

**Independent School District No. 879
Delano, Minnesota**

Basic Financial Statements

June 30, 2021

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Independent School District No. 879
Board of Education and Administration
June 30, 2021

<u>Board of Education</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Lisa Seguin	Chairperson	December 31, 2022
Corey Black	Vice Chairperson	December 31, 2022
Rachel Depa	Clerk	December 31, 2022
Jennie Rosenow	Treasurer	December 31, 2022
James Gierke	Director	December 31, 2024
Susan Roeser	Director	December 31, 2024
Amy Johnson	Director	December 31, 2024

<u>Administration</u>	
Matthew Schoen	Superintendent
Mary Reeder	Business Manager

Independent Auditor's Report

To the School Board
Independent School District No. 879
Delano, Minnesota

Report on the Basic Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Independent School District No. 879, Delano, Minnesota, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2021, and the related notes to financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's financial statements as listed in the Table of Contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Basic Financial Statements

The management of Independent School District No. 879 is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes 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.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these basic financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the basic financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the basic financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the basic financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the District's preparation and fair presentation of the basic financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the basic financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Opinions

In our opinion, the basic financial statements referred to in the first paragraph present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Independent School District No. 879, Delano, Minnesota, as of June 30, 2021, and the respective changes in financial position thereof, and the budgetary comparison for the General Fund for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the Management's Discussion and Analysis, which follows this report letter, and the Required Supplementary Information as listed in the Table of Contents be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Government 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.

Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the basic financial statements that collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements. The accompanying supplementary information identified in the Table of Contents is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. The Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards*, and is also not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The accompanying supplementary information identified in the Table of Contents and the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the accompanying supplementary information and the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards is/are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated November 4, 2021, on our consideration of the District's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Report on Summarized Comparative Information

The basic financial statements include partial year comparative information. Such information does not include all of the information required to constitute a presentation in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Accordingly, such information should be read in conjunction with the District's basic financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2020, from which such partial information was derived.

We also have previously audited the District's 2019 basic financial statements and our report, dated November 10, 2020, expressed unmodified opinions on the respective basic financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information. In our opinion, the summarized comparative information presented herein as of and for the year ended June 30, 2020, is consistent, in all material respects, with the audited basic financial statements from which it has been derived.



Minneapolis, Minnesota
November 4, 2021

Independent School District No. 879 Management's Discussion and Analysis

This section of Independent School District No. 879, Delano Public Schools' annual financial report presents our discussion and analysis of the District's financial performance during the fiscal year that ended on June 30, 2021. Please read it in conjunction with the District's financial statements, which immediately follow this section.

The Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) is an element of Required Supplementary Information specified in the Governmental Accounting Standard Board's (GASB) Statement No. 34 – Basic Financial Statements – and Management's Discussion and Analysis – for State and Local Governments issued in June 1999. Certain comparative information between the current year (2020-2021) and the prior year (2019-2020) is required to be presented in the MD&A.

Financial Highlights

- *General Fund 01*: The overall fund balance decreased by \$642,861.
- *Food Service Fund 02*: The overall fund balance increased by \$5,218.
- *Community Service Fund 04*: The overall fund balance decreased by \$98,501.
- *Debt Service Fund 07*: The overall fund balance decreased by \$12,710.

Overview of the Financial Statements

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

- The first two statements are government-wide financial statements that provide both short-term and long-term information about the District's overall financial status.
- The remaining statements are fund financial statements that focus on individual parts of the District, reporting the District's operations in more detail than the government-wide statements.
- The governmental funds statements tell how basic services such as regular and special education were financed in the short term as well as what remains for future spending.
- Fiduciary funds statements provide information about the financial relationships in which the District acts solely as a trustee or agent for the benefit of others to whom the resources belong.

The financial statements also include notes that explain some of the information in the statements and provide more detailed data. The following outline shows how the various parts of this annual report are arranged and related to one another.

- A. Management's Discussion and Analysis
- B. Basic Financial Statements
 - 1. Government-Wide Financial Statements
 - 2. Fund Financial Statements

Independent School District No. 879 Management's Discussion and Analysis

Overview of the Financial Statements (Continued)

Government-Wide Financial Statements

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

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

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

To assess the overall health of the District, you need to consider additional non-financial factors such as changes in the District's property tax base and the condition of school buildings and other facilities.

In the government-wide financial statements, the District's activities are shown in one category:

- ***Governmental activities*** – Most of the District's basic services are included here, such as regular and special education, transportation, administration, food services, and community education. Property taxes and state aids finance most of these activities.

Fund Financial Statements

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

- Some funds are required by State law and by bond covenants.
- The District establishes other funds to control and manage money for particular purposes (e.g., repaying its long-term debts) or to show that is properly using certain revenues (e.g., federal grants).

The District has two kinds of funds:

- ***Governmental funds*** – Most of the District's basic services are included in governmental funds, which generally focus on:
 - (1) How cash and other financial assets that can readily be converted to cash flow in and out, and

**Independent School District No. 879
Management's Discussion and Analysis**

Overview of the Financial Statements (Continued)

Fund Financial Statements (Continued)

Governmental funds (Continued)

(2) The balances left at year-end that are available for spending.

Consequently, the governmental funds statements provide a detailed short-term view that helps to determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance the District's programs. Because this information does not encompass the additional long-term focus of the government-wide statements, we provide additional information at the bottom of the governmental funds statements that explain the relationship (or differences) between them.

- **Fiduciary funds** – The District is the trustee, or fiduciary, for assets that belong to others. The District is responsible for ensuring that the assets reported in these funds are used only for their intended purposes and by those to whom the assets belong. The District excludes these activities from the government-wide financial statements because it cannot use these assets to finance its operations.

Financial Analysis of the District as A Whole

**Net Position
Table A-1**

	Governmental Activities		Percentage Change
	2021	2020	
Current and other assets	\$ 23,349,854	\$ 23,669,297	-1.35%
Capital assets	79,933,818	82,173,678	-2.73%
Total assets	103,283,672	105,842,975	-2.42%
Deferred outflows of resources	8,519,601	13,674,134	-37.70%
Current liabilities	7,467,301	7,104,687	5.10%
Long-term liabilities	64,643,378	68,523,917	-5.66%
Net pension and OPEB liability	23,198,288	21,184,840	9.50%
Total liabilities	95,308,967	96,813,444	8.95%
Deferred inflows of resources	23,242,150	28,807,367	-19.32%
Net Position			
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	11,717,599	10,229,127	14.55%
Restricted	3,116,125	3,184,686	-2.15%
Unrestricted	(21,581,568)	(19,517,515)	10.58%
Net position	\$ (6,747,844)	\$ (6,103,702)	10.55%

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Financial Analysis of the District as A Whole (Continued)

The District's combined net position was \$(6,747,844) on June 30, 2021, a decrease of \$644,142, which was due in large part to the pension expense related to the state-wide plans.

Changes in Net Position

The following Table A-2 presents the Change in Net Position of the District:

**Change in Net Position
Table A-2**

	Governmental Activities for the Fiscal Year Ended June, 30		Total Percentage Change
	2021	2020	
Revenues			
Program revenues			
Charges for services	\$ 2,036,362	\$ 2,834,430	-28.16%
Operating grants and contributions	8,651,979	7,570,957	14.28%
Capital grants and contributions	410,298	437,960	-6.32%
General Revenues			
Property taxes	9,490,104	9,624,610	-1.40%
State aid-formula grants	16,662,885	16,597,620	0.39%
Investment earnings	55,979	257,077	-78.22%
Other	-	3,904	-100.00%
Total revenues	<u>37,307,607</u>	<u>37,326,558</u>	<u>-0.05%</u>
Expenditures			
Administration	1,341,598	1,398,389	-4.06%
District support services	1,461,139	1,065,936	37.08%
Elementary and secondary regular instruction	14,651,349	15,036,204	-2.56%
Vocational education instruction	344,248	272,883	26.15%
Special education instruction	4,774,297	4,687,827	1.84%
Instructional support services	1,447,142	1,770,575	-18.27%
Pupil support services	2,399,159	2,416,311	-0.71%
Sites and buildings	4,956,663	4,356,696	13.77%
Fiscal and other fixed cost programs	141,967	151,249	-6.14%
Food service	919,551	968,933	-5.10%
Community education and services	1,991,464	2,262,088	-11.96%
Unallocated depreciation	1,641,565	1,458,291	12.57%
Interest and fiscal charges on long-term debt	1,881,607	2,048,540	-8.15%
Total expenditures	<u>37,951,749</u>	<u>37,893,922</u>	<u>0.15%</u>
Increase/(decrease) in net position	(644,142)	(567,364)	13.53%
Beginning of year net position	(6,103,702)	(5,539,771)	10.18%
Change in accounting principle (Note 9)	-	3,433	
Net position, beginning restated	<u>(6,103,702)</u>	<u>(5,536,338)</u>	
End of year net position	<u><u>\$ (6,747,844)</u></u>	<u><u>\$ (6,103,702)</u></u>	<u>10.55%</u>

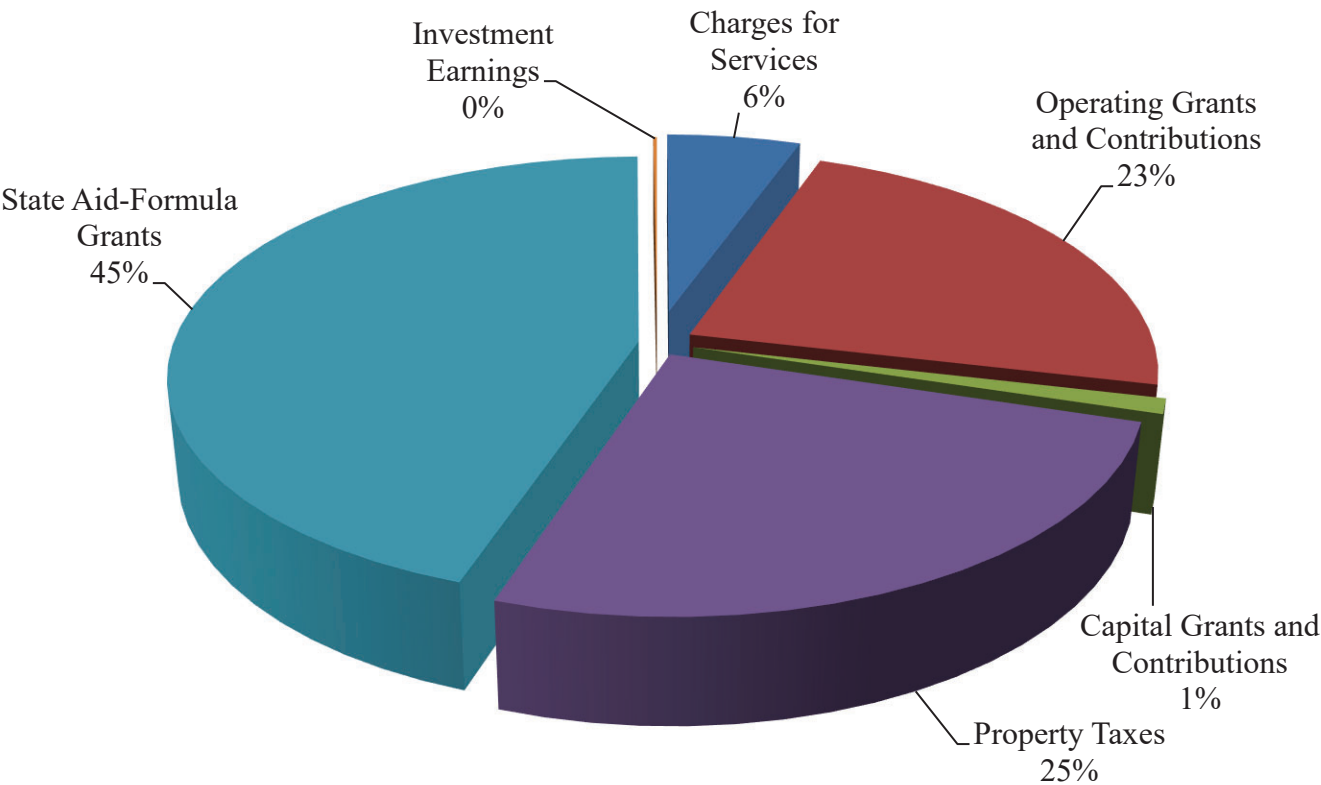
**Independent School District No. 879
Management's Discussion and Analysis**

Financial Analysis of the District as A Whole (Continued)

District's Revenues

The District's total revenues were \$37,307,607 for the year ended June 30, 2021. Property taxes and state aid-formula grants accounted for 70% of total revenue for the year. (See Figure A-1). The remaining 30% came from other program revenues (charges for services and operating and capital grants and contributions) and investment earnings.

Figure A-1 Sources of District's Revenues for Fiscal 2021

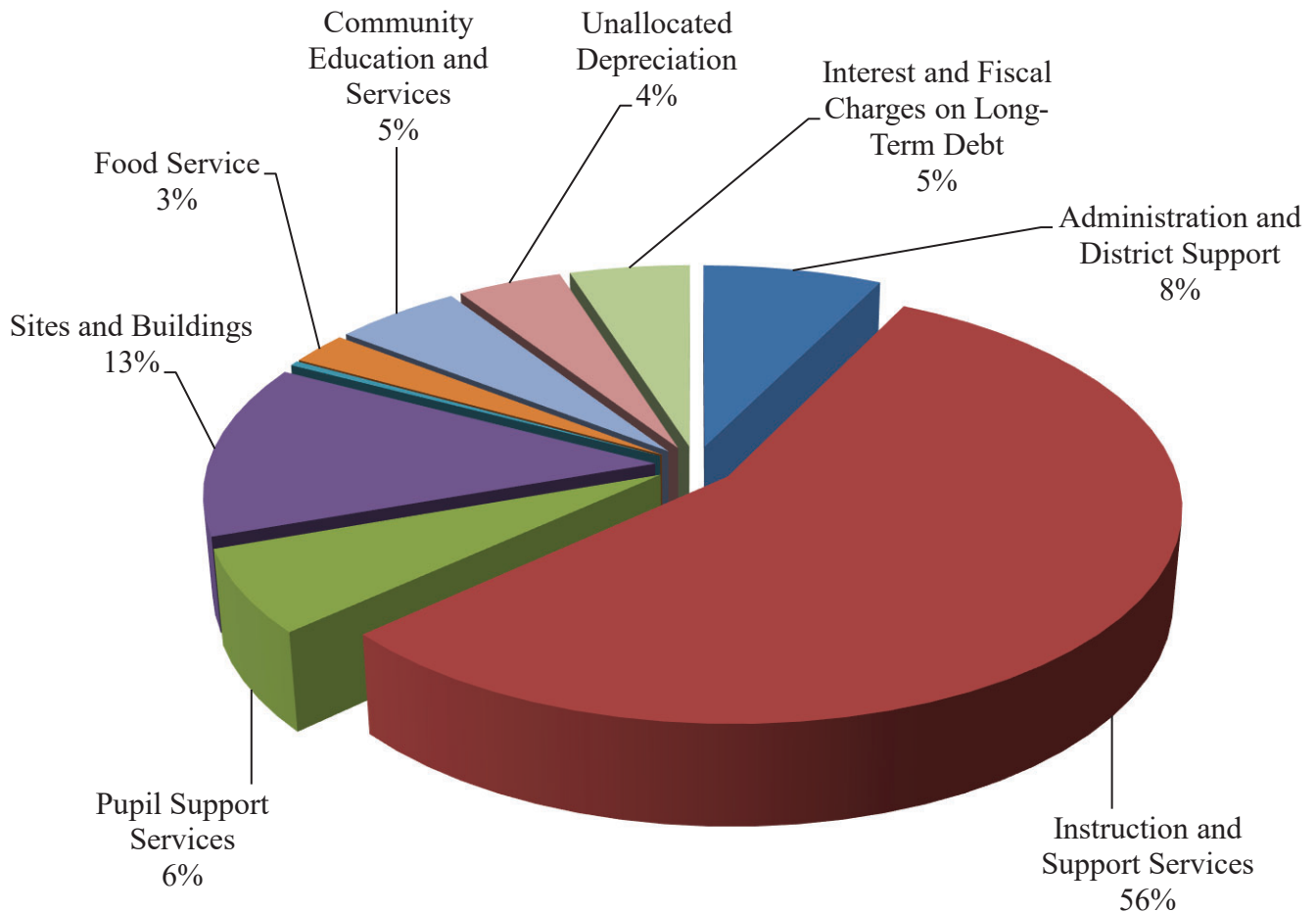


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Financial Analysis of the District as A Whole (Continued)

District's Expenses

Figure A-2 District Expenses for Fiscal 2021



The total costs of all programs and services were \$37,951,749 for fiscal year 2021. The District's expenses are predominately related to instruction and pupil support services (62%). (See Figure A-2.) Interest and fiscal charges for the District's bonds account for another 5%, and 13% accounts for the facilities maintenance needs of the entire district.

The cost of all governmental activities this year was \$37,951,749.

- Some of the cost was paid by the users of the District's programs - \$2,036,362.
- The federal and state governments subsidized certain programs with grants and contributions – \$9,062,277.
- Most of the District's costs - \$26,853,110, however, were paid for by District taxpayers and the taxpayers of the State of Minnesota.

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Financial Analysis of the District as A Whole (Continued)

District's Expenses (Continued)

Typically the District does not incorporate funds allocated to direct instruction as part of an analysis of expenditures in all governmental funds. Funding for general operation of the District is controlled by the state and the District does not have latitude to allocate money received from entrepreneurial-type funds like Food Service and Community Education. Therefore, a more accurate analysis would be limited to the allocation of resources received for the general operation of the District and would show that 62% of those resources are spent on instruction and support services associated with education.

Table A-3 presents the total cost of governmental activities, as well as the cost of those activities. The net cost represents total cost less program revenues applicable in each category.

**Net Cost of Governmental Activities
Table A-3**

	Total Cost of Services		Total Percentage Change	Net Cost of Services		Total Percentage Change
	2021	2020	2020-2021	2021	2020	2020-2021
Administration	\$ 1,341,598	\$ 1,398,389	-4.06%	\$ 1,310,112	\$ 1,380,618	-5.11%
District support services	1,461,139	1,065,936	37.08%	987,107	1,034,789	-4.61%
Elementary and secondary regular education	14,651,349	15,036,204	-2.56%	12,658,713	12,840,837	-1.42%
Vocational education instruction	344,248	272,883	26.15%	336,167	261,744	28.43%
Special education instruction	4,774,297	4,687,827	1.84%	1,405,143	1,458,605	-3.67%
Instructional support services	1,447,142	1,770,575	-18.27%	1,222,753	1,310,899	-6.72%
Pupil support services	2,399,159	2,416,311	-0.71%	1,283,659	1,368,753	-6.22%
Sites and buildings	4,956,663	4,356,696	13.77%	3,778,129	3,441,068	9.80%
Fiscal and other fixed cost programs	141,967	151,249	-6.14%	141,967	151,249	-6.14%
Food service	919,551	968,933	-5.10%	(12,774)	27,662	-146.18%
Community education and services	1,991,464	2,262,088	-11.96%	354,053	403,219	-12.19%
Unallocated depreciation	1,641,565	1,458,291	12.57%	1,641,565	1,458,291	12.57%
Interest and fiscal charges on long-term debt	1,881,607	2,048,540	-8.15%	1,746,516	1,912,841	-8.70%
Total	\$ 37,951,749	\$ 37,893,922	0.15%	\$ 26,853,110	\$ 27,050,575	-0.73%

Financial Analysis of the District's Funds

Governmental Funds

The financial performance of the District as a whole is reflected in its governmental funds as well. As the District completed the year, its governmental funds reported a combined fund balance of \$10,458,234, for a decrease of \$833,312 over last year's ending fund balance of \$11,291,546.

Revenues and other financing sources for the District's governmental funds were \$37,189,998, while total expenditures and other financing uses were \$38,023,310, for a negative net change of \$646,342.

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Financial Analysis of the District's Funds (Continued)

General Fund

The General Fund includes the primary operations of the District in providing educational services to students from pre-kindergarten through grade 12 and beyond, including transportation services and capital outlay projects.

General Fund revenues are outlined in Table A-4 below:

Summary of General Fund Revenues
Table A-4

	Year Ended		Amount of	Percent
	June 30,		Increase	Increase
	2021	2020	(Decrease)	(Decrease)
Local Sources				
Property taxes	\$ 4,364,714	\$ 4,558,989	\$ (194,275)	-4.26%
Other local and county sources	810,155	1,117,141	(306,986)	-27.48%
State sources	22,432,234	22,885,210	(452,976)	-1.98%
Federal sources	1,228,965	165,901	1,063,064	640.78%
Sales and other conversion of assets	768	2,490	(1,722)	-69.16%
Total General Fund revenue	\$ 28,836,836	\$ 28,729,731	\$ 107,105	0.37%

Revenues from the General Fund totaled \$28,786,836, an increase of .37% over the preceding year. Basic general education revenue is determined by multiple state formulas, largely enrollment driven, and consists of an equalized mix of property tax and state aid revenue. Other state-authorized revenue, including excess levy referendum, involves an equalized mix of property tax and state aid revenue. The mix of property tax and state aid can change significantly from year to year without any net change on revenue.

State sources of revenue decreased due to a decline in enrollment. Other local and county sources decreased due to loss of revenue due to COVID-19. Federal sources increased due to COVID-19 federal grants directly from the federal government and passed through to the school district from Wright County and the City of Delano.

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Financial Analysis of the District's Funds (Continued)

General Fund (Continued)

General Fund expenditures are itemized in Table A-5:

**Summary of General Fund Expenditures
Table A-5**

	Year Ended		Amount of	Percent
	June 30,		Increase	Increase
	2021	2020	(Decrease)	(Decrease)
Salaries	\$ 15,449,461	\$ 15,494,038	\$ (44,577)	-0.29%
Employee benefits	6,240,668	6,396,730	(156,062)	-2.44%
Purchased services	4,967,777	4,596,028	371,749	8.09%
Supplies and materials	1,455,170	1,455,215	(45)	0.00%
Capital expenditures	1,042,857	1,192,222	(149,365)	-12.53%
Other expenditures	491,819	493,213	(1,394)	-0.28%
Total General Fund expenditures	<u>\$ 29,647,752</u>	<u>\$ 29,627,446</u>	<u>\$ 20,306</u>	<u>0.07%</u>

Total General Fund expenditures increased by \$20,306 or 0.07% over the previous year.

Salaries and benefits decreased due to positions that were eliminated as part of the budget reduction process for the 2020-2021 school year. Purchased services increased due to payments to other districts for special education and care and treatment services as well as contracted repairs for hail damage to rooftop units on the Elementary School and High School. Capital expenditures decreased due to more high cost maintenance projects were completed in the 2019-2020 school year such as parking lots and fire lanes repaved and flooring replaced at the Elementary School.

In 2020-2021, the General Fund recorded a decrease of \$592,861. The unassigned fund balance closed at \$5,691,026, which is 19% of General Fund expenditures.

It is the goal of the School Board of Education to maintain an unassigned fund balance of 12% of operating expenditures. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021, the District is in compliance with the fund balance goal.

General Fund Budgetary Highlights

Actual revenues were \$212,272 over the final budget, a 0.7% variance. Actual expenditures were \$413,311 under budget, which is a variance of 1.4%. The variance between original and final budgeted revenue amounts was due to under budgeting for donations that came in June that had not been budgeted, as well as having to recognize additional state and federal special education revenue for federal funds being used for tuition billing. The expenditure budget variance is due to unspent staff development, medical assistance, building and department supply budgets, donated funds, capital and LTFM funds.

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Management's Discussion and Analysis**

Debt Service Fund

The Debt Service Fund expenditures exceeded revenues by \$62,710 in 2020-2021.

Capital Assets and Debt Administration

Capital Assets

The District investment in capital assets for its governmental activities amounts to \$79,933,818 (net of accumulated depreciation). This investment in capital assets includes land, buildings, improvements, machinery and equipment (see Table A-6). Additional information on capital assets can be found in Note 3 of this report.

**Capital Assets - Governmental Activities
Table A-6**

	2021	2020	Percentage Change
Land	\$ 1,022,151	\$ 1,022,151	0.00%
Land improvements	6,027,587	6,027,587	0.00%
Buildings	92,989,269	92,951,419	0.04%
Equipment	3,201,431	3,186,932	0.45%
Capital lease	3,178,526	3,178,526	0.00%
Less accumulated depreciation	(26,485,146)	(24,192,937)	9.47%
Total	<u>\$ 79,933,818</u>	<u>\$ 82,173,678</u>	<u>-2.73%</u>

Long-Term Liabilities

At year-end, the District had \$68,267,783 in total long-term debt, a decrease of 5.18% from the previous year, as shown in Table A-7. (More detailed information about long-term liabilities can be found in Note 4 of the financial statements.)

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Capital Assets and Debt Administration (Continued)

Long-Term Liabilities (Continued)

**Long-Term Liabilities
Table A-7**

	2021	2020	Percentage Change
General obligation bonds payable	\$ 64,850,000	\$ 67,995,000	-4.63%
Bond premium payable	2,521,735	2,821,850	-10.64%
Capital lease payable	458,084	727,501	-37.03%
Special assessments payable	386,400	400,200	-3.45%
Compensated absences payable	51,564	54,090	-4.67%
Total	<u>\$ 68,267,783</u>	<u>\$ 71,998,641</u>	<u>-5.18%</u>

Factors Bearing on the District's Future

The District had a healthy General Fund balance at the end of the 2020-2021 school year. A five-year financial planning program will continue to be used as a tool in long-term financial planning.

Enrollment will continue to be monitored; enrollment in 2020-2021 decreased by 108 students from 2019-2020 due to many families opting for non-public and homeschooling options due to COVID-19. The District is projecting enrollment to increase by 40 students in the 2021-2022 school year due to many families choosing to return to the public school since families will not be required to fluctuate between in person, distance learning and the hybrid model.

Finally, the District will continue to strive to achieve its mission statement of "Systemic growth toward educational excellence for every learner".

Contacting the District's Financial Management

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, customers, investors and creditors with a general overview of the District's finances and to demonstrate the District's accountability for the money it receives. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional information should be addressed to: Delano Public Schools ISD #879, Attention: Business Manager, 700 Elm Avenue East, Delano, MN 55328.

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BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Independent School District No. 879
Statement of Net Position
June 30, 2021

	Governmental Activities
Assets	
Cash and investments	\$ 15,423,867
Current property taxes receivable	4,756,907
Delinquent property taxes receivable	327,506
Accounts receivable	270,603
Interest receivable	1,942
Due from Department of Education	2,046,957
Due from Federal Government through Department of Education	115,819
Due from other Minnesota school districts	143,067
Inventory	72,562
Prepaid items	59,144
Equity interest in joint venture	131,480
Capital assets, not being depreciated	
Land	1,022,151
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	
Land improvements	3,751,139
Buildings	73,946,417
Machinery and equipment	1,214,111
Total assets	<u>103,283,672</u>
Deferred Outflows of Resources	
Deferred outflows of resources related to pensions	8,085,774
Deferred outflows of resources related to other post employment benefits (OPEB)	433,827
Total deferred outflows of resources	<u>8,519,601</u>
 Total assets and deferred outflows of resources	 <u><u>\$ 111,803,273</u></u>
Liabilities	
Accounts payable	\$ 171,981
Salaries and benefits payable	2,449,652
Interest payable	852,219
Due to other Minnesota school districts	132,665
Due to other governmental units	148,040
Unearned revenue	88,339
Bonds payable	
Payable within one year	3,285,000
Payable after one year	64,086,735
Capital lease payable	
Payable within one year	269,441
Payable after one year	188,643
Special assessment payable	
Payable within one year	18,400
Payable after one year	368,000
Vacation payable	
Payable within one year	51,564
Net pension liability	19,339,027
Total OPEB liability	3,859,261
Total liabilities	<u>95,308,967</u>
Deferred Inflows of Resources	
Property taxes levied for subsequent year's expenditures	9,491,908
Deferred inflows of resources related to pensions	13,208,828
Deferred inflows of resources related to other post employment benefits (OPEB)	541,414
Total deferred inflows of resources	<u>23,242,150</u>
Net Position	
Net investment in capital assets	11,717,599
Restricted for	
Debt service	331,981
Other purposes	2,734,144
Unrestricted	(21,531,568)
Total net position	<u>(6,747,844)</u>
 Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, and net position	 <u><u>\$ 111,803,273</u></u>

See notes to basic financial statements.

Independent School District No. 879
Statement of Activities
Year Ended June 30, 2021

Functions/Programs	Expenses	Program Revenues			Net (Expense)
		Charges for	Operating	Capital Grants	Revenues and
		Services	Grants and	and	Changes in
			Contributions	Contributions	Net Position
					Governmental
					Activities
Governmental activities					
Administration	\$ 1,341,598	\$ -	\$ 31,486	\$ -	\$ (1,310,112)
District support services	1,461,139	9,678	464,354	-	(987,107)
Elementary and secondary regular instruction	14,651,349	572,997	1,419,117	522	(12,658,713)
Vocational education instruction	344,248	-	8,081	-	(336,167)
Special education instruction	4,774,297	39,646	3,329,508	-	(1,405,143)
Instructional support services	1,447,142	-	224,389	-	(1,222,753)
Pupil support services	2,399,159	-	1,115,500	-	(1,283,659)
Sites and buildings	4,956,663	-	768,758	409,776	(3,778,129)
Fiscal and other fixed cost programs	141,967	-	-	-	(141,967)
Food service	919,551	57,007	875,318	-	12,774
Community education and services	1,991,464	1,357,034	280,377	-	(354,053)
Unallocated depreciation	1,641,565	-	-	-	(1,641,565)
Interest and fiscal charges on long-term debt	1,881,607	-	135,091	-	(1,746,516)
Total governmental activities	<u>\$ 37,951,749</u>	<u>\$ 2,036,362</u>	<u>\$ 8,651,979</u>	<u>\$ 410,298</u>	(26,853,110)
General revenues					
Taxes					
Property taxes, levied for general purposes					4,394,447
Property taxes, levied for community service					268,858
Property taxes, levied for debt service					4,826,799
State aid-formula grants					16,662,885
Investment income					55,979
Total general revenues					<u>26,208,968</u>
Change in net position					(644,142)
Net position - beginning					<u>(6,103,702)</u>
Net position - ending					<u>\$ (6,747,844)</u>

See notes to basic financial statements.

Independent School District No. 879
Balance Sheet - Governmental Funds
June 30, 2021

	General	Debt Service	Other Nonmajor Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Assets				
Cash and investments	\$ 11,238,542	\$ 3,578,207	\$ 607,118	\$ 15,423,867
Current property taxes receivable	2,078,042	2,588,124	90,741	4,756,907
Delinquent property taxes receivable	144,823	173,382	9,301	327,506
Accounts receivable	234,377	-	36,226	270,603
Interest receivable	1,942	-	-	1,942
Due from Department of Education	1,992,127	40,894	13,936	2,046,957
Due from Federal Government through Department of Education	98,338	-	17,481	115,819
Due from other Minnesota school districts	135,525	-	7,542	143,067
Inventory	8,786	-	63,776	72,562
Prepaid items	59,144	-	-	59,144
Total assets	<u>\$ 15,991,646</u>	<u>\$ 6,380,607</u>	<u>\$ 846,121</u>	<u>\$ 23,218,374</u>
Liabilities				
Accounts payable	\$ 162,631	\$ -	\$ 9,350	\$ 171,981
Salaries and benefits payable	2,293,257	-	156,395	2,449,652
Due to other Minnesota school districts	132,665	-	-	132,665
Due to other governmental units	144,919	-	3,121	148,040
Unearned revenue	10,640	-	77,699	88,339
Total liabilities	<u>2,744,112</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>246,565</u>	<u>2,990,677</u>
Deferred Inflows of Resources				
Property taxes levied for subsequent year's expenditures	4,106,232	5,196,407	189,269	9,491,908
Unavailable revenue - delinquent property taxes	122,735	146,937	7,883	277,555
Total deferred inflows of resources	<u>4,228,967</u>	<u>5,343,344</u>	<u>197,152</u>	<u>9,769,463</u>
Fund Balances				
Nonspendable	67,930	-	63,776	131,706
Restricted	2,323,857	1,037,263	338,628	3,699,748
Committed	82,994	-	-	82,994
Assigned	852,759	-	-	852,759
Unassigned	5,691,027	-	-	5,691,027
Total fund balances	<u>9,018,567</u>	<u>1,037,263</u>	<u>402,404</u>	<u>10,458,234</u>
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, and fund balances	<u>\$ 15,991,646</u>	<u>\$ 6,380,607</u>	<u>\$ 846,121</u>	<u>\$ 23,218,374</u>

Independent School District No. 879
Reconciliation of the Balance Sheet to
the Statement of Net Position - Governmental Funds
June 30, 2021

Total fund balance - governmental funds	\$ 10,458,234
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Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Net Position are different because:

Equity interests in underlying capital assets of joint ventures are not reported in the funds because they do not represent current assets.

Equity interest in joint venture - Wright Technical Center	131,480
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Capital assets used in governmental activities are not current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported as assets in governmental funds.

Cost of capital assets	106,418,964
Less accumulated depreciation	(26,485,146)

Long-term liabilities, including bonds payable, are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported as liabilities in the funds.

Long-term liabilities at year-end consist of:

Bond principal payable	(64,850,000)
Capital lease payable	(458,084)
Special assessment payable	(386,400)
Net premium on bonds payable	(2,521,735)
Vacation payable	(51,564)
Total OPEB liability	(3,859,261)
Net pension liability	(19,339,027)

Deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources are created as a result of various differences related to pensions and OPEB that are not recognized in the governmental funds.

Deferred inflows of resources related to pensions	(13,208,828)
Deferred outflows of resources related to pensions	8,085,774
Deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB	(541,414)
Deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB	433,827

Delinquent property taxes receivables will be collected in subsequent years, but are not available soon enough to pay for the current period's expenditures and, therefore, are deferred in the funds.

	277,555
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Governmental funds do not report a liability for accrued interest on bonds and capital loans until due and payable.

	(852,219)
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Total net position - governmental activities	\$ (6,747,844)
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Independent School District No. 879
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and
Changes in Fund Balances - Governmental Funds
Year Ended June 30, 2021

	General	Debt Service	Other Nonmajor Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Revenues				
Local property taxes	\$ 4,364,714	\$ 4,782,067	\$ 268,034	\$ 9,414,815
Other local and county revenues	810,155	10,211	1,404,970	2,225,336
Revenue from state sources	22,432,234	501,215	170,864	23,104,313
Revenue from federal sources	1,228,965	-	941,333	2,170,298
Sales and other conversion of assets	768	-	56,413	57,181
Total revenues	<u>28,836,836</u>	<u>5,293,493</u>	<u>2,841,614</u>	<u>36,971,943</u>
Expenditures				
Current				
Administration	1,261,579	-	-	1,261,579
District support services	952,964	-	-	952,964
Elementary and secondary regular instruction	13,497,304	-	-	13,497,304
Vocational education instruction	305,123	-	-	305,123
Special education instruction	4,566,130	-	-	4,566,130
Instructional support services	1,367,763	-	-	1,367,763
Pupil support services	2,346,328	-	-	2,346,328
Sites and buildings	3,856,147	-	32,472	3,888,619
Fiscal and other fixed cost programs	141,967	-	-	141,967
Food service	-	-	928,231	928,231
Community education and services	-	-	1,956,044	1,956,044
Capital outlay				
Administration	1,393	-	-	1,393
District support services	517,494	-	-	517,494
Elementary and secondary regular instruction	55,449	-	-	55,449
Special education instruction	1,815	-	-	1,815
Instructional support services	6,755	-	-	6,755
Pupil support services	42,258	-	-	42,258
Sites and buildings	417,693	-	51,999	469,692
Community education and services	-	-	50,609	50,609
Debt service				
Principal	283,217	3,145,000	-	3,428,217
Interest and fiscal charges	26,373	2,211,203	-	2,237,576
Total expenditures	<u>29,647,752</u>	<u>5,356,203</u>	<u>3,019,355</u>	<u>38,023,310</u>
Excess of revenues (under) expenditures	(810,916)	(62,710)	(177,741)	(1,051,367)
Other Financing Sources (Uses)				
Proceeds from sale of capital assets	1,344	-	-	1,344
Insurance recoveries	216,711	-	-	216,711
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>218,055</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>218,055</u>
Net change in fund balances	(592,861)	(62,710)	(177,741)	(833,312)
Fund Balances				
Beginning of year	9,611,428	1,099,973	580,145	11,291,546
End of year	<u>\$ 9,018,567</u>	<u>\$ 1,037,263</u>	<u>\$ 402,404</u>	<u>\$ 10,458,234</u>

See notes to basic financial statements.

Independent School District No. 879
Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures,
and Changes in Fund Balances to the Statement of Activities -
Governmental Funds
Year Ended June 30, 2021

Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds	\$ (833,312)
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Activities are different because:	
Net income from the equity interest in a joint venture does not provide current financial resources and its not reported as revenue in the funds.	(2,442)
Capital outlays are reported in governmental funds as expenditures. However, in the Statement of Activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over the estimated useful lives as depreciation expense.	
Capital outlays	177,174
Depreciation expense	(2,417,034)
Vacation and severance payable are recognized as paid in the governmental funds but recognized as the expense is incurred in the Statement of Activities.	2,526
Principal payments on long-term debt are recognized as expenditures in the governmental funds but as an increase in the net position in the Statement of Activities.	3,428,217
Interest on long-term debt in the Statement of Activities differs from the amount reported in the governmental funds because interest is recognized as an expenditure in the funds when it is due and thus requires use of current financial resources. In the Statement of Activities, however, interest expense is recognized as the interest accrues, regardless of when it is due.	55,854
Premiums and discounts are amortized over the life of the bond on the statement of net position.	300,115
Net OPEB are recognized as paid in the governmental funds but recognized as the expense is incurred in the Statement of Activities.	(111,504)
Governmental funds recognized pension contributions as expenditures at the time of payment whereas the Statement of Activities factors in items related to pensions on a full accrual perspective.	(1,319,025)
Delinquent property taxes receivable will be collected in subsequent years, but are not available soon enough to pay for the current period's expenditures and, therefore, are deferred in the funds.	75,289
Change in net position - governmental activities	<u>\$ (644,142)</u>

Independent School District No. 879
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and
Changes in Fund Balance -
Budget and Actual - General Fund
Year Ended June 30, 2021

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance with
	Original	Final	Amounts	Final Budget -
				Over (Under)
Revenues				
Local property taxes	\$ 4,208,506	\$ 4,336,505	\$ 4,364,714	\$ 28,209
Other local and county revenues	649,800	772,098	810,155	38,057
Revenue from state sources	23,141,530	22,355,563	22,432,234	76,671
Revenue from federal sources	216,172	1,159,630	1,228,965	69,335
Sales and other conversion of assets	-	768	768	-
Total revenues	<u>28,216,008</u>	<u>28,624,564</u>	<u>28,836,836</u>	<u>212,272</u>
Expenditures				
Current				
Administration	1,302,155	1,279,878	1,261,579	(18,299)
District support services	893,027	969,635	952,964	(16,671)
Elementary and secondary regular instruction	13,685,033	13,637,313	13,497,304	(140,009)
Vocational education instruction	279,033	305,526	305,123	(403)
Special education instruction	4,596,598	4,554,682	4,566,130	11,448
Instructional support services	1,713,832	1,382,119	1,367,763	(14,356)
Pupil support services	2,394,713	2,387,225	2,346,328	(40,897)
Sites and buildings	4,160,514	4,021,983	3,856,147	(165,836)
Fiscal and other fixed cost programs	156,000	142,000	141,967	(33)
Capital outlay				
Administration	9,347	8,440	1,393	(7,047)
District support services	276,000	552,673	517,494	(35,179)
Elementary and secondary regular instruction	34,000	68,083	55,449	(12,634)
Special education instruction	-	2,215	1,815	(400)
Instructional support services	17,370	8,049	6,755	(1,294)
Pupil support services	47,200	14,508	42,258	27,750
Sites and buildings	70,000	443,652	417,693	(25,959)
Debt service				
Principal	246,307	269,417	283,217	13,800
Interest and fiscal charges	36,775	13,665	26,373	12,708
Total expenditures	<u>29,917,904</u>	<u>30,061,063</u>	<u>29,647,752</u>	<u>(413,311)</u>
Excess of revenues over (under) expenditures	(1,701,896)	(1,436,499)	(810,916)	625,583
Other Financing Sources (Uses)				
Proceeds from sale of capital assets	-	1,345	1,344	(1)
Insurance recoveries	-	216,711	216,711	-
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>-</u>	<u>218,056</u>	<u>218,055</u>	<u>(1)</u>
Net change in fund balance	<u>\$ (1,701,896)</u>	<u>\$ (1,218,443)</u>	<u>(592,861)</u>	<u>\$ 625,582</u>
Fund Balance				
Beginning of year			9,611,428	
End of year			<u>\$ 9,018,567</u>	

Independent School District No. 879
Statement of Fiduciary Net Position
June 30, 2021

	<u>Custodial Fund</u>
Assets	
Current	
Cash and investments	\$ 24,782
Due from Other Districts	<u>399</u>
Total Assets	<u><u>\$ 25,181</u></u>
Liabilities	
Due to other districts	\$ 3,840
Net Position	
Restricted for scholarships	3,550
Restricted for other purposes	<u>17,791</u>
Total Net Position	<u><u>\$ 21,341</u></u>

Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position
Year Ended June 30, 2021

	<u>Custodial Fund</u>
Additions	
Other local revenues	\$ 66,491
Deductions	
Scholarships	3,000
Pupil support services	<u>88,402</u>
Total deductions	<u>91,402</u>
Change in net position	(24,911)
Net Position	
Beginning of year	<u>46,252</u>
End of year	<u><u>\$ 21,341</u></u>

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Independent School District No. 879
Notes to Basic Financial Statements

NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The District operates under a school board form of government for the purpose of providing educational services to individuals within the District areas. The governing body consists of a seven member board elected by the voters of the District to serve four-year terms.

The accounting policies of the District conform to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America as applicable to governmental units. The following is a summary of the more significant policies.

A. Reporting Entity

The basic financial statements present the District and its component units. The District includes all funds, organizations, institutions, agencies, departments, and offices that are not legally separate from such. Component units are legally separate organizations for which the elected officials of the District are financially accountable and are included within the basic financial statements of the District because of the significance of their operational or financial relationships with the District.

The District is considered financially accountable for a component unit if it appoints a voting majority of the organization's governing body and it is able to impose its will on the organization by significantly influencing the programs, projects, activities, or level of services performed or provided by the organization, or there is a potential for the organization to provide specific financial benefits to or impose specific financial burdens on, the District.

As a result of applying the component unit definition criteria above, it has been determined the District has no component units.

The student activity accounts of the District are under board control and are not reported separately.

Joint Venture

A joint venture is a legal entity or other organization that results from a contracted agreement and that is owned, operated, or governed by two or more participants as a separate and specific activity subject to joint control. The participants retain either an ongoing financial interest or an ongoing financial responsibility. The District participates in one joint venture. A description of this organization is included in Note 8.

B. Basic Financial Statement Information

The government-wide financial statements (i.e. the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities) display information about the reporting government as a whole. These statements include all the financial activities of the District, except for the fiduciary funds. The fiduciary funds are only reported in the Statement of Fiduciary Net Position and the Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position at the fund financial statement level.

Independent School District No. 879
Notes to Basic Financial Statements

NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

B. Basic Financial Statement Information (Continued)

The Statement of Activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a 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 charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function or segment and grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function or segment. Taxes and other items not properly included among program revenues are reported instead as general revenues.

The District applies restricted resources first when an expense is incurred for a purpose for which both restricted and unrestricted net position is available. Depreciation expense that can be specifically identified by function is included in the direct expenses of that function. Depreciation expense relating to assets that serve multiple functions is presented as unallocated depreciation in the Statement of Activities. Interest on general long-term debt is considered an indirect expense and is reported separately in the Statement of Activities. The effect of interfund activity has been removed from these statements.

Separate fund financial statements are provided for governmental funds and fiduciary funds, even though the latter are excluded from the government-wide financial statements. Major individual governmental funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements.

The custodial fund is presented in the fiduciary fund financial statements. Since by definition these assets are being held for the benefit of a third party (other local governments, private parties, etc.) and cannot be used to address activities or obligations of the District, these Funds are not incorporated into the government-wide statements.

C. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

The accounting and financial reporting treatment applied is determined by its measurement focus and basis of accounting. The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting, as are the fiduciary fund financial statements. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under this basis of accounting transactions are recorded in the following manner.

1. Revenue Recognition

Revenue is recognized when it becomes measurable and available. "Measurable" means the amount of the transaction can be determined and "available" means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current period. Property tax revenue is generally considered as available if collected within 60 days after year-end. State revenue is recognized in the year to which it applies according to *Minnesota Statutes* and accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. *Minnesota Statutes* include state aid funding formulas for specific years. Federal revenue is recorded in the year in which the related expenditure is made. Other revenue is considered available if collected within 60 days.

Independent School District No. 879
Notes to Basic Financial Statements

NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

C. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting (Continued)

2. Recording of Expenditures

Expenditures are generally recorded when a liability is incurred. The exceptions to this general rule are that interest and principal expenditures in the Debt Service Fund, compensated absences and claims and judgments are recognized when payment is due.

The District applies resources in the following order when an expenditure is incurred for a purpose for which both restricted and unrestricted fund balances are available: restricted, committed, assigned, and unassigned.

Description of Funds:

Major Funds:

General Fund – This fund is the basic operating fund of the District and is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

Debt Service Fund – This fund is used to account for the accumulation of resources for, and payment of, general obligation (G.O.) bond principal, interest, and related costs.

Nonmajor Funds:

Food Service Special Revenue Fund – This fund is used to account for food service revenues and expenditures.

Community Service Special Revenue Fund – This fund is used to account for services provided to residents in the areas of community education, school readiness, early childhood and family education, or other similar services.

Building Construction Fund – Capital Projects – This fund is used to account for financial resources used for the acquisition or construction of major capital facilities authorized by bond issue.

Fiduciary Fund:

Custodial Fund – This fund is used to account for resources received and held by the District to be used in making scholarship awards, theater, concerts in the park, county conferences, and youth assistance programs.

D. Deposits and Investments

Cash and investments include balances from all funds that are combined and invested to the extent available in various securities as authorized by state law. Earnings from the pooled investments are allocated to the individual funds based on the average of month-end cash and investment balances.

Cash and investments at June 30, 2021, were comprised of deposits and shares in the Minnesota School District Liquid Asset Fund (MSDLAF), shares in MNTrust and MNTrust Term series. MSDLAf and MNTrust securities are valued at amortized cost, which approximates fair value.

Independent School District No. 879
Notes to Basic Financial Statements

NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

D. Deposits and Investments (Continued)

Minnesota Statutes requires all deposits be protected by federal deposit insurance, corporate surety bonds, or collateral. The market value of collateral pledged must equal 110% of the deposits not covered by Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) insurance or corporate surety bonds.

Minnesota Statutes authorizes the District to invest in obligations of the U.S. Treasury, agencies, and instrumentalities, shares of investment companies whose only investments are in the aforementioned securities, obligations of the State of Minnesota or its municipalities, bankers' acceptances, future contracts, repurchase and reverse repurchase agreements, and commercial paper of the highest quality with a maturity of no longer than 270 days.

The District categorizes its fair value measurements within the fair value hierarchy established by generally accepted accounting principles. The Hierarchy is based on the valuation inputs used to measure the fair value of the asset. Level 1 inputs are quoted prices in active markets for identical assets; Level 2 inputs are significant other observable inputs; Level 3 inputs are significant unobservable inputs. Investments held by investment pools are measured at amortized cost.

In accordance with GASB Statement No. 79, the various MSDLAF and MNTrust securities are valued at amortized cost, which approximates fair value. There are no restrictions or limitations on withdrawals from the MSDLAF or MNTrust. Investments in the MSDLAF MAX must be deposited for a minimum of 14 calendar days with the exception of direct investments of funds distributed by the State of Minnesota. Withdrawals prior to the 14-day restriction period may be subject to a penalty and there is a 24 hour hold on all requests for redemptions. Seven days' notice of redemption is required for withdrawals of investments in the MNTrust Term Series withdrawn prior to the maturity date of that series. A penalty could be assessed as necessary to recoup the Series for any charges, losses, and other costs attributable to the early redemption.

E. Property Tax Receivable

Current property taxes receivable are recorded for taxes certified the previous December and collectible in the current calendar year, which have not been received by the District. Delinquent property taxes receivable represent uncollected taxes for the past six years, and are deferred and included in the deferred inflows of resources section of the fund financial statements as unavailable revenue because they are not available to finance the operations of the District in the current year.

F. Property Taxes Levied for Subsequent Year's Expenditures

Property taxes levied for subsequent year's expenditures consist principally of property taxes levied in the current year which will be collected and recognized as revenue in the District's following year to properly match those revenues with the budgeted expenditures for which they were levied. This amount is equal to the amount levied by the School Board in December 2020, less various components and their related adjustments as mandated by the state. These portions of that levy were recognized as revenue in fiscal year 2021. The remaining portion of the levy will be recognized when measurable and available.

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NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

G. Inventories

Inventories of commodities donated directly by the U.S. Department of Agriculture are recorded at market value. Other inventories are stated at cost as determined on a first-in, first-out (FIFO) basis. Inventories are recorded as expenditures when consumed rather than when purchased.

H. Prepaid Items

Certain payments to vendors reflect costs applicable to future accounting periods and are recorded as prepaid items in both the government-wide and fund financial statements. Prepaid items are recorded as an expenditure at the time of consumption.

I. Property Taxes

The District levies its property tax during the month of December. December 28 is the last day the District can certify a tax levy to the County Auditor. Such taxes become a lien on January 1. The property tax is recorded as revenue when it becomes measurable and available. Hennepin and Wright Counties are the collecting agency for the levy and remit the collections to the District three times a year. The Tax levy notice is mailed in March with the first half of the payment due on May 15 and the second half due on October 15. Delinquent collections for November and December are received the following January.

A portion of property taxes levied is paid by the State of Minnesota through various tax credits, which are included in revenue from state sources in the basic financial statements.

J. Capital Assets

Capital assets are recorded in the government-wide financial statements, but are not reported in the fund financial statements.

Capital assets are defined by the District as assets with an initial individual cost of more than \$5,000 and an estimated useful life in excess of five years. Such assets are capitalized at historical cost, or estimated historical cost for assets where actual historical cost is not available. Donated assets are recorded as capital assets at its acquisition value at the date of donation.

The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the assets or materially extend the assets lives are not capitalized.

Capital assets are depreciated using the straight-line method over their estimated useful lives. Since surplus assets are sold for an immaterial amount when declared as no longer needed for public school purpose by the District, no salvage value is taken into consideration for depreciation purpose. Useful lives vary from 5 to 50 years for land improvements, buildings, machinery and equipment, and vehicles.

Capital assets not being depreciated include land and construction in progress. The District does not possess any material amounts of infrastructure capital assets, such as sidewalks and parking lots. Such items are considered to be part of the cost of buildings or other improvable property.

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Notes to Basic Financial Statements

NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

K. Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources

In addition to assets, the Statement of Financial Position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until that time. The District has two items that qualify for reporting in this category. Deferred outflows of resources related to pensions and deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB are reported in the government-wide Statement of Net Position. Deferred outflows of resources related to pensions is recorded for various estimate differences that will be amortized and recognized over future years. Deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB is recorded for various estimate differences that will be amortized and recognized over future years.

In addition to liabilities, the Statement of Financial Position and fund financial statements will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. The District has four types of items which qualify for reporting in this category. The first item, unavailable revenue from property taxes, arises under a modified accrual basis of accounting and is reported only in the Governmental Funds Balance Sheet. Delinquent property taxes not collected within 60 days of year-end are deferred and recognized as an inflow of resources in the governmental funds in the period the amounts become available. The second item is property taxes levied for subsequent years, which represent property taxes received or reported as a receivable before the period for which the taxes are levied, and is reported as a deferred inflow of resources in both the government-wide Statement of Net Position and the Governmental Funds Balance Sheet. Property taxes levied for subsequent years are deferred and recognized as an inflow of resources in the government-wide financial statements in the year for which they are levied and in the governmental fund financial statements during the year for which they are levied, if available. Deferred inflows of resources related to pensions is recorded on the government-wide statements for various estimate differences that will be amortized and recognized over future years. Deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB is recorded on the government-wide statements for various estimate differences that will be amortized and recognized over future years.

L. Long-Term Obligations

In the government-wide financial statements long-term debt and other long term obligations are reported as liabilities in the applicable governmental activities Statement of Net Position. Bond premiums and discounts are deferred and amortized over the life of the bonds using the effective interest method. Bonds payable are reported net of the applicable bond premium or discount.

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

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Notes to Basic Financial Statements

NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

M. Compensated Absences

Certain District employees earn vacation days based on the number of completed years of service. Vacation is accumulated at various rates and maximum hours are capped at different amounts. Certain employees are compensated for unused vacation upon termination of employment.

Employees are entitled to paid sick leave at various rates for each month of full-time service. Employees are not compensated for unused sick leave upon termination of employment (sick pay is recorded as an expenditure when payment is made).

N. Pensions

For purposes of measuring the net pension liability, deferred outflows/inflows of resources and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the Public Employees Retirement Association (PERA) and Teachers Retirement Association (TRA) and additions to/deductions from PERA's and TRA's fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by PERA and TRA. For this purpose, plan contributions are recognized as of employer payroll paid dates and benefit payments and refunds are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value.

TRA has a special funding situation created by direct aid contributions made by the State of Minnesota, City of Minneapolis, and Minneapolis School District. The direct aid is a result of the merger of the Minneapolis Teachers Retirement Fund Association merger into TRA in 2006. A second direct aid source is from the State of Minnesota for the merger of the Duluth Teacher's Retirement Fund Association (DTRFA) in 2015.

O. Risk Management

The District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts: theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; natural disasters; and injuries to employees for which the District carries commercial insurance. Settled claims have not exceeded this commercial coverage in any of the past three years. There were no significant reductions in the District's insurance coverage during the year ending June 30, 2021.

P. Fund Equity

In the fund financial statements, governmental funds report various levels of spending constraints.

- **Nonspendable Fund Balances** – These are amounts that cannot be spent because they are not in spendable form as they are legally or contractually required to be maintained intact and include prepaids and inventory.
- **Restricted Fund Balances** – These amounts are subject to externally enforceable legal restrictions.
- **Committed Fund Balances** – The government's highest level of decision making authority is the School Board. The formal action to establish, modify, or rescind a commitment must be made by the School Board.

Independent School District No. 879
Notes to Basic Financial Statements

NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

P. Fund Equity

- Assigned Fund Balances – The School Board, by majority vote, may assign fund balances to be used for specific purposes when appropriate. The School Board also delegates the power to assign fund balances to the Superintendent or Business Manager.
- Minimum Fund Balance Policy – The District will strive to maintain a minimum unassigned General Fund balance of 12% of operating expenditures.

Q. Net Position

Net position represents the difference between assets and deferred outflows of resources; and liabilities and deferred inflows of resources in the government-wide financial statements. Net investment in capital assets consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, reduced by the outstanding balance of any long-term debt used to build or acquire the capital assets. Net position is reported as restricted in the government-wide financial statement when there are limitations on their use through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors, or laws or regulations of other governments.

R. Use of Estimates

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

S. Comparative Data

Comparative data for the prior year has been presented only for certain sections of the accompanying basic financial statements in order to provide an understanding of the changes in the District's financial position and operations. This data has been restated where necessary for comparable classifications.

T. Budgetary Information

The District follows these procedures in establishing the budgetary data reflected in the basic financial statements:

1. Prior to July 1, the School Superintendent submits to the School Board, a proposed operating budget for the year commencing the following July 1. The operating budget includes proposed expenditures and the means of financing them.
2. The Superintendent is authorized to transfer budgeted amounts between departments within any fund; however, any revisions that alter the total expenditures of any fund must be approved by the School Board.
3. Formal budgetary integration is employed as a management control device during the year for the General, Special Revenue, and Debt Service Funds.
4. Budgets for the General, Special Revenue, and Debt Service Funds are adopted on a basis consistent with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

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Notes to Basic Financial Statements

NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

T. Budgetary Information (Continued)

5. Budgets are as originally adopted or as amended by the School Board. Budgeted expenditure appropriations lapse at year-end.

NOTE 2 – DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

A. Deposits

In accordance with applicable *Minnesota Statutes*, the District maintains deposits at depository banks authorized by the School Board.

Custodial Credit Risk – Deposits: This is the risk that in the event of the failure of a depository financial institution, the District will not be able to recover deposits or collateral securities that are in possession of an outside party. The District has a policy that requires the District's deposits be collateralized as required by *Minnesota Statutes* for an amount exceeding FDIC, SAIF, BIF, or FCUA coverage. As of June 30, 2021, the District's bank balance was not exposed to custodial credit risk because it was insured and fully collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution's trust department or agent and in the District's name.

As of June 30, 2021, the District had the following pooled deposits:

Checking	\$ 414,286
Certificates of deposit	<u>1,996,900</u>
Total deposits	<u><u>\$ 2,411,186</u></u>

B. Investments

1. District Governmental Funds Pooled

As of June 30, 2021, the District had the following pooled investments:

	Fair Value	Less Than One Year	Moody's/S&P Ratings
MSDLAF - Liquid Class	\$ 3,588,678	\$ 3,588,678	AAAm
MSDLAF - Max Class	6,337,619	6,337,619	AAAm
MNTrust IS Account Balance	110,566	110,566	AAAm
MNTrust Term Series	<u>3,000,000</u>	<u>3,000,000</u>	N/A
Total investments	<u><u>\$ 13,036,863</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 13,036,863</u></u>	

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NOTE 2 – DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

C. Summary of Deposits and Investments

Summary of deposits and investments as of June 30, 2021:

Deposits (Note 3.A.)	\$ 2,411,186
Petty cash	600
Investments (Note 3.B.)	<u>13,036,863</u>
Total deposits and investments	<u><u>\$ 15,448,649</u></u>

Deposits and investments are presented in the June 30, 2021, basic financial statements as follows:

Statement of Net Position	
Cash and investments	\$ 15,423,867
Statement of Fiduciary Net Position	
Cash and investments - custodial fund	<u>24,782</u>
Total deposits and investments	<u><u>\$ 15,448,649</u></u>

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Notes to Basic Financial Statements

NOTE 3 – CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital asset activity for the year ended June 30, 2021, was as follows:

	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Increases</u>	<u>Decreases</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
Governmental activities				
Capital assets not being depreciated				
Land	\$ 1,022,151	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,022,151
Capital assets being depreciated				
Improvements	6,027,587	-	-	6,027,587
Buildings	96,129,945	37,850	-	96,167,795
Equipment	3,186,932	139,324	124,825	3,201,431
Total capital assets being depreciated	<u>105,344,464</u>	<u>177,174</u>	<u>124,825</u>	<u>105,396,813</u>
Less accumulated depreciation for				
Improvements	2,010,447	266,001	-	2,276,448
Buildings	20,285,119	1,936,259	-	22,221,378
Equipment	1,897,371	214,774	124,825	1,987,320
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>24,192,937</u>	<u>2,417,034</u>	<u>124,825</u>	<u>26,485,146</u>
Total capital assets being depreciated, net	<u>81,151,527</u>	<u>(2,239,860)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>78,911,667</u>
Governmental activities, capital assets, net	<u>\$ 82,173,678</u>	<u>\$ (2,239,860)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 79,933,818</u>

Depreciation expense for the year ended June 30, 2021, was charged to the following functions:

Administration	\$ 22,169
Elementary and secondary regular instruction	15,285
Special education instruction	571
Pupil support services	6,143
Sites and buildings	725,461
Community service	4,496
Unallocated	<u>1,642,909</u>
Total depreciation expense	<u>\$ 2,417,034</u>

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Notes to Basic Financial Statements

NOTE 4 – LONG-TERM DEBT

A. Components of Long-Term Liabilities

	<u>Issue Date</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Original Issue</u>	<u>Final Maturity</u>	<u>Principal Outstanding</u>	<u>Due Within One Year</u>
Long-term liabilities						
G.O. bonds, including						
Refunding bonds						
G.O. Bonds, series 2008C	07/01/08	3.10%-4.10%	\$ 980,000	02/01/24	\$ 245,000	\$ 80,000
G.O. School Refunding Bonds, series 2015A	04/08/15	3.00%-5.00%	13,140,000	02/01/25	5,865,000	1,380,000
G.O. School Building Bonds, series 2016A	02/18/16	2.75%-4.00%	62,900,000	02/01/36	56,290,000	1,505,000
G.O. Alternative Facilities Bonds, series 2017A	09/21/17	2.00%-3.00%	3,390,000	02/01/28	<u>2,450,000</u>	<u>320,000</u>
Total G.O. bonds					<u>64,850,000</u>	<u>3,285,000</u>
Premium on bonds payable					2,521,735	-
Capital leases payable					458,084	269,441
Special assessments payable					386,400	18,400
Vacation payable					<u>51,564</u>	<u>51,564</u>
Total all long-term liabilities					<u>\$ 68,267,783</u>	<u>\$ 3,624,405</u>

The long-term bond liabilities listed above were issued to finance acquisition and construction of capital facilities or to refinance (refund) previous bond issues.

The bond obligations are paid from the Debt Service Fund. Vacation and capital leases are paid from the General Fund.

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Notes to Basic Financial Statements

NOTE 4 – LONG-TERM DEBT (CONTINUED)

B. Changes in Long-Term Liabilities

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Reductions	Ending Balance
Long-term liabilities				
G.O. bonds	\$ 67,995,000	\$ -	\$ 3,145,000	\$ 64,850,000
Premium on bonds payable	2,821,850	-	300,115	2,521,735
Capital leases payable	727,501	-	269,417	458,084
Special assessments payable	400,200	-	13,800	386,400
Vacation payable	54,090	129,419	131,945	51,564
Total long-term liabilities	<u>\$ 71,998,641</u>	<u>\$ 129,419</u>	<u>\$ 3,860,277</u>	<u>\$ 68,267,783</u>

C. Debt Payment Schedule

Minimum annual principal and interest payments required to retire bonds:

Year Ending June 30,	G.O. Bonds	
	Principal	Interest
2022	\$ 3,285,000	\$ 2,070,503
2023	3,395,000	1,956,103
2024	3,545,000	1,809,223
2025	3,680,000	1,670,738
2026	3,835,000	1,542,588
2027-2031	21,600,000	5,781,593
2032-2036	<u>25,510,000</u>	<u>2,341,200</u>
Total	<u>\$ 64,850,000</u>	<u>\$ 17,171,948</u>

D. Capital Lease

On May 4, 2007, the District entered into a lease purchase agreement with CitiCapital for the acquisition of building improvements. The capital lease agreement includes monthly principal and interest payments of \$23,950 for each of the 15 years of the agreement.

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NOTE 4 – LONG-TERM DEBT (CONTINUED)

D. Capital Lease (Continued)

The future minimum lease obligations and the net present value of these minimum lease payments are as follows:

Year Ending June 30,	
2022	\$ 283,082
2023	212,312
Total lease payments	<u>495,394</u>
Less amount representing interest	<u>(37,310)</u>
Present value of capital lease	<u><u>\$ 458,084</u></u>

The assets acquired with the capital leases have a cost of \$3,178,525 and accumulated depreciation of \$842,309 for a net value of \$2,336,216.

E. Special Assessment

The District is obligated to pay special assessments to the City of Delano for a watermain relocation. The minimum annual principal and interest payments required to retire the assessment are as follows:

June 30,	Principal	Interest	Total
2022	\$ 18,400	\$ 12,293	\$ 30,693
2023	18,400	11,741	30,141
2024	18,400	11,189	29,589
2025	18,400	10,638	29,038
2026	18,400	10,086	28,486
2027-2031	96,600	42,148	138,748
2032-2036	115,000	25,674	140,674
2037-2039	<u>82,800</u>	<u>5,796</u>	<u>88,596</u>
Total	<u><u>\$ 386,400</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 129,565</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 515,965</u></u>

NOTE 5 –FUND BALANCES

Certain portions of fund balance are restricted based on state requirements to track special program funding, to provide for funding on certain long-term liabilities, or as required by other outside parties.

Independent School District No. 879
Notes to Basic Financial Statements

NOTE 5 –FUND BALANCES (CONTINUED)

Fund Equity

Fund equity balances are classified as follows to reflect the limitations and restrictions of the respective funds.

	General Fund	Debt Service Fund	Other Nonmajor Funds	Total
Nonspendable for				
Inventory	\$ 8,786	\$ -	\$ 63,776	\$ 72,562
Prepays items	59,144	-	-	59,144
Total nonspendable	<u>67,930</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>63,776</u>	<u>131,706</u>
Restricted/reserved for				
Student Activities	30,713	-	-	30,713
Scholarships	2,230	-	-	2,230
Staff Development	168,557	-	-	168,557
Operating Capital	984,938	-	-	984,938
Area Learning Center	5,737	-	-	5,737
Long-term Facilities Maintenance	1,083,160	-	-	1,083,160
Medical Assistance	48,522	-	-	48,522
Debt Service	-	1,037,263	-	1,037,263
Food Service	-	-	216,668	216,668
Community Service	-	-	1,777	1,777
Community Education	-	-	42,893	42,893
Early Childhood and Family Education	-	-	71,943	71,943
School Readiness	-	-	4,381	4,381
Adult Basic Education	-	-	966	966
Total restricted/reserved	<u>2,323,857</u>	<u>1,037,263</u>	<u>338,628</u>	<u>3,699,748</u>
Committed for				
Separation/retirement Benefits	82,994	-	-	82,994
Assigned for				
Donated Funds	450,099	-	-	450,099
Student Activities Carryover	578	-	-	578
Q Comp	387,428	-	-	387,428
Providing Transformative Learning Experiences	14,654	-	-	14,654
Total assigned	<u>852,759</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>852,759</u>
Unassigned	<u>5,691,027</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,691,027</u>
Total fund balance	<u><u>\$ 9,018,567</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 1,037,263</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 402,404</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 10,458,234</u></u>

Independent School District No. 879
Notes to Basic Financial Statements

NOTE 5 –FUND BALANCES (CONTINUED)

Fund Equity (Continued)

Nonspendable for Inventory – This balance represents fund balance that has already been spent as inventory.

Nonspendable for Prepaid Items – This balance represents fund balance that has already been spent as prepaid items.

Restricted/Reserved for Student Activities – This balance represents available resources to be used for the extracurricular activity funds raised by the students.

Restricted/Reserved for Scholarships – This balance represents available resources for the scholarship funds.

Restricted/Reserved for Staff Development – This balance represents unspent staff development revenues set aside from general education revenue that were restricted/reserved for staff development related to Finance Code 316. Expenditures for staff development must equal at least 2% of the basic general education revenue, unless legal stipulations are met (*Minnesota Statutes* 122A.61, subd. 1).

Restricted/Reserved for Operating Capital – This balance represents available resources in the General Fund to be used to purchase equipment and facilities.

Restricted/Reserved for Area Learning Center – This balance represents amounts restricted for students attending area learning centers. Each district that sends students to an area learning center must restrict an amount equal to the sum of 1) at least 90 and no more than 100 percent of the district average General Education Revenue per adjusted pupil unit minus an amount equal to the product of the formula allowance according to *Minnesota Statutes* 126C.10, subd. 2, times .0466, calculated without basic skills revenue, local optional revenue, and transportation sparsity revenue, times the number of pupil units attending a state-approved area learning center, plus (2) the amount of basic skills revenue generated by pupils attending the area learning center. The amount restricted may only be spent on program costs associated with the area learning center.

Restricted/Reserved for Long-Term Facilities Maintenance (LTFM) – This balance represents available resources to be used for LTFM projects in accordance with the 10-year plan (*Minnesota Statutes* 123B.595, subd. 12).

Restricted/Reserved for Medical Assistance – This balance represents available resources to be used for medical assistance expenditures (*Minnesota Statutes* 125A.21, subd. 3).

Restricted for Debt Service – This balance represents the resources available for the payment of G.O. bond principal, interest, and related costs.

Restricted for Food Service – This balance represents the accumulation of the activity to provide the food service program.

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NOTE 5 – FUND BALANCES (CONTINUED)

Fund Equity (Continued)

Restricted for Community Service – This balance represents the positive fund balance of the Community Service Fund.

Restricted/Reserved for Community Education – This balance represents the resources available to provide programming such as: nonvocational, recreational and leisure time activities, programs for adults with disabilities, noncredit summer programs, adult basic education programs, youth development and youth service programming, early childhood and family education, and extended day programs.

Restricted/Reserved for Early Childhood and Family Education – This balance represents the resources available to provide for services for early childhood and family education programming.

Restricted/Reserved for School Readiness – This balance represents the resources available to provide for services for school readiness programs (*Minnesota Statutes* 124D.16).

Restricted/Reserved for Adult Basic Education – This account will represent the balance of carryover monies for all activity involving adult basic education. This would include all state aid and any grants or local funding used in support of ABE.

Committed for Separation/Retirement Benefits – This balance represents resources segregated from the unassigned fund balance for retirement benefits, including compensated absences, pensions, other post employment benefits (OPEB), and termination benefits (as defined in GASB Statements Nos. 16, 27, 45, 47 and 50 and *Minnesota Statutes* 123B.79, subd. 7).

Assigned for Donated Funds – This balance represents resources segregated from unassigned fund balance for different groups (athletics, media center, principals, etc.) who have done fundraising or receive donations for specific purposes.

Assigned for Student Activities Carryover – This balance represents resources segregated from unassigned fund balance for different student activities that have done fundraising or receive donations for specific purposes.

Assigned for Q Comp – This balance represents resources segregated from unassigned fund balances for unspent Q Comp dollars.

Assigned for Providing Transformative Learning Experiences – This balance represents resources segregated from unassigned fund balances for providing transformative learning experiences.

Net position restricted for other purposes on the Statement of Net Position are comprised of the total positive General Fund restricted fund balances and the total net position restricted for food service and community service.

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Notes to Basic Financial Statements

NOTE 6 – DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS – STATE-WIDE

The District participates in various pension plans, total pension expense for the year ended June 30, 2021, was \$2,787,229. The components of pension expense are noted in the following plan summaries.

The General Fund and Community Service Fund typically liquidate the liability related to the pensions.

Teachers' Retirement Association

A. Plan Description

The Teachers Retirement Association (TRA) is an administrator of a multiple employer, cost-sharing, defined benefit retirement fund. TRA administers a Basic Plan (without Social Security coverage) and a Coordinated Plan (with Social Security coverage) in accordance with *Minnesota Statutes*, Chapters 354 and 356. TRA is a separate statutory entity and administered by a Board of Trustees. The Board consists of four active members, one retired member, and three statutory officials.

Educators employed in Minnesota's public elementary and secondary schools, charter schools, and certain other TRA-covered educational institutions maintained by the state are required to be TRA members (except those teachers employed by St. Paul Schools or Minnesota State Colleges and Universities). Educators first hired by Minnesota State may elect either TRA coverage or coverage through the Define Contribution Plan (DCR) administered by Minnesota State

B. Benefits Provided

TRA provides retirement benefits as well as disability benefits to members, and benefits to survivors upon death of eligible members. Benefits are established by *Minnesota Statute* and vest after three years of service credit. The defined retirement benefits are based on a member's highest average salary for any five consecutive years of allowable service, age, and a formula multiplier based on years of credit at termination of service.

Two methods are used to compute benefits for TRA's Coordinated and Basic Plan members. Members first employed before July 1, 1989, receive the greater of the Tier I or Tier II benefits as described.

Tier I Benefits

Tier 1	Step Rate Formula	Percentage
Basic	First ten years of service	2.2% per year
	All years after	2.7% per year
Coordinated	First ten years if service years are up to July 1, 2006	1.2% per year
	First ten years if service years are July 1, 2006, or after	1.4% per year
	All other years of service if service years are up to July 1, 2006	1.7% per year
	All other years of service if service years are July 1, 2006, or after	1.9% per year

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NOTE 6 – DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS – STATE-WIDE (CONTINUED)

Teachers' Retirement Association (Continued)

B. Benefits Provided (Continued)

With these provisions:

- Normal retirement age is 65 with less than 30 years of allowable service and age 62 with 30 or more years of allowable service.
- 3% per year early retirement reduction factor for all years under normal retirement age.
- Unreduced benefits for early retirement under a Rule of 90 (age plus allowable service equals 90 or more).

Tier II Benefits

For years of service prior to July 1, 2006, a level formula of 1.7% per year for coordinated members and 2.7% per year for basic members is applied. For years of service July 1, 2006, and after, a level formula of 1.9% per year for Coordinated members and 2.7% for Basic members applies. Beginning July 1, 2015, the early retirement reduction factors are based on rates established under *Minnesota Statute*. Smaller reductions, more favorable to the member, will be applied to individuals who reach age 62 and have 30 years or more of service credit.

Members first employed after June 30, 1989, receive only the Tier II calculation with a normal retirement age that is their retirement age for full Social Security retirement benefits, but not to exceed age 66.

Six different types of annuities are available to members upon retirement. The No Refund Life Plan is a lifetime annuity that ceases upon the death of the retiree – no survivor annuity is payable. A retiring member may also choose to provide survivor benefits to a designated beneficiary(ies) by selecting one of the five plans that have survivorship features. Vested members may also leave their contributions in the TRA Fund upon termination of service in order to qualify for a deferred annuity at retirement age. Any member terminating service is eligible for a refund of their employee contributions plus interest.

The benefit provisions stated apply to active plan participants. Vested, terminated employees who are entitled to benefits but not yet receiving them are bound by the plan provisions in effect at the time they last terminated their public service.

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NOTE 6 – DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS – STATE-WIDE (CONTINUED)

Teachers' Retirement Association (Continued)

C. Contribution Rate

Per *Minnesota Statutes*, Chapter 354 sets the contribution rates for employees and employers. Rates for each fiscal year ended June 30, 2019, June 30, 2020, and June 30, 2021, were:

	June 30, 2019		June 30, 2020		June 20, 2021	
	<u>Employee</u>	<u>Employer</u>	<u>Employee</u>	<u>Employer</u>	<u>Employee</u>	<u>Employer</u>
Basic	11.0%	11.7%	11.0%	11.92%	11.0%	12.13%
Coordinated	7.5%	7.7%	7.5%	7.92%	7.5%	8.1%

The following is a reconciliation of employer contributions in TRA's CAFR "Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position" to the employer contributions used in Schedule of Employer and Non-Employer Pension Allocations. Amounts are reported in thousands.

Employer contributions reported in TRA's CAFR Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position	\$ 425,223
Deduct employer contributions not related to future contribution efforts	(56)
Deduct TRA's contributions not included in allocation	<u>(508)</u>
Total employer contributions	424,659
Total non-employer contributions	<u>35,587</u>
Total contributions reported in <i>Schedule of Employer and Non-Employer Allocations</i>	<u>\$ 460,246</u>

Amounts reported in the allocation schedules may not precisely agree with basic financial statement amounts or actuarial valuations due to the number of decimal places used in the allocations. TRA has rounded percentage amounts to the nearest ten thousandths.

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NOTE 6 – DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS – STATE-WIDE (CONTINUED)

Teachers' Retirement Association (Continued)

D. Actuarial Assumptions

The total pension liability in the June 30, 2020, actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement.

Key Methods and Assumptions Used in Valuation of Total Pension Liability

Actuarial Information

Valuation date	July 1, 2020
Experience study	June 5, 2015
	November 6, 2017, (economic assumptions)
Actuarial cost method	Entry Age Normal
Actuarial assumptions	
Investment rate of return	7.50%
Price inflation	2.50%
Wage growth rate	2.85% before July 1, 2028, and 3.25% thereafter
Projected salary increase	2.85% to 8.85% before July 1, 2028, and 3.25% to 9.25% thereafter
Cost of living adjustment	1.0% for January 2020 through January 2023, then increasing by 0.1% each year up to 1.5% annually.

Mortality Assumptions

Pre-retirement	RP 2014 white collar employee table, male rates set back six years and female rates set back five years. Generational projection uses the MP 2015 scale.
Post-retirement	RP 2014 white collar annuitant table, male rates set back three years and female rates set back three years, with further adjustments of the rates. Generational projections uses the MP 2015 scale.
Post-disability	RP 2014 disabled retiree mortality table, without adjustment.

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NOTE 6 – DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS – STATE-WIDE (CONTINUED)

Teachers' Retirement Association (Continued)

D. Actuarial Assumptions (Continued)

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense, and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. The target allocation and best estimates of geometric real rates of return for each major asset class are summarized in the following table:

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Target Allocation</u>	<u>Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return</u>
Domestic equity	35.5 %	5.10 %
International equity	17.5	5.30
Private markets	25.0	5.90
Fixed income	20.0	0.75
Unallocated cash	2.0	0.00
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Total	100 %	
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The TRA actuary has determined the average of the expected remaining services lives of all members for fiscal year 2016 is six years. The "Difference Between Expected and Actual Experience," "Changes of Assumptions," and "Changes in Proportion" use the amortization period of six years in the schedule presented. The amortization period for "Net Difference between Projected and Actual Investment Earnings on Pension Plan Investments" is over a period of five years as required by GASB 68.

Changes in actuarial assumptions and methods for the July 1, 2020, valuation:

- Assumed termination rates were changed to more closely reflect actual experience.
- The pre-retirement mortality assumption was changed to the RP 2014 white collar employee table, male rates set back five years, and female rates set back seven years. Generational projection uses the MP 2015 scale.
- Assumed form of annuity election proportions were changed to more closely reflect actual experience for female retirees.

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NOTE 6 – DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS – STATE-WIDE (CONTINUED)

Teachers' Retirement Association (Continued)

E. Discount Rate

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.5%. There was no change since the prior measurement date. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that employee contributions will be made at the fiscal 2020 contribution rate, contributions from school districts will be made at contractually required rates (actuarially determined), and contributions from the state will be made at current statutorily required rates. Based on those assumptions, the pension plan's fiduciary net position was not projected to be depleted and, as a result, the Municipal Bond Index Rate was not used in the determination of the Single Equivalent Interest Rate (SEIR).

F. Net Pension Liability

On June 30, 2021, the District reported a liability of \$15,699,785 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2020, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The District's proportion of the net pension liability was based on the District's contributions to TRA in relation to total system contributions including direct aid from the State of Minnesota, City of Minneapolis, and Minneapolis School District. District proportionate share was 0.2125% at the end of the measurement period and 0.2112% for the beginning of the year.

The pension liability amount reflected a reduction due to direct aid provided to TRA. The amount recognized by the District as its proportionate share of the net pension liability, the direct aid and total portion of the net pension liability that was associated with the District were as follows:

District's proportionate share of net pension liability	\$ 15,699,785
State's proportionate share of the net pension liability associated with the District	1,315,641

For the year ended June 30, 2021, the District recognized pension expense of \$2,600,236. Included in this amount, the District recognized \$120,522 as pension expense for the support provided by direct aid.

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NOTE 6 – DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS – STATE-WIDE (CONTINUED)

Teachers' Retirement Association (Continued)

F. Net Pension Liability (Continued)

On June 30, 2021, the District had deferred resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 314,844	\$ 232,891
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on plan investments	276,411	-
Changes of assumptions	5,400,305	12,786,105
Changes in proportion	560,083	-
Contributions to TRA subsequent to the measurement date	1,024,059	-
Total	<u>\$ 7,575,702</u>	<u>\$ 13,018,996</u>

The \$1,024,059 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from District contributions to TRA subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ended June 30, 2022.

Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and (deferred inflows of resources) will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year Ended June 30,	Pension Expense Amount
2022	\$ 483,337
2023	(4,416,480)
2024	(3,031,864)
2025	418,509
2026	79,145
Total	<u>\$ (6,467,353)</u>

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NOTE 6 – DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS – STATE-WIDE (CONTINUED)

Teachers' Retirement Association (Continued)

G. Pension Liability Sensitivity

The following presents the District's proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 7.5% as well as what the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1 percent lower (6.5%) and 1 percent higher (8.5%) than the current rate.

District proportionate share of NPL		
1% Decrease in Discount Rate (6.5%)	Current Discount Rate (7.5%)	1% Increase in Discount Rate (8.5%)
\$ 24,036,204	\$ 15,699,785	\$ 8,830,996

The District's proportion of the net pension liability was based on the employer contributions to TRA in relation to TRA's total employer contributions including direct aid contributions from the State of Minnesota, City of Minneapolis, and Minneapolis School District.

H. Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position

Detailed information about the plan's fiduciary net position is available in a separately-issued TRA financial report. That can be obtained at www.MinnesotaTRA.org, or by writing to TRA at 60 Empire Drive, Suite 400, St. Paul, MN, 55103-4000, or by calling (651) 296-2409 or (800) 657-3669.

Public Employees' Retirement Association

A. Plan Description

The District participates in the following cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan administered by PERA. PERA's defined benefit pension plan is established and administered in accordance with *Minnesota Statutes*, Chapters 353 and 356. PERA's defined benefit pension plan is a tax qualified plan under Section 401(a) of the Internal Revenue Code.

General Employees Retirement Plan

The General Employees Retirement Plan covers certain full time and part time employees of the District. General Employees Plan members belong to the Coordinated Plan. Coordinated Plan members are covered by Social Security.

B. Benefits Provided

PERA provides retirement, disability, and death benefits. Benefit provisions are established by state statute and can only be modified by the state Legislature. Vested, terminated employees who are entitled to benefits but are not receiving them yet are bound by the provisions in effect at the time they last terminated their public service.

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NOTE 6 – DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS – STATE-WIDE (CONTINUED)

Public Employees' Retirement Association (Continued)

B. Benefits Provided (Continued)

General Employees Plan Benefits

General Employees Plan benefits are based on a member's highest average salary for any five successive years of allowable service, age, and years of credit at termination of service. Two methods are used to compute benefits for PERA's Coordinated Plan members. Members hired prior to July 1, 1989, receive the higher of Method 1 or Method 2 formulas. Only Method 2 is used for members hired after June 30, 1989. Under Method 1 the annuity accrual rate for a Coordinated Plan member is 1.2% for each of the first 10 years of service 1.7% for each additional year. Under Method 2, the accrual rate for Coordinated members is 1.7% for all years of service. For members hired prior to July 1, 1989, a full annuity is available when age plus years of service equal 90 and normal retirement age is 65. For members hired on or after July 1, 1989, normal retirement age is the age for unreduced Social Security benefits capped at 66.

Benefit increases are provided to benefit recipients each January. The postretirement increase is equal to 50% of the cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) announced by the SSA, with a minimum increase of at least 1.0% and a maximum of 1.5%. Recipients that have been receiving the annuity or benefit for at least a full year as of the June 30 before the effective date of the increase will receive the full increase. Recipients receiving the annuity or benefit for at least one month but less than a full year as of the June 30 before the effective date of the increase will receive a reduced prorated increase. For members retiring on January 1, 2024, or later, the increase will be delayed until normal retirement age (age 65 if hired prior to July 1, 1989, or age 66 for individuals hired on or after July 1, 1989). Members retiring under Rule of 90 are exempt from the delay to normal retirement.

C. Contributions

Minnesota Statutes Chapter 353 set the rates for employer and employee contributions. Contribution rates can only be modified by the state Legislature.

General Employees Fund Contributions

Coordinated Plan members were required to contribute 6.5% of their annual covered salary in fiscal year 2021 and the District was required to contribute 7.5% for Coordinated Plan members. The District's contributions to the General Employees Fund for the year ended June 30, 2021, were \$313,852. The District's contributions were equal to the required contributions as set by state statute.

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NOTE 6 – DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS – STATE-WIDE (CONTINUED)

Public Employees' Retirement Association (Continued)

D. Pension Costs

General Employees Fund Pension Costs

At June 30, 2021, the District reported a liability of \$3,639,242 for its proportionate share of the General Employees Fund's net pension liability. The District's net pension liability reflected a reduction due to the State of Minnesota's contribution of \$16 million. The State of Minnesota is considered a non-employer contributing entity and the State's contribution meets the definition of a special funding situation. The State of Minnesota's proportionate share of the net pension liability associated with the District totaled \$112,272. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2020, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The District's proportionate share of the net pension liability was based on the District's contributions received by PERA during the measurement period for employer payroll paid dates from July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2020, relative to the total employer contributions received from all of PERA's participating employers. The District's proportionate share was 0.0607% at the end of the measurement period and 0.0616% for the beginning of the period.

District's proportionate share of net pension liability	\$ 3,639,242
State of Minnesota's proportionate share of the net pension liability associated with the School	<u>112,272</u>
Total	<u><u>\$ 3,751,514</u></u>

For the year ended June 30, 2021, the District recognized pension expense of \$186,993 for its proportionate share of the General Employees Plan's pension expense. Included in this amount, the District recognized an additional \$9,771 as pension expense (and grant revenue) for its proportionate share of the State of Minnesota's contribution of \$16 million to the General Employees Fund.

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NOTE 6 – DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS – STATE-WIDE (CONTINUED)

Public Employees' Retirement Association (Continued)

D. Pension Costs (Continued)

At June 30, 2021, the District reported its proportionate share of deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources, and its contributions subsequent to the measurement date, from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual economic experience	\$ 33,602	\$ 13,769
Changes in actuarial assumptions	-	133,955
Difference between projected and actual investments earnings	73,856	-
Change in proportion	88,762	42,108
Contributions paid to PERA subsequent to the measurement date	<u>313,852</u>	<u>-</u>
Total	<u><u>\$ 510,072</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 189,832</u></u>

The \$313,852 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from District contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ended June 30, 2022. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year Ended June 30,	Pension Expense
2022	\$ (169,617)
2023	31,249
2024	56,831
2025	<u>87,925</u>
Total	<u><u>\$ 6,388</u></u>

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NOTE 6 – DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS – STATE-WIDE (CONTINUED)

Public Employees' Retirement Association (Continued)

E. Actuarial Assumptions

The total pension liability in the June 30, 2020, actuarial valuation was determined using an individual entry-age normal actuarial cost method and the following actuarial assumptions:

Inflation	2.25% Per year
Active member payroll growth	3.00% Per year
Investment rate of return	7.50%

Salary increases were based on a service-related table. Mortality rates for active members, retirees, survivors, and disabilitants were based on the Pub-2010 General Employee Mortality table. Cost of living benefit increases after retirement for retirees are assumed to be 1.25% per year.

Actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2020, valuation was based on the results of actuarial experience studies. The most recent four-year experience study in the General Employees Plan was completed in 2019. The assumption changes were adopted by the Board and became effective with the July 1, 2020, actuarial valuation.

The following changes in actuarial assumptions and plan provisions occurred in 2020:

Changes in Actuarial Assumptions

- The price inflation assumption was decreased from 2.5% to 2.25%.
- The payroll growth assumption was decreased from 3.25% to 3.0%.
- Assumed salary increase rates were changed as recommended in the June 30, 2019, experience study. The net effect is assumed rates that average 0.25% less than previous rates.
- Assumed rates of retirement were changed as recommended in the June 30, 2019, experience study. The changes result in more unreduced (normal) retirements and slightly fewer Rule of 90 and early retirements.
- Assumed rates of termination were changes as recommended in the June 30, 2019, experience study. The new rates are based on service and are generally lower than the previous rates for years 2-5 and slightly higher thereafter.
- Assumed rates of disability were changed as recommended in the June 30, 2019, experience study. The change results in fewer predicted disability retirements for males and females.
- The base mortality table for healthy annuitants and employees was changed from the RP-2014 table to the Pub-2010 General Mortality table, with adjustments. The base mortality table for disabled annuitants was changed from RP-2014 disabled annuitant mortality table to the Pub-2010 General/Teacher disabled annuitant mortality table, with adjustments.
- The mortality improvement scale was changed from Scale MP-2018 to Scale MP-2019.
- The assumed spouse age difference was change from two years older for females to one year older.

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NOTE 6 – DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS – STATE-WIDE (CONTINUED)

Public Employees' Retirement Association (Continued)

E. Actuarial Assumptions (Continued)

Changes in Actuarial Assumptions (Continued)

- The assumed number of married male new retirees electing the 100% Joint and Survivor option changed from 35% to 45%. The assumed number of married female new retirees electing the 100% Joint and Survivor option changed from 15% to 30%. The corresponding number of married new retirees electing the Life annuity option was adjusted accordingly.

Changes in Plan Provisions

- Augmentation or current privatized members was reduced to 2.0% for the period July 1, 2020, through December 31, 2023, and 0.0% thereafter. Augmentation was eliminated for privatizations occurring after June 30, 2020.

The State Board of Investment, which manages the investments of PERA, prepares an analysis of the reasonableness on a regular basis of the long-term expected rate of return using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future rates of return are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce an expected long-term rate of return by weighting the expected future rates of return by the target asset allocation percentages.

The target allocation and best estimates of geometric real rates of return for each major asset class are summarized in the following table:

Asset Class	Final Target Allocation	Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return
Domestic equity	35.5 %	5.10 %
Private markets	17.5	5.30
Fixed income	20.0	0.75
International equity	25.0	5.90
Cash equivalents	2.0	0.00
Total	100 %	

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NOTE 6 – DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS – STATE-WIDE (CONTINUED)

Public Employees' Retirement Association (Continued)

F. Discount Rates

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability in 2020 was 7.5%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from plan members and employers will be made at rates set in *Minnesota Statutes*. Based on these assumptions, the fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

G. Pension Liability Sensitivity

The following table presents the District's proportionate share of the net pension liability for all plans it participates in, calculated using the discount rate disclosed in the preceding paragraph, as well as what the District's proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate 1 percentage point lower or 1 percentage point higher than the current discount rate:

	1% Decrease in Discount Rate (6.5%)	Current Discount Rate (7.5%)	1% Increase in Discount Rate (8.5%)
District's proportionate share of the PERA net pension liability	\$ 5,832,443	\$ 3,639,242	\$ 1,830,028

H. Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position

Detailed information about the General Employees Fund's fiduciary net position is available in a separately-issued PERA financial report that includes the basic financial statements and required supplementary information. That report may be obtained on the Internet at www.mnpera.org.

NOTE 7 – POST EMPLOYMENT HEALTH CARE PLAN

A. Plan Description

The District provides a single-employer defined benefit health care plan to eligible retirees. The plan offers medical coverage. Medical coverage is administered by PIEP. It is the District's policy to periodically review its medical coverage, and to obtain requests for proposals in order to provide the most favorable benefits and premiums for District employees and retirees.

B. Benefit Provided

Teachers who apply for early retirement shall remain eligible to receive certain health insurance benefits until the end of the school year in which the teacher becomes Medicare eligible. Full vesting of such amounts occurs upon attaining 56 years of age. The General Fund, Food Service Fund and Community Service Fund typically liquidate the Liability related to OPEB.

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NOTE 7 – POST EMPLOYMENT HEALTH CARE PLAN (CONTINUED)

C. Members

As of July 1, 2020, the following were covered by the benefit terms:

Inactive employees or beneficiaries currently receiving benefits	13
Active employees	281
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Total	294
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D. Contributions

Retirees contribute to the health care plan at the same rate as District employees. This results in the retirees receiving an implicit rate subsidy. Contribution requirements are established by the District, based on the contract terms with PIEP. The required contributions are based on projected pay-as-you-go financing requirements. For the year 2021, the District contributed \$137,009 to the plan.

E. Actuarial Assumptions

The total OPEB liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2018, using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement, unless otherwise specified:

Key Methods and Assumptions Used in Valuation of Total OPEB Liability

Salary increases	Service graded table
Inflation	2.50%
Healthcare cost trend increases	6.50% as of July 1, 2020, grading to 5.00% over 6 years and then to 4.00% over the next 48 years
Mortality Assumption	Pub-2010 Public Retirement Plans Headcount-Weighted Mortality Tables (General, Teachers) with MP-2019 Generational Improvement Scale

E. Actuarial Assumptions

The actuarial assumptions used in the July 1, 2020, valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021.

The discount rate used to measure the total OPEB liability was 2.4% based on the 20-year municipal bond yield.

F. Total OPEB Liability

The District's total OPEB liability of \$3,859,261 was measured as of July 1, 2020 and was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date.

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NOTE 7 – POST EMPLOYMENT HEALTH CARE PLAN (CONTINUED)

F. Total OPEB Liability (Continued)

Changes in the total OPEB liability are as follows:

	Total OPEB Liability (a)
Balances at July 1, 2020	<u>\$ 4,317,182</u>
Changes for the year	
Service cost	300,001
Interest cost	137,879
Assumption changes	(81,954)
economic experience	(472,316)
Benefit payments	<u>(341,531)</u>
Net changes	<u>(457,921)</u>
Balances at June 30, 2021	<u><u>\$ 3,859,261</u></u>

H. OPEB Liability Sensitivity

The following presents the District's total OPEB liability calculated using the discount rate of 2.4% as well as the liability measured using 1% lower and 1% higher than the current discount rate.

	1% Decrease in Discount Rate (1.4%)	Current Discount Rate (2.4%)	1% Increase in Discount Rate (3.4%)
Total OPEB liability	\$ 4,110,642	\$ 3,859,261	\$ 3,615,438

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NOTE 7 – POST EMPLOYMENT HEALTH CARE PLAN (CONTINUED)

H. OPEB Liability Sensitivity

The following presents the total OPEB liability of the District, as well as what the District's total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using healthcare cost trend rates that are 1% lower and 1% higher than the current healthcare cost trend rates. The decrease in healthcare cost trend rates is over six years.

	1% decrease (5.5% decreasing to 4.0%)	Current (6.5% decreasing to 5.0%)	1% increase (7.5% decreasing to 6.0%)
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Total OPEB liability	\$ 3,633,905	\$ 3,859,261	\$ 4,129,992

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

For the year ended June 30, 2021, the District recognized OPEB expense of \$401,306. At June 30, 2021, the District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Liability losses/gains	\$ 65,697	\$ 429,378
Changes of assumptions	78,328	112,036
Subsequent contributions	289,802	-
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Total	<u>\$ 433,827</u>	<u>\$ 541,414</u>

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NOTE 7 – POST EMPLOYMENT HEALTH CARE PLAN (CONTINUED)

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

\$289,802 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB resulting from District contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the total OPEB liability in the year ended June 30, 2021. Other amounts will be amortized in future years as follows:

<u>Year Ending June 30,</u>	
2022	\$ (36,574)
2023	(36,574)
2024	(36,574)
2025	(36,574)
2026	(36,574)
Thereafter	<u>(214,519)</u>
Total	<u><u>\$ (397,389)</u></u>

NOTE 8 – COMMITMENTS

Joint Powers

The District entered in to a joint powers agreement in February 1998 with Wright Technical Center No. 966 (WTC), a cooperative center for vocational education, between and among eight other independent school districts to finance the acquisition and betterment of the addition to the existing WTC facilities.

The addition was financed through capital lease agreements. Each participating district annually authorizes a leading levy to cover their allocated portion of the lease payment based on the formula set out in the joint powers agreement. Participating districts will also be apportioned operating costs and continuing costs for the addition based on the current cost. Separately issued basic financial statements can be obtained from Wright Technical Center, 1400 Highway 25 North Buffalo, Minnesota 55313-1936.

NOTE 10 – GASB STANDARDS ISSUED BUT NOT YET IMPLEMENTED

GASB Statement No. 87, Leases establishes a single model for lease accounting based on the foundational principle that leases are financings of the right to use an underlying asset. Under this statement, a lessee is required to recognize a lease liability and an intangible right-to-use lease asset, and a lessor is required to recognize a lease receivable and a deferred inflow of resources, thereby enhancing the relevance and consistency of information about governments' leasing activities. This statement will be effective for the year ending June 30, 2022.

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REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Independent School District No. 879
Schedule of Changes in Total OPEB Liability
and Related Ratios

	June 30, 2018	June 30, 2019	June 30, 2020	June 30, 2021
Total OPEB Liability				
Service cost	\$ 237,911	\$ 280,201	\$ 308,361	\$ 300,001
Interest	135,041	138,749	148,759	137,879
Changes of assumptions	-	(53,622)	97,912	(81,954)
Differenced between expected and actual experience	-	93,855	-	(472,316)
Benefit payments	(331,767)	(280,164)	(356,424)	(341,531)
Net change in total OPEB liability	41,185	179,019	198,608	(457,921)
Beginning of year	3,898,370	3,939,555	4,118,574	4,317,182
End of year	\$ 3,939,555	\$ 4,118,574	\$ 4,317,182	\$ 3,859,261
Covered payroll	\$ 13,280,316	\$ 14,490,655	\$ 14,925,375	\$ 15,133,308
Total OPEB liability as a percentage of covered-employee	29.66%	28.42%	28.93%	25.50%

Note: Schedule is intended to show ten year trend. Additional years will be reported as they become available.

Independent School District No. 879
Schedule of District's and Non-Employer Proportionate Share
(if Applicable) of Net Pension Liability
General Employees Retirement Fund

For Plan's Fiscal Year Ended June 30,	District's Proportion of the Net Pension Liability (Asset)	District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset)	District's Proportionate Share of State of Minnesota's Proportionated Share of the Net Pension Liability	District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability and District's Share of the State of Minnesota's Share of the Net Pension Liability	District's Covered Payroll	District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset) as a Percentage of its Covered Payroll	Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability
2014	0.0582%	\$ 2,733,944	\$ -	\$ 2,733,944	\$ 3,057,131	89.4%	78.7%
2015	0.0560%	2,902,211	-	2,902,211	3,237,587	89.6%	78.2%
2016	0.0591%	4,798,627	62,701	4,861,328	3,669,560	130.8%	68.9%
2017	0.0587%	3,747,369	47,113	3,794,482	3,781,053	99.1%	75.9%
2018	0.0584%	3,239,793	106,243	3,346,036	3,927,360	82.5%	79.5%
2019	0.0616%	3,405,726	105,829	3,511,555	4,361,667	78.1%	80.2%
2020	0.0607%	3,639,242	112,272	3,751,514	4,328,760	84.1%	79.1%

Note: Schedule is intended to show ten year trend. Additional years will be reported as they become available.

Schedule of District's and Non-Employer Proportionate Share
(if Applicable) of Net Pension Liability
TRA Retirement Fund

For Plan's Fiscal Year Ended June 30,	District's Proportion of the Net Pension Liability (Asset)	District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset)	District's Proportionate Share of State of Minnesota's Proportionated Share of the Net Pension Liability	District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability and District's Share of the State of Minnesota's Share of the Net Pension Liability	District's Covered Payroll	District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset) as a Percentage of its Covered Payroll	Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability
2014	0.2082%	\$ 9,593,706	\$ 674,763	\$ 10,268,469	\$ 9,502,729	101.0%	81.5%
2015	0.1976%	12,223,514	1,499,077	13,722,591	10,030,187	121.9%	76.8%
2016	0.2037%	48,587,310	4,875,894	53,463,204	10,593,453	458.7%	44.9%
2017	0.2055%	41,021,528	3,966,035	44,987,563	11,061,400	370.9%	51.6%
2018	0.2063%	12,957,571	1,217,498	14,175,069	11,396,373	113.7%	78.1%
2019	0.2112%	13,461,932	1,191,389	14,653,321	11,992,776	112.3%	78.2%
2020	0.2125%	15,699,785	1,315,641	17,015,426	12,347,336	127.2%	75.5%

Note: Schedule is intended to show ten year trend. Additional years will be reported as they become available.

Independent School District No. 879
Schedule of District Contributions
General Employees Retirement Fund

Fiscal Year Ending June 30,	Statutorily Required Contribution	Contributions in Relation to the Statutorily Required Contributions	Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	District's Covered Payroll	Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll
2014	\$ 221,642	\$ 221,642	\$ -	\$ 3,057,131	7.25%
2015	242,819	242,819	-	3,237,587	7.50%
2016	275,217	275,217	-	3,669,560	7.50%
2017	283,579	283,579	-	3,781,053	7.50%
2018	294,552	294,552	-	3,927,360	7.50%
2019	327,125	327,125	-	4,361,667	7.50%
2020	324,657	324,657	-	4,328,760	7.50%
2021	313,852	313,852	-	4,184,693	7.50%

Note: Schedule is intended to show ten year trend. Additional years will be reported as they become available.

Schedule of District Contributions
TRA Retirement Fund

Fiscal Year Ending June 30,	Statutorily Required Contribution	Contributions in Relation to the Statutorily Required Contributions	Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	District's Covered Payroll	Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll
2014	\$ 665,191	\$ 665,191	\$ -	\$ 9,502,729	7.00%
2015	752,264	752,264	-	10,030,187	7.50%
2016	794,509	794,509	-	10,593,453	7.50%
2017	829,605	829,605	-	11,061,400	7.50%
2018	854,728	854,728	-	11,396,373	7.50%
2019	924,643	924,643	-	11,992,776	7.71%
2020	977,909	977,909	-	12,347,336	7.92%
2021	1,024,059	1,024,059	-	12,596,052	8.13%

Note: Schedule is intended to show ten year trend. Additional years will be reported as they become available.

Independent School District No. 879
Notes to the Required Supplementary Information

TRA Retirement Fund

2020 Changes

Changes in Actuarial Assumptions

- Assumed termination rates were changed to more closely reflect actual experience.
- The pre-retirement mortality assumption was changed to the RP 2014 white collar employee table, male rates set back five years and female rates set back seven years. Generational projection uses the MP 2015 scale.
- Assumed form of annuity election proportions were changed to more closely reflect actual experience for female retirees.

2019 Changes

Changes in Actuarial Assumptions

- None

2018 Changes

Changes in Actuarial Assumptions

- The discount rate was increased to 7.5% from 5.12%.
- The cost of living adjustment (COLA) was reduced from 2.0% each January 1 to 1.0%, effective January 1, 2019. Beginning January 1, 2024, the COLA will increase 0.1% each year until reaching the ultimate rate of 1.5% on January 1, 2028.
- Beginning July 1, 2024, eligibility for the first COLA changes to normal retirement age (age 65 to 66, depending on date of birth). However, members who retire under Rule of 90 and members who are at least age 62 with 30 years of service credit are exempt.
- The COLA trigger provision, which would have increased the COLA to 2.5% if the funded ratio was at least 90% for two consecutive years, was eliminated.
- Augmentation in the early retirement reduction factors is phased out over a five-year period beginning July 1, 2019, and ending July 1, 2024 (this reduces early retirement benefits). Members who retire and are at least age 62 with 30 years of service are exempt.
- Augmentation on deferred benefits will be reduced to 0.0% beginning July 1, 2019. Interest payable on refunds to members was reduced from 4.0% to 3.0%, effective July 1, 2018. Interest due on payments and purchases from members, employers was reduced from 8.5% to 7.5%, effective July 1, 2018.
- The employer contribution rate is increased each July 1 over the next six years (7.71% in 2018, 7.92% in 2019, 8.13% in 2020, 8.34% in 2021, 8.55% in 2022, and 8.75% in 2023). In addition, the employee contribution rate will increase from 7.50% to 7.75% on July 1, 2023. The state provides funding for the higher employer contribution rate through an adjustment in the school aid formula.

2017 Changes

Changes in Actuarial Assumptions

- The discount rate was increased to 5.12% from 4.66%.
- The cost of living adjustment (COLA) was assumed to increase from 2.0% annually to 2.5% annually on July 1, 2045.
- The COLA was not assumed to increase to 2.5% but remain at 2.0% for all future years.

Independent School District No. 879
Notes to the Required Supplementary Information

TRA Retirement Fund (Continued)

2017 Changes (Continued)

Changes in Actuarial Assumptions (Continued)

- Adjustments were made to the combined service annuity loads. The active load was reduced from 1.4% to 0.0%, the vested inactive load increased from 4.0% to 7.0% and the non-vested inactive load increased from 4.0% to 9.0%.
- The investment return assumption was changed from 8.0% to 7.5%.
- The price inflation assumption was lowered from 2.75% to 2.5%.
- The payroll growth assumption was lowered from 2.5% to 3.0%.
- The general wage growth assumption was lowered from 3.5% to 2.85% for ten years followed by 3.25% thereafter.
- The salary increase assumption was adjusted to reflect the changes in the general wage growth assumption.

2016 Changes

Changes in Actuarial Assumptions

- The discount rate was decreased to 4.66% from 8.0%.
- The COLA was not assumed to increase for funding or the GASB calculation. It remained at 2% for all future years.
- The price inflation assumption was lowered from 3% to 2.75%.
- The general wage growth and payroll growth assumptions were lowered from 3.75% to 3.5%.
- Minor changes as some durations for the merit scale of the salary increase assumption.
- The pre-retirement mortality assumption was changed to the RP 2014 white collar employee table, male rates set back six years and female rates set back five years. Generational projection uses the MP 2015 scale.
- The post-retirement mortality assumption was changed to the RP 2014 white collar annuitant table, male rates set back three years and female rates set back three years, with further adjustments of the rates. Generational projection uses the MP 2015 scale.
- The post-disability mortality assumption was changed to the RP 2014 disabled retiree mortality table, without adjustment.
- Separate retirement assumptions for members hired before or after July 1, 1989, were created to better reflect each group's behavior in light of different requirements for retirement eligibility.
- Assumed termination rates were changed to be based solely on years of service in order to better fit the observed experience.
- A minor adjustment and simplification of the assumption regarding the election of optional form of annuity payment at retirement were made.

2015 Changes

Changes of Benefit Terms

- The DTRFA was merged into TRA on June 30, 2015.

Changes in Actuarial Assumptions

- The annual COLA for the June 30, 2015, valuation assumed 2%. The prior year valuation used 2% with an increase to 2.5% commencing in 2034. The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 8.0%. This is a decrease from the discount rate at the prior measurement date of 8.25%.

Independent School District No. 879
Notes to the Required Supplementary Information

General Employees Fund

2020 Changes

Changes in Actuarial Assumptions

- The price inflation assumption was decreased from 2.5% to 2.25%.
- The payroll growth assumption was decreased from 3.25% to 3.0%.
- Assumed salary increase rates were changed as recommended in the June 30, 2019, experience study. The net effect is assumed rates that average 0.25% less than previous rates.
- Assumed rates of retirement were changed as recommended in the June 30, 2019, experience study. The changes result in more unreduced (normal) retirements and slightly fewer Rule of 90 and early retirements.
- Assumed rates of termination were changed as recommended in the June 30, 2019, experience study. The new rates are based on service and are generally lower than the previous rates for years 2-5 and slightly higher thereafter.
- Assumed rates of disability were changed as recommended in the June 30, 2019, experience study. The change results in fewer predicted disability retirements for males and females.
- The base mortality table for healthy annuitants and employees was changed from the RP-2014 table to the Pub-2010 General Mortality table, with adjustments. The base mortality table for disabled annuitants was changed from the RP-2014 disabled annuitant mortality table to the Pub-2010 General/Teacher disabled annuitant mortality table, with adjustments.
- The mortality improvement scale was changed from Scale MP-2018 to Scale MP-2019.
- The assumed spouse age difference was changed from two years older for females to one year older.
- The assumed number of married male new retirees electing the 100% Joint and Survivor option changed from 35% to 45%. The assumed number of married female new retirees electing the 100% Joint and Survivor option changed from 15% to 30%. The corresponding number of married new retirees electing the Life annuity option was adjusted accordingly.

Changes in Plan Provisions

- Augmentation for current privatized members was reduced to 2.0% for the period July 1, 2020 through December 31, 2023, and 0.0% thereafter. Augmentation was eliminated for privatizations occurring after June 30, 2020.

2019 Changes

Changes in Actuarial Assumptions

- The mortality projection scale was changed from MP-2017 to MP-2018.

Changes in Plan Provisions

- The employer supplemental contribution was changed prospectively, decreasing from \$31 million to \$21 million per year. The State's special funding contribution was changed prospectively, requiring \$16 million due per year through 2031.

2018 Changes

Changes in Actuarial Assumptions

- The mortality projection scale was changed from MP-2015 to MP-2017.
- The assumed benefit increase was changed from 1.0% per year through 2044 and 2.5% per year thereafter to 1.25% per year.

Independent School District No. 879
Notes to the Required Supplementary Information

General Employees Fund

2018 Changes (Continued)

Changes in Plan Provisions

- The augmentation adjustment in early retirement factors is eliminated over a five-year period starting July 1, 2019, resulting in actuarial equivalence after June 30, 2024.
- Interest credited on member contributions decreased from 4.0% to 3.0%, beginning July 1, 2018.
- Deferred augmentation was changed to 0.0%, effective January 1, 2019. Augmentation that has already accrued for deferred members will still apply.
- Contribution stabilizer provisions were repealed.
- Post-retirement benefit increases were changed from 1.0% per year with a provision to increase to 2.5% upon attainment of 90% funding ratio to 50% of the Social Security Cost of Living Adjustment, not less than 1.0% and not more than 1.5%, beginning January 1, 2019.
- For retirements on or after January 1, 2024, the first benefit increase is delayed until the retiree reaches Normal Retirement Age. Does not apply to Rule of 90 retirees, disability benefit recipients, or survivors.
- Actuarial equivalent factors were updated to reflect revised mortality and interest assumptions.

2017 Changes

Changes in Actuarial Assumptions

- The CSA loads were changed from 0.8% for active members and 60% for vested and non-vested deferred members. The revised CSA loads are now 0.0% for active member liability, 15% for vested deferred member liability and 3% for non-vested deferred member liability.
- The assumed post-retirement benefit increase rate was changed from 1.0% per year for all years to 1.0% per year through 2044 and 2.5% per year thereafter.

Changes in Plan Provisions

- The State's contribution for the Minneapolis Employees Retirement Fund equals \$16,000,000 in 2017 and 2018, and \$6,000,000 thereafter.
- The Employer Supplemental Contribution for the Minneapolis Employees Retirement Fund changed from \$21,000,000 to \$31,000,000 in calendar years 2019 to 2031. The State's contribution changed from \$16,000,000 to \$6,000,000 in calendar years 2019 to 2031.

2016 Changes

Changes in Actuarial Assumptions

- The assumed post-retirement benefit increase rate was changed from 1.0% per year through 2035 and 2.5% per year thereafter to 1.0% per year for all future years.
- The assumed investment return was changed from 7.9% to 7.5%. The single discount rate was changed from 7.9% to 7.5%.
- Other assumptions were changed pursuant to the experience study dated June 30, 2015. The assumed future salary increases, payroll growth, the inflation were decreased by 0.25% to 3.25% for payroll growth and 2.50% for inflation.

Changes in Plan Provisions

- There have been no changes since the prior valuation.

Independent School District No. 879
Notes to the Required Supplementary Information

General Employees Fund (Continued)

2015 Changes

Changes in Actuarial Assumptions

- The assumed post-retirement benefit increase rate was changed from 1.0% per year through 2030 and 2.5% per year thereafter to 1.0% per year through 2035 and 2.5% per year thereafter.

Changes in Plan Provisions

- On January 1, 2015, the Minneapolis Employees Retirement Fund was merged into the General Employees Fund, which increased the total pension liability by \$1.1 billion and increased the fiduciary plan net position by \$892 million. Upon consolidation, state and employer contributions were revised; the State's contribution of \$6.0 million, which meets the special funding situation definition, was due September 2015.

Independent School District No. 879
Notes to the Required Supplementary Information

Post Employment Health Care Plan

2020 Changes

Changes in Actuarial Assumptions

- The discount rate was changed from 3.10% to 2.4%.
- The health care trend rates were changed to better anticipate short term and long-term medical increases.
- The mortality tables were updated from the RP-2014 White Collar Mortality Tables with MP-2017 Generational Improvement Scale to the Pub-2010 Public Retirement Plans Headcount-Weighted Mortality Tables (General, Teachers) with MP-2019 Generational Improvement Scale.
- The salary increase rates were changed from a flat 3.00% per year for all employees to rates which vary by service and contract group.

2019 Changes

Changes in Actuarial Assumptions

- The discount rate was changed from 3.50% to 3.10%.

2018 Changes

Changes in Actuarial Assumptions

- The health care trend rates were changed to better anticipate short term and long term medical increases.
- The mortality tables were updated from the RP-2014 White Collar Mortality Tables with MP-2015 Generational Improvement Scale to the RP-2014 White Collar Mortality Tables with MP-2017 Generational Improvement Scale.
- The discount rate was changed from 3.40% to 3.50%.
- The trend on the Medicare Supplement Rate was changed from the health care trend rates to 4% per year.
- The percentage of future retirees not eligible for a subsidy who are assumed to continue on one of the District's medical plans post-employment was decreased from 50% to 40%.
- The percentage of future spouses eligible for a subsidy who are assumed to continue on one of the District's medical plans after their spouses' retirement was increased from 15% to 25%.

2017 Changes

Changes in Actuarial Assumptions

- Changes of assumptions and other inputs reflect a change in the discount rate from 3.0% in 2016 to 3.4% in 2017.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Independent School District No. 879
Combining Balance Sheet -
Nonmajor Governmental Funds
June 30, 2021

	Special Revenue Funds		
	Food Service	Community Service	Total
Assets			
Cash and investments (including cash equivalents)	\$ 283,127	\$ 323,991	\$ 607,118
Current property taxes receivable	-	90,741	90,741
Delinquent property taxes receivable	-	9,301	9,301
Accounts receivable	633	35,593	36,226
Due from Department of Education	46	13,890	13,936
Due from Federal Government through Department of Education	15,084	2,397	17,481
Due from other Minnesota school districts	-	7,542	7,542
Inventory	50,517	13,259	63,776
 Total assets	 <u>\$ 349,407</u>	 <u>\$ 496,714</u>	 <u>\$ 846,121</u>
Liabilities			
Accounts payable	\$ 78	\$ 9,272	\$ 9,350
Salaries and benefits payable	12,466	143,929	156,395
Due to other governmental units	-	3,121	3,121
Unearned revenue	69,678	8,021	77,699
Total liabilities	<u>82,222</u>	<u>164,343</u>	<u>246,565</u>
Deferred Inflows of Resources			
Property taxes levied for subsequent year's expenditures	-	189,269	189,269
Unavailable revenue - delinquent property taxes	-	7,883	7,883
Total deferred inflows of resources	<u>-</u>	<u>197,152</u>	<u>197,152</u>
Fund Balances			
Nonspendable	50,517	13,259	63,776
Restricted	216,668	121,960	338,628
Total fund balances	<u>267,185</u>	<u>135,219</u>	<u>402,404</u>
 Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, and fund balances	 <u>\$ 349,407</u>	 <u>\$ 496,714</u>	 <u>\$ 846,121</u>

Independent School District No. 879
Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in
Fund Balances - Nonmajor Governmental Funds
Year Ended June 30, 2021

	Special Revenue Funds		Capital	Total
	Food Service	Community Service	Project	Nonmajor Funds
Revenues				
Local property taxes	\$ -	\$ 268,034	\$ -	\$ 268,034
Other local and county revenues	2,091	1,402,866	13	1,404,970
Revenue from state sources	2,998	167,866	-	170,864
Revenue from federal sources	872,041	69,292	-	941,333
Sales and other conversion of assets	56,319	94	-	56,413
Total revenues	<u>933,449</u>	<u>1,908,152</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>2,841,614</u>
Expenditures				
Current				
Sites and buildings	-	-	32,472	32,472
Food service	928,231	-	-	928,231
Community education and services	-	1,956,044	-	1,956,044
Capital outlay				
Sites and buildings	-	-	51,999	51,999
Community education and services	-	50,609	-	50,609
Total expenditures	<u>928,231</u>	<u>2,006,653</u>	<u>84,471</u>	<u>3,019,355</u>
Excess of revenues under expenditures	5,218	(98,501)	(84,458)	(177,741)
Fund Balances				
Beginning of year	<u>261,967</u>	<u>233,720</u>	<u>84,458</u>	<u>580,145</u>
End of year	<u>\$ 267,185</u>	<u>\$ 135,219</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 402,404</u>

Independent School District No. 879
Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures, and
Changes in Fund Balance -
Budget and Actual - Detail General Fund
Year Ended June 30, 2021

	2021			2020
	Budgeted Amounts		Variance with	Actual
	Original	Final	Final Budget - Over (Under)	Amounts
Revenues				
Local property taxes				
Property tax levy	\$ 4,133,506	\$ 4,284,505	\$ (7,338)	\$ 4,465,089
County apportionment	35,000	35,000	104	28,841
Miscellaneous taxes	40,000	17,000	35,443	65,059
Total local property taxes	<u>4,208,506</u>	<u>4,336,505</u>	<u>28,209</u>	<u>4,558,989</u>
Other local and county revenues				
Tuition and fees	391,800	348,956	9,551	346,042
Interest	100,000	43,500	(15)	212,779
Other local revenues	158,000	379,642	28,521	558,320
Total other local and county revenues	<u>649,800</u>	<u>772,098</u>	<u>38,057</u>	<u>1,117,141</u>
Revenue from state sources				
General education aid	18,908,936	18,207,280	15,232	18,526,978
Endowment fund	94,148	103,706	-	111,723
Special education aid	3,120,000	2,983,818	71,000	3,095,048
Educational agricultural and homestead credit	10,000	6,995	(22)	8,569
Other aids	1,008,446	1,053,764	(9,539)	1,142,892
Total revenue from state sources	<u>23,141,530</u>	<u>22,355,563</u>	<u>76,671</u>	<u>22,885,210</u>
Revenue from federal sources				
Title I	47,837	47,924	-	48,267
Special education	133,000	134,900	71,001	69,887
Other	35,335	36,226	-	47,747
Coronavirus relief funds	-	868,561	(1)	-
Education stabilization funds	-	72,019	(1,665)	-
Total revenue from federal source	<u>216,172</u>	<u>1,159,630</u>	<u>69,335</u>	<u>165,901</u>
Sales and other conversion of assets				
Local sales and other conversion of assets	-	768	-	2,490
Total revenues	<u>28,216,008</u>	<u>28,624,564</u>	<u>212,272</u>	<u>28,729,731</u>
Expenditures				
Current				
Administration				
Salaries and wages	867,682	845,967	(4,560)	868,286
Employee benefits	355,693	363,905	(5,349)	346,778
Purchased services	11,300	6,965	(3,766)	8,653
Supplies and materials	5,500	34,763	(3,223)	17,686
Capital expenditures	9,347	8,440	(7,047)	353
Other expenditures	61,980	28,278	(1,401)	28,172
Total administration	<u>1,311,502</u>	<u>1,288,318</u>	<u>(25,346)</u>	<u>1,269,928</u>
District support services				
Salaries and wages	345,996	354,922	(251)	337,562
Employee benefits	179,556	157,587	(2,774)	151,627
Purchased services	239,475	236,916	(10,916)	213,978
Supplies and materials	72,700	209,890	(2,450)	66,977
Capital expenditures	276,000	552,673	(35,179)	272,620
Other expenditures	55,300	10,320	(280)	8,916
Total district support services	<u>1,169,027</u>	<u>1,522,308</u>	<u>(51,850)</u>	<u>1,051,680</u>

Independent School District No. 879
Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures, and
Changes In Fund Balance -
Budget and Actual - Detail General Fund
Year Ended June 30, 2021

	2021				2020
	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance with	
	Original	Final	Amounts	Final Budget -	Actual
				Over (Under)	Amounts
Expenditures					
Elementary and secondary regular instruction					
Salaries and wages	\$ 9,196,384	\$ 9,022,370	\$ 9,011,761	\$ (10,609)	\$ 8,940,340
Employee benefits	3,531,466	3,398,945	3,383,267	(15,678)	3,449,842
Purchased services	620,131	567,323	516,270	(51,053)	499,842
Supplies and materials	263,852	571,986	509,032	(62,954)	818,436
Capital expenditures	34,000	68,083	55,449	(12,634)	63,260
Other expenditures	73,200	76,689	76,974	285	69,891
Total elementary and secondary regular instruction	13,719,033	13,705,396	13,552,753	(152,643)	13,841,611
Vocational education instruction					
Salaries and wages	88,559	114,739	114,733	(6)	84,590
Employee benefits	39,374	50,434	50,405	(29)	38,489
Purchased services	147,100	137,216	136,854	(362)	133,930
Supplies and materials	3,000	2,492	2,490	(2)	3,951
Other expenditures	1,000	645	641	(4)	467
Total vocational education instruction	279,033	305,526	305,123	(403)	261,427
Special education instruction					
Salaries and wages	2,921,827	2,886,136	2,872,978	(13,158)	2,839,303
Employee benefits	1,194,382	1,234,972	1,194,497	(40,475)	1,148,456
Purchased services	356,950	324,173	392,013	67,840	326,967
Supplies and materials	82,264	74,076	70,983	(3,093)	28,229
Capital expenditures	-	2,215	1,815	(400)	2,725
Other expenditures	41,175	35,325	35,659	334	42,627
Total special education instruction	4,596,598	4,556,897	4,567,945	11,048	4,388,307
Instructional support services					
Salaries and wages	1,006,276	885,447	885,401	(46)	1,058,462
Employee benefits	399,466	356,419	355,185	(1,234)	421,883
Purchased services	83,150	43,191	35,096	(8,095)	86,736
Supplies and materials	216,800	90,467	85,998	(4,469)	74,609
Capital expenditures	17,370	8,049	6,755	(1,294)	8,715
Other expenditures	8,140	6,595	6,083	(512)	8,191
Total instructional support services	1,731,202	1,390,168	1,374,518	(15,650)	1,658,596
Pupil support services					
Salaries and wages	347,604	384,633	383,630	(1,003)	361,950
Employee benefits	265,059	256,991	253,470	(3,521)	337,634
Purchased services	1,761,300	1,697,267	1,664,998	(32,269)	1,658,121
Supplies and materials	18,600	45,044	40,207	(4,837)	7,054
Capital expenditures	47,200	14,508	42,258	27,750	616
Other expenditures	2,150	3,290	4,023	733	3,930
Total pupil support services	2,441,913	2,401,733	2,388,586	(13,147)	2,369,305

Independent School District No. 879
Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures, and
Changes in Fund Balance -
Budget and Actual - Detail General Fund
Year Ended June 30, 2021

	2021				2020
	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance with	Actual
	Original	Final	Amounts	Final Budget -	Amounts
				Over (Under)	
Expenditures					
Sites and buildings					
Salaries and wages	\$ 1,045,221	\$ 1,007,245	\$ 984,880	\$ (22,365)	\$ 1,003,545
Employee benefits	548,270	526,437	490,475	(35,962)	502,021
Purchased services	2,082,365	1,892,645	1,854,080	(38,565)	1,519,252
Supplies and materials	440,500	547,798	507,480	(40,318)	438,273
Capital expenditures	70,000	443,652	417,693	(25,959)	843,933
Other expenditures	44,158	47,858	19,232	(28,626)	19,126
Total sites and buildings	<u>4,230,514</u>	<u>4,465,635</u>	<u>4,273,840</u>	<u>(191,795)</u>	<u>4,326,150</u>
Fiscal and other fixed cost programs					
Purchased services	155,000	139,300	139,267	(33)	148,549
Other expenditures	1,000	2,700	2,700	-	2,700
Total fiscal and other fixed cost programs	<u>156,000</u>	<u>142,000</u>	<u>141,967</u>	<u>(33)</u>	<u>151,249</u>
Debt service					
Principal	246,307	269,417	283,217	13,800	248,263
Interest and fiscal charges	36,775	13,665	26,373	12,708	60,930
Total debt service	<u>283,082</u>	<u>283,082</u>	<u>309,590</u>	<u>26,508</u>	<u>309,193</u>
Total expenditures	<u>29,917,904</u>	<u>30,061,063</u>	<u>29,647,752</u>	<u>(413,311)</u>	<u>29,627,446</u>
Excess of revenues over					
(under) expenditures	(1,701,896)	(1,436,499)	(810,916)	625,583	(897,715)
Other Financing Sources					
Proceeds from sale of capital assets	-	1,345	1,344	(1)	-
Insurance recoveries	-	216,711	216,711	-	210,287
Special assessment issuance	-	-	-	-	414,000
Total other financing sources	<u>-</u>	<u>218,056</u>	<u>218,055</u>	<u>(1)</u>	<u>624,287</u>
Net change in fund balance	<u>\$ (1,701,896)</u>	<u>\$ (1,218,443)</u>	<u>(592,861)</u>	<u>\$ 625,582</u>	<u>(273,428)</u>
Fund Balance					
Beginning of year			9,611,428		9,881,443
Change in accounting principle			-		3,413
Beginning of year, restated			<u>9,611,428</u>		<u>9,884,856</u>
End of year			<u>\$ 9,018,567</u>		<u>\$ 9,611,428</u>

Independent School District No. 879
Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures, and
Changes in Fund Balance -
Budget and Actual - Detail Food Service Fund
Year Ended June 30, 2021

	2021			2020
	Budgeted Amounts		Variance with Final Budget - Over (Under)	Actual Amounts
	Original	Final		
Revenues				
Other local and county revenues				
Interest	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,124	\$ 3,429
Other local revenues	4,300	1,100	(133)	2,882
Total other local and county revenues	6,300	2,100	(9)	6,311
Revenue from state sources				
Lunch program aid	45,620	2,960	2,998	41,268
Revenue from federal sources				
Coronavirus relief funds	-	13,962	16,138	-
Lunch aid program	192,326	783,255	783,410	268,108
Food distribution program	60,000	71,885	72,493	93,033
Total revenue from federal sources	252,326	869,102	872,041	361,141
Sales and other conversion of assets				
Sale of food	793,275	56,405	56,319	535,980
Total revenues	1,097,521	930,567	933,449	944,700
Expenditures				
Current				
Food service				
Salaries and wages	452,952	424,407	424,556	381,257
Employee benefits	156,849	146,908	145,880	137,271
Purchased services	49,300	29,850	29,677	42,995
Supplies and materials	454,700	327,702	326,439	388,880
Other expenditures	3,500	1,700	1,679	2,012
Total expenditures	1,117,301	930,567	928,231	952,415
Net change in fund balance	\$ (19,780)	\$ -	5,218	(7,715)
Fund Balance				
Beginning of year			261,967	269,682
Ending of year			\$ 267,185	\$ 261,967

Independent School District No. 879
Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures, and
Changes in Fund Balance -
Budget and Actual - Detail Community Service Fund
Year Ended June 30, 2021

	2021				2020
	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance with	Actual
	Original	Final	Amounts	Final Budget - Over (Under)	Amounts
Revenues					
Local property taxes					
Property tax levy	\$ 263,498	\$ 266,868	\$ 268,034	\$ 1,166	\$ 289,898
Other local and county revenues					
Tuition and fees	1,872,171	1,273,012	1,293,365	20,353	1,607,005
Interest	3,000	1,000	1,146	146	4,967
Other local revenues	40,000	70,683	108,355	37,672	42,064
Total other local and county revenues	1,915,171	1,344,695	1,402,866	58,171	1,654,036
Revenue from state sources					
Educational agricultural and homestead credit	1,800	1,440	1,430	(10)	1,750
Other aids	158,797	164,381	166,436	2,055	149,952
Total revenue from state sources	160,597	165,821	167,866	2,045	151,702
Revenue from federal sources:					
Education stabilization funds	-	1,309	1,310	1	-
Coronavirus relief funds	-	65,585	65,585	-	-
Other	-	-	2,397	2,397	-
Total revenue from federal source	-	66,894	69,292	2,398	-
Sales and other conversion of assets					
Sale of food	74,458	67,436	94	(67,342)	60,006
Total revenues	2,413,724	1,911,714	1,908,152	(3,562)	2,155,642
Expenditures					
Community education and services					
Salaries and wages	1,507,407	1,346,989	1,320,673	(26,316)	1,361,968
Employee benefits	440,713	394,329	362,870	(31,459)	379,474
Purchased services	269,911	198,390	128,910	(69,480)	242,943
Supplies and materials	142,735	140,186	133,755	(6,431)	140,513
Capital expenditures	42,000	52,954	50,609	(2,345)	35,882
Other expenditures	10,950	6,316	9,836	3,520	12,649
Total expenditures	2,413,716	2,139,164	2,006,653	(132,511)	2,173,429
Net change in fund balance	\$ 8	\$ (227,450)	(98,501)	\$ 128,949	(17,787)
Fund Balance					
Beginning of year			233,720		251,487
Change in accounting principle			-		20
Beginning of year, restated			233,720		251,507
End of year			\$ 135,219		\$ 233,720

Independent School District No. 879
Uniform Financial Accounting and Reporting Standards
Compliance Table
Year Ended June 30, 2021

	Audit	UFARS	Audit-UFARS		Audit	UFARS	Audit-UFARS
01 GENERAL FUND				06 BUILDING CONSTRUCTION FUND			
Total revenue	\$ 29,053,547	\$ 29,053,548	\$ (1)	Total revenue	\$ 13	\$ 13	\$ -
Total expenditures	29,647,752	29,647,757	(5)	Total expenditures	84,471	84,472	(1)
<i>Nonspendable:</i>				<i>Nonspendable:</i>			
4.60 Nonspendable fund balance	67,930	67,930	-	4.60 Nonspendable fund balance	-	-	-
<i>Restricted/reserved:</i>				<i>Restricted/reserved:</i>			
4.01 Student Activities	30,713	30,713	-	4.07 Capital Projects Levy	-	-	-
4.02 Scholarships	2,230	2,230	-	4.13 Building Projects Funded by COP	-	-	-
4.03 Staff Development	168,557	168,557	-	4.67 Long-term Facilities Maintenance	-	-	-
4.07 Capital Projects Levy	-	-	-	<i>Restricted:</i>			
4.08 Cooperative Programs	-	-	-	4.64 Restricted fund balance	-	-	-
4.09 Alternative Facility Program	-	-	-	<i>Unassigned:</i>			
4.13 Building Projects Funded by COP/LP	-	-	-	4.63 Unassigned fund balance	-	-	-
4.14 Operating Debt	-	-	-				
4.16 Levy Reduction	-	-	-	07 DEBT SERVICE FUND			
4.17 Taconite Building Maintenance	-	-	-	Total revenue	\$ 5,293,493	\$ 5,293,494	\$ (1)
4.24 Operating Capital	984,938	984,938	-	Total expenditures	5,356,203	5,356,203	-
4.26 \$25 Taconite	-	-	-	<i>Nonspendable:</i>			
4.27 Disabled Accessibility	-	-	-	4.60 Nonspendable fund balance	-	-	-
4.28 Learning and Development	-	-	-	<i>Restricted/reserved:</i>			
4.34 Area Learning Center	5,737	5,737	-	4.25 Bond refunding	-	-	-
4.35 Contracted Alternative Programs	-	-	-	4.33 Maximum effort loan aid	-	-	-
4.36 State Approved Alternative Program	-	-	-	4.51 QZAB payments	-	-	-
4.38 Gifted and Talented	-	-	-	4.67 LTFM	-	-	-
4.40 Teacher Development and Evaluation	-	-	-	<i>Restricted:</i>			
4.41 Basic Skills Programs	-	-	-	4.64 Restricted fund balance	1,037,263	1,037,263	-
4.48 Achievement and Integration	-	-	-	<i>Unassigned:</i>			
4.49 Safe School Crime	-	-	-	4.63 Unassigned fund balance	-	-	-
4.51 QZAB Payments	-	-	-				
4.52 OPEB Liabilities not Held in Trust	-	-	-	08 TRUST FUND			
4.53 Unfunded Severance and Retirement Levy	-	-	-	Total revenue	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
4.59 Basic Skills Extended Time	-	-	-	Total expenditures	-	-	-
4.67 Long-term Facilities Maintenance	1,083,160	1,083,161	(1)	<i>Unassigned:</i>			
<i>Restricted:</i>				4.01 Student Activities	-	-	-
4.72 Medical Assistance	48,522	48,522	-	4.02 Scholarships	-	-	-
4.64 Restricted fund balance	-	-	-	4.22 Net position	-	-	-
4.75 Title VII - Impact Aid	-	-	-				
4.76 Payments in Lieu of Taxes	-	-	-	18 CUSTODIAL FUND			
<i>Committed:</i>				Total revenue	\$ 66,491	\$ 66,491	\$ -
4.18 Committed for separation	82,994	82,994	-	Total expenditures	91,402	91,400	2
4.61 Committed	-	-	-	4.01 Student Activities	-	-	-
<i>Assigned:</i>				4.02 Scholarships	3,550	3,550	-
4.62 Assigned fund balance	852,759	852,759	-	4.48 Achievement & Integration	-	-	-
<i>Unassigned:</i>				4.64 Restricted fund balance	17,791	17,792	(1)
4.22 Unassigned fund balance	5,691,027	5,691,026	1				
				20 INTERNAL SERVICE FUND			
02 FOOD SERVICES FUND				Total revenue	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total revenue	\$ 933,449	\$ 933,450	\$ (1)	Total expenditures	-	-	-
Total expenditures	928,231	928,231	-	<i>Unassigned:</i>			
<i>Nonspendable:</i>				4.22 Net position	-	-	-
4.60 Nonspendable fund balance	50,517	50,517	-				
<i>Restricted/reserved:</i>				25 OPEB REVOCABLE TRUST			
4.52 OPEB Liabilities not Held in Trust	-	-	-	Total revenue	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<i>Restricted:</i>				Total expenditures	-	-	-
4.64 Restricted fund balance	216,668	216,669	(1)	<i>Unassigned:</i>			
<i>Unassigned:</i>				4.22 Net position	-	-	-
4.63 Unassigned fund balance	-	-	-				
				45 OPEB IRREVOCABLE TRUST			
04 COMMUNITY SERVICE FUND				Total revenue	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total revenue	\$ 1,908,152	\$ 1,908,152	\$ -	Total expenditures	-	-	-
Total expenditures	2,006,653	2,006,651	2	<i>Unassigned:</i>			
<i>Nonspendable:</i>				4.22 Net position	-	-	-
4.60 Nonspendable fund balance	13,259	13,259	-				
<i>Restricted/reserved:</i>				47 OPEB DEBT SERVICE			
4.26 \$25 Taconite	-	-	-	Total revenue	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
4.31 Community Education	42,893	42,893	-	Total expenditures	-	-	-
4.32 ECFE	71,943	71,943	-	<i>Nonspendable:</i>			
4.40 Teacher Development and Evaluation	-	-	-	4.60 Nonspendable fund balance	-	-	-
4.44 School Readiness	4,381	4,381	-	<i>Restricted:</i>			
4.47 Adult Basic Education	966	966	-	4.64 Restricted fund balance	-	-	-
4.52 OPEB Liabilities not Held in Trust	-	-	-	<i>Unassigned:</i>			
<i>Restricted:</i>				4.25 Bond refundings	-	-	-
4.64 Restricted fund balance	1,777	1,777	-	4.63 Restricted fund balance	-	-	-
<i>Unassigned:</i>				4.63 Unassigned fund balance	-	-	-
4.63 Unassigned fund balance	-	-	-				

Independent School District No. 879
Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards
For the Year Ended June 30, 2021

Federal Agency/Pass Through Agency/Program Title	CFDA Number	Expenditures
U.S. Department of Agriculture		
Through Minnesota Department of Education:		
Child Nutrition Cluster:		
Commodities Programs	10.555	\$ 72,493
After School Snack	10.555	159
Type A Lunch	10.555	1,821
Summer Food Service - COVID	10.559	781,430
Total Child Nutrition Cluster and		
U.S. Department of Agriculture		855,903
U.S. Department of Treasury		
Through Minnesota Department of Education		
Summer Preschool Program - COVID	21.027	2,397
Coronavirus Relief Cluster		
Coronavirus Relief Fund - COVID	21.019	582,449
Through Wright County		
Coronavirus Relief Fund - COVID	21.019	337,836
Through City of Delano		
Coronavirus Relief Fund - COVID	21.019	30,000
Total Coronavirus Relief Fund Cluster		950,285
Total U.S. Department of Treasury		952,682
U.S. Department of Education		
Through Minnesota Department of Education:		
Title I, Part A	84.010	47,924
Title II, Part A - Improving Teacher Quality	84.367	26,226
Title IV, Part A	84.186	10,000
Education Stabilization Fund Cluster		
Elementary and Secondary School Education Relief (ESSER) Fund – 90% - COVID	84.425D	38,688
Elementary and Secondary Schools Education Relief (ESSER) Fund – 9.5% -	84.425D	15,147
Governor’s Emergency Education Relief (GEER) Fund - COVID	84.425C	17,830
Total Education Stabilization Fund Cluster		71,665
Through Meeker and Wright Special Education Cooperative No. 938:		
Special Education Cluster:		
Special Education	84.027	191,733
Preschool Grants	84.173	14,164
Total Special Education Cluster		205,897
Total U.S. Department of Education		361,712
Total Federal Expenditures		<u>\$ 2,170,297</u>

Independent School District No. 879
Notes to the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards

NOTE 1 – BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards includes the federal grant activity of the District and is presented on the modified accrual basis of accounting. The information in this Schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of the Uniform Guidance. Therefore, some amounts presented in this Schedule may differ from amounts presented in, or used in, the preparation of the basic financial statements.

NOTE 2 – PASS-THROUGH GRANT NUMBERS

All pass-through entities listed above use the same CFDA numbers as the federal grantors to identify these grants and have not assigned any additional identifying numbers.

NOTE 3 – INVENTORY

Inventories of commodities donated by the U.S. Department of Agriculture are recorded at market value in the Food Service Fund as inventory. Revenue and expenditures are recorded when commodities are used.

NOTE 4 – INDIRECT COST RATE

The District did not elect to use the 10 percent de minimis indirect cost rate, as allowed under the Uniform Guidance.

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

Independent Auditor's Report

To the School Board
Independent School District No. 879
Delano, Minnesota

We have audited in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the basic financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Independent School District No. 879, Delano, Minnesota, as of and for the year ending June 30, 2021, and the related notes to basic financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated November 4, 2021.

Internal Control over Financial Reporting

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

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

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and, therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. Given these limitations, during our audit, we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. We did identify a certain deficiency in internal control as described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs in Accordance with the Uniform Guidance that we consider to be a significant deficiency, Audit Finding 2021-001.

Compliance and Other Matters

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

District's Response to the Finding

The District's response to the finding identified in our audit is described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs in Accordance with the Uniform Guidance. The District's response was not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

Purpose of this Report

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

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Bergen KDV Ltd." with a small flourish at the end.

Minneapolis, Minnesota
November 4, 2021

**Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program
and Report on Internal Control over Compliance in Accordance
with the Uniform Guidance**

Independent Auditor's Report

To the School Board
Independent School District No. 879
Delano, Minnesota

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

We have audited Independent School District No. 879's, Delano, Minnesota compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the U.S. *Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of the District's major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2021. The District's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs in Accordance with the Uniform Guidance.

Management's Responsibility

Management is responsible for compliance with federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of its federal awards applicable to its federal programs.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on compliance for each of the District's major federal programs based on our audit of the types of compliance requirements referred to above. We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements of Federal Awards (Uniform Guidance). Those standards and the Uniform Guidance require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether noncompliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about the District's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion on compliance for each major federal program. However, our audit does not provide a legal determination of the District's compliance.

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

In our opinion, Independent School District No. 879 complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2021.

Report on Internal Control over Compliance

Management of the District is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above. In planning and performing our audit of compliance, we considered the District's internal control over compliance with the types of requirements that could have a direct and material effect on each major federal program to determine the auditing procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing an opinion on compliance for each major federal program and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control over compliance.

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

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that were not identified.

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



Minneapolis, Minnesota
November 4, 2021

**Independent School District No. 879
Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs
in Accordance with the Uniform Guidance**

SECTION I – SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS

Basic Financial Statements

Type of auditor's report issued:	We issued an unmodified opinion on the fair presentation of the basic financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP).
Internal control over financial reporting:	
• Material weakness(es) identified?	No
• Significant deficiency(ies) identified?	Yes, Audit Finding 2021-001
Noncompliance material to basic financial statements noted?	No

Federal Awards

Type of auditor's report issued on compliance for major programs:	Unmodified
Internal control over major programs:	
• Material weakness(es) identified?	No
• Significant deficiency(ies) identified?	No
Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with 2 CFR 200.516?	Yes

Identification of Major Programs

CFDA No:	10.555, 10.559
Name of Federal Program or Cluster:	Child Nutrition Cluster
CFDA No:	21.019
Name of Federal Program or Cluster:	Coronavirus Relief Funds
Dollar threshold used to distinguish between type A and type B programs:	\$750,000
Auditee qualified as low risk auditee?	No

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SECTION II – BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS

Audit Finding 2021-001

Criteria or Specific Requirement:

Internal control that supports the District's ability to initiate, record, process and report financial data consistent with the assertions of management in the basic financial statements requires adequate segregation of accounting duties.

Condition:

The District does not have adequate segregation of accounting duties.

Context:

This finding impacts the internal control for all significant accounting functions.

Effect or Potential Effect:

The lack of adequate segregation of accounting duties could adversely affect the District's ability to record, process, summarize, and report financial data consistent with the assertions of management in the basic financial statements.

Cause:

There are a limited number of office employees.

Recommendation:

Continue to review the accounting system, including changes that may occur. Implement segregation whenever practical.

Management's Response:

CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN (CAP):

1. Explanation of Disagreement with Audit Finding

There is no disagreement with the audit finding.

2. Actions Planned in Response to Finding

Administration will examine current segregation of accounting duties and identify areas of concern. As these areas are identified, Administration will develop policies that will address and mitigate such potential problems while working within current financial constraints. Specific areas of greatest concern will be identified first and then addressed, followed up by policies with a plan to reduce the risk of problems. Specifics will be noted in the policies as they are brought before the School Board. An individual who is responsible for the implementation of the specific control will be named, as well as information on how the control added will potentially reduce risk of possible misstatement in the basic financial statements. As areas are addressed, other areas will be examined and corrected whenever possible.

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CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN (CAP): (Continued)

Management's Response: (Continued)

3. Official Responsible for Ensuring CAP
Matthew Schoen, Superintendent, is the official responsible for ensuring corrective action of the deficiency.
4. Planned Completion Date for CAP
The planned completion date for the CAP is ongoing.
5. Plan to Monitor Completion of CAP
The School Board will be monitoring this CAP.

SECTION III – FEDERAL AWARD FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

None

SECTION IV – PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

None

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Minnesota Legal Compliance

Independent Auditor's Report

To the School Board
Independent School District No. 879
Delano, Minnesota

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the basic financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Independent School District No. 879, Delano, Minnesota, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2021, and the related notes to basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated November 4, 2021.

In connection with our audit, nothing came to our attention that caused us to believe that the District failed to comply with the provisions of the contracting and bidding, deposits and investments, conflicts of interest, public indebtedness, claims and disbursements, miscellaneous provisions, and uniform financial accounting and reporting standards for school districts sections of the Minnesota Legal Compliance Audit Guide for School Districts, promulgated by the State Auditor pursuant to *Minnesota Statutes* § 6.65, insofar as they relate to accounting matters. However, our audit as not directed primarily toward obtaining knowledge of such noncompliance. Accordingly, had we performed additional procedures, other matters may have come to our attention regarding the District's noncompliance with the above referenced provisions, insofar as they relate to accounting matters.

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

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Minneapolis, Minnesota
November 4, 2021