

**DOWNTOWN DENVER EXPEDITIONARY SCHOOL**

**BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**June 30, 2025**

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## **FINANCIAL SECTION**



## JOHN CUTLER & ASSOCIATES

Board of Directors  
Downtown Denver Expeditionary School  
Denver, Colorado

### INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

#### Report on the Financial Statements

##### *Opinions*

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund, of Downtown Denver Expeditionary School (the "School") as of and for the year ended June 30, 2025, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the School's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities and each major fund of Downtown Denver Expeditionary School as of June 30, 2025, 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). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of Downtown Denver Expeditionary School and to meet our ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

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

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with the 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 School's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

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

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

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

- Exercise professional judgement and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures of 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 of the effectiveness of the School's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgement, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the School'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 and required budgetary and pension information on pages 40-44 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 (GASB) 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.

*John Luther & Associates, LLC*

October 6, 2025

## **Downtown Denver Expeditionary School Management Discussion and Analysis**

As management of Downtown Denver Expeditionary School (DDES or the School), we offer readers of Downtown Denver Expeditionary School's financial statements our narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the School for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2025.

### **Financial Highlights**

The year ended June 30, 2025 is the twelfth year of operations for DDES. As of June 30, 2025, net position increased by \$704,951 to \$1,830,490. This balance includes the result of the implementation of regulations under the Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement (GASB) Numbers 68 and 75. Further information about GASB 68 and 75 is provided in Notes 6 and 7 of the financial statements.

The operations of the School are funded primarily by tax revenue received under the Colorado School Finance Act in Per Pupil Revenue. Such revenue for the year was \$2,938,653. At the close of the fiscal year, Downtown Denver Expeditionary School's governmental fund reported an ending fund balance of \$2,323,050, an increase of \$361,195 from the prior year.

### **Overview of Financial Statements**

This discussion and analysis are intended to serve as an introduction to the School's basic financial statements. The School's basic financial statements are comprised of three components: 1) government-wide financial statements, 2) fund financial statements, and 3) notes to the financial statements.

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

The government-wide financial statements are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of the School's finances, in a manner similar to a private-sector business.

The statement of net position presents information on all the School's assets, liabilities, and deferred inflows and outflows, with the difference reported as net position. Over time, increases or decreases in net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the School is improving or deteriorating.

The statement of activities presents information showing how the School's net position changed during the most recent fiscal year. All changes in net position are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will only result in cash flows in future fiscal periods (e.g. uncollected grant expenses and earned but unpaid salary and benefits).

The government-wide statement of activities distinguishes functions/programs of the School supported primarily by Per Pupil Revenue or other revenues passed through from the authorizer (Denver Public Schools). The governmental activities of the School include instruction and supporting services.

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

A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The School, like other governmental units or schools, uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements.

**Governmental Funds.** The School has one governmental fund. Governmental funds are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. However, unlike the government-wide financial statements, governmental fund financial statements focus on near-term inflows and outflows of spendable resources, as well as on balances of spendable resources available at the end of the fiscal year. Such information may be useful in evaluating the School's near-term financing requirements.

Because the focus of governmental funds is narrower than that of the government-wide financial statements, it is useful to compare the information presented for governmental funds with similar information presented for governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. By doing so, readers may better understand the long-term impact of the School's near-term financing decisions. Both the governmental fund balance sheet and the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances provide a reconciliation to facilitate this comparison between governmental funds and governmental activities.

The School adopts an annually appropriated budget for the General Fund. A budgetary comparison schedule for the General Fund has been provided herein.

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

The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements. This information is provided on pages 6-39.

## **Government-Wide Financial Analysis**

As noted earlier, net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of the School's financial position. In the case of Downtown Denver Expeditionary School, assets and deferred outflows exceeded liabilities and deferred inflows resulting in a net position of \$1,830,490 in FY 2024-2025. Again, the net position includes amounts directly related to the Pension Plan and the Defined Benefit Other Post Employment Benefit (OPEB) liabilities reporting requirements under GASB 68 and 75. Of the School's total net position, \$137,000 is restricted to comply with Article X, Section 20 of the Colorado Constitution, known as the TABOR Amendment, \$166,265 is invested in capital assets, and \$50,710 is restricted for capital projects in future fiscal years. Accordingly, these funds are not available to satisfy the School's general operating expenses.



**Downtown Denver Expeditionary School's Net Position  
Governmental Activities**

	<u>June 30, 2025</u>	<u>June 30, 2024</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash	\$ 2,413,448	\$ 1,961,966
Accounts Receivable	57,983	195,553
Prepaid Expenses	28,955	16,660
Capital Assets, Net of Accum Depreciation	166,265	64,379
OPEB Asset	60,607	11,898
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>2,727,258</b>	<b>2,250,456</b>
<b>DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>		
Related to Pensions	732,231	2,086,688
Related to OPEB	15,699	33,409
<b>Total Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>	<b>747,930</b>	<b>2,120,097</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Accounts Payable	3,238	4,179
Accrued Salaries & Benefits	174,098	200,626
Unearned Revenue	-	7,519
Noncurrent Liability – Net Pension Liability	1,258,822	1,680,705
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>1,436,158</b>	<b>1,893,029</b>
<b>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>		
Related to Pensions	165,599	1,269,089
Related to OPEB	42,941	82,896
<b>Total Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>	<b>208,540</b>	<b>1,351,985</b>
<b>NET POSITION</b>		
Net Investment in Capital Assets	166,265	64,379
Restricted for Capital Projects	50,710	33,091
Restricted for Emergencies	137,000	115,000
Unrestricted	1,476,515	913,069
<b>Total Net Position</b>	<b>\$ 1,830,490</b>	<b>\$ 1,125,539</b>

The largest portion of the School's assets is in cash and investments, at 88% of total assets in 2025.

## Downtown Denver Expeditionary School's Change in Net Position Governmental Activities

	<u>June 30, 2025</u>	<u>June 30, 2024</u>
Program Revenue:		
Charges for Services	\$ 482,058	\$ 369,255
Operating Grants and Contributions	742,299	879,309
Capital Grants and Contributions	47,201	51,309
Total Program Revenue	<u>1,271,558</u>	<u>1,299,873</u>
General Revenue:		
Per Pupil Revenue	2,938,653	2,548,200
Mill Levy Override	765,191	627,592
Unrestricted State Aid	35,603	6,493
Investment	32,009	39,181
Other	319,745	240,136
Total General Revenue	<u>4,091,201</u>	<u>3,461,602</u>
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<u>5,362,759</u>	<u>4,761,475</u>
Expenses:		
Instruction	2,346,059	2,116,112
Supporting Services	2,311,749	2,337,412
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<u>4,657,808</u>	<u>4,453,524</u>
<b>Increase/(Decrease) in Net Position</b>	704,951	307,951
<b>Net Position, Beginning</b>	<u>1,125,539</u>	<u>817,588</u>
<b>Net Position, Ending</b>	<u>\$ 1,830,490</u>	<u>\$ 1,125,539</u>

The largest portion of the School's revenues came from Per Pupil Revenue – 55% in 2025.

### Financial Analysis of the Government's Funds

As noted earlier, the School uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance related legal requirements.

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

As of the end of the current fiscal year, the School's General Fund reported an ending fund balance of \$2,323,050, an increase of \$361,195 from prior year.

## **General Fund Budgetary Highlights**

The School approves a General Fund budget in May based on enrollment projections for the school year. In October, after enrollment stabilizes, adjustments are made to the budget. At year-end, the School had some variances between its final budgeted and actual activities. Overall, the School recognized \$13,928 more revenue than expected and spent \$268,940 less than planned, when compared to the final budget. One budget amendment was made during FY 2024-2025.

## **Right-to-Use Assets**

The School has no right-to-use assets.

## **Other Capital Assets & Long-Term Debt**

The School has invested in capital assets for the purchase of buses and facility improvements. Depreciation expenses for capital assets are booked under the supporting services program of the School's operations. More information related to capital assets may be found in Note 4 of the financial statements.

The School has no long-term liabilities outside of those related to pensions (GASB 68) and the Other Post Employment Benefit Plan (OPEB) (GASB 75).

## **Economic Factors and Next Year's Budget**

The primary factors driving the budget for Downtown Denver Expeditionary School are student enrollment and Per Pupil Revenue. Enrollment for the 2024-2025 school year was 262.00 funded students. This information was analyzed as part of the 2025-2026 budget which is projecting a 253.00 funded student count.

## **Requests for Information**

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of Downtown Denver Expeditionary School's finances for all those with an interest in the School's finances. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional financial information should be addressed to the School:

Downtown Denver Expeditionary School  
1860 Lincoln Street  
Denver, CO 80203

## **BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

DOWNTOWN DENVER EXPEDITIONARY SCHOOL

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION

As of June 30, 2025

	Governmental Activities	
	2025	2024
ASSETS		
Cash	\$ 2,413,448	\$ 1,961,966
Accounts Receivable	57,983	195,553
Prepaid Expenses	28,955	16,660
OPEB Asset	60,607	11,898
Capital Assets, Net of Accumulated Depreciation	166,265	64,379
TOTAL ASSETS	2,727,258	2,250,456
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES		
Related to Pensions	732,231	2,086,688
Related to OPEB	15,699	33,409
TOTAL DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	747,930	2,120,097
LIABILITIES		
Accounts Payable	3,238	4,179
Accrued Salaries and Benefits	174,098	200,626
Unearned Revenue	-	7,519
Noncurrent Liabilities		
Pension Liability	1,258,822	1,680,705
TOTAL LIABILITIES	1,436,158	1,893,029
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES		
Related to Pensions	165,599	1,269,089
Related to OPEB	42,941	82,896
TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	208,540	1,351,985
NET POSITION		
Investment in Capital Assets	166,265	64,379
Restricted for Emergencies	137,000	115,000
Restricted for Capital Projects	50,710	33,091
Unrestricted	1,476,515	913,069
TOTAL NET POSITION	\$ 1,830,490	\$ 1,125,539

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

DOWNTOWN DENVER EXPEDITIONARY SCHOOL

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES  
Year Ended June 30, 2025

					NET (EXPENSE) REVENUE AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION	
FUNCTIONS/PROGRAMS	Expenses	PROGRAM REVENUES				
		Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	Governmental Activities	
					2025	2024
PRIMARY GOVERNMENT						
Governmental Activities						
Instructional	\$ 2,346,059	\$ 482,058	\$ 720,562	\$ -	\$ (1,143,439)	\$ (1,009,875)
Supporting Services	2,311,749	-	18,228	50,710	(2,242,811)	(2,143,776)
Total Governmental Activities	<u>\$ 4,657,808</u>	<u>\$ 482,058</u>	<u>\$ 738,790</u>	<u>\$ 50,710</u>	(3,386,250)	(3,153,651)
GENERAL REVENUES						
					2,938,653	2,548,200
					765,191	627,592
					35,603	6,493
					32,009	39,181
					319,745	240,136
					4,091,201	3,461,602
CHANGE IN NET POSITION					704,951	307,951
NET POSITION, Beginning					1,125,539	817,588
NET POSITION, Ending					\$ 1,830,490	\$ 1,125,539

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

DOWNTOWN DENVER EXPEDITIONARY SCHOOL

BALANCE SHEET  
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
June 30, 2025

	GENERAL FUND	
	2025	2024
ASSETS		
Cash	\$ 2,413,448	\$ 1,961,966
Accounts Receivable	57,983	195,553
Prepaid Expenses	28,955	16,660
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 2,500,386</u>	<u>\$ 2,174,179</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES		
LIABILITIES		
Accounts Payable	\$ 3,238	\$ 4,179
Accrued Salaries and Benefits	174,098	200,626
Unearned Revenue	-	7,519
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>177,336</u>	<u>212,324</u>
FUND BALANCES		
Nonspendable	28,955	16,660
Restricted for Emergencies	137,000	115,000
Restricted for Capital Projects	50,710	33,091
Unassigned	2,106,385	1,797,104
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	<u>2,323,050</u>	<u>1,961,855</u>
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position are different because:		
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources, and therefore, are not reported in the funds.	166,265	64,379
Long-term liabilities and related assets are not due and payable in the current period and therefore, are not reported in the funds. This liability includes net pension liability (\$1,258,822), net OPEB asset \$60,607, deferred outflows related to pensions \$732,231 deferred outflows related to OPEB \$15,699, and deferred inflows related to pensions (\$165,599) and deferred inflows related to OPEB (\$42,941)	<u>(658,825)</u>	<u>(900,695)</u>
Net position of governmental activities	<u>\$ 1,830,490</u>	<u>\$ 1,125,539</u>

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

DOWNTOWN DENVER EXPEDITIONARY SCHOOL

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES  
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES  
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
Year Ended June 30, 2025

	GENERAL FUND	
	2025	2024
REVENUES		
Local Sources	\$ 4,555,884	\$ 3,966,691
State and Federal Sources	771,272	788,291
TOTAL REVENUES	5,327,156	4,754,982
EXPENDITURES		
Current		
Instruction	2,447,728	2,207,809
Supporting Services	2,518,233	2,419,883
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	4,965,961	4,627,692
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	361,195	127,290
FUND BALANCES, Beginning	1,961,855	1,834,565
FUND BALANCES, Ending	\$ 2,323,050	\$ 1,961,855

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



DOWNTOWN DENVER EXPEDITIONARY SCHOOL

RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES,  
EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES  
Year Ended June 30, 2025

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

Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds	\$ 361,195
Capital outlays to purchase or build capital assets are reported in governmental funds as expenditures. However, for governmental activities those costs are shown in the statement of net position and allocated over their estimated useful lives as annual depreciation expense in the statement of activities. This is the amount of capital outlay \$124,764 exceeded depreciation expense (\$22,878) for the year.	101,886
Deferred Charges related to pensions and OPEB are not recognized in the governmental funds. However, in the government-wide statements these amounts are capitalized and amortized.	<u>241,870</u>
Change in net position of governmental activities	<u>\$ 704,951</u>

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

## DOWNTOWN DENVER EXPEDITIONARY SCHOOL

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

June 30, 2025

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

Downtown Denver Expeditionary School (the “School”) was organized in 2013 pursuant to the Colorado Charter Schools Act to form and operate a charter school within the Denver Public School District (the “District”) in the State of Colorado.

The accounting policies of the School conform to generally accepted accounting principles as applicable to governmental units. Following is a summary of the more significant policies.

##### **Reporting Entity**

The financial reporting entity consists of the School and organizations for which the School is financially accountable. All funds, organizations, institutions, agencies, departments and offices that are not legally separate are part of the School. In addition, any legally separate organizations for which the School is financially accountable are considered part of the reporting entity. Financial accountability exists if the School appoints a voting majority of the organization’s governing board and is able to impose its will on the organization, or if the organization provides benefits to, or imposes financial burdens on the School.

Based upon the application of these criteria, no additional organizations are includable in the School’s reporting entity. However, the School is a component unit of the Denver Public School District.

##### **Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements**

The government-wide financial statements (i.e., the statement of net position and the statement of activities) report information on all of the activities of the School. For the most part, the effect of interfund activity has been removed from these statements. Governmental activities, which normally are supported by intergovernmental revenues, are reported in a single column.

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of the given function or segment, are offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function or segment. Program revenues include 1) charges to students or others who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function or segment and 2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function or segment. Unrestricted intergovernmental revenues not properly included among program revenues are reported instead as general revenues.

Major individual governmental funds are reported in separate columns in the fund financial statements.

DOWNTOWN DENVER EXPEDITIONARY SCHOOL

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

June 30, 2025

**NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES** (Continued)

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

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be available when they are collected within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period, not to exceed 60 days. Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, debt service expenditures are recorded only when payment is due.

Intergovernmental revenues, grants, and interest associated with the current fiscal period are all considered to be susceptible to accrual and so have been recognized as revenues of the current fiscal period. All other revenue items are considered to be measurable and available only when cash is received by the School.

Internally dedicated resources are reported as general revenues rather than as program revenues.

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

The School reports the following major governmental fund:

*General Fund* – This fund is the general operating fund of the School. It is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

**Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources**

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

DOWNTOWN DENVER EXPEDITIONARY SCHOOL

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

June 30, 2025

**NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES** (Continued)

**Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources** (Continued)

In addition to the liabilities, the statement of financial position and balance sheets 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 and fund balance that applies to a futures period(s) and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time.

**Assets, Liabilities and Fund Balance/Net Position**

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

*Inventory* – Merchandise consisting of school sweatshirts and shirts that are purchased for resale to the students and remain unsold at year end are recorded as inventory.

*Prepaid Expenses* – Payments made to vendors for services that will benefit future periods are recorded as prepaid expense. An expenditure is reported in the year in which the services are consumed.

*Capital Assets* – Capital assets, which include leasehold improvements, are reported in the governmental activities column in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are defined by the School as assets with an initial, individual cost of more than \$5,000 and an estimated useful life in excess of one year. Such assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost if purchased or constructed. Donated capital assets are recorded at estimated fair market value at the date of donation.

Depreciation of exhaustible capital assets is charged as an expense against operations, and accumulated depreciation is reported on the statement of net position in the government-wide financial statements. Depreciation has been provided over the following estimated useful lives of the capital assets using the straight-line method. Machinery, equipment, and vehicles are depreciated over 10 years.

*Unearned Revenues* – Unearned revenues include grants and contribution revenues that have been received but the corresponding expenditure that have not been incurred.

DOWNTOWN DENVER EXPEDITIONARY SCHOOL

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

June 30, 2025

NOTE 1: **SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES** (Continued)

**Assets, Liabilities and Fund Balance/Net Position** (Continued)

*Net Position*— The government-wide and business-type fund financial statements utilize a net position presentation. Net position is categorized as investment in capital assets, restricted, and unrestricted.

- Investment in Capital Assets is intended to reflect the portion of net position which are associated with non-liquid, capital assets less outstanding capital asset related debt. The net related debt is the debt less the outstanding liquid assets and any associated unamortized cost.
- Restricted Net Position are liquid assets, which have third party limitations on their use.
- Unrestricted Net Position represent assets that do not have any third party limitation on their use. While School management may have categorized and segmented a portion for various purposes, the School Board has the unrestricted right to revisit or alter these managerial decisions.

*Fund Balance Classification* — The governmental fund financial statements present fund balances based on classifications that comprise a hierarchy that is based primarily on the extent to which the School is bound to honor constraints on the specific purposes for which amounts in the respective governmental funds can be spent. The classifications used in the governmental fund financial statements are as follows:

- Nonspendable — amounts that cannot be spent either because they are in nonspendable form or because they are legally or contractually required to be maintained intact. The School has classified prepaid expenses as nonspendable resources as of June 30, 2025.
- Restricted — This classification includes amounts for which constraints have been placed on the use of the resources either (a) externally imposed by creditors (such as through a debt covenant), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments, or (b) imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation. The School has classified Emergency Reserves as being restricted because their use is restricted by State Statute for declared emergencies. They have also restricted grant funds that have to be used for capital projects.

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NOTE 1: **SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES** (Continued)

**Assets, Liabilities and Fund Balance/Net Position** (Continued)

- Committed – This classification includes amounts that can be used only for specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by formal action of the Board of Directors. These amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the Board of Directors removes or changes the specified use by taking the same type of action (ordinance or resolution) that was employed when the funds were initially committed. This classification also includes contractual obligations to the extent that existing resources have been specifically committed for use in satisfying those contractual requirements. The School did not have any committed resources as of June 30, 2025.
- Unassigned – This classification includes the residual fund balance for the General Fund. The Unassigned classification also includes negative residual fund balance of any other governmental fund that cannot be eliminated by offsetting of Assigned fund balance amounts.

The School would typically use restricted fund balances first, followed by committed resources, and then assigned resources, as appropriate opportunities arise, but reserves the right to selectively spend unassigned resources.

**Compensated Absences**

The School's policy allows employees to accumulate sick and vacation leave. However, any amounts accrued are not payable upon termination. Therefore, no liability for accumulated sick leave or vacation is reported in the financial statements.

**Risk Management**

The School is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. The School carries commercial coverage for these risks of loss. The School has not had any claims that exceeded the insured amounts for the last three years.

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**NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES** (Continued)

**Comparative Data**

Comparative total data for the prior year has been presented in the accompanying financial statements in order to provide an understanding of changes in the School's financial position and operations. However, complete comparative data in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles has not been presented since its inclusion would make the financial statements unduly complex and difficult to read.

Data in these columns do not present financial position or results of operations in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. Neither is such data comparable to a consolidation. Interfund eliminations have not been made in the aggregation of this data.

**NOTE 2: STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY**

**Budgets and Budgetary Accounting**

A budget is adopted for the General Fund on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles.

School management submits to the Board of Directors a proposed budget for the fiscal year commencing the following July 1. The budget is adopted by the Board of Directors by June 1. Expenditures may not legally exceed appropriations at the fund level. Revisions must be approved by the Board of Directors. The budget includes proposed expenditures and the means of financing them. All appropriations lapse at fiscal year-end.

**NOTE 3: CASH AND INVESTMENTS**

**Deposits**

Custodial Credit Risk – Deposits

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the government's deposits may not be returned to it. The Colorado Public Deposit Protection Act (PDPA) requires that all units of local government deposit cash in eligible public depositories. Eligibility is determined by state regulations. At June 30, 2025, State regulatory commissioners have indicated that all financial institutions holding deposits for the School are eligible public depositories. Amounts on deposit in excess of federal insurance levels must be collateralized by eligible collateral as determined by the PDPA. PDPA allows the financial institution to create a single collateral pool for all public funds held.

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**NOTE 3: CASH AND INVESTMENTS** (Continued)

The pool is to be maintained by another institution, or held in trust for all the uninsured public deposits as a group. The market value of the collateral must be at least equal to 102% of the uninsured deposits. The School has no policy regarding custodial credit risk for deposits.

At June 30, 2025, the School had deposits with financial institutions with a carrying amount of \$2,413,448. The bank balances with the financial institutions were \$2,430,518. Of these balances, \$250,000 was covered by federal depository insurance and \$2,180,518 was covered by collateral held by authorized escrow agents in the financial institution's name (PDPA).

**Investments**

Interest Rate Risk

The School does not have a formal investment policy that limits investment maturities as a means of managing its exposure to fair value losses arising from increasing interest rates.

Credit Risk

Colorado statutes specify in which instruments units of local government may invest, which include:

- Obligations of the United States and certain U.S. Government Agency securities
- General obligation and revenue bonds of U.S. local government entities
- Bankers' acceptances of certain banks
- Local government investment pools
- Certain money market funds
- Guaranteed investment contracts

The School had no investments at June 30, 2025.

The School has no policy for managing credit risk.



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**NOTE 4: CAPITAL ASSETS**

Capital Assets activity for the year ended June 30, 2025 is summarized below:

	Balance <u>June 30, 2024</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deletions</u>	Balance <u>June 30, 2025</u>
<b>Governmental Activities</b>				
Capital Assets, Depreciated				
Vehicles and Equipment	\$ 189,792	\$ 124,764	\$ -	\$ 314,556
Improvements	<u>41,428</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>41,428</u>
Total Capital Assets, Depreciated	<u>231,220</u>	<u>124,764</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>355,984</u>
Accumulated Depreciation				
Vehicles and Equipment	136,002	18,735	-	154,737
Improvements	<u>30,839</u>	<u>4,143</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>34,982</u>
Total Accumulated Depreciation	<u>166,841</u>	<u>22,878</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>189,719</u>
Net Capital Assets	<u><b>\$ 64,379</b></u>	<u><b>\$ 101,886</b></u>	<u><b>\$ -</b></u>	<u><b>\$ 166,265</b></u>

Depreciation has been charged to supporting services program of the School.

**NOTE 5: ACCRUED SALARIES AND BENEFITS**

Salaries and retirement benefits of certain contractually employed personnel are paid over a twelve-month period from August to July, but are earned during a school year of nine months. The salaries and benefits earned, but unpaid, as of June 30, 2025, were \$174,098 in the General Fund.

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### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

June 30, 2025

#### NOTE 6: **DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN**

##### **Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

*Pensions.* The School participates in the Denver Public Schools Division Trust Fund (DPS Division), a single-employer defined benefit pension plan administered by the Public Employees' Retirement Association of Colorado (PERA). The net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position (FNP) and additions to/deductions from the FNP of the DPS Division have been determined using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. For this purpose, benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value.

##### **General Information about the Pension Plan**

*Plan description.* Eligible employees of the School are provided with pensions through the DPS Division—a single-employer defined benefit pension plan administered by PERA. Plan benefits are specified in Title 24, Article 51 of the Colorado Revised Statutes (C.R.S.), administrative rules set forth at 8 C.C.R. 1502-1, and applicable provisions of the federal Internal Revenue Code. Colorado State law provisions may be amended from time to time by the Colorado General Assembly. PERA issues a publicly available annual comprehensive financial report (ACFR) that can be obtained at [www.copera.org/forms-resources/financial-reports-and-studies](http://www.copera.org/forms-resources/financial-reports-and-studies).

*Benefits provided as of December 31, 2024.* PERA provides retirement, disability, and survivor benefits. Retirement benefits are determined by the amount of service credit earned and/or purchased, highest average salary, the benefit structure(s) under which the member retires, the benefit option selected at retirement, and age at retirement. Retirement eligibility is specified in tables set forth at C.R.S. § 24-51-602, 604, 1713, and 1714.

The lifetime retirement benefit for all eligible retiring employees under the Denver Public Schools (DPS) benefit structure is the greater of the:

- Highest average salary multiplied by 2.5% and then multiplied by years of service credit.
- \$15 times the first 10 years of service credit plus \$20 times the service credit over 10 years plus a monthly amount equal to the annuitized member contribution account balance based on life expectancy and other actuarial factors.

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**NOTE 6: DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN**(Continued)

**General Information about the Pension Plan** (Continued)

The lifetime retirement benefit for all eligible retiring employees under the PERA benefit structure is the greater of the:

- Highest average salary multiplied by 2.5% and then multiplied by years of service credit.
- The value of the retiring employee's member contribution account plus a 100% match on eligible amounts as of the retirement date. This amount is then annuitized into a monthly benefit based on life expectancy and other actuarial factors.

In all cases the service retirement benefit is limited to 100% of highest average salary and cannot exceed the maximum benefit allowed by federal Internal Revenue Code.

Members may elect to withdraw their member contribution accounts upon termination of employment with all PERA employers; waiving rights to any lifetime retirement benefits earned. If eligible, the member may receive a match of either 50% or 100% on eligible amounts depending on when contributions were remitted to PERA, the date employment was terminated, whether 5 years of service credit has been obtained and the benefit structure under which contributions were made.

Upon meeting certain criteria, benefit recipients who elect to receive a lifetime retirement benefit generally receive post-retirement cost-of-living adjustments, referred to as annual increases in the C.R.S. Subject to the automatic adjustment provision (AAP) under C.R.S. § 24-51-413, eligible benefit recipients of the DPS benefit structure, and eligible benefit recipients under the PERA benefit structure who began membership before January 1, 2007, will receive the maximum annual increase (AI) or AI cap of 1.00% unless adjusted by the AAP. Eligible benefit recipients under the PERA benefit structure who began membership on or after January 1, 2007, will receive the lesser of an annual increase of the 1.00% AI cap or the average increase of the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers for the prior calendar year, not to exceed a determined increase that would exhaust 10% of PERA's Annual Increase Reserve (AIR) for the DPS Division. The AAP may raise or lower the aforementioned AI cap by up to 0.25% based on the parameters specified in C.R.S. § 24-51-413.

Disability benefits are available for eligible employees once they reach five years of earned service credit and are determined to meet the definition of disability. The disability benefit amount is based on the lifetime retirement benefit formula(s) shown above considering a minimum 20 years of service credit, if deemed disabled.

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### NOTE 6: **DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN** (Continued)

#### **General Information about the Pension Plan** (Continued)

Survivor benefits are determined by several factors, which include the amount of earned service credit, highest average salary of the deceased, the benefit structure(s) under which service credit was obtained, and the qualified survivor(s) who will receive the benefits.

Contributions provisions as of June 30, 2025: Eligible employees of, the School and the State are required to contribute to the DPS Division at a rate set by Colorado statute. The contribution requirements for the DPS Division are established under C.R.S. § 24-51-401, *et seq.* and § 24-51-413. Eligible employees are required to contribute 11.00% of their PERA-includable salary during the period of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025. Employer contribution requirements are summarized in the following table:

	July 1, 2024 Through December 31, 2024	January 1, 2025 Through June 30, 2025
Employer contribution rate	11.40%	11.40%
Amount of employer contribution apportioned to the DPS HCTF as specified in C.R.S. § 24-51-208(1)(f)	(1.02%)	(1.02%)
PCOP offset as specified in C.R.S. § 24-51-412	(9.78%)	(9.12%)
Amortization Equalization Disbursement (AED) as specified in C.R.S. § 24-51-411	4.50%	4.50%
Supplemental Amortization Equalization Disbursement (SAED) as specified in C.R.S. § 24-51-411	5.50%	5.50%
<b>Total employer contribution rate to the DPS Division</b>	<b>10.60%</b>	<b>11.26%</b>

\*\*Contribution rates for the DPS Division are expressed as a percentage of salary as defined in C.R.S. § 24-51-101(42).

Employer contributions are recognized by the DPS Division in the period in which the compensation becomes payable to the member and the School is statutorily committed to pay the contributions to the DPS Division. Employer contributions recognized by the DPS Division from the School were \$289,436 for the year ended June 30, 2025.

The DPS Division is permitted under C.R.S. § 24-51-412 to offset the contribution rate for Pension Certificates of Participation (PCOP). The offset, expressed as a percentage of covered payroll, is equal to the annual assumed payment obligations for PCOPs issued in 1997 and 2008, including subsequent refinancing, by the Denver Public Schools at a fixed effective annual interest rate of 8.50%.

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**NOTE 6:**     **DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN** (Continued)

**General Information about the Pension Plan** (Continued)

At a minimum, the DPS Division employer rate, after applying the PCOP offset, must be sufficient to fund the Denver Public Schools Health Care Trust Fund (DPS HCTF) and the AIR contribution rates as it applies to the DPS Division.

For purposes of GASB 68 paragraph 15, a circumstance exists in which a nonemployer contributing entity is legally responsible for making contributions to the DPS Division and is considered to meet the definition of a special funding situation. As specified in C.R.S. § 24-51-414, the State is required to contribute a \$225 million direct distribution each year to PERA starting on July 1, 2018. For 2024, a portion of the direct distribution payment is allocated to the DPS Division based on the proportionate amount of annual payroll of the DPS Division to the total annual payroll of the DPS Division, State Division Trust Fund, School Division Trust Fund, and Judicial Division Trust Fund.

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

The net pension liability for the DPS Division was measured as of December 31, 2024, and the total pension liability (TPL) used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of December 31, 2023. Standard update procedures were used to roll-forward the TPL to December 31, 2024. The School's proportion of the net pension liability was based on the School's contributions to the DPS Division for the calendar year 2024 relative to the total contributions of participating employers and the State as a nonemployer contributing entity.

At June 30, 2025, the School reported a liability of \$1,258,822 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability that reflected an increase for support from the State as a nonemployer contributing entity. The amount recognized by the School as its proportionate share of the net pension liability, the related support from the State as a nonemployer contributing entity, and the total portion of the net pension liability that was associated with School were as follows:

The School's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$1,258,822
The State's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a nonemployer contributing entity associated with the School	223,439
Total	\$1,482,261

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**NOTE 6: DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN** (Continued)

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

At December 31, 2024, the School's proportion was 0.222%, which was a decrease of 0.037% from its proportion measured as of December 31, 2023.

For the year ended June 30, 2025, the School's recognized pension expense of \$154,123 and \$35,603 for support from the State as a nonemployer contributing entity. At June 30, 2025 the School reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>
Difference between expected and actual experience	\$159,659	N/A
Changes of assumptions or other inputs	100,520	N/A
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	98,824	N/A
Changes in proportion and differences between contributions recognized and proportionate share of contributions	223,443	\$165,599
Contributions subsequent to the measurement date	149,785	N/A
Total	\$732,231	\$165,599

\$149,785 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions, resulting from contributions subsequent to the measurement date, will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ended June 30, 2026. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

<b>Year ended June 30,</b>	
2026	\$218,919
2027	\$177,045
2028	\$20,883
2029	-
2030	-
Thereafter	-

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**NOTE 6: DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN** (Continued)

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

*Actuarial assumptions.* The December 31, 2023, actuarial valuation used the following actuarial cost method and key actuarial assumptions and other inputs:

Actuarial cost method	Entry age
Price inflation	2.30%
Real wage growth	0.70%
Wage inflation	3.00%
Salary increases, including wage inflation:	3.80%-11.50%
Long-term investment rate of return, net of pension plan investment expenses, including price inflation	7.25%
Discount rate	7.25%
Post-retirement benefit increases:	
PERA benefit structure hired prior to 1/1/07 and DPS benefit structure (compounded annually)	1.00%
PERA benefit structure hired after 12/31/06 <sup>1</sup>	Financed by the AIR

<sup>1</sup> Post-retirement benefit increases are provided by the AIR, accounted separately within each Division Trust Fund, and subject to moneys being available; therefore, liabilities related to increases for members of these benefit tiers can never exceed available assets.

All mortality assumptions are developed on a benefit-weighted basis and apply generational mortality. Note that in all categories, displayed as follows, the mortality tables are generationally projected using scale MP-2019.

	<b>Mortality Table</b>	<b>Adjustments, as Applicable</b>
Pre-Retirement	PubT-2010 Employee	N/A
Post-Retirement (Retiree), Non-Disabled	PubT-2010 Healthy Retiree	<b>Males:</b> 112% of the rates prior to age 80/ 94% of the rates age 80 and older <b>Females:</b> 83% of the rates prior to age 80/ 106% of the rates age 80 and older
Post-Retirement (Beneficiary), Non-Disabled	Pub-2010 Contingent Survivor	<b>Males:</b> 97% of the rates for all ages <b>Females:</b> 105% of the rates for all ages
Disabled	PubNS-2010 Disabled Retiree	99% of the rates for all ages

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**NOTE 6: DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN**(Continued)

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

The actuarial assumptions used in the December 31, 2023, valuations were based on the 2020 experience analysis, dated October 28, 2020, for the period January 1, 2016, through December 31, 2019. Revised economic and demographic assumptions were adopted by the PERA Board on November 20, 2020.

Based on the 2024 experience analysis, dated January 3, 2025, for the period January 1, 2020, to December 31, 2023, revised actuarial assumptions were adopted by PERA's Board on January 17, 2025, and were effective as of December 31, 2024. The following assumptions were reflected in the roll forward calculation of the total pension liability from December 31, 2023, to December 31, 2024.

Salary increases, including wage inflation:	3.90%-16.80%
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Salary scale assumptions were altered to better reflect actual experience.

Rates of termination/withdrawal, retirement, and disability were revised to more closely reflect actual experience.

The estimated administrative expense as a percentage of covered payroll was increased from 0.40% to 0.45%.

The adjustments for credibility applied to the Pub-2010 mortality tables for active and retired lives, including beneficiaries, were updated based on the experience. All mortality assumptions are developed on a benefit-weighted basis. Note that in all categories, displayed as follows, the mortality tables are generationally projected using the 2024 adjusted MP-2021 projection scale.



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**NOTE 6: DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN**(Continued)

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

	<b>Mortality Table</b>	<b>Adjustments, as Applicable</b>
Pre-Retirement	PubT-2010 Employee	N/A
Post-Retirement (Retiree), Non-Disabled	PubT-2010 Healthy Retiree	<b>Males:</b> 106% of the rates for all ages <b>Females:</b> 86% of the rates prior to age 85/ 115% of the rates age 85 and older
Post-Retirement (Beneficiary), Non-Disabled	Pub-2010 Contingent Survivor	<b>Males:</b> 92% of the rates for all ages <b>Females:</b> 100% of the rates for all ages
Disabled	PubNS-2010 Disabled Retiree	95% of the rates for all ages

The long-term expected return on plan assets is monitored on an ongoing basis and reviewed as part of periodic experience studies prepared every four years, and asset/liability studies, performed every three to five years for PERA. The most recent analyses were outlined in the 2024 Experience Study report dated January 3, 2025.

Several factors are considered in evaluating the long-term rate of return assumption, including long-term historical data, estimates inherent in current market data, and a log-normal distribution analysis in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected return, net of investment expense and inflation) were developed for each major asset class. These ranges were combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentages and then adding expected inflation.

The PERA Board first adopted the 7.25% long-term expected rate of return as of November 18, 2016. Following an asset/liability study, the Board reaffirmed the assumed rate of return at the November 15, 2019, meeting, and again at the Board's September 20, 2024, meeting.

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**NOTE 6: DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN** (Continued)

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

As of the most recent reaffirmation of the long-term rate of return, the target asset allocation and best estimates of geometric real rates of return for each major asset class are summarized in the table as follows:

<b>Asset Class</b>	<b>Target Allocation</b>	<b>30 Year Expected Geometric Real Rate of Return</b>
Global Equity	51.00%	5.00%
Fixed Income	23.00%	2.60%
Private Equity	10.00%	7.60%
Real Estate	10.00%	4.10%
Alternatives	6.00%	5.20%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	

Note: In setting the long-term expected rate of return, projections employed to model future returns provide a range of expected long-term returns that, including expected inflation, ultimately support a long-term expected nominal rate of return assumption of 7.25%.

*Discount rate.* The discount rate used to measure the TPL was 7.25%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate applied the actuarial cost method and assumptions shown above. In addition, the following methods and assumptions were used in the projection of cash flows:

- Total covered payroll for the initial projection year consists of the covered payroll of the active membership present on the valuation date and the covered payroll of future plan members assumed to be hired during the year. In subsequent projection years, total covered payroll was assumed to increase annually at a rate of 3.00%.
- Employee contributions were assumed to be made at the member contribution rates in effect for each year, including the scheduled increases in SB 18-200 and required adjustments resulting from the 2018 and 2020 AAP assessments. Employee contributions for future plan members were used to reduce the estimated amount of total service costs for future plan members.

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**NOTE 6: DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN**(Continued)

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

- Employer contributions were assumed to be made at rates equal to the fixed statutory rates specified in law for each year, including the scheduled increase in SB 18-200 and required adjustments resulting from the 2018 and 2020 AAP assessments. Employer contributions also include current and estimated future AED and SAED, until the actuarial value funding ratio reaches 103%, at which point the AED and SAED will each drop 0.50% every year until they are zero. Additionally, estimated employer contributions reflect reductions for the funding of the AIR and retiree health care benefits. For future plan members, employer contributions were further reduced by the estimated amount of total service costs for future plan members not financed by their member contributions.
- As specified in law, the State, as a nonemployer contributing entity, will provide an annual direct distribution of \$225 million, commencing July 1, 2018, that is proportioned between the State, School, Judicial, and DPS Division Trust Funds based upon the covered payroll of each Division. The annual direct distribution ceases when all Division Trust Funds are fully funded.
- Employer contributions for the DPS Division are reduced by an amount equal to the principal payments plus interest necessary each year to finance the PCOPs issued in 1997 and 2008 and refinanced thereafter.
- Employer contributions and the amount of total service costs for future plan members were based upon a process to estimate future actuarially determined contributions assuming an analogous future plan member growth rate.
- The AIR balance was excluded from the initial FNP, as, per statute, AIR amounts cannot be used to pay benefits until transferred to either the retirement benefits reserve or the survivor benefits reserve, as appropriate. AIR transfers to the FNP and the subsequent AIR benefit payments were estimated and included in the projections.
- Benefit payments and contributions were assumed to be made at the middle of the year.

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**NOTE 6: DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN** (Continued)

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

Based on the above assumptions and methods, the DPS Division's FNP was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return of 7.25% on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the TPL.

The discount rate determination does not use the municipal bond index rate, and therefore, the discount rate is 7.25%. There was no change in the discount rate from the prior measurement date.

*Sensitivity of the School's proportionate share of the net pension liability to changes in the discount rate.* The following presents the proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 7.25%, as well as what the proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage point lower (6.25%) or 1-percentage point higher (8.25%) than the current rate:

	1% Decrease (6.25%)	Current Discount Rate (7.25%)	1% Increase (8.25%)
Proportionate share of the net pension	\$2,744,665	\$1,258,822	\$30,684

Pension plan fiduciary net position. Detailed information about the DPS Division's FNP is available in PERA's ACFR which can be obtained at [www.copera.org/investments/pera-financial-reports](http://www.copera.org/investments/pera-financial-reports)

**Taxable Pension Certificates of Participation (PCOPs)**

The District issued Taxable Pension Certificates of Participation (PCOPs) on July 17, 1997 to fully fund the unfunded actuarial accrued liability (UAAL) of the Plan. Full funding of the UAAL reduced the employer contribution rate from the full funding rate of 15.75% to the normal cost rate of 4.98%. This rate is based upon actuarially determined contribution requirements, the approval and recommendation of the Plan's Board and approval of the District's Board of Education. The School contributed 7.21%, 7.58% and 8.20% of covered payroll for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2025 2024 and 2023, to the District to cover its obligation relating to the PCOPs.

During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2025, 2024 and 2023, the School made contributions totaling \$190,900, \$203,688 and \$195,254 to the District towards its PCOPs obligation.

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**NOTE 7: DEFINED BENEFIT OTHER POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFIT (OPEB) PLAN**

**Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

*OPEB.* The School participates in the Denver Public Schools Health Care Trust Fund (DPS HCTF), a single-employer defined benefit OPEB fund administered by the Public Employees' Retirement Association of Colorado (PERA). The net OPEB liability/(asset), deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB, OPEB expense, information about the fiduciary net position (FNP) and additions to/deductions from the FNP of the DPS HCTF have been determined using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. For this purpose, benefits paid on behalf of health care participants are recognized when due and/or payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value.

**General Information about the OPEB Plan**

*Plan description.* Eligible employees of the School are provided with OPEB through the DPS HCTF—a single-employer defined benefit OPEB plan administered by PERA. The DPS HCTF is established under Title 24, Article 51, Part 12 of the Colorado Revised Statutes (C.R.S.), as amended, and sets forth a framework that grants authority to the PERA Board to contract, self-insure, and authorize disbursements necessary in order to carry out the purposes of the PERACare program, including the administration of the premium subsidies. Colorado State law provisions may be amended by the Colorado General Assembly. PERA issues a publicly available annual comprehensive financial report (ACFR) that can be obtained at [www.copera.org/forms-resources/financial-reports-and-studies](http://www.copera.org/forms-resources/financial-reports-and-studies).

*Benefits provided.* The DPS HCTF provides a health care premium subsidy to eligible participating PERA benefit recipients and retirees who choose to enroll in one of the PERA health care plans, however, the subsidy is not available if only enrolled in the dental and/or vision plan(s). The health care premium subsidy is based upon the benefit structure under which the member retires and the member's years of service credit. For members who retire having service credit with employers in the Denver Public Schools (DPS) Division and one or more of the other four Divisions (State, School, Local Government and Judicial), the premium subsidy is allocated between the DPS HCTF and the Health Care Trust Fund (HCTF). The basis for the amount of the premium subsidy funded by each trust fund is the percentage of the member contribution account balance from each division as it relates to the total member contribution account balance from which the retirement benefit is paid.

C.R.S. § 24-51-1202 *et seq.* specifies the eligibility for enrollment in the health care plans offered by PERA and the amount of the premium subsidy. The law governing a benefit recipient's eligibility for the subsidy and the amount of the subsidy differs slightly depending under which benefit structure the benefits are calculated. All benefit recipients under the PERA benefit structure and all retirees under the DPS benefit structure are eligible for a premium subsidy, if enrolled in a health care plan under PERACare.

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Upon the death of a DPS benefit structure retiree, no further subsidy is paid.

Enrollment in the PERACare health benefits program is voluntary and is available to benefit recipients and their eligible dependents, certain surviving spouses, and divorced spouses and guardians, among others. Eligible benefit recipients may enroll into the program upon retirement, upon the occurrence of certain life events, or on an annual basis during an open enrollment period.

*PERA Benefit Structure*

The maximum service-based premium subsidy is \$230 per month for benefit recipients who are under 65 years of age and who are not entitled to Medicare; the maximum service-based subsidy is \$115 per month for benefit recipients who are 65 years of age or older or who are under 65 years of age and entitled to Medicare. The maximum service-based subsidy, in each case, is for benefit recipients with retirement benefits based on 20 or more years of service credit. There is a 5% reduction in the subsidy for each year less than 20. The benefit recipient pays the remaining portion of the premium to the extent the subsidy does not cover the entire amount.

For benefit recipients who have not participated in Social Security and who are not otherwise eligible for premium-free Medicare Part A for hospital-related services, C.R.S. § 24-51-1206(4) provides an additional subsidy. According to the statute, PERA cannot charge premiums to benefit recipients without Medicare Part A that are greater than premiums charged to benefit recipients with Part A for the same plan option, coverage level, and service credit. Currently, for each individual PERACare enrollee, the total premium for Medicare coverage is determined assuming plan participants have both Medicare Part A and Part B and the difference in premium cost is paid by the DPS HCTF or the HCTF on behalf of benefit recipients not covered by Medicare Part A.

*DPS Benefit Structure*

The maximum service-based premium subsidy is \$230 per month for retirees who are under 65 years of age and who are not entitled to Medicare; the maximum service-based subsidy is \$115 per month for retirees who are 65 years of age or older or who are under 65 years of age and entitled to Medicare. The maximum service-based subsidy, in each case, is for retirees with retirement benefits based on 20 or more years of service credit. There is a 5% reduction in the subsidy for each year less than 20. The retiree pays the remaining portion of the premium to the extent the subsidy does not cover the entire amount.

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**General Information about the OPEB Plan (Continued)**

For retirees who have not participated in Social Security and who are not otherwise eligible for premium-free Medicare Part A for hospital-related services, the DPS HCTF or the HCTF pays an alternate service-based premium subsidy. Each individual retiree meeting these conditions receives the maximum \$230 per month subsidy reduced appropriately for service less than 20 years, as described above. Retirees who do not have Medicare Part A pay the difference between the total premium and the monthly subsidy.

*Contributions.* Pursuant to Title 24, Article 51, Section 208(1) (f) of the C.R.S., as amended, certain contributions are apportioned to the DPS HCTF. PERA reporting agencies of the DPS Division are required to contribute at a rate of 1.02% of PERA-includable salary into the DPS HCTF.

Employer contributions are recognized by the DPS HCTF in the period in which the compensation becomes payable to the member and the School is statutorily committed to pay the contributions. Employer contributions recognized by the DPS HCTF from the School were \$27,008 for the year ended June 30, 2025.

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

At June 30, 2025, the School reported an asset of \$60,607 for its proportionate share of the net OPEB asset. The net OPEB asset for the DPS HCTF was measured as of December 31, 2024, and the total OPEB liability (TOL) used to calculate the net OPEB asset was determined by an actuarial valuation as of December 31, 2023. Standard update procedures were used to roll-forward the TOL to December 31, 2024. The School's proportion of the net OPEB asset was based on the School's contributions to the DPS HCTF for the calendar year 2024 relative to the total contributions of participating employers to the DPS HCTF.

At December 31, 2024, the School's proportion was 0.262%, which was a decrease of 0.010% from its proportion measured as of December 31, 2023.

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

For the year ended June 30, 2025, the School recognized OPEB expense of \$11,050. At June 30, 2025, the School reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

	<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>
Difference between expected and actual experience	N/A	\$18,529
Changes of assumptions or other inputs	\$246	19,512
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on OPEB plan investments	167	N/A
Changes in proportion and differences between contributions recognized and proportionate share of contributions	1,983	4,900
Contributions subsequent to the measurement date	13,303	N/A
Total	\$15,699	\$42,941

\$13,303 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB, resulting from contributions subsequent to the measurement date, will be recognized as a reduction/(increase) of the net OPEB liability/(asset) in the year ended June 30, 2026. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB will be recognized in OPEB expense as follows:

Year ended June 30,	
2026	(\$11,852)
2027	(\$10,714)
2028	(\$7,752)
2029	(\$5,264)
2030	(\$3,019)
Thereafter	(\$1,943)



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

*Actuarial assumptions.* The December 31, 2023, actuarial valuation used the following actuarial cost method and key actuarial assumptions and other inputs:

Actuarial cost method	Entry age
Price inflation	2.30%
Real wage growth	0.70%
Wage inflation	3.00%
Salary increases, including wage inflation	3.80%-11.50%
Long-term investment rate of return, net of OPEB plan investment expenses, including price inflation	7.25%
Discount rate	7.25%
Health care cost trend rates	
PERA benefit structure:	
Service-based premium subsidy	0.00%
PERACare Medicare plans	16.00% in 2024, then 6.75% in 2025, gradually decreasing to 4.50% in 2034
MAPD PPO #2	105.00% in 2024, then 8.55% in 2025, gradually decreasing to 4.50% in 2034
Medicare Part A premiums	3.50% in 2024, gradually increasing to 4.50% in 2033
DPS benefit structure:	
Service-based premium subsidy	0.00%
PERACare Medicare plans	N/A
Medicare Part A premiums	N/A

Each year the per capita health care costs are developed by plan option. As of the December 31, 2023, actuarial valuation, costs are based on 2024 premium rates for the UnitedHealthcare Medicare Advantage Prescription Drug (MAPD) PPO plan #1, the UnitedHealthcare MAPD PPO plan #2, and the Kaiser Permanente MAPD HMO plan. Actuarial morbidity factors were then applied to estimate individual retiree and spouse costs by age, gender, and health care cost trend.

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This approach applies for all members and is adjusted accordingly for those not eligible for premium-free Medicare Part A for the PERA benefit structure.

**Age-Related Morbidity Assumptions**

<b>Participant Age</b>	<b>Annual Increase</b>	<b>Annual Increase (Female)</b>
65-68	2.2%	2.3%
69	2.8%	2.2%
70	2.7%	1.6%
71	3.1%	0.5%
72	2.3%	0.7%
73	1.2%	0.8%
74	0.9%	1.5%
75-85	0.9%	1.3%
86 and older	0.0%	0.0%

Sample Age	MAPD PPO #1 with Medicare Part A		MAPD PPO #2 with Medicare Part A		MAPD HMO (Kaiser) with Medicare Part A	
	Retiree/Spouse		Retiree/Spouse		Retiree/Spouse	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
65	\$1,710	\$1,420	\$585	\$486	\$1,897	\$1,575
70	\$1,921	\$1,589	\$657	\$544	\$2,130	\$1,763
75	\$2,122	\$1,670	\$726	\$571	\$2,353	\$1,853

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Sample Age	MAPD PPO #1 without Medicare Part A		MAPD PPO #2 without Medicare Part A		MAPD HMO (Kaiser) without Medicare Part A	
	Retiree/Spouse		Retiree/Spouse		Retiree/Spouse	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
65	\$6,536	\$5,429	\$4,241	\$3,523	\$7,063	\$5,866
70	\$7,341	\$6,073	\$4,764	\$3,941	\$7,933	\$6,563
75	\$8,110	\$6,385	\$5,262	\$4,143	\$8,763	\$6,900

The 2024 Medicare Part A premium is \$505 per month.

All costs are subject to the health care cost trend rates, discussed as follows.

Health care cost trend rates reflect the change in per capita health costs over time due to factors such as medical inflation, utilization, plan design, and technology improvements. For the PERA benefit structure, health care cost trend rates are needed to project the future costs associated with providing benefits to those PERACare enrollees not eligible for premium-free Medicare Part A.

Health care cost trend rates for the PERA benefit structure are based on published annual health care inflation surveys in conjunction with actual plan experience (if credible), building block models, and industry methods developed by health plan actuaries and administrators. In addition, projected trends for the Federal Hospital Insurance Trust Fund (Medicare Part A premiums) provided by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services are referenced in the development of these rates. PERACare Medicare plan rates are applied where members have no premium-free Part A and where those premiums are already exceeding the maximum subsidy. MAPD PPO #2 has a separate trend because the first year rates are still below the maximum subsidy and to reflect the estimated impact of the Inflation Reduction Act for that plan option.

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

The PERA benefit structure health care cost trend rates used to measure the TOL are summarized in the table below:

<b>Year</b>	<b>PERACare Medicare Plans<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>MAPD PPO #2<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Medicare Part A Premiums</b>
2024	16.00%	105.00%	3.50%
2025	6.75%	8.55%	3.75%
2026	6.50%	8.10%	3.75%
2027	6.25%	7.65%	4.00%
2028	6.00%	7.20%	4.00%
2029	5.75%	6.75%	4.25%
2030	5.50%	6.30%	4.25%
2031	5.25%	5.85%	4.25%
2032	5.00%	5.40%	4.25%
2033	4.75%	4.95%	4.50%
2034+	4.50%	4.50%	4.50%

<sup>1</sup> Increase in 2024 trend rates due to the effect of the Inflation Reduction Act.

Mortality assumptions used in the December 31, 2023, valuation for the DPS Division Trust Fund as shown in the following table, reflect generational mortality and were applied, as applicable, in the December 31, 2023, valuation for the DPS HCTF, but developed using a headcount-weighted basis. Note that in all categories, displayed as follows, the mortality tables are generationally projected using scale MP-2019. Reporting agencies of the DPS Division participate in the DPS HCTF.

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	Mortality Table	Adjustments, as Applicable
Pre-Retirement	PubT-2010 Employee	N/A
Post-Retirement (Retiree), Non-Disabled	PubT-2010 Healthy Retiree	<b>Males:</b> 112% of the rates prior to age 80/ 94% of the rates age 80 and older <b>Females:</b> 83% of the rates prior to age 80/ 106% of the rates age 80 and older
Post-Retirement (Beneficiary), Non-Disabled	Pub-2010 Contingent Survivor	<b>Males:</b> 97% of the rates for all ages <b>Females:</b> 105% of the rates for all ages
Disabled	PubNS-2010 Disabled Retiree	99% of the rates for all ages

The following health care costs assumptions were updated and used in the roll-forward calculation for the DPS HCTF:

- Per capita health care costs in effect as of the December 31, 2023, valuation data for those PERACare enrollees under the PERA benefit structure who are expected to be age 65 and older and are not eligible for premium-free Medicare Part A benefits were updated to reflect costs for the 2024 plan year.
- The health care cost trend rates applicable to health care premiums were revised to reflect the current expectation of future increases in those premiums. A separate trend rate assumption set was added for MAPD PPO #2 as the first-year rate is still below the maximum subsidy and also the assumption set reflects the estimated impact of the Inflation Reduction Act for that plan option.
- The Medicare health care plan election rate assumptions were updated effective as of the December 31, 2023, valuation date based on an experience analysis of recent data.

The actuarial assumptions used in the December 31, 2023, valuations were based on the 2020 experience analysis, dated October 28, 2020, and November 4, 2020, for the period January 1, 2016, through December 31, 2019. Revised economic and demographic assumptions were adopted by PERA's Board on November 20, 2020.

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Based on the 2024 experience analysis, dated January 3, 2025, for the period January 1, 2020, to December 31, 2023, revised actuarial assumptions were adopted by PERA's Board on January 17, 2025, and were effective as of December 31, 2024. The following assumptions were reflected in the roll forward calculation of the total OPEB liability from December 31, 2023, to December 31, 2024.

DPS Division

Salary increases, including wages  
inflation:

Members 3.90%-16.80%

The following health care costs assumptions were used in the roll forward calculation for the DPS HCTF:

- Salary scale assumptions were altered to better reflect actual experience.
- Rates of termination/withdrawal, retirement, and disability were revised to more closely reflect actual experience.
- Participation rates were reduced.
- MAPD premium costs are no longer age graded:

Plan	With Medicare Part A	Without Medicare Part A
MAPD PPO #1	\$1,824	\$6,972
MAPD PPO #2	624	4,524
MAPD HMO (Kaiser)	2,040	7,596

The adjustments for credibility applied to the Pub-2010 mortality tables for active and retired lives, including beneficiaries, were updated based on the experience. Note that in all categories, the mortality tables are generationally projected using the 2024 adjusted MP-2021 project scale.

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These assumptions updated for the DPS Division Trust Fund, were also applied in the roll forward calculations for the DPS HCTF using a headcount-weighted basis. Reporting agencies of the DPS Division participate in the DPS HCTF.

	Mortality Table	Adjustments, as Applicable
Pre-Retirement	PubT-2010 Employee	N/A
Post-Retirement (Retiree), Non-Disabled	PubT-2010 Healthy Retiree	<b>Males:</b> 112% of the rates prior to age 80/ 94% of the rates age 80 and older <b>Females:</b> 83% of the rates prior to age 80/ 106% of the rates age 80 and older
Post-Retirement (Beneficiary), Non-Disabled	Pub-2010 Contingent Survivor	<b>Males:</b> 97% of the rates for all ages <b>Females:</b> 105% of the rates for all ages
Disabled	PubNS-2010 Disabled Retiree	99% of the rates for all ages

The actuarial assumptions pertaining to per capita health care costs and their related trend rates are analyzed annually and updated, as appropriate, by the PERA Board's actuary.

The long-term expected return on plan assets is monitored on an ongoing basis and reviewed as part of periodic experience studies prepared every four years, and asset/liability studies, performed every three to five years for PERA. The most recent analyses were outlined in the 2024 Experience Study report dated January 3, 2025.

Several factors are considered in evaluating the long-term rate of return assumption, including long-term historical data, estimates inherent in current market data, and a log-normal distribution analysis in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected return, net of investment expense and inflation) were developed for each major asset class. These ranges were combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentages and then adding expected inflation.

The PERA Board first adopted the 7.25% long-term expected rate of return as of November 18, 2016. Following an asset/liability study, the Board reaffirmed the assumed rate of return at the November 15, 2019, meeting, and again at the Board's September 20, 2024, meeting.

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

As of the most recent reaffirmation of the long-term rate of return, the target asset allocation and best estimates of geometric real rates of return for each major asset class are summarized in the table as follows:

<b>Asset Class</b>	<b>Target Allocation</b>	<b>30 Year Expected Geometric Real Rate of Return</b>
Global Equity	51.00%	5.00%
Fixed Income	23.00%	2.60%
Private Equity	10.00%	7.60%
Real Estate	10.00%	4.10%
Alternatives	6.00%	5.20%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	

Note: In setting the long-term expected rate of return, projections employed to model future returns provide a range of expected long-term returns that, including expected inflation, ultimately support a long-term expected nominal rate of return assumption of 7.25%.

*Sensitivity of the School's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability/ (asset) to changes in the Health Care Cost Trend Rates.* The following presents the net OPEB liability or net OPEB asset using the current health care cost trend rates applicable to the PERA benefit structure, as well as if it were calculated using health care cost trend rates that are 1-percentage point lower or 1-percentage point higher than the current rates:



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	1% Decrease in Trend Rates	Current Trend Rates	1% Increase in Trend Rates
Initial PERACare Medicare trend rate <sup>1</sup>	5.75%	6.75%	7.75%
Ultimate PERACare Medicare trend rate	3.50%	4.50%	5.50%
Initial MAPD PPO#2 trend rate <sup>1</sup>	7.55%	8.55%	9.55%
Ultimate MAPD PPO#2 trend rate	3.50%	4.50%	5.50%
Initial Medicare Part A trend rate <sup>1</sup>	2.75%	3.75%	4.75%
Ultimate Medicare Part A trend rate	3.50%	4.50%	5.50%
Net OPEB Liability/(Asset)	(\$11,921)	(\$11,456)	(\$11,082)

<sup>1</sup> For the January 1, 2025, plan year.

*Discount rate.* The discount rate used to measure the TOL was 7.25%. The basis for the projection of liabilities and the FNP used to determine the discount rate was an actuarial valuation performed as of December 31, 2023, and the financial status of the DPS HCTF as of the current measurement date (December 31, 2024). In addition, the following methods and assumptions were used in the projection of cash flows:

- Updated health care cost trend rates for Medicare Part A premiums as of the December 31, 2024, measurement date.
- Total covered payroll for the initial projection year consists of the covered payroll of the active membership present on the valuation date and the covered payroll of future plan members assumed to be hired during the year. In subsequent projection years, total covered payroll was assumed to increase annually at a rate of 3.00%.
- Employer contributions were assumed to be made at rates equal to the fixed statutory rates specified in law and effective as of the measurement date.
- Employer contributions and the amount of total service costs for future plan members were based upon a process to estimate future actuarially determined contributions assuming an analogous future plan member growth rate.
- Estimated transfers of dollars into the DPS HCTF representing a portion of purchase service agreements intended to cover the costs associated with OPEB benefits.

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

- Benefit payments and contributions were assumed to be made at the middle of the year.

Based on the above assumptions and methods, the FNP for the DPS HCTF was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return of 7.25% on OPEB plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the TOL. The discount rate determination did not use the municipal bond index rate, and therefore, the discount rate is 7.25%. There was no change in the discount rate from the prior measurement date.

*Sensitivity of the School's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability to changes in the discount rate.* The following table presents the proportionate share of the net OPEB liability or net OPEB asset calculated using the discount rate of 7.25%, as well as what the proportionate share would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (6.25%) or 1-percentage-point higher (8.25%) than the current rate:

	1% Decrease (6.25%)	Current Discount Rate (7.25%)	1% Increase (8.25%)
Proportionate share of the net OPEB liability (asset)	(\$47,280)	(\$60,607)	(\$72,044)

OPEB plan fiduciary net position. Detailed information about the DPS HCTF's FNP is available in PERA's ACFR which can be obtained at [www.copera.org/forms-resources/financial-reports-and-studies](http://www.copera.org/forms-resources/financial-reports-and-studies).

**NOTE 8: COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES**

**Facility Use Agreement**

In July 2013, the School entered into a facility use agreement with the District. Under the terms of the agreement, the School is required to pay an annual use fee of \$1,043 per student. The facility use fee is payable in four installments, 25% in July and October and 25% in January and April of each fiscal year. As long as the School is not in default under the terms of the agreement it will remain in force concurrent with the School's charter contract. For the year ended June 30, 2025, the School paid \$273,229 to the District under the terms of the agreement.

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**NOTE 8:**     **COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES** (Continued)

**Claims and Judgments**

The School participates in a number of federal and state programs that are fully or partially funded by grants received from other governmental units. Expenditures financed by grants are subject to audit by the appropriate grantor government. If expenditures are disallowed due to noncompliance with grant program regulations, the School may be required to reimburse the grantor government. As of June 30, 2025, significant amounts of grant expenditures have not been audited, but the School believes that disallowed expenditures, if any, based on subsequent audits will not have a material effect on the overall financial position of the School.

**Tabor Amendment**

In November 1992, Colorado voters passed the Tabor Amendment to the State Constitution, which limits state and local government tax powers and imposes spending limitations. Fiscal year 1993 provides the basis for limits in future years to which may be applied allowable increases for inflation and student enrollment. Revenue received in excess of the limitations may be required to be refunded. The School believes it has complied with the Amendment.

As required by the Amendment, the School has established a reserve for emergencies. At June 30, 2025, the reserve of \$137,000 was recorded as a reservation of fund balance in the General Fund.

**NOTE 9:**     **SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

Potential subsequent events were considered through October 6, 2025. It was determined that no events are required to be disclosed through this date.

## **REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

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GENERAL FUND  
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE  
Year Ended June 30, 2025

	2025			VARIANCE	
	ORIGINAL BUDGET	FINAL BUDGET	ACTUAL	Positive (Negative)	2024 ACTUAL
REVENUES					
Local Sources					
Per Pupil Revenue	\$ 2,442,593	\$ 2,938,652	\$ 2,938,653	\$ 1	\$ 2,548,200
Mill Levy Override	560,439	765,192	765,191	(1)	627,592
Tuition and Fees	380,000	477,050	482,058	5,008	369,255
Grants and Donations	7,023	18,228	18,228	-	142,327
Interest	38,000	34,000	32,009	(1,991)	39,181
Other	324,984	301,705	319,745	18,040	240,136
State and Federal Sources				-	
Grants	623,744	778,401	771,272	(7,129)	788,291
TOTAL REVENUES	4,376,783	5,313,228	5,327,156	13,928	4,754,982
EXPENDITURES					
Salaries	2,519,682	2,861,240	2,697,961	163,279	2,762,823
Employee Benefits	749,201	932,048	863,850	68,198	798,472
Purchased Services	908,705	1,093,613	1,105,357	(11,744)	876,396
Supplies and Materials	138,312	147,500	130,608	16,892	140,454
Property	131,320	142,500	140,258	2,242	151
Other	78,960	58,000	27,927	30,073	49,396
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	4,526,180	5,234,901	4,965,961	268,940	4,627,692
CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	(149,397)	78,327	361,195	282,868	127,290
FUND BALANCE, Beginning	1,703,817	1,961,855	1,961,855	-	1,834,565
FUND BALANCE, Ending	\$ 1,554,420	\$ 2,040,182	\$ 2,323,050	\$ 282,868	\$ 1,961,855

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DOWNTOWN DENVER EXPEDITIONARY SCHOOL  
SCHEDULE OF THE SCHOOL'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE  
DENVER PUBLIC SCHOOLS DIVISION TRUST FUND

Years Ended December 31,

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
School's proportionate share of the Net Pension Liability	0.219%	0.281%	0.305%	0.194%	0.202%	0.268%	0.193%	0.151%	0.260%	0.222%
School's proportionate share of the Net Pension Liability	\$ 1,782,596	\$ 3,074,827	\$ 2,738,394	\$ 1,982,176	\$ 1,335,710	\$ 1,204,058	\$ 11,537	\$ 1,308,830	\$ 1,680,705	\$ 1,258,822
State of Colorado Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability associated with the School	-	-	-	1,026,955	591,959	-	-	544,107	79,502	223,439
Total	1,782,596	3,074,827	2,738,394	1,982,176	1,927,669	1,204,058	11,537	1,852,937	1,760,207	1,482,261
School's covered payroll	1,371,100	2,063,063	2,077,280	2,160,392	2,193,162	2,051,309	2,093,157	2,211,488	2,511,819	2,608,942
School's proportionate share of the Net Pension Liability as a percentage of its covered payroll	130.0%	149.0%	131.8%	91.8%	60.9%	58.7%	0.6%	59.2%	66.9%	48.3%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	79.3%	74.1%	79.5%	75.7%	84.7%	90.1%	99.9%	81.9%	87.0%	87.0%

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DOWNTOWN DENVER EXPEDITIONARY SCHOOL

SCHEDULE OF THE SCHOOL'S CONTRIBUTIONS  
DENVER PUBLIC SCHOOLS DIVISION TRUST FUND

Years Ended June 30,

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>
Statutorily required contributions	\$ 48,069	\$ 90,377	\$ 96,147	\$ 116,240	\$ 161,080	\$ 153,026	\$ 176,436	\$ 216,392	\$ 256,876	\$ 289,436
Contributions in relation to the Statutorily required contributions	<u>48,069</u>	<u>90,377</u>	<u>96,147</u>	<u>116,240</u>	<u>161,080</u>	<u>153,026</u>	<u>176,436</u>	<u>216,392</u>	<u>256,876</u>	<u>289,436</u>
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
School's covered payroll	\$ 1,586,020	\$ 2,070,861	\$ 2,125,285	\$ 2,160,392	\$ 2,154,094	\$ 2,051,309	\$ 2,140,321	\$ 2,381,144	\$ 2,561,094	\$ 2,647,713
Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll	3.03%	4.36%	4.52%	5.38%	7.48%	7.46%	8.24%	9.09%	10.03%	10.93%

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DOWNTOWN DENVER EXPEDITIONARY SCHOOL

SCHEDULE OF THE SCHOOL'S PROPORTIONATE OPEB SHARE  
HEALTH CARE TRUST FUND

Years Ended December 31,

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
School's proportionate share of the Net OPEB Liability	0.281%	0.304%	0.294%	0.292%	0.268%	0.248%	0.258%	0.272%	0.262%
School's proportionate share of the Net OPEB Liability	\$ 153,005	\$ 155,078	\$ 132,878	\$ 107,774	\$ 61,264	\$ 26,062	\$ 22,693	\$ (11,898)	\$ (60,607)
School's covered payroll	\$ 2,063,063	\$ 2,077,280	\$ 2,160,392	\$ 2,193,162	\$ 2,051,309	\$ 2,093,157	\$ 2,211,488	\$ 2,511,819	\$ 2,608,942
School's proportionate share of the Net OPEB Liability as a percentage of its covered payroll	7.4%	7.5%	6.2%	4.9%	3.0%	1.2%	1.0%	-0.5%	-2.3%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total OPEB liability	25.17%	30.45%	34.72%	46.98%	65.43%	83.93%	85.60%	107.26%	142.39%

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DOWNTOWN DENVER EXPEDITIONARY SCHOOL

SCHEDULE OF THE SCHOOL'S OPEB CONTRIBUTIONS  
HEALTH CARE TRUST FUND

Years Ended June 30,

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>
Statutorily required contributions	\$ 21,123	\$ 21,678	\$ 22,037	\$ 21,971	\$ 20,923	\$ 21,830	\$ 24,288	\$ 26,122	\$ 27,008
Contributions in relation to the Statutorily required contributions	<u>21,123</u>	<u>21,678</u>	<u>22,037</u>	<u>21,971</u>	<u>20,923</u>	<u>21,830</u>	<u>24,288</u>	<u>26,122</u>	<u>27,008</u>
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
School's covered payroll	\$ 2,070,861	\$ 2,125,285	\$ 2,160,392	\$ 2,154,094	\$ 2,051,309	\$ 2,140,321	\$ 2,381,144	\$ 2,561,094	\$ 2,647,713
Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll	1.02%	1.02%	1.02%	1.02%	1.02%	1.02%	1.02%	1.02%	1.02%

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