related statement of revenues collected and expenses paid for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Qualified Opinion

In our opinion, except for the possible effects of the matter described in the Basis for Qualified Opinion paragraph, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the assets, liabilities and fund balances of the Extraclassroom Activity Funds of the District as of June 30, 2022, and the revenues collected and expenses paid for the year then ended, on the basis of accounting described in Note 1.

Basis for Qualified Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' 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 ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. Insufficient accounting controls are exercised over cash receipts at the point of collections to the time of submission to the Central Treasurer. Accordingly, it was impracticable to extend our audit of such receipts beyond the amounts recorded.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

The District's 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.

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

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, 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.

Basis of Accounting

We draw attention to Note 1 of the financial statements, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial statements are prepared on the cash basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

West & Company CPAs PC

Gloversville, New York
September 20, 2022

DOLGEVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

EXTRACLASSROOM ACTIVITY FUNDS

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES ARISING FROM CASH TRANSACTIONS

JUNE 30, 2022

ASSETS	
Cash	$ 64,979
TOTAL ASSETS	$ 64,979
LIABILITIES AND CLUB BALANCES	
Club balances	$ 64,979
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND CLUB BALANCES	$ 64,979

See notes to financial statements.

DOLGEVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

EXTRACLASSROOM ACTIVITY FUNDS

STATEMENT OF REVENUES COLLECTED AND EXPENSES PAID

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

	Balance July 1, 2021	Receipts	Disbursements	Balance June 30, 2022
Amnesty International	$ 394	$ 640	$ 640	$ 394
Art Club	450	0	150	300
Class of 2022	2,694	14,446	17,140	0
Class of 2023	2,911	5,874	5,879	2,906
Class of 2024	0	4,682	2,626	2,056
Colorguard	179	0	5	174
Music Fund (instrumental)	1,750	350	287	1,813
National Honor Society	940	215	250	905
National Junior Honor Society	2,270	47	47	2,270
Spanish Club	860	609	444	1,025
Student Council Fund	4,349	379	245	4,483
Student Council Scholarship	4,387	109	500	3,996
Theater Club	11,892	3,591	3,601	11,882
Writer’s Guild	4,762	5	0	4,767
Horticulture Club	24,900	0	196	24,704
Middle School Art Club	0	410	51	359
Yearbook Fund	2,708	19,896	20,773	1,831
Sales Tax	541	1,769	1,196	1,114
TOTALS	$ 65,987	$ 53,022	$ 54,030	$ 64,979

See notes to financial statements.

DOLGEVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

EXTRACLASSROOM ACTIVITY FUNDS

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The transactions of the Extraclassroom Activity Funds are considered part of the reporting entity of the Dolgeville Central School District. The related year-end cash balances are shown as part of the Custodial Fund with the offset being shown as liabilities. The Extraclassroom Activity Funds of Dolgeville Central School District represent funds of the students of the District. The District's Board exercises general oversight on these funds. The Extraclassroom Activity Funds are independent of the District with respect to the financial transactions and the designation of student management.

The books and records of the Dolgeville Central School District's Extraclassroom Activity Funds are maintained on the cash basis of accounting. Under this basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when cash is received and expenditures recognized when cash is disbursed.

NOTE 2 – MANAGEMENT LETTER

The management letter items for the Extraclassroom Activity Funds are included in the management letter associated with the basic financial statements.

September 20, 2022

To the President and the Other Members
of the Board of Education of the
Dolgeville Central School District
Dolgeville, New York

Re: Management Letter
June 30, 2022

Dear Board Members:

In planning and performing our audit of the basic financial statements of the Dolgeville Central School District for the year ended June 30, 2022, we considered the District's internal control in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the basic financial statements and not to provide assurance on internal control.

However, during our audit, we became aware of several matters that are opportunities for strengthening internal controls and operating efficiency. This letter summarizes our comments and suggestions concerning those matters. We previously reported on the District's internal control in our report dated September 20, 2022. This letter does not affect our report dated September 20, 2022, on the basic financial statements of Dolgeville Central School District.

The accompanying comments and recommendations are intended solely for the information and use of the audit committee, management and others within the District and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

We will review the status of these comments during our next audit engagement. We have already discussed many of these comments and suggestions with various District personnel, and we will be pleased to discuss them in further detail at your convenience, to perform any additional study of these matters or to assist you in implementing the recommendations.

Prior-Year Findings

1) Unassigned General Fund Balance

Prior Condition: The District's unassigned General Fund balance at June 30, 2021, was in excess of the New York State Real Property Tax Law limit, which restricts this balance to an amount not greater than 4% of the District's appropriation budget for the upcoming year.

Status: This condition remains unchanged as of June 30, 2022.

Recommendation: We recommend that the Board review and modify its plan to reduce the District's unassigned General Fund balance to the statutory limit.

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2) Fixed Assets

Prior Condition: During our audit, we noted that the buses purchased were not added to the fixed assets.

Status: This condition was corrected as of June 30, 2022.

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We appreciate the assistance and courtesies extended to us by your staff during our fieldwork.

Please let us know if you would like to discuss our comments and recommendations.

Very truly yours,

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APPENDIX C

Form of Legal Opinions

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June 29, 2023

Board of Education of the
Dolgeville Central School District
Herkimer County, New York

Re: ***Dolgeville Central School District***
$12,000,000 Bond Anticipation Note, 2023 (New Issue)

Dear Board Members:

I have examined a record of proceedings relating to the issuance of a $12,000,000 principal amount Bond Anticipation Note, 2023 (New Issue) of the Dolgeville Central School District, a school district of the State of New York. The Note is [registered to ____________ / in book-entry-only form registered to "Cede & Co.,"] is dated June 29, 2023, is numbered 2023A-1, bears interest at the rate of ______________________ per centum (__________%) per annum payable at maturity, matures June 28, 2024, and is issued pursuant to the Local Finance Law of the State of New York and bond resolutions adopted April 18, 2023. The propositions approving the matters set forth in the bond resolutions were approved by the voters of the School District on March 1, 2022. The Note is not subject to redemption prior to maturity. The Note is a temporary obligation issued in anticipation of the issuance of bonds.

In my opinion, except insofar as the enforcement thereof may be limited by any applicable bankruptcy, moratorium or similar laws relating to the enforcement of creditors' rights, the Note is a valid and legally binding obligation of the Dolgeville Central School District, payable in the first instance from the proceeds of the sale of the bonds in anticipation of which the Note is issued, but, if not so paid, payable ultimately from *ad valorem* taxes that may be levied upon all the taxable real property within the School District without limitation as to rate or amount.

The School District has covenanted to comply with any requirements of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), that must be met subsequent to the issuance of the Note in order that interest thereon be and remain excludable from gross income under the Code. In my opinion, under the existing statute, regulations and court decisions, interest on the Note is excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes under Section 103 of the Code and will continue to be so excluded if the School District continuously complies with such covenant; and under the Code, interest on the Note is not a specific preference item for purposes of the federal alternative minimum tax, however for tax years beginning after December 31, 2022, interest on the Note is included in the "adjusted financial statement income" of certain corporations that are subject to the alternative minimum tax under Section 55 of the Code. I express no opinion regarding other Federal income tax consequences caused by the receipt or accrual of interest on the Note. Further, in my opinion, interest on the Note is exempt from New York State and New York City personal income taxes under existing statutes.

In rendering the opinions expressed herein, I have assumed the accuracy and truthfulness of all public records, documents and proceedings examined by me which have been executed or certified by public officials acting within the scope of their official capacities, and have not verified the accuracy or truthfulness thereof, and I also have assumed the genuineness of the signatures appearing upon such public records, documents and proceedings, and such certifications. The scope of my engagement in relation to the issuance of the Note has extended solely to the examination of the facts and law incident to rendering the opinions expressed herein. Such opinions are not intended and should not be construed to express or imply any conclusion that the amount of real property subject to taxation within the boundaries of the School District, together with other legally available sources of revenue, if any, will be sufficient to enable the School District to pay the principal of and interest on the Note as the same respectively become due and payable. Reference should be made to the Official Statement prepared by the School District in relation to the Note for factual information which, in the judgment of the School District, could materially affect the ability of the School District to pay such principal and interest. While I have participated in the preparation of such Official Statement, I have not verified the accuracy, sufficiency, completeness or fairness of the Official Statement or any factual information contained therein or any additional proceedings, reports, correspondence, financial statements or other documents containing financial or other information relative to the School District or the financed project and, accordingly, I express no opinion as to whether the School District, in connection with the sale of the Note, has made any untrue statement of a material fact or omitted to state a material fact necessary in order to make any statements made, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading.

Very truly yours,

Timothy R. McGill, Esq.

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July 11, 2023

Board of Education of the
Dolgeville Central School District
Herkimer County, New York

Re: ***Dolgeville Central School District***
$443,200 Bond Anticipation Note, 2023 (New Issue)

Dear Board Members:

I have examined a record of proceedings relating to the issuance of a $443,200 principal amount Bond Anticipation Note, 2023 (New Issue) of the Dolgeville Central School District, a school district of the State of New York. The Note is [registered to ____________ / in book-entry-only form registered to "Cede & Co.,"] is dated July 11, 2023, is numbered 2023A-1, bears interest at the rate of ______________________ per centum (__________%) per annum payable at maturity, matures June 26, 2024, and is issued pursuant to the Local Finance Law of the State of New York and a bond resolution adopted March 21, 2023. The Note is a temporary obligation issued in anticipation of the issuance of bonds.

In my opinion, except insofar as the enforcement thereof may be limited by any applicable bankruptcy, moratorium or similar laws relating to the enforcement of creditors' rights, the Note is a valid and legally binding obligation of the Dolgeville Central School District, payable in the first instance from the proceeds of the sale of the bonds in anticipation of which the Note is issued, but, if not so paid, payable ultimately from *ad valorem* taxes that may be levied upon all the taxable real property within the School District without limitation as to rate or amount.

The School District has covenanted to comply with any requirements of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), that must be met subsequent to the issuance of the Note in order that interest thereon be and remain excludable from gross income under the Code. In my opinion, under the existing statute, regulations and court decisions, interest on the Note is excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes under Section 103 of the Code and will continue to be so excluded if the School

District continuously complies with such covenant; and under the Code, interest on the Note is not a specific preference item for purposes of the federal alternative minimum tax, however for tax years beginning after December 31, 2022, interest on the Note is included in the “adjusted financial statement income” of certain corporations that are subject to the alternative minimum tax under Section 55 of the Code. I express no opinion regarding other Federal income tax consequences caused by the receipt or accrual of interest on the Note. Further, in my opinion, interest on the Note is exempt from New York State and New York City personal income taxes under existing statutes.

In rendering the opinions expressed herein, I have assumed the accuracy and truthfulness of all public records, documents and proceedings examined by me which have been executed or certified by public officials acting within the scope of their official capacities, and have not verified the accuracy or truthfulness thereof, and I also have assumed the genuineness of the signatures appearing upon such public records, documents and proceedings, and such certifications. The scope of my engagement in relation to the issuance of the Note has extended solely to the examination of the facts and law incident to rendering the opinions expressed herein. Such opinions are not intended and should not be construed to express or imply any conclusion that the amount of real property subject to taxation within the boundaries of the School District, together with other legally available sources of revenue, if any, will be sufficient to enable the School District to pay the principal of and interest on the Note as the same respectively become due and payable. Reference should be made to the Official Statement prepared by the School District in relation to the Note for factual information which, in the judgment of the School District, could materially affect the ability of the School District to pay such principal and interest. While I have participated in the preparation of such Official Statement, I have not verified the accuracy, sufficiency, completeness or fairness of the Official Statement or any factual information contained therein or any additional proceedings, reports, correspondence, financial statements or other documents containing financial or other information relative to the School District or the financed project and, accordingly, I express no opinion as to whether the School District, in connection with the sale of the Note, has made any untrue statement of a material fact or omitted to state a material fact necessary in order to make any statements made, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading.

Very truly yours,

Timothy R. McGill, Esq.

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APPENDIX D

Material Event Notices

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In accordance with the provisions of Rule 15c2-12, as the same may be amended or officially interpreted from time to time (the "Rule"), promulgated by the Commission pursuant to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the District has agreed to provide or cause to be provided, in a timely manner not in excess of ten (10) business days after the occurrence of the event, during the period in which the Notes are outstanding, to the EMMA system of the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board ("MSRB") or any other entity designated or authorized by the Commission to receive reports pursuant to the Rule, notice of the occurrence of any of the following events with respect to the Notes:

(a) principal and interest payment delinquencies

(b) non-payment related defaults, if material

(c) unscheduled draws on debt service reserves reflecting financial difficulties

(d) in the case of credit enhancement, if any, provided in connection with the issuance of the Notes, unscheduled draws on credit enhancements reflecting financial difficulties

(e) substitution of credit or liquidity providers, or their failure to perform

(f) adverse tax opinions, the issuance by the Internal Revenue Service of proposed or final determinations of taxability, Notices of Proposed Issue (IRS Form 5701 TEB) or other material notices or determinations with respect to the tax status of the Note, or other material events affecting the tax status of the Notes

(g) modifications to rights of Note holders, if material

(h) note calls, if material and tender offers

(i) Defeasances

(j) release, substitution, or sale of property securing repayment of the Note

(k) rating changes

(l) bankruptcy, insolvency, receivership or similar event of the District

(m) the consummation of a merger, consolidation, or acquisition involving the District or the sale of all or substantially all of the assets of the District, other than in the ordinary course of business, the entry into a definitive agreement to undertake such an action or the termination of a definitive agreement relating to any such actions, other than pursuant to its terms, if material

(n) appointment of a successor or additional trustee or the change of name of a trustee, if material

(o) Incurrence of a financial obligation of the District, if material, or agreement to covenants, events of default, remedies, priority rights, or other similar terms of a financial obligation of the District, any of which affect security holders, if material: and

(p) Default, event of acceleration, termination event, modification of terms, or other similar events under the terms of a financial obligation of the District, any of which reflect financial difficulties.

Event (c) is included pursuant to a letter from the SEC staff to the National Association of Bond Lawyers dated September 19, 1995. However, event (c) is not applicable, since no "debt service reserves" will be established for the Notes.

With respect to event (d) the District does not undertake to provide any notice with respect to credit enhancement added after the primary offering of the Notes.

With respect to events (o) and (p), the term “financial obligation” means a (i) debt obligation: (ii) derivative instrument entered into in connection with, or pledged as a security or a source of payment for, an existing or planned debt obligation; or (iii) guarantee of (i) or (ii). The term “financial obligation” shall not include municipal securities as to which a final official statement has been provided to the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board consistent with the Rule.

For the purposes of the event identified in paragraph (1) of this section, the event is considered to occur when any of the following occur: The appointment of a receiver, fiscal agent or similar officer for the District in a proceeding under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code or in any other proceeding under state or federal law in which a court or governmental authority has assumed jurisdiction over substantially all of the assets or business of the District, or if such jurisdiction has been assumed by leaving the existing governing body and officials or officers in possession but subject to the supervision and orders of a court or governmental authority, or the entry of an order confirming a plan of reorganization, arrangement or liquidation by a court or governmental authority having supervision or jurisdiction over substantially all of the assets or business of the District.

The District may from time to time choose to provide notice of the occurrence of certain other events, in addition to those listed above, if the District determines that any such other event is material with respect to the Notes; but the District does not undertake to commit to provide any such notice of the occurrence of any material event except those events listed above

The District reserves the right to terminate its obligation to provide the aforedescribed notices of material events, as set forth above, if and when the District no longer remains an obligated person with respect to the Notes within the meaning of the Rule. The District acknowledges that its undertaking pursuant to the Rule described under this heading is intended to be for the benefit of the holders of the Notes (including holders of beneficial interests in the Notes). The right of holders of the Notes to enforce the provisions of the undertaking will be limited to a right to obtain specific enforcement of the District's obligations under its material event notices undertaking and any failure by the District to comply with the provisions of the undertaking will neither be a default with respect to the Notes nor entitle any holder of the Notes to recover monetary damages.

The District reserves the right to modify from time to time the specific types of information provided or the format of the presentation of such information, to the extent necessary or appropriate in the judgment of the District; provided that the District agrees that any such modification will be done in a manner consistent with the Rule upon review of nationally recognized bond counsel.

An "Undertaking to Provide Notice of Material Events" to this effect shall be provided to the purchaser(s) at closing