

**DATED MARCH 25, 2024**

**NEW ISSUE**  
**Electronic Bidding via Parity®**  
**Bank Interest Deduction Eligible**  
**BOOK-ENTRY-ONLY SYSTEM**

**RATING**  
**Moody's: " "**

*In the opinion of Bond Counsel, under existing law (i) interest on the Bonds will be excludable from gross income of the holders thereof for purposes of federal taxation and (ii) interest on the Bonds will not be a specific item of tax preference for purposes of the federal alternative minimum tax, imposed on individuals, all subject to the qualifications described herein under the heading "Tax Exemption." The Bonds and interest thereon are exempt from income taxation and ad valorem taxation by the Commonwealth of Kentucky and political subdivisions thereof (see "Tax Exemption" herein).*

**\$6,320,000\***  
**MASON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT FINANCE CORPORATION**  
**SCHOOL BUILDING REVENUE BONDS,**  
**SERIES 2024A**

**Dated with Delivery: APRIL 23, 2024**

**Due: as shown below**

Interest on the Bonds is payable each April 1 and October 1, beginning October 1, 2024. The Bonds will mature as to principal on April 1, 2025, and thereafter as shown below. The Bonds are being issued in Book-Entry-Only Form and will be available for purchase in principal amounts of \$5,000 and integral multiples thereof.

Maturing		Interest	Reoffering	CUSIP	Maturing		Interest	Reoffering	CUSIP
1-Apr	Amount*	Rate	Yield		1-Apr	Amount*	Rate	Yield	
2025	\$125,000	%	%	2035	\$145,000	%	%		
2026	\$115,000	%	%	2036	\$155,000	%	%		
2027	\$120,000	%	%	2037	\$160,000	%	%		
2028	\$120,000	%	%	2038	\$160,000	%	%		
2029	\$125,000	%	%	2039	\$390,000	%	%		
2030	\$125,000	%	%	2040	\$400,000	%	%		
2031	\$130,000	%	%	2041	\$420,000	%	%		
2032	\$135,000	%	%	2042	\$430,000	%	%		
2033	\$140,000	%	%	2043	\$1,365,000	%	%		
2034	\$140,000	%	%	2044	\$1,420,000	%	%		

The Bonds are subject to redemption prior to their stated maturity as described herein.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Corporation reserves the right to call, upon thirty (30) days notice, the Bonds in whole or in part on any date for redemption upon the total destruction by fire, lightning, windstorm or other hazard of any of the building(s) constituting the Project(s) and apply casualty insurance proceeds to such purpose.

The Bonds constitute a limited indebtedness of the Mason County School District Finance Corporation and are payable from and secured by a pledge of the gross income and revenues derived by leasing the Project on an annually renewable basis to the Mason County School District Board of Education.

The Secretary of the Mason County School District Finance Corporation will until April 2, 2024, at 11:00 A.M., E.D.T., receive sealed bids for the Bonds at the office of the Executive Director of the Kentucky School Facilities Construction Commission, 700 Louisville Road, Carriage House, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

**\*As set forth in the "Official Terms and Conditions of Bond Sale," the principal amount of Bonds sold to the successful bidder is subject to a Permitted Adjustment by increasing or decreasing the amount awarded by up to \$630,000.**

**PURCHASER'S OPTION:** The Purchaser of the Bonds, within 24 hours of the sale, may specify to the Municipal Advisor that any Bonds may be combined immediately succeeding sequential maturities into a Term Bond(s), bearing a single rate of interest, with the maturities set forth above (or as may be adjusted as provided herein) being subject to mandatory redemption in such maturities for such Term Bond(s).

The Bonds will be delivered utilizing the BOOK-ENTRY-ONLY-SYSTEM administered by The Depository Trust Company.

The Corporation deems this preliminary Official Statement to be final for purposes of the Securities and Exchange Commission Rule 15c2-12(b)(1), except for certain information on the cover page hereof which has been omitted in accordance with such Rule and which will be supplied with the final Official Statement.



This Preliminary Official Statement and the information contained herein are subject to completion or amendment. Under no circumstances shall this Preliminary Official Statement constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy, nor shall there be any sales of these Bonds in any jurisdiction in which such offer, solicitation or sale would be unlawful prior to registration or qualification under the laws of any such jurisdiction.

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**BOOK-ENTRY-ONLY-SYSTEM**

## REGARDING USE OF THIS OFFICIAL STATEMENT

This Official Statement does not constitute an offering of any security other than the original offering of the Mason County School District Finance Corporation School Building Revenue Bonds, Series 2024A, identified on the cover page hereof. No person has been authorized by the Corporation or the Board to give any information or to make any representation other than that contained in the Official Statement, and if given or made such other information or representation must not be relied upon as having been given or authorized. This Official Statement does not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy, and there shall not be any sale of the Bonds by any person in any jurisdiction in which it is unlawful to make such offer, solicitation or sale.

The information and expressions of opinion herein are subject to change without notice, and neither the delivery of this Official Statement nor any sale made hereunder shall, under any circumstances, create any implication that there has been no change in the affairs of the Corporation or the Board since the date hereof.

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any other federal, state or other governmental entity or agency, except the Corporation will pass upon the accuracy or adequacy of this Official Statement or approve the Bonds for sale.

The Official Statement includes the front cover page immediately preceding this page and all Appendices hereto.

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**OFFICIAL STATEMENT  
Relating to the Issuance of**

**\$6,320,000\***

**MASON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT FINANCE CORPORATION  
SCHOOL BUILDING REVENUE BONDS,  
SERIES 2024A**

*\* Subject to Permitted Adjustment*

**INTRODUCTION**

The purpose of this Official Statement, which includes the cover page and Appendices hereto, is to set forth certain information pertaining to the Mason County School District Finance Corporation (the "Corporation") School Building Revenue Bonds, Series 2024A (the "Bonds").

The Bonds are being issued to finance improvements to Mason County High School and the Mason County Board Office (the "Projects" herein).

The Bonds are revenue bonds and constitute a limited indebtedness of the Corporation. The Bonds will be secured by a statutory mortgage lien and a pledge of the rental income derived by the Corporation from leasing the Project to the Mason County School District Board of Education (the "Board") on a year to year basis (see "Security" herein).

All financial and other information presented in this Official Statement has been provided by the Mason County School District Board of Education from its records, except for information expressly attributed to other sources. The presentation of financial and other information is not intended, unless specifically stated, to indicate future or continuing trends in the financial position or other affairs of the Board. No representation is made that past experience, as is shown by financial and other information, will necessarily continue or be repeated in the future.

This Official Statement should be considered in its entirety, and no one subject discussed should be considered more or less important than any other by reason of its location in the text. Reference should be made to laws, reports or other documents referred to in this Official Statement for more complete information regarding their contents.

Copies of the Bond Resolution authorizing the issuance of the Bonds and the Contract, Lease and Option, dated April 23, 2024, may be obtained at the office of Dinsmore & Shohl LLP, 50 East Rivercenter Boulevard, Suite 1150, Covington, KY 41011.

**BOOK-ENTRY-ONLY-SYSTEM**

The Bonds initially will be issued solely in Book-Entry form to be held in the Book-Entry-Only-System maintained by The Depository Trust Company ("DTC"), New York, New York. So long as such Book-Entry system is used, only DTC will receive or have the right to receive physical delivery of Bonds and, except as otherwise provided herein with respect to tenders by Beneficial Owners of Beneficial Ownership Interests, Beneficial owners will not be or be considered to be, and will not have any rights as, owners or holders of the Bonds under the Ordinance.

The following information about the Book-Entry only system applicable to the Bonds has been supplied by DTC. Neither the Corporation nor the Paying Agent and Registrar makes any representations, warranties or guarantees with respect to its accuracy or completeness.

DTC will act as securities depository for the Bonds. The Securities will be issued as fully-registered securities registered in the name of Cede & Co. (DTC's partnership nominee) or such other name as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC. One fully-registered Bond certificate will be issued for in the aggregate principal amount of the Bonds and will be deposited with DTC.

DTC, the world's largest depository, is a limited-purpose trust company organized under the New York Banking Law, a "banking organization" within the meaning of the New York Banking Law, a member of the Federal Reserve System, a "clearing corporation" within the meaning of the New York Uniform Commercial Code, and a "clearing agency" registered pursuant to the provisions of Section 17A of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. DTC holds and provides asset servicing for over 2 million issues of U.S. and non-U.S. equity issues, corporate and municipal debt issues, and money market instruments from over 85 countries that DTC's participants ("Direct Participants") deposit with DTC. DTC also facilitates the post-trade settlement among Direct Participants of sales and other securities transactions in deposited securities, through electronic computerized book-entry transfers and pledges between Direct Participants' accounts. This eliminates the need for physical movement of securities certificates. Direct Participants include both U.S. and non-U.S. securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, clearing corporations, and certain other organizations. DTC is a wholly-owned subsidiary of The Depository Trust & Clearing Corporation ("DTCC"). DTCC, in turn, is owned by a number of Direct Participants of DTC and Members of the National Securities Clearing Corporation, Government Securities Clearing Corporation, MBS Clearing Corporation, and Emerging Markets Clearing Corporation, (NSCC, GSCC, MBSCC, and EMCC, also subsidiaries of DTCC), as well as by the New York Stock Exchange, Inc., the American Stock Exchange LLC, and the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. Access to the DTC system is also available to others such as both U.S. and non-U.S. securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, and clearing corporations that clear through or maintain a custodial relationship with a Direct Participant, either directly or indirectly ("Indirect Participants"). DTC has Standard & Poor's highest rating: AAA. The DTC Rules applicable to its Participants are on file with the Securities and Exchange Commission. More information about DTC can be found at [www.dtcc.com](http://www.dtcc.com).

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

To facilitate subsequent transfers, all Bonds deposited by Direct Participants with DTC are registered in the name of DTC's partnership nominee, Cede & Co., or such other name as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC. The deposit of Bonds with DTC and their registration in the name of Cede & Co. or such other DTC nominee do not effect any change in beneficial ownership. DTC has no knowledge of the actual Beneficial Owners of the Bonds; DTC's records reflect only the identity of the Direct Participants to whose accounts such Bonds are credited, which may or may not be the Beneficial Owners. The Direct and Indirect Participants will remain responsible for keeping account of their holdings on behalf of their customers. Conveyance of notices and other communications by DTC to Direct Participants, by Direct Participants to Indirect Participants, and by Direct Participants and Indirect Participants to Beneficial Owners will be governed by arrangements among them, subject to any statutory or regulatory requirements as may be in effect from time to time. Beneficial Owners of Bonds may wish to take certain steps to augment the transmission to them of notices of significant events with respect to the Bonds, such as redemptions, tenders, defaults, and proposed amendments to the Bond documents. For example, Beneficial Owners of Bonds may wish to ascertain that the nominee holding the Bonds for their benefit has agreed to obtain and transmit notices to Beneficial Owners. In the alternative, Beneficial Owners may wish to provide their names and addresses to the Paying Agent and Registrar and request that copies of notices be provided directly to them.

Redemption notices shall be sent to DTC. If less than all of the Bonds are being redeemed, DTC's practice is to determine by lot the amount of the interest of each Direct Participant in such issue to be redeemed. Neither DTC nor Cede & Co. (nor any other DTC nominee) will consent or vote with respect to the Bonds unless authorized by a Direct Participant in accordance with DTC's Procedures. Under its usual procedures, DTC mails an Omnibus Proxy to the Corporation as soon as possible after the record date. The Omnibus Proxy assigns Cede & Co.'s consenting or voting rights to those Direct Participants to whose accounts Bonds are credited on the record date (identified in a listing attached to the Omnibus Proxy).

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

DTC may discontinue providing its services as depository with respect to the Bonds at any time by giving reasonable notice the Corporation or the Paying Agent and Registrar. Under such circumstances, in the event that a successor depository is not obtained, Bond certificates are required to be printed and delivered. The Corporation may decide to discontinue use of the system of book-entry transfers through DTC (or a successor securities depository). In that event, Bond certificates will be printed and delivered.

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

## **THE CORPORATION**

The Corporation has been formed in accordance with the provisions of Sections 162.120 through 162.300 and Section 162.385 of the Kentucky Revised Statutes ("KRS"), and KRS Chapter 273 and KRS 58.180, as a non-profit, non-stock corporation for the purpose of financing necessary school building facilities for and on behalf of the Board. Under the provisions of existing Kentucky law, the Corporation is permitted to act as an agency and instrumentality of the Board for financing purposes and the legality of the financing plan to be implemented by the Board herein referred to has been upheld by the Kentucky Court of Appeals (Supreme Court) in the case of White v. City of Middlesboro, Ky. 414 S.W.2d 569.

Any bonds, notes or other indebtedness issued or contracted by the Corporation shall, prior to the issuance or incurrence thereon, be specifically approved by the Board. The members of the Board of Directors of the Corporation are the members of the Board. Their terms expire when they cease to hold the office and any successor members of the Board are automatically members of the Corporation upon assuming their public offices.

## **KENTUCKY SCHOOL FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION COMMISSION; NO PARTICIPATION IN THIS ISSUE**

The Kentucky School Facilities Construction Commission (the "Commission") is an independent corporate agency and instrumentality of the Commonwealth of Kentucky established pursuant to the provisions of KRS Sections 157.611 through 157.640, as amended, repealed and reenacted (the "Act") for the purpose of assisting local school districts in meeting the school construction needs of the Commonwealth in a manner which will ensure an equitable distribution of funds based upon unmet need.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth adopted the State's Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024. Inter alia, the Budget provides \$125,216,700 in FY 2022-23 and \$126,719,600 in FY 2023-2024 to pay debt service on existing and future bond issues; \$58,000,000 of the Commission's previous Offers of Assistance made during the last biennium. It authorizes \$85,000,000 in additional Offers of Assistance for the current biennium to be funded in the Budget for the biennium ending June 30, 2026.

The 2000, 2003, 2005, 2006, 2008, 2010, 2012, 2014, 2016, 2018, 2020 and 2022 regular sessions of the Kentucky General Assembly appropriated funds to be used for debt service of participating school districts. The appropriations for each biennium are shown in the following table:

<u>Biennium</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
2000-02	8,100,000
2002-04	9,500,000
2004-06	14,000,000
2006-08	9,000,000
2008-10	10,968,000
2010-12	12,656,200
2012-14	8,469,200
2014-16	8,764,000
2016-18	23,019,400
2018-20	7,608,000
2020-22	2,946,900
2022-24	<u>5,305,300</u>
Total	\$120,337,000

In addition to the appropriations for new financings as shown, appropriations subsequent to that for 1986 included additional funds to continue to meet the annual debt requirements for all bond issues involving Commission participation issued in prior years.

### BIENNIAL BUDGET FOR PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 2024

The Kentucky General Assembly is required by the Kentucky Constitution to adopt measures providing for the state's revenues and appropriations for each fiscal year. The Governor is required by law to submit a biennial State Budget (the "State Budget") to the General Assembly during the legislative session held in each even numbered year. State Budgets have generally been adopted by the General Assembly during those legislative sessions, which end in mid-April, to be effective upon the Governor's signature for appropriations commencing for a two-year period beginning the following July 1.

In the absence of a legislatively enacted budget, the Supreme Court has ruled the Governor has no authority to spend money from the state treasury except where there is a statutory, constitutional or federal mandate and the Commonwealth may be prevented from expending funds for certain state governmental functions, including the ability to pay principal of, premium, if any, and interest, when due, on obligations that are subject to appropriation.

The General Assembly adopted a budget for the biennial period ending June 30, 2024 which was approved and signed recently by the Governor. Such budget became effective beginning July 1, 2022.

The Office of the State Budget Director makes available on its website monthly updates to the General Fund receipts and other Funds of the commonwealth. When published, the updates can be found at [www.osbd.ky.gov](http://www.osbd.ky.gov).

### OUTSTANDING BONDS

The following table shows the outstanding Bonds of the Board by the original principal amount of each issue, the current principal outstanding, the amount of the original principal scheduled to be paid with the corresponding interest thereon by the Board or the School Facilities Construction Commission, the approximate interest range; and, the final maturity date of the Bonds:

<b>Bond Series</b>	<b>Original Principal</b>	<b>Principal Outstanding</b>	<b>Assigned to Board</b>	<b>Assigned to Commission</b>	<b>Rate Range</b>	<b>Final Maturity</b>
2013	\$2,315,000	\$1,300,000	\$0	\$2,315,000	3.125% - 4.000%	2033
2014	\$4,540,000	\$3,965,000	\$3,163,020	\$1,376,980	3.000% - 3.125%	2034
2016	\$1,465,000	\$1,400,000	\$1,465,000	\$0	2.000% - 3.000%	2036
2018	\$4,575,000	\$4,385,000	\$4,575,000	\$0	3.000% - 3.875%	2038
2019	\$8,765,000	\$8,225,000	\$7,733,102	\$1,031,898	2.000% - 3.000%	2039
2020	\$4,280,000	\$3,955,000	\$4,280,000	\$0	2.000% - 2.500%	2040
2021	\$26,415,000	\$24,405,000	\$6,165,987	\$20,249,013	2.000% - 2.125%	2041
<b>TOTALS:</b>	<b>\$52,355,000</b>	<b>\$47,635,000</b>	<b>\$27,382,109</b>	<b>\$24,972,891</b>		



## AUTHORITY

The Board of Directors of the Corporation has adopted a Bond Resolution which authorized among other things:

- i) the issuance of approximately \$6,320,000 of Bonds subject to a permitted adjustment by increasing or decreasing the amount awarded by up to \$630,000;
- ii) the advertisement for the public sale of the Bonds;
- iii) the Official Terms and Conditions for the sale of the Bonds to the successful bidder; and,
- iv) the President and Secretary of the Corporation to execute certain documents relative to the sale and delivery of the Bonds.

## THE BONDS

### General

The Bonds will be dated April 23, 2024, will bear interest from that date as described herein, payable semi-annually on April 1 and October 1 of each year, commencing October 1, 2024, and will mature as to principal on April 1, 2025, and thereafter in the years and in the principal amounts as set forth on the cover page of this Official Statement.

### Registration, Payment and Transfer

The Bonds are to be issued in fully-registered form (both principal and interest). Old National Bank, Evansville, Indiana, the Bond Registrar and Paying Agent, shall remit interest on each semiannual due date (April 1 and October 1) to each Registered Owner of record as of the 15th day of the month preceding the due date (March 15 and September 15) which shall be Cede & Co., as the nominee of The Depository Trust Company. Please see Book-Entry-Only-System.

### Redemption

The Bonds scheduled to mature on and after April 1, 2033, are subject to redemption at the option of the Corporation prior to their stated maturities on any date falling on or after April 1, 2032, in any order of maturities (less than all of a single maturity to be selected by lot), in whole or in part, expressed in percentages of the principal amount with respect to each redeemed Bond as set forth below, plus accrued interest to the date of redemption:

Redemption Dates (inclusive)	Redemption Price
April 1, 2032 and thereafter	100%

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Corporation reserves the right to call, upon thirty (30) days notice, the Bonds in whole or in part on any date for redemption upon the total destruction by fire, lightning, windstorm or other hazard of any of the building(s) constituting the Project(s) and apply casualty insurance proceeds to such purpose.

## **SECURITY**

### **General**

The Bonds are revenue bonds and constitute a limited indebtedness of the Corporation. The Bonds are payable as to both principal and interest solely from the income and revenues derived from the leasing of the Project acquired and constructed from the Bond proceeds from the Corporation to the Board.

### **Mortgage Lien**

The Bonds are secured by a statutory mortgage lien and a pledge of revenues on and from the site of the Project.

### **The Lease**

The Board has leased the school Project securing the Bonds for an initial period from April 23, 2024, through June 30, 2024, with the option in the Board to renew said Lease from year to year for one year at a time, at annual rentals, sufficient in each year to enable the Corporation to pay, solely from the rental due under the Lease, the principal and interest on all of the Bonds as same become due. The Lease provides further that so long as the Board exercises its annual renewal options, its rentals will be payable according to the terms and provisions of the Lease until April 1, 2044, the final maturity date of the Bonds.

## **THE PROJECTS**

After payment of the Bond issuance costs, the Board plans to deposit the net Bond proceeds to finance improvements to Mason County High School and the Mason County Board Office (the "Projects").

The Board has reported construction bids have been let for the Projects and approval of the Kentucky Department of Education, Buildings and Grounds, to award the construction contract is expected prior to the sale and delivery of the Bonds.

Contractors for the Projects are required to furnish to the Board a one hundred percent completion bond to assure their performance of the construction contract.

## **STATE INTERCEPT**

Under the terms of the Lease and any renewal thereof, so long as the Bonds remain outstanding and in conformance with the intent and purpose of KRS 157.627(5) and KRS 160.160(5), in the event of a failure by the Board to pay the rentals due under the Lease, and unless sufficient funds have been transmitted to the Paying Agent, or will be so transmitted, for paying said rentals when due, the Board has granted under the terms of the Lease and Participation Agreement to the Corporation the right to notify and request the Kentucky Department of Education to withhold from the Board a sufficient portion of any undisbursed funds then held, set aside, or allocated to the Board and to request said Department or Commissioner of Education to transfer the required amount thereof to the Paying Agent for the payment of such rentals.

## **ADDITIONAL PARITY BONDS FOR COMPLETION OF PROJECT**

The Corporation has reserved the right and privilege of issuing additional bonds from time to time payable from the income and revenues of said land and school building Project and secured by the same statutory mortgage lien and pledge of revenues, but only if and to the extent the issuance of such additional parity bonds may be necessary to pay the costs, for which funds are not otherwise available, of completing the construction of said school building Project in accordance with the plans and specifications of the architect in charge of said Project, which plans have been completed, approved by the Board, Kentucky Department of Education, and filed in the office of the Secretary of the Corporation.

**ESTIMATED BOND DEBT SERVICE**

The following table shows by fiscal year the current bond payments of the Board. The plan of financing provides for the Board to pay 100% of the debt service of the bonds.

Fiscal Ending June 30	Current Bond Payments	----- School Building Revenue Bonds, Series 2024 -----			Total Bond Payments
		Total Principal	Total Interest	Total Payment	
2024	\$1,882,284				\$1,882,284
2025	\$1,884,717	\$125,000	\$214,422	\$339,422	\$2,224,138
2026	\$1,881,352	\$115,000	\$224,378	\$339,378	\$2,220,730
2027	\$1,881,354	\$120,000	\$220,871	\$340,871	\$2,222,224
2028	\$1,882,660	\$120,000	\$217,271	\$337,271	\$2,219,930
2029	\$1,885,103	\$125,000	\$213,671	\$338,671	\$2,223,774
2030	\$1,885,503	\$125,000	\$209,921	\$334,921	\$2,220,423
2031	\$1,883,310	\$130,000	\$206,171	\$336,171	\$2,219,480
2032	\$1,883,760	\$135,000	\$202,245	\$337,245	\$2,221,004
2033	\$1,882,415	\$140,000	\$198,141	\$338,141	\$2,220,556
2034	\$1,885,962	\$140,000	\$193,857	\$333,857	\$2,219,818
2035	\$1,885,829	\$145,000	\$189,545	\$334,545	\$2,220,374
2036	\$1,883,020	\$155,000	\$184,977	\$339,977	\$2,222,997
2037	\$1,883,944	\$160,000	\$179,940	\$339,940	\$2,223,883
2038	\$1,884,687	\$160,000	\$174,580	\$334,580	\$2,219,266
2039	\$1,520,410	\$390,000	\$168,980	\$558,980	\$2,079,389
2040	\$1,520,953	\$400,000	\$154,823	\$554,823	\$2,075,775
2041	\$1,517,922	\$420,000	\$140,023	\$560,023	\$2,077,945
2042	\$1,520,601	\$430,000	\$124,273	\$554,273	\$2,074,873
		\$1,365,000	\$107,933	\$1,472,933	\$1,472,933
		\$1,420,000	\$55,380	\$1,475,380	\$1,475,380
<b>TOTALS:</b>	<b>\$34,335,783</b>	<b>\$6,320,000</b>	<b>\$3,581,394</b>	<b>\$9,901,394</b>	<b>\$44,237,177</b>

**ESTIMATED USE OF BOND PROCEEDS**

The table below shows the estimated sources of funds and uses of proceeds of the Bonds, other than any portions thereof representing accrued interest:

<b>Sources:</b>	
Par Amount of Bonds	<u>\$6,320,000.00</u>
Total Sources	\$6,320,000.00
<b>Uses:</b>	
Deposit to Construction Fund	\$6,134,970.00
Underwriter's Discount (2%)	126,400.00
Cost of Issuance	<u>58,630.00</u>
Total Uses	\$6,320,000.00

## DISTRICT STUDENT POPULATION

Selected school census, enrollment and average daily attendance for the Mason County School District is as follows:

Year	Average Daily Attendance	Year	Average Daily Attendance
2000-01	2,408.6	2012-13	2,515.9
2001-02	2,411.7	2013-14	2,499.5
2002-03	2,425.9	2014-15	2,501.4
2003-04	2,426.7	2015-16	2,452.9
2004-05	2,446.1	2016-17	2,461.8
2005-06	2,417.4	2017-18	2,442.5
2006-07	2,533.2	2018-19	2,391.1
2007-08	2,497.4	2019-20	2,332.7
2008-09	2,472.0	2020-21	2,299.0
2009-10	2,454.7	2021-22	2,396.8
2010-11	2,465.4	2022-23	2,396.8
2011-12	2,436.0	2023-24	2,230.1

Source: Kentucky State Department of Education.

## STATE SUPPORT

**Support Education Excellence in Kentucky (SEEK).** In determining the cost of the program to Support Education Excellence in Kentucky (SEEK), the statewide guaranteed base funding level is computed by dividing the amount appropriated by the prior year's statewide average daily attendance. The SEEK fund is a guaranteed amount of money per pupil in each school district of Kentucky. The current SEEK allotment is \$3,911 per pupil. The \$100 capital outlay allotment per each average daily attendance is included within the guaranteed amounts. Each district's base funding from the SEEK program is adjusted for the number of at-risk students, the number and types of exceptional children in the district, and cost of transporting students from and to school in the district.

**Capital Outlay Allotment.** The per pupil capital outlay allotment for each district from the public school fund and from local sources shall be kept in a separate account and may be used by the district only for capital outlay projects approved by the State Department of Education. These funds shall be used for the following capital outlay purposes:

- For direct payment of construction costs.
- For debt service on voted and funding bonds.
- For payment or lease-rental agreements under which the board will eventually acquire ownership of the school plant.
- For retirement of any deficit resulting from over-expenditure for capital construction, if such deficit resulted from certain declared emergencies.
- As a reserve fund for the above named purposes, to be carried forward in ensuing budgets.

The allotment for each school board of education in the Commonwealth for fiscal year 1978-79 was \$1,800 per classroom unit. The 1979 Session of the Kentucky General Assembly approved increases in this allotment in 1979-80 to \$1,900 per classroom unit. This rate remained unchanged in 1980-81. The 1981 Session of the Kentucky General Assembly decreased the allotment per classroom to \$1,800 and this allotment rate did not change from the 1981-82 rate, until the 1990-91 school year. Beginning with 1990-91, the Capital Outlay allotment for each district is based on \$100 per average daily attendance.

The following table shows the computation of the capital outlay allotment for the Mason County School District for certain preceding school years.

<b>Year</b>	<b>Capital Outlay Allotment</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Capital Outlay Allotment</b>
2000-01	240,860.0	2012-13	251,586.0
2001-02	241,170.0	2013-14	249,945.0
2002-03	242,590.0	2014-15	250,140.0
2003-04	242,670.0	2015-16	245,290.0
2004-05	244,610.0	2016-17	246,180.0
2005-06	241,740.0	2017-18	244,250.0
2006-07	253,320.0	2018-19	239,112.5
2007-08	249,740.0	2019-20	233,270.0
2008-09	247,203.0	2020-21	229,896.9
2009-10	245,470.0	2021-22	239,682.5
2010-11	246,537.0	2022-23	239,682.5
2011-12	243,599.0	2023-24	223,009.8

If the school district has no capital outlay needs, upon approval from the State, the funds can be used for school plant maintenance, repair, insurance on buildings, replacement of equipment, purchase of school buses and purchase of modern technological equipment for educational purposes. If any district has a special levy for capital outlay or debt service that is equal to the capital outlay allotment or a proportionate fraction thereof, and spends the proceeds of the levy for eligible purposes, the State may authorize the district to use all or a proportionate fraction of its capital outlay allotment for current expenses (school districts which use capital outlay allotments to meet current expenses are not eligible to participate in the School Facilities Construction Commission funds).

**Facilities Support Program of Kentucky.** School districts may be eligible to participate in the Facilities Support Program of Kentucky (FSPK), subject to the following requirements:

- 1) The district must have unmet needs as set forth and approved by the State Department of Education in a School Facilities Plan;
- 2) The district must commit to establish an equivalent tax rate of at least 5 cents, in addition to the 30 cents minimum current equivalent tax rate; and,
- 3) The new revenues generated by the 5 cent addition, must be placed in a restricted account for school building construction bonding.

## LOCAL SUPPORT

**Homestead Exemption.** Section 170 of the Kentucky Constitution was amended at the General Election held November 2, 1971, to exempt from property taxes \$6,500 of value of single unit residential property of taxpayers 65 years of age or older. The 1972 General Assembly amended KRS Chapter 132 to permit counties and school districts to adjust their local tax revenues lost through the application of this Homestead Exemption. The "Single Unit" qualification has been enlarged to subsequent sessions of the General Assembly to provide that such exemption shall apply to such property maintained as the permanent resident of the owner and the dollar amount has been construed to mean \$6,500 in terms of the purchasing power of the dollar in 1972. Every two years thereafter, if the cost of living index of the U.S. Department of Labor has changed as much as 1%, the maximum exemption shall be adjusted accordingly. Under the cost of living formula, the maximum was increased to \$46,350 effective January 1, 2023.

**Limitation on Taxation.** The 1979 Special Session of the Kentucky General Assembly enacted House Bill 44 which provides that no school district may levy a general tax rate, voted general tax rate, or voted building tax rate which would generate revenues that exceeds the previous years revenues by four percent (4%).

The 1990 Regular Session of the Kentucky General Assembly in enacting the "School Reform" legislative package amended the provisions of KRS 160.470 which prohibited school districts from levying ad valorem property taxes which would generate revenues in excess of 4% of the previous year's revenues without said levy subject to recall to permit exceptions to the referendum under (1) KRS 160.470(12) [a new section of the statute] and (2) an amended KRS 157.440.

**Local Thirty Cents Minimum.** Effective for school years beginning after June 30, 1990, the board of education of each school district shall levy a minimum equivalent tax rate of thirty cents (\$0.30) for general school purposes. If a board fails to comply, its members shall be subject to removal from office for willful neglect of duty.

**Additional 15% Not Subject to Recall.** Effective with the school year beginning July 1, 1990, each school district may levy an equivalent tax rate which will produce up to 15% of those revenues guaranteed by the SEEK program. Effective with the 1990-91 school year, the State will equalize the revenue generated by this levy at one hundred fifty percent (150%) of the statewide average per pupil equalized assessment. For 1993-94 and thereafter, this level is set at \$225,000. The additional 15% rate levy is not subject to the public hearing or recall provisions.

**Assessment Valuation.** No later than July 1, 1994, all real property located in the state and subject to local taxation shall be assessed at one hundred percent (100%) of fair cash value.

**Special Voted and Other Local Taxes.** Any district may, in addition to other taxes for school purposes, levy not less than four cents nor more than twenty cents on each one hundred dollars (\$100) valuation of property subject to local taxation, to provide a special fund for the purchase of sites for school buildings and the erection, major alteration, enlargement, and complete equipping of school buildings. In addition, districts may levy taxes on tangible and intangible property and on utilities, except generally any amounts of revenues generated above that provided for by House Bill 44 is subject to voter recall.

***Local Tax Rates, Property Assessments and Revenue Collections***

<b>Tax Year</b>	<b>Combined Equivalent Rate</b>	<b>Total Property Assessment</b>	<b>Property Revenue Collections</b>
2000-01	52.7	866,394,638	4,565,900
2001-02	52.4	867,218,668	4,544,226
2002-03	54.9	869,501,365	4,773,562
2003-04	54.9	875,029,919	4,803,914
2004-05	56.4	916,681,079	5,170,081
2005-06	56.9	988,119,343	5,622,399
2006-07	55.1	998,832,455	5,503,567
2007-08	56.9	1,050,193,067	5,975,599
2008-09	56.6	1,224,919,093	6,933,042
2009-10	56.6	1,217,052,790	6,888,519
2010-11	54.9	1,227,556,010	6,739,282
2011-12	53.9	1,224,268,319	6,598,806
2012-13	54.9	1,237,665,935	6,794,786
2013-14	62.2	1,340,230,324	8,336,233
2014-15	57.7	1,361,665,401	7,856,809
2015-16	60	1,376,016,478	8,256,099
2016-17	56.8	1,383,047,613	7,855,710
2017-18	57.1	1,386,029,932	7,914,231
2018-19	66.5	1,398,976,896	9,303,196
2019-20	61.5	1,438,042,022	8,843,958
2020-21	62.9	1,450,438,593	9,123,259
2021-22	63.1	1,469,873,366	9,274,901
2022-23	66.3	1,565,968,695	10,382,372
2023-24	64.6	1,680,506,139	10,856,070

## OVERLAPPING BOND INDEBTEDNESS

The following table shows any other overlapping bond indebtedness of the Mason County School District or other issuing agency within the County as reported by the State Local Debt Officer for the period ending June 30, 2023.

<b>Issuer</b>	<b>Original Principal Amount</b>	<b>Amount of Bonds Redeemed</b>	<b>Current Principal Outstanding</b>
<b>County of Mason</b>			
Refinancing Revenue	4,910,000	3,530,000	1,380,000
Court Facility Public Corp.	1,094,430	576,471	517,959
Land Acquisition	1,300,000	1,126,947	173,053
Vehicles Revenue	161,981	0	161,981
<b>City of Maysville</b>			
Solid Waste/Sewer Revenue	31,815,000	62,000	31,753,000
<b>Special Districts</b>			
Mason County Health District	3,500,000	3,190,000	310,000
Southern Mason Water District	535,000	291,000	244,000
Williamsburg Tourist and Convention Comm.	2,910,000	759,000	2,151,000
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>46,226,411</b>	<b>9,535,418</b>	<b>36,690,993</b>

*Source: 2023 Kentucky Local Debt Report.*

## SEEK ALLOTMENT

The Board has reported the following information as to the SEEK allotment to the District, and as provided by the State Department of Education.

<b>SEEK</b>	<b>Base Funding</b>	<b>Local Tax Effort</b>	<b>Total State &amp; Local Funding</b>
2000-01	7,683,688	4,565,900	12,249,588
2001-02	7,793,153	4,544,226	12,337,379
2002-03	8,139,390	4,773,562	12,912,952
2003-04	8,535,607	4,803,914	13,339,521
2004-05	8,895,093	5,170,081	14,065,174
2005-06	9,287,865	5,622,399	14,910,264
2006-07	10,134,650	5,503,567	15,638,217
2007-08	10,790,809	5,975,599	16,766,408
2008-09	10,057,038	6,933,042	16,990,080
2009-10	9,413,180	6,888,519	16,301,699
2010-11	9,429,876	6,739,282	16,169,158
2011-12	10,008,309	6,598,806	16,607,115
2012-13	10,156,865	6,794,786	16,951,651
2013-14	9,516,356	8,336,233	17,852,589
2014-15	9,677,397	7,856,809	17,534,206
2015-16	9,822,686	8,256,099	18,078,785
2016-17	10,148,566	7,855,710	18,004,276
2017-18	10,144,269	7,914,231	18,058,500
2018-19	10,107,329	9,303,196	19,410,525
2019-20	9,534,237	8,843,958	18,378,195
2020-21	9,064,895	9,123,259	18,188,154
2021-22	9,946,104	9,274,901	19,221,005
2022-23	10,273,407	10,382,372	20,655,779
2023-24	9,349,457	10,856,070	20,205,527

- (1) Support Education Excellence in Kentucky (SEEK) replaces the minimum foundation program and power equalization funding. Capital Outlay is now computed at \$100 per average daily attendance (ADA). Capital Outlay is included in the SEEK base funding.
- (2) The Board established a current equivalent tax rate (CETR) of \$0.6460 for FY 2023-24. The "equivalent tax rate" is defined as the rate which results when the income from all taxes levied by the district for school purposes is divided by the total assessed value of property plus the assessment for motor vehicles certified by the Commonwealth of Kentucky Revenue Cabinet.

### **State Budgeting Process**

- i) Each district board of education is required to prepare a general school budget on forms prescribed and furnished by the Kentucky Board of Education, showing the amount of money needed for current expenses, debt service, capital outlay, and other necessary expenses of the school during the succeeding fiscal year and the estimated amount that will be received from all sources.
- ii) By September 15 of each year, after the district receives its tax assessment data from the Department of Revenue and the State Department of Education, 3 copies of the budget are forwarded to the State Department for approval or disapproval.
- iii) The State Department of Education has adopted a policy of disapproving a school budget if it is financially unsound or fails to provide for:
  - a) payment of maturing principal and interest on any outstanding voted school improvement bonds of the district or payment of rental in connection with any outstanding school building revenue bonds issued for the benefit of the school district; or
  - b) fails to comply with the law.

### **CONTINUING DISCLOSURE**

In accordance with Securities and Exchange Commission Rule 15c2-12, as amended (the "Rule") the Board and the Corporation (the "Obligated Persons") will agree pursuant to a Continuing Disclosure Agreement to be dated as of the date of initial issuance and delivery (the "Disclosure Agreement"), to be delivered on the date of delivery of the Bonds, to cause the following information to be provided:

- (i) to the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board ("MSRB") or any successor thereto for purposes of the Rule, through the continuing disclosure service portal provided by the MSRB's Electronic Municipal Market Access ("EMMA") system as described in 1934 Act Release No. 59062, or any similar system that is acceptable to the Securities and Exchange Commission, certain annual financial information and operating data, including audited financial statements, generally consistent with the information contained under the headings "BOND DEBT SERVICE," "DISTRICT STUDENT POPULATION," "LOCAL SUPPORT," AND "SEEK ALLOTMENT" and in Appendix B of this Official Statement (the "Annual Financial Information"); such information shall include, at a minimum, that financial information and operating data which is customarily prepared by the Obligated Persons and is publicly available. The annual financial information shall be provided on or before the 270th day following the fiscal year ending on the preceding June 30th;
- (ii) to the MSRB, in a timely manner, not in excess of ten business days after the occurrence of the event, notice of the occurrence of the following events with respect to the Bonds:
  - (a) Principal and interest payment delinquencies;
  - (b) Non-payment related defaults, if material;
  - (c) Unscheduled draws on debt service reserves reflecting financial difficulties;
  - (d) Unscheduled draws on credit enhancements reflecting financial difficulties;
  - (e) Substitution of credit or liquidity providers, or their failure to perform;



- (f) Adverse tax opinions, the issuance by the Internal Revenue Service of proposed or final determinations of taxability, Notices of Proposed Issue (IRS Form 5701-TEB) or other material notices or determinations with respect to the tax status of the security, or other material events affecting the tax-exempt status of the security;
  - (g) Modifications to rights of security holders, if material;
  - (h) Bond calls, if material, and tender offers (except for mandatory scheduled redemptions not otherwise contingent upon the occurrence of an event);
  - (i) Defeasances;
  - (j) Release, substitution or sale of property securing repayment of the securities, if material;
  - (k) Rating changes;
  - (l) Bankruptcy, insolvency, receivership or similar event of the obligated person (Note: For the purposes of this event, the event is considered to occur when any of the following occur: The appointment of a receiver, fiscal agent or similar officer for an obligated person in a proceeding under the U.S. Bank National Association Bankruptcy Code or in any other proceeding under state or federal law in which a court or governmental authority has assumed jurisdiction over substantially all of the assets or business of the obligated person, or if such jurisdiction has been assumed by leaving the existing governing body and officials or officers in possession but subject to the supervision and orders of a court or governmental authority, or the entry of an order confirming a plan of reorganization, arrangement or liquidation by a court or governmental authority having supervision or jurisdiction over substantially all of the assets or business of the obligated person);
  - (m) The consummation of a merger, consolidation, or acquisition involving an obligated person or the sale of all or substantially all of the assets of the obligated person, other than in the ordinary course of business, the entry into a definitive agreement to undertake such an action or the termination of a definitive agreement relating to any such actions, other than pursuant to its terms, if material;
  - (n) Appointment of a successor or additional trustee or the change of name of a trustee, if material;
  - (o) Incurrence of a financial obligation of the Corporation or Obligated Person, if material, or agreement to covenants, events of default, remedies, priority rights, or other similar terms of a financial obligation of the issuer or Obligated Person, any of which affect security holders, if material;
  - (p) Default, event of acceleration, termination event, modification of terms, or other similar events under the terms of a financial obligation of the issuer or Obligated Person, any of which reflect financial difficulties; and
  - (q) The cure, in the manner provided under the Bond Resolution, of any payment or nonpayment related default under the Bond Resolution.
- (iii) to the MSRB, notice of a failure (of which the Obligated Persons has knowledge) of an Obligated Person to provide the required Annual Financial Information on or before the date specified in the Disclosure Agreement.

The Disclosure Agreement provides bondholders, including beneficial owners of the respective series of Bonds, with certain enforcement rights in the event of a failure by the Obligated Persons to comply with the terms thereof; however, a default under the Disclosure Agreement does not constitute an event of default under the Bond Resolution. The Disclosure Agreement may also be amended or terminated under certain circumstances in accordance with the Rule as more fully described therein. Bondholders are advised that the Disclosure Agreement, the form of which is attached to the Official Statement as Appendix C, should be read in its entirety for more complete information regarding its contents.

For purposes of this transaction:

- (a) there are no debt service reserve funds applicable to the Bonds;
- (b) there are no credit enhancements applicable to the Bonds; and
- (c) there are no liquidity providers applicable to the Bonds.

The Board and Corporation have been timely in making required filings under the terms of the Continuing Disclosure Agreement for the past five years. The Board has adopted procedures to assure timely and complete filings in the future with regard to the Rule in order to provide required financial reports and operating data or notices of material events.

### **TAX EXEMPTION; BANK QUALIFIED**

Bond Counsel is of the opinion that:

- (A) The Bonds and the interest payable thereon are exempt from income and ad valorem taxation by the Commonwealth of Kentucky and all of its political subdivisions
- (B) Interest payable on the Bonds is excludable from gross income under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"). Furthermore, interest on the Bonds will not be treated as a specific item of tax preference, under Section 57(a)(5) of the Code, in computing the alternative minimum tax; imposed on individuals. The Corporation has covenanted to comply with the applicable provisions of the Code, and such compliance by the corporation is necessary to maintain the federal income tax status described above. No opinion is expressed regarding other federal tax consequences arising with respect to the Bonds.
- (C) The Corporation has designated the Bonds as "qualified tax-exempt obligations" pursuant to Section 265 of the Code.

The Corporation has covenanted to comply with the applicable provisions of the Code, and such compliance by the Corporation is necessary to maintain the federal income tax status described above. No opinion is expressed regarding other federal tax consequences arising with respect to Bonds.

### **LITIGATION**

There is no litigation presently pending against the Corporation or the District, nor to the knowledge of the officials of the Corporation or the District is there any litigation threatened, which questions or affects the validity of the Bonds or any proceedings or transactions relating to the issue, sale and delivery thereof.

### **APPROVAL OF LEGALITY**

Legal matters incident to the authorization and issuance of the Bonds are subject to the approving legal opinion of Dinsmore & Shohl LLP, Covington, Kentucky, Bond Counsel. The form of the approving legal opinion of Bond Counsel will appear on each printed Bond.

### **NO LEGAL OPINION EXPRESSED AS TO CERTAIN MATTERS**

Bond Counsel has reviewed the information contained in the Official Statement describing the Bonds and the provisions of the Bond Resolution and related proceedings authorizing the Bonds, but Bond Counsel has not reviewed any of the financial data, computations, tabulations, balance sheets, financial projections, and general information concerning the Corporation or District, and expresses no opinion thereon, assumes no responsibility for same and has not undertaken independently to verify any information contained herein.

## **BOND RATING**

As noted on the cover page of this Official Statement, Moody's Investors Service has given the Bonds the indicated rating. Such rating reflects only the respective views of such organization. Explanations of the significance of the rating may be obtained from the rating agency. There can be no assurance that such rating will be maintained for any given period of time or will not be revised or withdrawn entirely by the rating agency, if in their judgement circumstances so warrant. Any such downward revision or withdrawal of such rating may have an adverse effect on the market price of the Bonds.

## **MUNICIPAL ADVISOR**

Prospective bidders are advised that RSA Advisors, LLC ("RSA") has been employed as Municipal Advisor in connection with the issuance of the Bonds. RSA's fee for services rendered with respect to the sale of the Bonds is contingent upon the issuance and delivery thereof. Bidders may submit a bid for the purchase of the Bonds at the time of the advertised public sale, either individually or as a member of a syndicate organized to submit a bid for the purchase of the Bonds.

## **APPROVAL OF OFFICIAL STATEMENT**

The Corporation has approved and caused this "Official Statement" to be executed and delivered by its President. In making this "Official Statement" the Corporation relied upon information furnished to it by the Board of Education of the Mason County School District and does not assume any responsibility as to the accuracy or completeness of any of the information in this Official Statement except as to copies of documents denominated "Official Terms and Conditions" and "Bid Form." The financial information supplied by the Board of Education is represented by the Board of Education to be correct. The Corporation deems this preliminary Official Statement to be final for purposes of Securities Exchange Commission Rule 15c2-12(b)(1) as qualified by the cover hereof.

No dealer, broker, salesman, or other person has been authorized by the Corporation, the Mason County School District Board of Education or the Municipal Advisor to give any information or representations, other than those contained in this Official Statement, and if given or made, such information or representations must not be relied upon as having been authorized by any of the foregoing. This Official Statement does not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of any person in any jurisdiction in which it is unlawful for such person to make such offer, solicitation or sale. Except when otherwise indicated, the information set forth herein has been obtained from the Kentucky Department of Education and the Mason County School District and is believed to be reliable. However, such information is not guaranteed as to accuracy or completeness, and is not to be construed as a representation by the Municipal Advisor or by Counsel. The delivery of this Official Statement at any time does not imply that information herein is correct as of any time subsequent to the date hereof.

This Official Statement does not, as of its date, contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact which should be included herein for the purpose for which the Official Statement is to be used or which is necessary in order to make the statements contained herein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading in any material respect.

By /s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
**President**

By /s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
**Secretary**

# **APPENDIX A**

## **Mason County School District Finance Corporation School Building Revenue Bonds Series 2024A**

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### **Demographic and Economic Data**

## MASON COUNTY, KENTUCKY

Maysville, the county seat of Mason County, is situated on the south bank of the Ohio River in the northeastern portion of Kentucky. Maysville is located 51 miles southeast of Cincinnati, Ohio; 135 miles northeast of Louisville, Kentucky; and 154 miles west of Charleston, West Virginia. The city had a 2023 population of 8,863.

Mason County, covering a land area of 241 square miles, is in the Outer Blue Grass Region. Mason County had population of 17,022 in 2023.

### **The Economic Framework**

In 2023, Mason County had a labor force of 7,359 people with an unemployment rate of 5.3%. The top 5 jobs by occupations were as follows: office and administrative support - 823 (14.2%); sales - 598 (10.32%); executive, managers and administrators - 513 (8.85%); food preparation and serving - 390 (6.73%); and health diagnosing and treating practitioners - 387 (6.68%).

### **Transportation**

Highways serving Maysville include U.S. Highway 62-68, Kentucky Routes 8, 10, 11 and Kentucky 9 (AA Highway). All are “AAA”-rated trucking highways. Twenty-five trucking companies provide interstate and/or intrastate service to Maysville. The Fleming-Mason Airport, a local airport located six miles south of the city, maintains a 5,000-foot paved runway. Scheduled commercial airline service is available at the Blue Grass Airport, 71 miles southwest near Lexington; and at the Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport in Boone County, Kentucky, 60 miles northeast of Maysville. Maysville is located on the Ohio River, where a nine-foot navigation channel is maintained. Private port facilities are located in Maysville. CSX Transportation, the Trans-Kentucky Transportation Railroad, and Amtrack provide rail service to Maysville.

### **Power and Fuel**

Electric power is provided to Maysville and portions of Mason County by the Kentucky Utilities Company. The remainder of Mason County is served by the Fleming-Mason Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation. Natural gas service is provided by Columbia Gas of Kentucky, Inc.

## LOCAL GOVERNMENT

### **Structure**

The City of Maysville is governed by a mayor, four city, and a city manager. The mayor is elected to a four-year term, while the commissioners each serve two-year terms. The city manager serves as a full-time employee. Mason County is governed by a county judge/executive and three magistrates. Each county official is elected to a four-year term.

### **Planning and Zoning**

- Joint agency - Mason County Joint Planning Commission
- Participating cities - Maysville
- Zoning enforced - Within city limits of Maysville
- Subdivision regulations enforced - All areas of Mason County
- Local codes enforced - Building and housing codes, within city limits of Maysville
- Mandatory state codes enforced - Kentucky Plumbing Code, National Electric Code, Kentucky Boiler Regulations and Standards, Kentucky Building Code (modeled after BOCA code)

## LABOR MARKET STATISTICS

The Maysville Labor Market Area includes Mason County and the adjoining Kentucky counties of Bracken, Fleming, Lewis, and Robertson; and the Ohio counties of Adams and Brown.

### Population

<u>Area</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>
Maysville	8,760	8,844	8,627
Mason County	16,988	17,064	16,839

*Source: Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development*

### Population Projections

<u>Area</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2030</u>	<u>2035</u>
Mason County	17,074	16,941	16,725

*Source: Kentucky State Data Center, University of Louisville*

## EDUCATION

### Public Schools

#### Mason County

Total Enrollment (2022-23)	2,474
Pupil-Teacher Ratio	15 - 1

*Source: Kentucky Department of Education*

### Technical - Vocational Education

<u>Institution</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Enrollment (2022-23)</u>
Boone County ATC	Hebron, KY	187
Clark County ATC	Winchester, KY	559
Greenup County ATC	Greenup, KY	459
Harrison County ATC	Cynthiana	444
Mason County ATC	Maysville, KY	194
Montgomery County ATC	Mt. Sterling, KY	350
Morgan County ATC	West Liberty, KY	411
Russell ATC	Russell, KY	428

*Source: Kentucky Department of Education*

### Colleges and Universities

<u>Institution</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Enrollment (Fall 2022)</u>
Georgetown College	Georgetown, KY	1,233
Midway University	Midway, KY	1,663
Morehead State University	Morehead, KY	8,218
Northern Kentucky University	Highland Heights, KY	10,776
Thomas More College	Crestview Hills, KY	1,829
Transylvania University	Lexington, KY	981
University of Kentucky	Lexington, KY	22,735

*Source: US News & World Report*

## EXISTING INDUSTRY

<u>Firm</u>	<u>Product</u>	<u>Total Employed</u>
Carmeuse Lime & Stone	Lime and calcinating plant fines	125
Glenro Inc.	Industrial ovens, infrared ovens	25
Green Tokai Co. Ltd.	Plastic weather stripping, auto trim	292
International Paper	Manufacture recycled liner board & medium	113
The Ledger-Independent	Newspaper publishing; offset and Letterpress printing	24
Maysville Materials Co.	Asphalt and sell aggregate	14
Mitsubishi Electric Automotive America	Automotive electronics including vehicle Entertainment system, ignition coils	552
Old Pogue Distillery LLC	Craft distillery, small batch bourbon	2
Precision Pulley & Idler, Inc.	High performance conveyor products	60
Ranger Steel Inc.	Industrial maintenance & steel fabrication	45
Standard Supply Co. Inc.	Concrete blocks & precast concrete products	17
Stober Drives Inc.	Manufacture and assemble gearbox	128
Superior Windings LLC	Custom AC motor manufacturer	10
Wald LLC	Conveyor system components	37

*Source: Kentucky Directory of Manufacturers (2020).*

**APPENDIX B**

**Mason County School District Finance Corporation  
School Building Revenue Bonds  
Series 2024A**

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**Audited Financial Statement for FY Ending June 30, 2023**



**APPENDIX C**

**Mason County School District Finance Corporation  
School Building Revenue Bonds  
Series 2024A**

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**Continuing Disclosure Certificate**

**MASON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**JUNE 30, 2023**

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Kentucky State Committee for School District Audits  
Members of the Board of Education  
Mason County School District  
Maysville, Kentucky

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

#### ***Opinions***

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Mason County School District (District) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the District, as of June 30, 2023 and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### ***Basis of Opinions***

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. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the District and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinions.

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

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

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the District's ability to continue

as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

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

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

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

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

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

***Required Supplementary Information***

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis, budgetary comparison information, pension schedules, and OPEB schedules as listed in the table of contents, be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or

historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

***Other Supplementary Information***

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements. The accompanying combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements, combining and individual school activity fund financial statements, and schedule of expenditures of federal awards, as required by Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards*, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements, combining and individual school activity fund financial statements, and the schedule of expenditures of federal awards 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 7, 2023, on our consideration of the District's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

**Maddox & Associates CPAs Inc.**

Fort Thomas, Kentucky  
November 7, 2023

As management of the Mason County School District (District) we offer readers of the District's financial statements this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the District for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023. We encourage readers to consider the information presented here in conjunction with additional information found within the body of this report.

### **FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS**

The assets and deferred outflows of the District were more than its liabilities and deferred outflows at the close of the most recent fiscal year by \$8,598,902 (net position). The unrestricted net position, which represents the amounts available to meet the District's ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors, was a deficit of \$19,687,605. The District is committed to provide postemployment benefits to its employees. As a result, the District has recognized substantial liabilities in the financial statements for these benefits. As of year-end, the District has liabilities of for postemployment benefits of \$17,631,493 which caused the deficit balance in the unrestricted net position.

The District's total net position increased by \$1,679,476.

### **OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

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

#### **Government-wide Financial Statements**

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

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

The *statement of activities* presents information showing how the District net position changed during the most recent fiscal year. All changes in net position are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of the related cash flows. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported for some items that will only result in cash flows in future fiscal periods.

The government-wide financial statements distinguish functions of the District that are principally supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues (governmental activities). The governmental activities of the District include instruction, support services, district and school administration, business and plant operations, student transportation, and operation of non-instructional services. Fixed assets and debt is also supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues. The government-wide financial statements can be found on pages 10-11 of this report.



### **Fund Financial Statements**

A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. This is the state mandated accounting system including a chart of accounts for all Kentucky public school districts utilizing the MUNIS administrative software. The District uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. All of the funds of the District can be divided into three categories: governmental funds, proprietary funds, and fiduciary funds. The proprietary fund is for food service operations. The fiduciary fund is a trust fund established by benefactors to aid in student education, welfare, and teacher support. All other activities of the District are included in the governmental funds. The basic governmental fund financial statements can be found on pages 12-21 of this report.

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

The notes provide additional information that is necessary to acquire a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements. The notes to the financial statements can be found on pages 22-56 of this report.

### **GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS**

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

**Net Position**

	Governmental Activities		Business-Type Activities	
	June 30, 2023	June 30, 2022	June 30, 2023	June 30, 2022
<b>Assets</b>				
Current assets	\$ 18,703,455	\$ 28,004,022	\$ 1,254,599	\$ 925,043
Non-current assets	56,802,688	48,615,979	482,717	528,412
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>75,506,143</b>	<b>76,620,001</b>	<b>1,737,316</b>	<b>1,453,455</b>
Deferred outflows	5,074,697	3,822,363	270,242	372,658
<b>Liabilities</b>				
Current liabilities	1,375,651	810,849	24,069	425
Non-current liabilities	67,086,102	67,021,243	1,491,164	1,501,191
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>68,461,753</b>	<b>67,832,092</b>	<b>1,515,233</b>	<b>1,501,616</b>
Deferred inflows	3,839,543	5,605,881	172,967	409,887
<b>Net position</b>				
Net investment in capital assets	6,334,237	(4,261,723)	482,717	528,412
Restricted	21,469,553	21,469,553	-	(613,377)
Unrestricted	(19,524,246)	(10,203,439)	(163,359)	-
<b>Total net position</b>	<b>\$ 8,279,544</b>	<b>\$ 7,004,391</b>	<b>\$ 319,358</b>	<b>\$ (84,965)</b>

**Change in Net Position**

	Governmental Activities		Business-Type Activities	
	June 30, 2023	June 30, 2022	June 30, 2023	June 30, 2021
<b>Revenues:</b>				
Local revenue	\$ 11,347,613	\$ 11,325,812	\$ 88,522	\$ 98,450
State revenue	22,598,806	19,404,792	371,154	312,044
Federal revenue	5,378,703	6,310,362	2,398,335	2,067,106
<b>Total revenues</b>	<b>39,325,122</b>	<b>37,040,966</b>	<b>2,858,011</b>	<b>2,477,600</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>				
Instruction	20,473,435	19,657,020	-	-
Student support	1,442,887	1,374,668	-	-
Instruction staff	1,819,740	1,072,772	-	-
District administrative	948,249	1,082,778	-	-
School administrative	1,712,563	1,474,765	-	-
Business support	999,310	886,955	-	-
Plant operations and maintenance	3,455,344	2,826,291	-	-
Student transportation	2,636,113	2,334,808	-	-
Other instructional	170,015	64,799	-	-
Food service	-	-	2,439,853	2,211,501
Community services	366,618	330,434	-	-
Facility acquisition and improvement:	2,773,831	-	-	-
Interest on long-term debt	1,265,699	1,038,174	-	-
<b>Total expenditures</b>	<b>38,063,804</b>	<b>32,143,464</b>	<b>2,439,853</b>	<b>2,211,501</b>
Transfers	13,835	-	(13,835)	-
<b>Change in net position</b>	<b>\$ 1,275,153</b>	<b>\$ 4,897,502</b>	<b>\$ 404,323</b>	<b>\$ 266,099</b>

**GOVERNMENTAL FUND FINANCIAL ANALYSIS**

**Governmental Funds**

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

At the end of the current fiscal year, the District's government funds reported combined fund balances of \$17,501,644, a decrease of \$9,873,575 in comparison with the prior year.

The general fund is the chief operating fund of the District. At the end of the current fiscal year, unassigned fund balance of the general fund was \$6,757,477. The total general fund balance increased \$1,382,046.

**CAPITAL ASSETS AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION**

**Capital Assets**

At the end of the fiscal year, the District had \$57,057,957 in capital assets net of depreciation. Net capital assets increased \$7,886,486.

	Governmental Activities		Business-Type Activities	
	June 30, 2023	June 30, 2022	June 30, 2023	June 30, 2022
Land	\$ 1,276,725	\$ 1,276,725	\$ -	\$ -
Land and improvements	3,589,750	3,590,740	-	-
Buildings and improvements	22,685,740	23,563,324	-	-
Technology equipment	187,335	190,053	3,174	27,080
Vehicles	812,355	570,489	-	-
General equipment	418,919	392,236	-	3,204
Construction in progress	27,604,416	19,032,412	21,664	27,080
Food service equipment	-	-	457,879	498,128
<b>Total capital assets</b>	<b>\$ 56,575,240</b>	<b>\$ 48,615,979</b>	<b>\$ 482,717</b>	<b>\$ 555,492</b>

**Long-Term Obligations**

At the end of the fiscal year, the District had \$68,577,266 in long-term liabilities. Long-term liabilities increased \$55,257.

	Governmental Activities		Business-Type Activities	
	June 30, 2023	June 30, 2022	June 30, 2023	June 30, 2021
Bonds payable	\$ 50,241,003	\$ 52,877,702	\$ -	\$ -
Financed purchases	107,633	307,736	-	-
Operating leases	227,448	-	-	-
Compensated absences	369,689	389,814	-	-
Net OPEB liability	8,303,556	6,355,534	320,152	346,505
Net pension liability	7,836,773	7,090,457	1,171,012	1,154,261
<b>Total long-term liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 67,086,102</b>	<b>\$ 67,021,243</b>	<b>\$ 1,491,164</b>	<b>\$ 1,500,766</b>

**GENERAL FUND BUDGET**

Kentucky state statutes and the Kentucky Department of Education require school districts to adopt a budget that has a minimum 2% contingency. The District adopted a general fund budget that had a contingency of 21%.

**ECONOMIC FACTORS AND NEXT YEAR'S BUDGET**

Budgeted general fund revenue for the District decreased for the upcoming fiscal year primarily due to higher expected property tax revenue. Budgeted general fund expenditures decreased for the upcoming fiscal year primarily due to higher wage costs.

**REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION**

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the District finances for all those with an interest in the government's finances. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional financial information should be addressed to Finance Officer, Lisa Moreland, 34 East Second St., Maysville, KY 41056.

Mason County School District  
Statement of Net Position  
June 30, 2023

	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	Total
<b>Assets</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 17,418,309	\$ 1,222,597	\$ 18,640,906
Receivables	1,285,146	-	1,285,146
Inventory	-	32,002	32,002
Right-of-use lease asset	227,448	-	227,448
Capital assets, net	56,575,240	482,717	57,057,957
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>75,506,143</b>	<b>1,737,316</b>	<b>77,243,459</b>
<b>Deferred outflows of resources</b>			
OPEB related	4,072,085	115,244	4,187,329
Pension related	1,002,612	154,998	1,157,610
<b>Total deferred outflows of resources</b>	<b>5,074,697</b>	<b>270,242</b>	<b>5,344,939</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Accounts payable	602,092	24,069	626,161
Unearned revenue	599,719	-	599,719
Accrued interest payable	173,840	-	173,840
Due within one year:			
Bonds payable	3,596,698	-	3,596,698
Financed purchases	52,832	-	52,832
Operating lease	91,460	-	91,460
Due in more than one year:			
Bonds payable	46,644,305	-	46,644,305
Financed purchases	54,801	-	54,801
Operating lease	135,988	-	135,988
Compensated absences	369,689	-	369,689
Net OPEB liability	8,303,556	320,152	8,623,708
Net pension liability	7,836,773	1,171,012	9,007,785
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>68,461,753</b>	<b>1,515,233</b>	<b>69,976,986</b>
<b>Deferred inflows of resources</b>			
OPEB related	3,561,327	131,394	3,692,721
Pension related	278,216	41,573	319,789
<b>Total deferred inflows of resources</b>	<b>3,839,543</b>	<b>172,967</b>	<b>4,012,510</b>
<b>Net position</b>			
Net investment in capital assets	6,334,237	482,717	6,816,954
Restricted (deficit)	21,469,553	-	21,469,553
Unrestricted (deficit)	(19,524,246)	(163,359)	(19,687,605)
<b>Total net position (deficit)</b>	<b>\$ 8,279,544</b>	<b>\$ 319,358</b>	<b>\$ 8,598,902</b>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

Mason County School District  
Statement of Activities  
Year Ended June 30, 2023

	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Charges for Services</u>	<u>Operating Grants and Contribution</u>	<u>Capital Grants and Contributions</u>	<u>Net Revenues (Expenses)</u>
<b>Governmental Activities</b>					
Instruction	\$ 20,473,435	\$ 4,000	\$ 9,136,083	\$ -	\$ (11,333,352)
Support services:					
Student	1,442,887	-	1,027,789	-	(415,098)
Instructional staff	1,819,740	-	1,384,891	-	(434,849)
District administration	948,249	-	175,207	-	(773,042)
School administration	1,712,563	-	569,863	-	(1,142,700)
Business	999,310	-	211,921	-	(787,389)
Plant operation	3,455,344	-	727,430	-	(2,727,914)
Student transportation	2,636,113	-	900,164	-	(1,735,949)
Other instructional	170,015	-	170,015	-	-
Community service	366,618	-	362,935	-	(3,683)
Building improvements	2,773,831	-	-	-	(2,773,831)
Interest on long-term debt	1,265,699	-	-	2,022,436	756,737
<b>Total governmental activities</b>	<b>38,063,804</b>	<b>4,000</b>	<b>14,666,298</b>	<b>2,022,436</b>	<b>(21,371,070)</b>
<b>Business-Type Activities</b>					
Food service	2,439,853	87,720	2,769,489	-	417,356
<b>Total business-type activities</b>	<b>2,439,853</b>	<b>87,720</b>	<b>2,769,489</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>417,356</b>
<b>District total</b>	<b>\$ 40,503,657</b>	<b>\$ 91,720</b>	<b>\$ 17,435,787</b>	<b>\$ 2,022,436</b>	<b>\$ (20,953,714)</b>
			<b>Governmental</b>	<b>Business-Type</b>	<b>Total</b>
			<b>Activities</b>	<b>Activities</b>	<b>Total</b>
Net revenues (expenses)			\$ (21,371,070)	\$ 417,356	\$ (20,953,714)
<b>General Revenues</b>					
Property taxes			7,750,204	-	7,750,204
Motor vehicle taxes			920,622	-	920,622
Utilities tax			1,493,800	-	1,493,800
State aid			11,254,706	-	11,254,706
Investment earnings			15,150	802	15,952
Other			1,197,906	-	1,197,906
Transfers			13,835	(13,835)	-
<b>Total general revenues</b>			<b>22,646,223</b>	<b>(13,033)</b>	<b>22,633,190</b>
Change in net position			1,275,153	404,323	1,679,476
Net position (deficit) - beginning of year			7,004,391	(84,965)	6,919,426
Net position (deficit) - end of year			<b>\$ 8,279,544</b>	<b>\$ 319,358</b>	<b>\$ 8,598,902</b>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

Mason County School District  
Balance Sheet – Governmental Funds  
June 30, 2023

	General Fund	Special Revenue	Construction Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<b>Assets</b>					
Cash and cash equivalents (deficit)	\$ 7,813,445	\$ (476,037)	\$ 9,109,665	\$ 971,236	\$ 17,418,309
Accounts receivable	141,400	1,142,492		1,254	1,285,146
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$ 7,954,845</b>	<b>\$ 666,455</b>	<b>\$ 9,109,665</b>	<b>\$ 972,490</b>	<b>\$ 18,703,455</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>					
Accounts payable	\$ 63,323	\$ 81,104	\$ 444,613	\$ 13,052	\$ 602,092
Unearned revenue	-	589,293	-	10,426	599,719
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>63,323</b>	<b>670,397</b>	<b>444,613</b>	<b>23,478</b>	<b>1,201,811</b>
<b>Fund balances</b>					
Restricted	184,845	558,973	8,665,052	889,347	10,298,217
Committed	36,071	-	-	-	36,071
Assigned	913,129	-	-	-	913,129
Unassigned	6,757,477	(562,915)	-	59,665	6,254,227
<b>Total fund balances</b>	<b>7,891,522</b>	<b>(3,942)</b>	<b>8,665,052</b>	<b>949,012</b>	<b>17,501,644</b>
<b>Total liabilities and fund balances</b>	<b>\$ 7,954,845</b>	<b>\$ 666,455</b>	<b>\$ 9,109,665</b>	<b>\$ 972,490</b>	<b>\$ 18,703,455</b>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.



Mason County School District  
 Reconciliation of the Balance Sheet – Governmental Funds  
 to the Statement of Net Position  
 June 30, 2023

Total fund balances - governmental funds	\$ 17,501,644
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position are different because:	
Capital assets and right-of use assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.	56,802,688
Deferred outflow and inflow of resources are applicable to future periods and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.	
Deferred outflows - OPEB	4,072,085
Deferred outflows - pensions	1,002,612
Deferred inflows - OPEB	(3,561,327)
Deferred inflows - pension	(278,216)
Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.	
Accrued interest payable	(173,840)
Bonds payable	(50,241,003)
Financed purchases	(107,633)
Operating lease	(227,448)
Compensated absences	(369,689)
Net OPEB liability	(8,303,556)
Net pension liability	(7,836,773)
<hr/> <b>Net position of governmental activities</b> <hr/>	<hr/> <b>\$ 8,279,544</b> <hr/>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

Mason County School District  
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund  
Balances – Governmental Funds  
June 30, 2023

	General Fund	Special Revenue	Construction Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<b>Revenues</b>					
From local sources:					
Property taxes	\$ 6,184,236	\$ -	\$ -	1,565,968	\$ 7,750,204
Motor vehicle taxes	920,622	-	-	-	920,622
Utility taxes	1,493,800	-	-	-	1,493,800
Earnings on investments	7,259	33	7,858	-	15,150
Other local revenue	39,143	19,797	-	1,107,922	1,166,862
Intergovernmental - state SEEK	10,033,724	-	-	1,108,889	11,142,613
Intergovernmental - state on-behalf	7,869,660	-	-	2,022,436	9,892,096
Intergovernmental - state other	112,092	1,452,005	-	-	1,564,097
Intergovernmental - federal	245,944	5,132,759	-	-	5,378,703
<b>Total revenues</b>	<b>26,906,480</b>	<b>6,604,594</b>	<b>7,858</b>	<b>5,805,215</b>	<b>39,324,147</b>

Mason County School District  
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund  
Balances – Governmental Funds - Continued  
June 30, 2023

	General	Special	Construction	Other	Total
	Fund	Revenue	Fund	Governmental	Governmental
<b>Expenditures</b>				Funds	Funds
Instruction	14,466,047	4,420,703	-	997,856	19,884,606
Support services:				-	
Student	528,800	919,291	-	1,283	1,449,374
Instruction staff	1,664,306	182,756	-	-	1,847,062
District administrative	966,280	-	-	-	966,280
School administrative	1,713,319	11,603	-	-	1,724,922
Business support	955,627	47,772	-	-	1,003,399
Plant operation	3,215,777	220,592	-	-	3,436,369
Student transportation	2,653,975	221,283	-	29,248	2,904,506
Other instructional	-	170,015	-	-	170,015
Community services	8,779	360,199	-	479	369,457
Building improvements	7,355	-	11,338,480	-	11,345,835
Debt service	370,626	-	-	3,904,561	4,275,187
<b>Total expenditures</b>	<b>26,550,891</b>	<b>6,554,214</b>	<b>11,338,480</b>	<b>4,933,427</b>	<b>49,377,012</b>
Excess of revenues over (under) expenditures	355,589	50,380	(11,330,622)	871,788	(10,052,865)
<b>Other financing sources (uses)</b>					
Transfers in	905,832	80,589	-	1,882,125	2,868,546
Transfers out	(44,830)	(135,024)	-	(2,674,857)	(2,854,711)
Sale of assets	975	-	-	-	975
Lease proceeds	164,480	-	-	-	164,480
<b>Total other financing sources (uses)</b>	<b>1,026,457</b>	<b>(54,435)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(792,732)</b>	<b>179,290</b>
Net change in fund balances	1,382,046	(4,055)	(11,330,622)	79,056	(9,873,575)
Fund balances - beginning	6,509,476	113	19,995,674	869,956	27,375,219
<b>Fund balances - end of year</b>	<b>\$ 7,891,522</b>	<b>\$ (3,942)</b>	<b>\$ 8,665,052</b>	<b>\$ 949,012</b>	<b>\$ 17,501,644</b>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

Mason County School District  
 Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures  
 and Changes in Fund Balances – Governmental Funds  
 to the Statement of Activities  
 June 30, 2023

Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds	\$ (9,873,575)
<p>Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement  of activities are different because:</p>	
<p>Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures.  However, in the statement of activities, the cost of those asset is  allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation  expense.</p>	
	7,959,261
<p>Lease proceeds provide current financial resources to governmental  funds, but the proceeds increase long-term liabilities in the statement  of net position.</p>	
	(164,480)
<p>Repayment of long-term debt and financed purchases are expenditures  expenditures in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces  long-term liabilities in the statement of net position.</p>	
	2,999,583
<p>Some expenses reported in the statement of activities do not require  current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported as  expenditures in the funds.</p>	
Amortization of bond premium	1,699
Change in accrued interest payable	8,206
Change in compensated absences	20,125
Change in OPEB liabilities and deferred amounts	75,038
Change in pension liabilities and deferred amounts	249,296
Change in net position of governmental activities	\$ 1,275,153

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

Mason County School District  
Statement of Net Position – Proprietary Fund  
June 30, 2023

	Food Service
<b>Assets</b>	
<b>Current assets</b>	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,222,597
Inventories for consumption	32,002
<b>Total current assets</b>	<b>1,254,599</b>
<b>Noncurrent assets</b>	
Capital assets, net	482,717
<b>Total noncurrent assets</b>	<b>482,717</b>
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>1,737,316</b>
<b>Deferred outflows</b>	
OPEB related	115,244
Pension related	154,998
<b>Total deferred outflows</b>	<b>270,242</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>	
<b>Current liabilities</b>	
Accounts payable	\$ 24,069
<b>Total current liabilities</b>	<b>24,069</b>
<b>Long-term liabilities</b>	
Net OPEB liability	320,152
Net pension liability	1,171,012
<b>Total long-term liabilities</b>	<b>1,491,164</b>
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>1,515,233</b>
<b>Deferred outflows</b>	
OPEB related	131,394
Pension related	41,573
<b>Total deferred outflows</b>	<b>172,967</b>
<b>Net position</b>	
Net investment in capital assets	482,717
Restricted	(163,359)
<b>Total net position (deficit)</b>	<b>\$ 319,358</b>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

Mason County School District  
Statement of Revenue, Expenses, and Changes  
In Fund Net Position – Proprietary Fund  
June 30, 2023

	Food Service Fund
<b>Operating revenues</b>	
Food service	\$ 87,526
Other operating revenue	194
<b>Total operating revenues</b>	<b>87,720</b>
<b>Operating expenses</b>	
Salaries and wages	535,890
Employee benefits	408,220
Purchased services	63,855
Materials and supplies	1,245,324
Other operating expenses	140,869
Depreciation	45,695
<b>Total operating expenses</b>	<b>2,439,853</b>
<b>Operating loss</b>	<b>(2,352,133)</b>
<b>Non operating revenues</b>	
Operating grants - state	16,163
Operating grants - state on-behalf	354,991
Operating grants - federal	2,298,158
Donated commodities	100,177
Transfers in	
Transfers out	(13,835)
Interest income	802
<b>Total other financing sources (uses)</b>	<b>2,756,456</b>
<b>Net change in fund balances</b>	<b>404,323</b>
<b>Fund balances - beginning of year</b>	<b>(84,965)</b>
<b>Fund balances - end of year</b>	<b>\$ 319,358</b>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

Mason County School District  
Statement of Net Position – Fiduciary Fund  
June 30, 2023

	Food Service Fund
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>	
Cash received:	
From food service sales	\$ 87,526
From other activities	194
Cash paid:	
To employees	(1,088,216)
To suppliers	(1,193,416)
For operating expenses	(140,869)
<b>Net cash used in operating activities</b>	<b>(2,334,781)</b>
<b>Cash flows from noncapital financing activities</b>	
Operating grants	2,669,312
Cash transfer	(13,835)
<b>Net cash provided by noncapital financing activities</b>	<b>2,655,477</b>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>	
Interest on investments	802
<b>Net cash provided by investing activities</b>	<b>802</b>
Net increase in cash	321,498
Cash - beginning of year	901,099
<b>Cash - end of year</b>	<b>\$ 1,222,597</b>
<b>Reconciliation of operating loss to net cash used in operating activities</b>	
Operating loss	\$ (2,352,133)
Adjustments to reconcile operating loss to net cash in operating activities	
Depreciation	45,695
Commodities received	100,177
Changes in:	
Inventory	(8,058)
Payables	23,644
Deferred outflows	102,416
Deferred inflows	(236,920)
Net OPEB liability	(26,353)
Net pension liability	16,751
<b>Net cash used in operating activities</b>	<b>\$ (2,334,781)</b>
<b>Noncash activities</b>	
Commodities received from federal	\$ 100,177
On-behalf payments received state	\$ 354,991

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

Mason County School District  
 Statement of Net Position – Fiduciary Fund  
 June 30, 2023

	Trust Funds
<b>Assets</b>	
Cash	\$ 18,586
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$ 18,586</b>
<b>Net position</b>	
Restricted	\$ 18,586

See accompanying notes to financial statements.



Mason County School District  
Statement of Changes in Net Position – Fiduciary Fund  
June 30, 2023

	Trust Funds
<b>Additions</b>	
Interest income	\$ 14
<b>Total additions</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>Deductions</b>	
Community services	-
<b>Total deductions</b>	<b>0</b>
Change in net position	14
Net position - beginning of year	18,572
<b>Net position - end of year</b>	<b>\$ 18,586</b>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

## **NOTE 1: ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

### **Reporting Entity**

The Mason County Board of Education (Board), a five-member group, is the level of government which has oversight responsibilities over all activities related to public elementary and secondary education within the jurisdiction of Mason County School District (District). The District receives funding from local, state and federal government sources and must comply with the commitment requirements of these funding source entities. However, the District is not included in any other governmental reporting entity as defined by Section 2100 of the GASB Codification of Governmental Accounting and Financial Reporting Standards. Board members are elected by the public and have decision making authority, the power to designate management, the responsibility to develop policies which may influence operations, and primary accountability for fiscal matters.

The District, for financial purposes, includes all of the funds and account groups relevant to the operation of the Board. The financial statements presented herein do not include funds of groups or organizations, which although associated with the school system, have not originated with the Board; such as Band Boosters, Parent-Teacher Associations, and others.

The financial statements of the District include those separately administered organizations that are controlled by or dependent on the Board. Control or dependence is determined on the basis of budget adoption, funding, and appointment of the respective governing board.

Based on the foregoing criteria, the financial statements of the following organization are included in the accompanying financial statements:

**Mason County Board of Education Finance Corporation** – The Board authorized the establishment of the Mason County Board of Education Finance Corporation (Corporation), (a non-profit, non-stock, public and charitable corporation organized under the School Bond Act and KRS 273 and KRS 58.180) as an agency of the District for financing the costs of school building facilities. The members of the Board also comprise the Corporation’s Board of Directors.

### **Basis of Presentation**

The District’s basic financial statements consist of government-wide statements, including a statement of net position and a statement of activities, and fund financial statements, which provide a more detailed level of financial information.

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

The statement of net position and the statement of activities display information about the District as a whole. These statements include the financial activities of the primary government.

The statement of net position presents the financial condition of the District as a whole. The statement of activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for each function or program of the District. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with a service, program, or department and are therefore clearly identifiable to a particular function.

**NOTE 1: ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

Program revenues include charges paid by the recipient of the goods or services offered by the program and grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program. Revenues that are not classified as program revenues are presented as general revenues of the District, with certain limited exceptions. The comparison of direct expenses with program revenues identifies the extent to which each governmental function is self-financing or draws from the general revenues of the District.

**Fund Financial Statements**

During the year, the District segregates transactions related to certain District functions or activities in separate funds in order to aid financial management and to determine legal compliance. A fund is defined as a fiscal and accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. Fund financial statements are designed to present financial information of the District at this more detailed level. The focus of governmental and proprietary fund financial statements is on major funds. Each major fund is presented in a separate column. Nonmajor funds, if any, are presented in a single column.

**Governmental Fund Types**

The *General Fund* is the primary operating fund of the District. This used to account for and report all financial resources not accounted for and reported in another fund. The general fund balance is available for any purpose provided it is expended or transferred according to the general laws of Kentucky. This is a major fund of the District.

The *Special Revenue Fund* accounts for proceeds of specific revenue sources (other than expendable trusts or major capital projects) that are legally restricted to disbursements for specified purposes. It includes federal financial programs where unused balances are returned to the grantor at the close of the specified project periods as well as state grant programs. Project accounting is employed to maintain integrity for the various sources of funds. The separate projects of federally-funded grant programs are identified in the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards included in this report. This is a major fund of the District.

The *District Activity Fund* is a special revenue fund that accounts for funds received at the school level.

The *School Activity Fund* is a special revenue fund that accounts for activities of student groups and other types of activities requiring clearing accounts. These funds are accounted for in accordance with the *Uniform Program of Accounting for School Activity Funds*.

The *Capital Outlay Fund* is the Support Education Excellence in Kentucky (SEEK) fund and receives those funds designated by the state as capital outlay funds and is restricted for use in financing projects identified by the district's facility plan.

The *Building Fund* is the Facility Support Program of Kentucky (FSPK) fund and accounts for funds generated by the building tax levy required to participate in the School Facilities Construction Commission's construction funding and state matching funds, where applicable. Funds may be used for projects identified in the District's facility plan.

The *Construction Fund* is used to account for proceeds from sales of bonds and other revenues to be used for authorized construction. This is a major fund of the District.

**NOTE 1: ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

The *Debt Service Fund* is used to account for the accumulation of resources for, and the payment of, general long-term debt principal and interest and related cost, as required by state law.

**Proprietary Fund Types (Enterprise Funds)**

The *Food Service Fund* accounts for school food service activities, including the National School Lunch Program, which is conducted in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). Amounts have been recorded for in-kind contribution of commodities from the USDA. This is a major fund of the District.

**Fiduciary Fund Types**

Fiduciary funds account for assets held by the District in a trustee capacity for the benefit of others and cannot be used to support District activities.

**Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting**

***Government-wide Financial Statements***

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of the related cash flows. Property taxes are recognized as revenues in the year for which they are levied. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met. The District also reports a fiduciary fund which focuses on net position and changes in net position.

***Fund Financial Statements***

The governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized when they have been earned and they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be available when they are collected within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. The District considers revenues to be available if they are collected within sixty days of year end. Expenditures are generally recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting.

However, debt service expenditures as well as expenditures related to long-term compensated absences and postemployment benefits are recorded only when payment is due.

**Assets, Liabilities, Deferred Inflows/Outflows, and Net Position/Fund Balance**

***Cash and Cash Equivalents***

Cash and cash equivalents include amounts in demand deposits as well as short-term investments with an initial maturity date of ninety days or less.

**NOTE 1: ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

The District is authorized by state statute to invest in the following subject to additional requirements of KRS 66.480:

- Obligations of the United States and of its Agencies and instrumentalities
- Certificates of Deposit
- Bankers Acceptances
- Commercial Paper
- Bonds and Securities of other State and Local Governments
- Mutual Funds, Exchange Traded Funds, Individual Equity Securities and High-quality Corporate bonds managed by a professional investment manager

***Investments***

Investments with a maturity of less than one year are stated at cost. Investments with a maturity greater than one year are stated at fair value. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an investment in an orderly transaction at year end.

***Receivables***

*Accounts receivables* are presented, when necessary, net of an allowance for doubtful accounts. No allowance has been recorded for the current fiscal year.

***Capital Assets***

General capital and leased assets are those assets that generally result from expenditures in the governmental funds. These assets are reported in the governmental activities column of the government-wide statement of net position, but are not reported in the fund financial statements. Capital assets utilized by the proprietary funds are reported in both the business-type activities column of the government-wide statement of net position and in the respective funds.

All capital assets are capitalized at cost (or estimated historical cost) and updated for additions and disposals during the year. Donated capital assets are recorded at their fair market values as of the date received. The District maintains a capitalization threshold of \$5,000. Improvements are capitalized; the cost of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend an asset's life are not.

All reported capital assets are depreciated except for land. Improvements are depreciated over the remaining useful lives of the related capital assets. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the following useful lives:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Estimated Lives</u>
Buildings	50 Years
Improvements	20 Years
Infrastructure	40 Years
Vehicles	7 Years
General equipment	7 Years

**NOTE 1: ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

***Deferred Outflows***

Deferred outflows of resources represent a consumption of net position that applies to a future period, and therefore, are deferred until that time. The District recognized deferred outflows of resources related to pensions and other postemployment benefits on the government-wide financial statements.

***Payables and Accrued Liabilities***

All payables and accrued liabilities are reported on the government-wide financial statements and fund financial statements. In general, governmental fund payables and accrued liabilities that, once incurred, are paid in a timely manner and in full from current financial resources are reported as obligations of the funds. However, compensated absences, contractually required pension and OPEB contributions that will be paid from governmental funds are reported as liabilities on the fund financial statements only to the extent that they are due for payment during the current fiscal year. Bonds and other long-term obligations are recognized as a liability on the governmental fund financial statements when due.

***Compensated Absences***

Compensated absences are payments to employees for accumulated sick leave. These amounts also include the related employer's share of applicable taxes and retirement contributions. District employees may accumulate unused sick leave up to a specified amount depending on their date of hire. Sick leave is payable to employees upon termination or retirement at 30.00% of the current rate of pay on the date of termination or retirement. The District uses the termination method to calculate the compensated absences amounts. The entire compensated absence liability is reported on the government-wide financial statements. The current portion is the amount estimated to be used in the following year. An expenditure is recognized in the governmental fund as payments come due each period, for example, as a result of employee resignations and retirements. Compensated absences not recorded at the fund level represent a reconciling item between the fund level and government-wide presentations.

***Long-Term Obligations***

All long-term debt to be repaid from governmental resources is reported as liabilities in the government-wide statements. Long-term debt consists of bonds, notes, and lease liabilities. Bond premiums and discounts are deferred and amortized over the life of the bonds. Long-term debt for governmental funds is not reported as a liability in the fund financial statements. The debt proceeds are reported as an other financing source and payment of principal and interest are reported as expenditures.

***Pensions***

For purposes of measuring the net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the County Employee Retirement System (CERS) and additions to/deductions from CERS' fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis of as they are reported by CERS. For this purpose, benefit payments are recognized when due and payable in accordance with benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value.

**NOTE 1: ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

***Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB)***

For purposes of measuring the net OPEB liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB, and OPEB expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the County Employee Retirement System (CERS) and additions to/deductions from CERS' fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis of as they are reported by CERS. For this purpose, benefit payments are recognized when due and payable in accordance with benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value.

***Deferred Inflows***

Deferred inflows of resources represent an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period and, are therefore, deferred until that time. The District recognized deferred inflows of resources related to pension and other postemployment benefits on the government-wide financial statements. In the governmental funds, certain revenue transactions have been reported as unavailable revenue. Revenue that is earned by not available is reported as a deferred inflow of resources until such time as the revenue becomes available.

***Net Position***

Net position represents the difference between assets and deferred outflows and liabilities and deferred inflows. Net position is comprised of three components: net investment in capital assets, restricted, and unrestricted.

*Net investment in capital assets* consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, reduced by outstanding balances of any borrowing used for the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets. Deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets or related debt are included in this component of net position.

*Restricted* net position consists of restricted net assets reduced by liabilities and deferred inflows of resources related to those assets. Assets are reported as restricted when constraints are placed on asset use by external parties or by law through enabling legislation.

*Unrestricted* net position is the amount of net amount of assets, deferred outflows, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources that does not meet the definition of the two preceding categories.

***Fund Balance***

Fund balance is divided into five classifications based primarily on the extent to which the District is bound to observe constraints imposed upon the use of the resources in the governmental funds. The classifications are as follows:

*Nonspendable.* Amounts that cannot be spent because they are not in spendable form or legally required to be maintained intact. The "not in spendable form" criterion includes items that are not expected to be converted to cash.

**NOTE 1: ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

*Restricted.* Amounts that can be spent only for specific purposes because of constitutional provisions, enabling legislation, state or federal laws, or externally imposed conditions by grantors or creditors.

*Committed.* Amounts that can be used only for specific purposes determined by a formal action by District Council ordinance.

*Assigned.* Amounts that are designated for a specific purpose but are not spendable until a budget ordinance is passed or a there is majority passed vote by District Council.

*Unassigned.* All amounts not included in other spendable classifications.

When an expense is incurred that can be paid using either restricted or unrestricted resources, the District's policy is to first apply the expense toward restricted resources and then toward unrestricted resources. In governmental funds, the District's policy is to first apply the expenditure toward restricted fund balance, and then to committed, assigned, and unassigned fund balances in that order.

**Revenues and Expenditures/Expenses**

***Property Taxes***

Property taxes are levied in September on the assessed value listed as of the prior January 1 for all the real and personal property in the county. The billings are considered due upon receipt by the taxpayer; however, the actual date is based on a period ending 30 days after the tax bill mailing. Property taxes collected are recorded as revenues in the fiscal year for which they were levied. All taxes collected are initially deposited into the General Fund and then transferred to the appropriate fund.

The District levies a utility gross receipts license tax on telephone communication services, cablevision services, electric power, water, and gas furnished within the District's boundaries.

***Revenues***

Amounts reported as program revenues include (1) charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided or fines imposed by a given function or segment, and (2) grants and contributions (including special assessments) that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function or segment. All taxes, including those dedicated for specific purposes, and other internally dedicated resources are reported as general revenues rather than as program revenues.

***Expenses/Expenditures***

On the accrual basis of accounting, expenses are recognized at the time they are incurred. The measurement focus of governmental fund accounting is on the decreases in net financial resources (expenditures) rather than expenses. Expenditures are generally recognized in the accounting period in which the related fund liability is incurred, if measurable. Allocations of cost, such as depreciation, are not recognized in governmental funds.



**NOTE 1: ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

**Interfund Activity**

Exchange transactions between funds are reported as revenues in the seller funds and as expenditures/expenses in the purchaser funds. Flows of cash or goods from one fund to another without a requirement for repayment are reported as interfund transfers. Interfund transfers are reported as other financing sources/uses in governmental funds. Repayments from funds responsible for particular expenditures/expenses to the funds that initially paid for them are not presented on the basic financial statements.

**Interfund Balances**

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

**Extraordinary and Special Items**

Extraordinary items are transactions or events that are both unusual in nature and infrequent in occurrence. Special items are transactions or events that are within the control of the District administration and that are either unusual in nature or infrequent in occurrence. Neither type of transaction occurred during the fiscal year.

**Estimates**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires the District's management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the basic financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

**Budgetary Process**

An annual budget is adopted for each governmental fund by ordinance prior to July 1. The budget can be amended by a subsequent ordinance. Expenditures may not legally exceed budgeted appropriations at the function level.

**Subsequent Events**

The District evaluated subsequent events for potential recognition and disclosure through November 7, 2023, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

**NOTE 2: CASH AND INVESTMENTS**

*Custodial credit risk.* This is the risk that, in the event of a bank failure, the District’s deposits may not be returned to it. The District’s deposit policy for custodial credit risk requires compliance with state statute depository restrictions.

At year end, the District’s bank balance was \$19,267,252 and the carrying amount was \$18,640,906. The bank balance was fully covered by FDIC insurance and collateralized securities held by the financial institution, but not in the name of the District.

**NOTE 3: CAPITAL ASSETS**

Capital assets activity for the year is summarized below:

	Balance July 1, 2022	Additions	Disposals	Balance June 30, 2023
<b>Governmental Activities</b>				
Land	\$ 1,276,725	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,276,725
Land improvements	4,861,533	-	-	4,861,533
Buildings and improvements	42,013,335	-	-	42,013,335
Technology equipment	4,878,919	-	(32,158)	4,846,761
Vehicles	3,504,224	357,210	(13,870)	3,847,564
General equipment	1,464,557	70,703	(37,611)	1,497,649
Construction in progress	19,032,412	8,572,004	-	27,604,416
<b>Total at historical cost</b>	<b>77,031,705</b>	<b>8,999,917</b>	<b>(83,639)</b>	<b>85,947,983</b>
Less Accumulated Depreciation				
Land improvements	1,270,793	990	-	1,271,783
Buildings and improvements	18,450,011	877,584	-	19,327,595
Technology equipment	4,688,866	2,718	(32,158)	4,659,426
Vehicles	2,933,735	115,344	(13,870)	3,035,209
General equipment	1,072,321	44,020	(37,611)	1,078,730
<b>Total accumulated depreciation</b>	<b>28,415,726</b>	<b>1,040,656</b>	<b>(83,639)</b>	<b>29,372,743</b>
<b>Capital assets - net</b>	<b>\$ 48,615,979</b>	<b>\$ 7,959,261</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 56,575,240</b>

**NOTE 3: CAPITAL ASSETS - CONTINUED**

	Balance July 1, 2022	Additions	Disposals	Balance June 30, 2023
<b>Business-type Activities</b>				
Technology equipment	\$ 27,802	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 27,802
Vehicles	27,080	-	-	27,080
General equipment	897,113	-	-	897,113
<b>Total at historical cost</b>	<b>951,995</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>951,995</b>
<b>Less Accumulated Depreciation</b>				
Technology equipment	24,598	30	-	24,628
Vehicles	-	5,416	-	5,416
General equipment	398,985	40,249	-	439,234
<b>Total accumulated depreciation</b>	<b>423,583</b>	<b>45,695</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>469,278</b>
<b>Capital assets - net</b>	<b>\$ 528,412</b>	<b>\$ (45,695)</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 482,717</b>

Depreciation was charged to following government functions:

	Governmental	Business-type
Instruction	\$ 884,378	\$ -
Student support	20,432	-
Instructional staff	-	-
District administration	862	-
School administration	1,183	-
Business support	1,022	-
Plant operations	28,629	-
Student transportation	104,150	-
Community service	-	-
Food service	-	45,695
	<b>\$ 1,040,656</b>	<b>\$ 45,695</b>

**NOTE 5: LONG-TERM LIABILITIES**

Long-term liability activity for the year is summarized below:

Governmental Activities	Balance			Balance June 30, 2023	Amount	
	July 1, 2022	Additions	Reductions		Due Within One Year	Long- Term
Bonds payable	\$ 52,877,702	\$ -	\$ 2,636,699	\$ 50,241,003	\$ 3,596,698	\$ 46,644,305
Financed purchases	307,736	164,480	364,583	107,633	52,832	54,801
Operating leases	-	279,349	51,901	227,448	91,460	135,988
Compensated absences	389,814	-	20,125	369,689	-	369,689
Net OPEB liability	6,355,534	1,948,022	-	8,303,556	-	8,303,556
Net pension liability	7,090,457	746,316	-	7,836,773	-	7,836,773
<b>Total long-term liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 67,021,243</b>	<b>\$ 3,138,167</b>	<b>\$ 3,073,308</b>	<b>\$ 67,086,102</b>	<b>\$ 3,740,990</b>	<b>63,345,112</b>

Business-type Activities	Balance			Balance June 30, 2023	Amount	
	July 1, 2022	Additions	Reductions		Due Within One Year	Long- Term
Net OPEB liability	\$ 346,505	\$ -	\$ 26,353	\$ 320,152	\$ -	\$ 320,152
Net pension liability	1,154,261	16,751	-	1,171,012	-	1,171,012
<b>Total long-term liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 1,500,766</b>	<b>\$ 16,751</b>	<b>\$ 26,353</b>	<b>\$ 1,491,164</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>1,491,164</b>

**Bonds Payable**

The District issues general obligations bonds to provide funds for the acquisition of equipment and the construction of facilities. The bonds are direct obligations and pledge the full faith and credit of the District. General obligations outstanding at year end are as follows:

Issue Date	Proceeds	Rates	Balance June 30, 2023
2012	\$ 9,235,000	1.240% - 2.400%	\$ 1,200,000
2013	2,315,000	1.950% - 4.000%	1,410,000
2014	4,540,000	2.000% - 3.250%	4,035,000
2016	1,465,000	2.000% - 3.000%	1,400,000
2018	4,545,000	3.000% - 3.875%	4,425,000
2019	8,765,000	2.000% - 3.000%	8,365,000
2020	4,280,000	2.000% - 2.500%	3,955,000
2021	26,415,000	2.000% - 2.125%	25,420,000
2021 Bond discount	33,976		31,003
	<b>\$ 61,593,976</b>		<b>\$ 50,241,003</b>

**NOTE 4: LONG-TERM LIABILITIES - CONTINUED**

Bond activity for the year is summarized below:

Issue	Balance			Balance June 30, 2023	Amount	
	July 1, 2022	Additions	Reductions		Due Within One Year	Long- Term
Series 2012	\$ 2,370,000	\$ -	\$ 1,170,000	\$ 1,200,000	\$ 1,200,000	\$ -
Series 2013	1,520,000	-	110,000	1,410,000	110,000	1,300,000
Series 2014	4,105,000	-	70,000	4,035,000	70,000	3,965,000
Series 2016	1,405,000	-	5,000	1,400,000	10,000	1,390,000
Series 2018	4,465,000	-	40,000	4,425,000	40,000	4,385,000
Series 2019	8,500,000	-	135,000	8,365,000	140,000	8,225,000
Series 2020	4,065,000	-	110,000	3,955,000	110,000	3,845,000
Series 2021	26,415,000	-	995,000	25,420,000	1,915,000	23,505,000
Total bonds payable	52,845,000	-	2,635,000	50,210,000	3,595,000	46,615,000
Bond premium	32,702	-	1,699	31,003	1,698	29,305
<b>Total bonds payable</b>	<b>\$ 52,877,702</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 2,636,699</b>	<b>\$ 50,241,003</b>	<b>\$ 3,596,698</b>	<b>\$ 46,644,305</b>

Debt service requirements for the District's general obligation bonds are as follows:

Year End June 30	Mason County School District		School Facility Construction Commission		Total Debt Service
	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest	
2024	\$ 1,166,271	\$ 716,016	\$ 1,528,729	\$ 493,722	\$ 3,904,738
2025	1,206,313	678,405	1,098,687	458,722	3,442,127
2026	1,231,976	650,376	1,123,024	434,387	3,439,763
2027	1,261,932	619,423	1,148,068	399,521	3,428,944
2028	1,295,907	586,954	1,174,093	383,316	3,440,270
2029	1,333,854	551,248	1,201,146	356,263	3,442,511
2030	1,370,972	514,533	1,229,028	328,380	3,442,913
2031	1,407,222	1,166,088	1,257,778	299,630	4,130,718
2032	1,447,574	436,188	1,287,426	269,982	3,441,170
2033	1,487,176	395,240	1,317,824	239,584	3,439,824
2034	1,534,371	351,592	1,315,629	209,014	3,410,606
2035	1,579,234	306,596	1,195,766	181,191	3,262,787
2036	1,620,606	262,413	1,149,394	156,755	3,189,168
2037	1,666,768	217,175	1,173,232	132,918	3,190,093
2038	1,712,430	172,258	1,197,570	108,580	3,190,838
2039	1,392,582	127,829	1,222,418	83,731	2,826,560
2040	1,431,458	89,494	1,233,542	58,574	2,813,068
2041	1,471,237	46,686	1,203,763	33,933	2,755,619
2042	1,504,614	15,987	1,030,386	10,948	2,561,935
<b>Total debt service</b>	<b>\$ 27,122,497</b>	<b>\$ 7,904,501</b>	<b>\$ 23,087,503</b>	<b>\$ 4,639,151</b>	<b>\$ 62,753,652</b>

**NOTE 4: LONG-TERM LIABILITIES – CONTINUED**

**Financed Purchases**

The District financed the purchase of technology equipment. The financed purchase is a direct obligation and pledges the full faith and credit of the District. Financed purchases outstanding at year end are as follows:

Agreement	Proceeds	Rates	Balance June 30, 2023
US Bank #9	\$ 51,400	2.6630%	\$ 33,635
US Bank #10	56,540	2.6630%	36,999
US Bank #11	56,540	2.6630%	36,999
	<u>\$ 164,480</u>		<u>\$ 107,633</u>

Financed purchases activity is summarized below:

Agreement	Balance			Balance June 30, 2023	Amount	
	July 1, 2022	Additions	Reductions		Due Within One Year	Long- Term
KISTA	\$ 23,670	\$ -	\$ 23,670	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Modern Office	63,218	-	63,218	-	-	-
US Bank 2021	104,530	-	104,530	-	-	-
US Bank 2021	42,989	-	42,989	-	-	-
US Bank 2017	73,329	-	73,329	-	-	-
US Bank #9	-	51,400	17,765	33,635	16,510	17,125
US Bank #10	-	56,540	19,541	36,999	18,161	18,838
US Bank #11	-	56,540	19,541	36,999	18,161	18,838
<b>Total financed purchases</b>	<u>\$ 307,736</u>	<u>\$ 164,480</u>	<u>\$ 364,583</u>	<u>\$ 107,633</u>	<u>\$ 52,832</u>	<u>\$ 54,801</u>

Debt service requirements for the District's financed purchases are as follows:

Year End June 30	Principal	Interest	Total
2024	\$ 52,832	\$ 4,015	\$ 56,847
2025	54,801	2,045	56,846
<b>Total debt service</b>	<u>\$ 107,633</u>	<u>\$ 6,060</u>	<u>\$ 113,693</u>

**NOTE 4: LONG-TERM LIABILITIES – CONTINUED**

**Operating Leases**

Leases in which the District has entered into as lessee are classified as operating leases – Type B. Following is a summary of property under right-of-use leases:

Right-of-use equipment	\$	279,349
Accumulated amortization		<u>51,901</u>
	\$	<u>227,448</u>

Remaining future payments under the lease contracts are as follows:

	June 30	
	<u>2024</u>	\$ 98,568
	2025	98,568
	2026	<u>41,070</u>
Total remaining payments		238,206
Less interest component		<u>10,758</u>
Operating leases, net		<u>\$ 227,448</u>

A summary of lease costs and other lease information is as follows:

Operating lease cost	\$	57,498
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Cash paid for amounts included in the measurement of lease liabilities:

Operating leases	\$	57,498
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Weighted-average remaining lease term  
0.81 years

Weighted-average discount rate  
3.78%

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**NOTE 4: LONG-TERM LIABILITIES – CONTINUED**

**Compensated absences**

Upon retirement from the school system, employees will receive from the District an amount equal to 30.00% of the value of accumulated sick leave. Compensated absence activity for the year is summarized below:

	Balance			Balance	Amount	
	July 1, 2022	Additions	Reductions	June 30, 2023	Due Within	Long-
					One Year	Term
Governmental activities	\$ 389,814	\$ -	\$ 20,125	\$ 369,689	\$ -	\$ 369,689
Business-type activities	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total compensated absence</b>	<b>\$ 389,814</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 20,125</b>	<b>\$ 369,689</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 369,689</b>

**Pension**

The net pension liability associated with the County Employees Retirement System (CERS) at year end is \$9,007,785. See Note 5.

**OPEB**

The net OPEB liability associated with the County Employees Retirement System (CERS) and the State Teachers Retirement System (TRS) at year end is \$2,462,708 and \$6,161,000, respectively. See Note 6.



**NOTE 5: PENSION PLANS**

The District’s employees are provided with two pension plans, based on each position’s college degree requirement. The County Employees Retirement System (CERS) covers employees whose position does not require a college degree or teaching certification. The Kentucky Teachers Retirement System (TRS) covers positions requiring teaching certification or otherwise requiring a college degree.

**General Information about the CERS Pension Plan**

***Plan Description***

CERS is a cost-sharing multi-employer public employee retirement system which covers substantially all regular full-time employees of each county, city, and school board and any additional eligible local agencies electing to participate in the Plan. The Plan is administered by the CERS Board of Trustees and is divided into a divided into non-hazardous duty and hazardous duty classifications.

***Benefits Provided***

CERS provides retirement, death, and disability benefits to plan members. Retirement benefits maybe extended to beneficiaries under certain circumstances. Employees are vested in the plan after five years of service.

For retirement purposes, non-hazardous employees are grouped into three tiers based on hire date:

Tier 1	Participation date Unreduced retirement Reduced retirement	Before September 1, 2008 27 years service or 65 years old At least 5 years service and 55 years old, or 25 years service and any age
Tier 2	Participation date Unreduced retirement  Reduced retirement	September 1, 2008 to December 31, 2013 At least 5 years service and 65 years old, or age 57+ with sum of service years plus age equal At least 10 years service and 60 years old
Tier 3	Participation date Unreduced retirement  Reduced retirement	On or after January 1, 2014 At least 5 years service and 65 years old, or age 57+ with sum of service years plus age equal Not available

Prior to July 1, 2009, cost-of-living adjustments (COLA) were provided annually equal to the percentage increase in the annual average of the consumer price index for all urban consumers for the most recent calendar year, not to exceed 5% in any plan year. Effective July 2, 2009, and on July 1 of each year thereafter, the COLA is limited to 1.5% provided the recipient has been receiving a benefit for at least 12 months prior to the effective date of the COLA. If the recipient has been receiving a benefit for less than 12 months prior to the effective date of the COLA, the increase shall be reduced on a pro-rata basis for each month the recipient has not been receiving benefits in the 12 months preceding the effective date of the COLA. The Kentucky General Assembly reserves the right to suspend or reduce cost-of-living adjustments if, in its judgment, the welfare of the Commonwealth so demands.

## **NOTE 5: PENSION PLANS – CONTINUED**

### ***Contributions***

*Employees* – Tier 1 plan members are required to contribute 5% of their creditable compensation. Employees who begin participation on or after September 1, 2008 (Tier 2 and Tier 3) are required to contribute an additional 1%.

*Employers* – The contribution rate for the current year was 23.40%. The District made all required contributions for fiscal year in the amount of \$917,053.

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

#### ***Plan Description***

Teaching certified employees of the District and other employees whose positions require at least a college degree are provided pensions through the Teachers' Retirement System of the State of Kentucky (KTRS)—a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan with a special funding situation established to provide retirement annuity plan coverage for local school districts and other public educational agencies in the Commonwealth. KTRS was created by the 1938 General Assembly and is governed by Chapter 161 Section 220 through Chapter 161 Section 990 of the KRS. KTRS is a blended component unit of the Commonwealth of Kentucky and therefore is included in the Commonwealth's financial statements. KTRS issues a publicly available financial report that can be obtained at [http://www.ktrs.ky.gov/05\\_publications/index.htm](http://www.ktrs.ky.gov/05_publications/index.htm).

#### ***Benefits Provided***

For employees who have established an account in a retirement system administered by the Commonwealth prior to July 1, 2008, employees become vested when they complete five (5) years of credited service. To qualify for monthly retirement benefits, payable for life, employees must either:

- 1.) Attain age fifty-five (55) and complete five (5) years of Kentucky service, or
- 2.) Complete 27 years of Kentucky service.

Participants that retire before age 60 with less than 27 years of service receive reduced retirement benefits. Non-university employees with an account established prior to July 1, 2002 receive monthly payments equal to two (2) percent (service prior to July 1, 1983) and two and one-half (2.5) percent (service after July 1, 1983) of their final average salaries for each year of credited service. New employees (including second retirement accounts) after July 1, 2002 will receive monthly benefits equal to 2% of their final average salary for each year of service if, upon

retirement, their total service less than ten years. New employees after July 1, 2002 who retire with ten or more years of total service will receive monthly benefits equal to 2.5% of their final average salary for each year of service, including the first ten years. In addition, employees who retire July 1, 2004 and later with more than 30 years of service will have their multiplier increased for all years over 30 from 2.5% to 3.0% to be used in their benefit calculation. Effective July 1, 2008, the System has been amended to change the benefit structure for employees hired on or after that date.

**NOTE 5: PENSION PLANS – CONTINUED**

***Benefits Provided - Continued***

Final average salary is defined as the member's five (5) highest annual salaries for those with less than 27 years of service. Employees at least age 55 with 27 or more years of service may use their three (3) highest annual salaries to compute the final average salary. KTRS also provides disability benefits for vested employees at the rate of sixty (60) percent of the final average salary. A life insurance benefit, payable upon the death of a member, is \$2,000 for active contributing employees and \$5,000 for retired or disabled employees.

Cost of living increases are one and one-half (1.5) percent annually. Additional ad hoc increases and any other benefit amendments must be authorized by the General Assembly.

***Contributions***

Contribution rates are established by Kentucky Revised Statutes (KRS). Non-university employees are required to contribute 12.855% of their salaries to the System. University employees are required to contribute 10.400% of their salaries. KRS 161.580 allows each university to reduce the contribution of its employees by 2.215%; therefore, university employees contribute 8.185% of their salary to KTRS.

The Commonwealth of Kentucky, as a non-employer contributing entity, pays matching contributions at the rate of 13.105% of salaries for local school district and regional cooperative employees hired before July 1, 2008 and 14.105% for those hired after July 1, 2008. For local school district and regional cooperative employees whose salaries are federally funded, the employer contributes 16.105% of salaries. If an employee leaves covered employment before accumulating five (5) years of credited service, accumulated employee pension contributions plus interest are refunded to the employee upon the member's request.

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

***CERS***

At June 30, 2023, the District reported a liability of \$9,007,785 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability for CERS. The net pension liability for the plan was measured as of June 30, 2022, 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 for CERS was based on the actual liability of the employees and former employees relative to the total liability of the System as determined by the actuary. At June 30, 2022, the District's proportion was 0.1246% percent.

For the year ended June 30, 2023, the District recognized pension expense of \$653,008 related to CERS

**NOTE 5: PENSION PLANS – CONTINUED**

**TRS**

The District did not report a liability for the District’s proportionate share of the net pension liability for TRS because the Commonwealth of Kentucky provides the pension support directly to TRS on behalf of the District. The State’s proportionate share of the TRS net pension liability associated with the district is \$58,160,910.

For the year ended June 30, 2023, the District recognized pension expense of \$5,422,528 related to TRS. The District also recognized revenue of \$5,422,528 for TRS support provided by the Commonwealth.

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

At June 30, 2023, the District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflow	Deferred Inflow	Net Deferral
Change in liability experience	\$ 9,630	\$ 80,218	
Change of assumptions	-	-	
Change in investment experience	230,927	-	
Change in proportionate share of contributions	-	239,571	
	<u>240,557</u>	<u>\$ 319,789</u>	<u>\$ (79,232)</u>
Subsequent contributions	917,053		
Total	<u>\$ 1,157,610</u>		

The contributions subsequent to the measurement date of \$917,053 will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ended June 30, 2024. The net deferral of (\$79,232) will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year ending June 30	Net Deferral
2024	\$ (160,692)
2025	(98,735)
2026	(75,696)
2027	<u>255,891</u>
	<u>\$ (79,232)</u>

**NOTE 5: PENSION PLAN (CONTINUED)**

**Actuarial assumptions**

The total pension liability, net pension liability, and sensitivity information as of June 30, 2022 were based on an actuarial valuation date of June 30, 2021. The total pension liability was rolled forward from the valuation date to the plan’s fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, using generally accepted actuarial principles

There have been no actuarial assumption or method changes since June 30, 2021. Additionally, there have been no plan provision changes that would materially impact the total pension liability since June 30, 2021.

The actuarial assumptions are:

**CERS**

Employer fiscal year end	2023
Plan year end	2022
Actuarial valuation date	June 30, 2020
Actuarial cost method	Entry age normal
Asset valuation method	20% of the difference between the market value of assets and the expected actuarial value of assets is recognized
Amortization method	Level percent of pay
Amortization period	30-year closed period at June 30, 2019
Payroll growth rate	2.00%
Investment return	6.25%
Inflation	2.30%
Salary increase - nonhazardous	3.30% to 10.30%
Salary increase - hazardous	3.55% to 19.05%
Mortality	System-specific mortality table based on mortality experience from 2013-2018, projected with the ultimate rates from P-2014 mortality improvement scale using a base year of 2019
Phase-in provision	Board certified rate is phased into the actuarially determined rate in accordance with HB 362 enacted in 2018

**NOTE 5: PENSION PLAN (CONTINUED)**

**Actuarial assumptions - Continued**

**TRS**

Employer fiscal year end	2023
Plan year end	2022

Inflation	2.50%
Salary increases, including inflation	3.00% - 7.50%
Investment return	7.10%
Municipal bond index rate:	
Prior measurement date	2.13%
Measurement date	3.37%
Year FNP is expected to be depleted	NA
Single equivalent interest rate:	
Prior measurement date	7.10%
Measurement date	7.10%
Post-retirement benefit increases	1.50% annually
Mortality	Rates based on the Pub2010 (Teachers Benefit-Weighted) Mortality Table projected generationally with MP-2020 with various set-forwards, set-backs, and adjustments for each of the groups; service, retirees, contingent annuitants, disabled retirees, and active members. The actuarial assumptions used were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the 5-year period ending June 30, 2020, adopted by the board on September 20, 2021. The Municipal Bond Index Rate used for this purpose is the June average of the Bond Buyer General Obligation 20-year Municipal Bond Index.

**Long-term expected rate of return**

The long-term expected rate of return was determined by using a building block method in which best estimate ranges of expected future real rates of returns are developed for each asset class. The ranges are combined by weighting the expected future real rate of return by the target asset allocation percentage. The target allocation and best estimates of arithmetic real rate of return for each major asset class is summarized in the tables below.

**NOTE 5: PENSION PLAN (CONTINUED)**

**Long-term expected rate of return – continued**

***CERS***

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Long-term Expected Nominal Return
Public equity	50.00%	4.45%
Private Equity	10.00%	10.15%
Core bonds	10.00%	0.28%
Specialty credit/high yield	10.00%	2.28%
Cash	0.00%	-0.91%
Real estate	7.00%	3.67%
Real return	13.00%	4.07%
<b>Expected real return</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>4.28%</b>
Long-term inflation assumption		2.30%

***TRS***

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Long-term Expected Nominal Return
Large Cap US Equity	37.40%	4.20%
Small Cap US Equity	2.60%	4.70%
Developed International Equity	16.50%	5.30%
Emerging Markets Equity	5.50%	5.40%
Fixed Income	15.00%	-0.10%
High Yield Bonds	2.00%	1.70%
Additional categories	5.00%	2.20%
Real Estate	7.00%	4.00%
Private Equity	7.00%	6.90%
Cash	2.00%	-0.30%
<b>Expected real return</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>7.10%</b>
Long-term inflation assumption		2.50%

**NOTE 5: PENSION PLAN (CONTINUED)**

**Discount rate**

A single discount rate of 6.25% and 7.10% was used to measure the total pension liability for CERS and TRS, respectively, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022. The single discount rate is based on the expected rate of return on pension plan investments for each plan. Based on the stated assumptions and the projection of cash flows as of each fiscal year ending, the non-hazardous and hazardous pension plans' fiduciary net position and future contributions were separately projected and were each sufficient to finance all the future benefit payments of the current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of the projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability for each plan.

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

The following table presents the District's proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 6.25%, as well as what the District's proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower or 1-percentage-point higher than the current rate:

	<b>1% Decrease</b>	<b>Current Discount Rate</b>	<b>1% Increase</b>
	<b>5.25%</b>	<b>6.25%</b>	<b>7.25%</b>
District's proportionate share of the CERS net pension liability	\$ 11,258,613	\$ 9,007,785	\$ 7,146,163

**Pension plan fiduciary net position**

Detailed information about the pension plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued CERS and TRS financial report.

**NOTE 6: OPEB PLAN**

**General Information about the CERS Plan**

***Plan Description***

The CERS Insurance fund is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit OPEB plan which provides group health insurance benefits for plan members that are regular full-time members employed in positions of each participating county, District, and school board, and any additional eligible local agencies electing to participate in the System. OPEB benefits may be extended to beneficiaries of plan members under certain circumstances. The Plan is administered by the CERS Board of Trustees and is divided into a divided into non-hazardous duty and hazardous duty classifications.



**NOTE 6: OPEB PLAN (CONTINUED)**

***Benefits Provided***

The CERS Insurance hospital and medical benefits to eligible plan members receiving benefits from CERS. The eligible non-Medicare retirees are covered by the Department of Employee Insurance (DEI) plans. Premium payments are submitted to DEI. The KRS board contracts with Humana to provide health care benefits to the eligible Medicare retirees. The CERS Insurance Fund pays a prescribed contribution for whole or partial payment of required premiums to purchase hospital and medical insurance.

For health insurance purposes, employees are grouped into three tiers based on hire date:

Tier 1	
Participation date	Before July 1, 2003
Insurance eligibility	10 years of service credit required
Benefit	Set percentage of single coverage health insurance based on service credit accrued at retirement
Tier 2	
Participation date	After September 1, 2008 and before December 31, 2013
Insurance eligibility	15 years of service credit required
Benefit	Set dollar amount based on service credit accrued, increased annually
Tier 3	
Participation date	After December 31, 2013
Insurance eligibility	15 years of service credit required
Benefit	Set dollar amount based on service credit accrued, increased annually

***Contributions***

*Employee Contributions.* Tier 1 plan members are not required to contribute. Employees who begin participation on or after September 1, 2008 (Tier 2 and Tier 3) are required to contribute 1.0% of creditable compensation to an account created for payment of health insurance benefits.

*Employer Contributions* – The contribution rate for the current year was 3.39%. The District made all required contributions for the fiscal year in the amount of \$132,855.

**NOTE 6: OPEB PLAN (CONTINUED)**

**General Information about the TRS Plan**

***Plan Description***

Teaching certified employees of the District and other employees whose positions require at least a college degree are provided OPEBs through the Teachers' Retirement System of the State of Kentucky (KTRS)—a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined OPEB pension plan with a special funding situation established to provide retirement annuity plan coverage for local school districts and other public educational agencies in the Commonwealth. KTRS was created by the 1938 General Assembly and is governed by Chapter 161 Section 220 through Chapter 161 Section 990 of the KRS. KTRS is a blended component unit of the Commonwealth of Kentucky and therefore is included in the Commonwealth's financial statements. KTRS issues a publicly available financial report that can be obtained at [http://www.ktrs.ky.gov/05\\_publications/index.htm](http://www.ktrs.ky.gov/05_publications/index.htm).

***Benefits Provided***

To be eligible for medical benefits, the member must have retired either for service or disability. The KTRS Medical Insurance Fund offers coverage to employees under the age of 65 through the Kentucky Employees Health Plan administered by the Kentucky Department of Employee Insurance. Once retired employees and eligible spouses attain age 65 and are Medicare eligible, coverage is obtained through the KTRS Medicare Eligible Health Plan.

***Contributions***

In order to fund the post-retirement healthcare benefit, six percent (6%) of the gross annual payroll of employees before July 1, 2008 is contributed. Three percent (3%) is paid by member contributions and three quarters percent (.75%) from Commonwealth appropriation and two and one quarter percent (2.25%) from the employer. Also, the premiums collected from retirees as described in the plan description and investment interest help meet the medical expenses of the plan. The District made all required contributions for the fiscal year in the amount of \$336,855.

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

***CERS***

At June 30, 2023, the District reported a liability of \$2,462,708 for its proportionate share of the net OPEB liability for CERS. The net OPEB liability for the plan was measured as of June 30, 2022, and the total OPEB liability used to calculate the net OPEB liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date.

The District's proportion of the net OPEB liability was based on the District's share of 2022 contributions to the OPEB plan relative to the 2022 contributions of all participating employers, actuarially determined. At June 30, 2022 the District's proportionate share was 0.1020%.

For the year ended June 30, 2023, the District recognized OPEB expense of \$325,004 related to CERS.

**NOTE 6: OPEB PLAN (CONTINUED)**

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

**TRS**

At June 30, 2023, the District reported a liability of \$6,161,000 for its proportionate share of the net OPEB liability for TRS . The net OPEB liability for the plan was measured as of June 30, 2022, and the total OPEB liability used to calculate the net OPEB liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date.

The District’s proportion of the net OPEB liability was based on the District’s share of 2022 contributions to the OPEB plan relative to the 2022 contributions of all participating employers, actuarially determined. At June 30, 2022 the District’s proportionate share was 0.2419%.

For the year ended June 30, 2023, the District recognized OPEB expense of \$69,310 related to TRS.

At June 30, 2023, the District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	CERS		
	Deferred Outflow	Deferred Inflow	Net Deferral
Change in liability experience	\$ 247,892	\$ 564,756	
Change of assumptions	389,495	320,941	
Change in investment experience	99,956	-	
Change in proportionate share of contributions	11,276	125,024	
	748,619	<u>\$ 1,010,721</u>	<u>\$ (262,102)</u>
Subsequent contributions	132,855		
Total	<u>\$ 881,474</u>		

**NOTE 6: OPEB PLAN (CONTINUED)**

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

	TRS		
	Deferred Outflow	Deferred Inflow	Net Deferral
Change in liability experience	\$ -	\$ 2,590,000	
Change of assumptions	1,251,000	-	
Change in investment experience	328,000	-	
Change in proportionate share of contributions	1,390,000	92,000	
	<u>2,969,000</u>	<u>\$ 2,682,000</u>	<u>\$ 287,000</u>
Subsequent contributions	336,855		
Total	<u>\$ 3,305,855</u>		

	Total		
	Deferred Outflow	Deferred Inflow	Net Deferral
Change in liability experience	\$ 247,892	\$ 3,154,756	
Change of assumptions	1,640,495	320,941	
Change in investment experience	427,956	-	
Change in proportionate share of contributions	1,401,276	217,024	
	<u>3,717,619</u>	<u>\$ 3,692,721</u>	<u>\$ 24,898</u>
Subsequent contributions	469,710		
Total	<u>\$ 4,187,329</u>		

The contributions subsequent to the measurement date of \$469,710 will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ending June 30, 2024. The net deferral of \$24,898 will be recognized as pension expense as follows:

Year ending June 30	Net Deferral
2024	\$ (188,737)
2025	(168,090)
2026	(261,231)
2027	296,956
2028	243,000
Thereafter	<u>103,000</u>
	<u>\$ 24,898</u>

**NOTE 6: OPEB PLAN (CONTINUED)**

**Implicit Subsidy**

The fully-insured premiums paid for the Kentucky Employees' Health plan are blended rates based on the combined experience of active and retired members. Because the average cost of providing health care benefits to retirees under age 65 is higher than the average cost of providing health care benefits to active employees, there is an implicit employer subsidy for the non-Medicare eligible retirees. This implicit subsidy is included in the calculation of the total OPEB liability.

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**NOTE 6: OPEB PLAN (CONTINUED)**

**Actuarial assumptions**

The total OPEB liability, net OPEB liability, and sensitivity information as of June 30, 2022 were based on an actuarial valuation date of June 30, 2021. The total OPEB liability was rolled forward from the valuation date to the plan’s fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, using generally accepted actuarial principles

There were no other material assumption changes.

**CERS:**

Employer fiscal year end	2023
Plan year end	2022

Actuarial valuation date	June 30, 2020
Actuarial cost method	Entry age normal
Asset valuation method	20% of the difference between the market value of assets and the expected actuarial value of assets is recognized
Amortization method	Level percent of pay
Amortization period	30-year closed period at June 30, 2019
Payroll growth rate	2.00%
Investment return	6.25%
Inflation	2.30%
Salary increase - nonhazardous	3.30% to 10.30%
Salary increase - hazardous	3.55% to 19.05%
Mortality	System-specific mortality table based on mortality experience from 2013-2018, projected with the ultimate rates from P-2014 mortality improvement scale using a base year of 2019
Healthcare trend rates:	
Pre-65	Initial trend starting at 6.40% at January 1, 2022, gradually decreasing to an ultimate trend rate of 4.05% over a period of 14 years. The 2021 premiums were known at the time of the valuation and were incorporated into the liability measurement.
Post-65	Initial trend starting at 6.30% at January 1, 2023, gradually decreasing to an ultimate trend rate of 4.05% over a period of 13 years. The 2021 premiums were known at the time of the valuation and were incorporated into the liability measurement. Additionally, Humana provided “Not to Exceed” 2022 Medicare premiums, which were incorporated and resulted in an assumed 2.90% increase in Medicare premiums at January 1, 2022.

**NOTE 6: OPEB PLAN (CONTINUED)**

**Actuarial assumptions – continued**

**TRS**

Employer fiscal year end	2023
Plan year end	2022
Inflation	2.50%
Real wage growth	0.25%
Wage inflation	2.75%
Salary increases, including inflation	3.00% - 7.50%
Investment return	
Health trust	7.10%
Life trust	7.10%
Municipal bond index rate:	3.37%
Year FNP is expected to be depleted	
Health trust	NA
Life trust	NA
Single equivalent interest rate:	
Health trust	7.10%
Life trust	7.10%
Health trust health care cost trends	
Under age 65	7.00% for FYE 2022 decreasing to an ultimate rate of 4.50% by FYE 2032
Ages 65 and older	5.125% for FYE 2022 decreasing to an ultimate rate of 4.50% by FYE 2035
Medicare Part B premiums	6.97% for FYE 2022 decreasing to an ultimate rate of 4.50% by FYE 2034

**Long-term expected rate of return**

The long-term expected rate of return was determined by using a building block method in which best estimate ranges of expected future real rates of returns are developed for each asset class. The ranges are combined by weighting the expected future real rate of return by the target asset allocation percentage. The target allocation and best estimates of arithmetic real rate of return for each major asset class is summarized in the table below. The current long-term inflation assumption is 2.30% and 2.50% per annum for CERS and TRS, respectively.

**NOTE 6: OPEB PLAN (CONTINUED)**

**Long-term expected rate of return - continued**

***CERS***

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Target Allocation</u>	<u>Long-term Expected Nominal Return</u>
Public equity	50.00%	4.45%
Private Equity	10.00%	10.15%
Core bonds	10.00%	0.28%
Specialty credit/high yield	10.00%	2.28%
Cash	0.00%	-0.91%
Real estate	7.00%	3.67%
Real return	13.00%	4.07%
<u>Expected real return</u>	<u>100.00%</u>	<u>4.28%</u>
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<u>Long-term inflation assumption</u>		<u>2.30%</u>

***TRS - MIF***

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Target Allocation</u>	<u>Long-term Expected Nominal Return</u>
Global equity	58.00%	5.10%
Fixed income	9.00%	-0.10%
Real Estate	6.50%	4.00%
Private equity	8.50%	6.90%
High Yield	8.00%	1.70%
Other categories	9.00%	2.20%
Cash (LIBOR)	1.00%	-0.30%
<u>Expected real return</u>	<u>100.00%</u>	<u>7.10%</u>
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<u>Long-term inflation assumption</u>		<u>2.50%</u>



**NOTE 6: OPEB PLAN (CONTINUED)**

**Long-term expected rate of return - continued**

**TRS - LIF**

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Long-term Expected Nominal Return
US Equity	40.00%	4.40%
International Equity	23.00%	5.60%
Fixed Income	18.00%	-0.10%
Real Estate	6.00%	4.00%
Private Equity	5.00%	6.90%
Additional Categories	6.00%	2.10%
Cash (LIBOR)	2.00%	-0.30%
<b>Expected real return</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>7.10%</b>
<b>Long-term inflation assumption</b>		<b>2.50%</b>

**Discount rate**

Single discount rates of 6.25% and 7.10% for CERS and TRS respectively were used to measure the total OPEB liability as of June 30, 2022. The single discount rates are based on the expected rate of return on OPEB plan investments of 6.25%, and a municipal bond rate of 3.69%, as reported in Fidelity Index’s “20-Year Municipal GO AA Index” as of June 30, 2022. Based on the stated assumptions and the projection of cash flows as of each fiscal year ending, each plan’s fiduciary net position and future contributions were projected separately and were sufficient to finance the future benefit payments of the current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on insurance plan investments was applied to all periods of the projected benefit payments paid from the plan. However, the cost associated with the implicit employer subsidy was not included in the calculation of the plans actuarially determined contributions, and any cost associated with the implicit subsidy will not be paid out of the plan trusts. Therefore, the municipal bond rate was applied to future expected benefit payments associated with the implicit subsidy.

The projection of cash flows used to determine the single discount rate must include an assumption regarding future employer contributions made each year. Future contributions are projected assuming that each participating employer in each insurance plan contributes the actuarially determined employer contribution each future year calculated in accordance with the current funding policy.

**NOTE 6: OPEB PLAN (CONTINUED)**

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

The following table presents the District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability calculated using the discount rate of 5.70% nonhazardous and 5.61% hazardous as well as what the District's proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower or 1-percentage-point higher than the current rate:

	<b>1% Decrease 4.70%</b>	<b>Current Discount Rate 5.70%</b>	<b>1% Increase 6.70%</b>
District's proportionate share of the CERS net OPEB liability	\$ 3,292,248	\$ 2,462,708	\$ 1,776,955
	<b>1% Decrease 6.10%</b>	<b>Current Discount Rate 7.10%</b>	<b>1% Increase 8.10%</b>
District's proportionate share of the TRS net OPEB liability	\$ 7,730,000	\$ 6,161,000	\$ 4,862,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 11,022,248</b>	<b>\$ 8,623,708</b>	<b>\$ 6,638,955</b>

**Sensitivity of the District's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability to Changes in the Healthcare Cost Trend Rate**

The following presents the District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability calculated using healthcare cost trend rates that are 1-percentage-point lower or 1-percentage-point higher than the current healthcare cost trend rates:

	<b>1% Decrease</b>	<b>Current Trend Rate</b>	<b>1% Increase</b>
District's proportionate share of the CERS net OPEB liability	\$ 1,830,969	\$ 2,462,708	\$ 3,221,308
District's proportionate share of the TRS net OPEB liability	4,619,000	6,161,000	8,080,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 6,449,969</b>	<b>\$ 8,623,708</b>	<b>\$ 11,301,308</b>

**OPEB plan fiduciary net position**

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

**NOTE 7: ON-BEHALF**

For the year ended June 30, 2023, payments made by the Commonwealth of Kentucky on behalf of the District for insurance benefits, retirement benefits, technology, and debt service. The following amounts were recorded in the Statement of Activities and the Statement of Revenue, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance:

Fund	
General	\$ 7,869,660
Debt service	2,022,436
Food service	354,991
	<u>\$ 10,247,087</u>

Type	
Retirement	\$ 5,422,528
Health insurance less federal reimbursement	2,469,510
Life insurance	4,212
Administrative fee	33,652
HRA/Dental/Vision insurance	145,862
Technology	148,887
Debt service	2,022,436
	<u>\$ 10,247,087</u>

**NOTE 8: FUND TRANSFERS**

The following transfers were made during the year:

From Fund	To Fund	Purpose	Amount
General Fund	Special Revenue	Technology Match	\$ 44,830
Special Revenue	General fund	Indirect costs	99,265
Special Revenue	Special Revenue	Interfund	35,759
Capital outlay	General fund	Capital projects	239,683
Building fund	General fund	Capital projects	552,959
Building fund	Debt service	Debt service	1,882,215
Food service	General fund	Indirect costs	13,835
			<u>\$ 2,868,546</u>

Transfers are summarized as follows:

	Transfers In	Transfers Out	Net Transfer
Governmental funds	\$ 2,868,546	\$ 2,854,711	\$ 13,835
Proprietary fund	-	13,835	(13,835)
	<u>\$ 2,868,546</u>	<u>\$ 2,868,546</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

**NOTE 9: CONTINGENCIES**

*Grants.* The District receives funding from federal and state agencies in the form of grants. These funds are to be used for designated purposes only. If the federal or state grantor finds that funds have not been used for the intended purposes, the grantor may request a refund of monies advanced or refuse to reimburse the District for its expenditures. The amount of such future refunds and unreimbursed expenditures, if any, is not expected to be significant. Continuation of the District's grant programs is contingent upon the grantors satisfaction that the funds provided are being spent as intended and the grantors intent to continue their programs.

*Litigation.* The District is party to various legal proceedings which normally occur in governmental operations. It is neither possible to determine the outcome of these proceedings nor possible to estimate the effects adverse decisions may have on the future expenditures or revenue sources of the District. In the opinion of District management and its legal counsel these legal proceedings are not likely to have a material adverse impact on the accompanying financial statements. Therefore, no provision for any liability that may result upon adjudication of any cases has been made in the accompanying financial statements

**NOTE 10: RISK MANAGEMENT**

The District is exposed to various risks of losses related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees, and natural disasters. The District has obtained insurance coverage through a commercial insurance company. In addition, the District has effectively managed risk through various employee education and prevention programs. All risk general liability management activities are accounted for in the General Fund. Expenditures and claims are recognized when probable that a loss has occurred, and the amount of loss can be reasonably estimated.

Management estimates that the amount of actual or potential claims against the District as of June 30, 2023, will not materially affect the financial condition of the District. Therefore, the General Fund contains no provision for estimated claims. No claim has exceeded insurance coverage amounts in the past three fiscal year.

**NOTE 11: GASB 96**

The District adopted *GASB 96, Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements (SBITA)*. The District did not identify any contracts that would require reporting under GASB 96.

**REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

Mason County School District  
 Budgetary Comparison Schedule – General Fund  
 Year Ended June 30, 2023

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance
	Original	Final		Final to Actual
<b>Revenues</b>				
Local sources	\$ 7,882,090	\$ 7,882,090	\$ 8,645,060	\$ 762,970
State sources	10,100,224	10,100,224	18,015,476	7,915,252
Federal sources	165,000	165,000	245,944	80,944
<b>Total revenues</b>	<b>18,147,314</b>	<b>18,147,314</b>	<b>26,906,480</b>	<b>8,759,166</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>				
Instruction	10,577,601	10,577,601	14,466,047	(3,888,446)
Support services:				
Student	422,102	422,102	528,800	(106,698)
Instruction staff	552,135	552,135	1,664,306	(1,112,171)
District administrative	1,102,225	1,102,225	966,280	135,945
School administrative	1,152,822	1,152,822	1,713,319	(560,497)
Business	703,159	703,159	955,627	(252,468)
Plant operations	2,582,613	2,582,613	3,215,777	(633,164)
Student transportation	2,137,353	2,137,353	2,653,975	(516,622)
Community services	13,809	13,809	8,779	5,030
Building improvements	7,500	7,500	7,355	145
Debt service			370,626	(370,626)
Contingency	5,206,712	5,206,712	-	5,206,712
<b>Total expenditures</b>	<b>24,458,031</b>	<b>24,458,031</b>	<b>26,550,891</b>	<b>(2,092,860)</b>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	(6,310,717)	(6,310,717)	355,589	6,666,306
<b>Other financing sources (uses)</b>				
Transfers in	30,904	30,904	905,832	874,928
Transfers out	(50,000)	(50,000)	(44,830)	5,170
Sale of assets	3,000	3,000	975	(2,025)
Lease proceeds	-	-	164,480	164,480
<b>Total other financing sources (uses)</b>	<b>(16,096)</b>	<b>(16,096)</b>	<b>1,026,457</b>	<b>1,042,553</b>
Net change in fund balances	(6,326,813)	(6,326,813)	1,382,046	7,708,859
Fund balances - beginning of year	6,326,813	6,326,813	6,509,476	182,663
Fund balances - end of year	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,891,522	\$ 7,891,522

Mason County School District  
 Budgetary Comparison Schedule – Special Revenue Fund  
 June 30, 2023

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance
	Original	Final		Final to Actual
<b>Revenues</b>				
Local sources	\$ 27,198	\$ 27,198	\$ 19,830	\$ (7,368)
State sources	1,557,852	1,557,852	1,452,005	(105,847)
Federal sources	2,335,413	2,335,413	5,132,759	2,797,346
<b>Total revenues</b>	<b>3,920,463</b>	<b>3,920,463</b>	<b>6,604,594</b>	<b>2,684,131</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>				
Instruction	3,367,465	3,367,465	4,420,703	(1,053,238)
Support services:				
Student	66,295	66,295	919,291	(852,996)
Instruction staff	122,319	122,319	182,756	(60,437)
School administrative	-	-	11,603	(11,603)
Business	22,528	22,528	47,772	(25,244)
Plant operations	26,010	26,010	220,592	(194,582)
Student transportation	-	-	221,283	(221,283)
Other instructional	43,992	43,992	170,015	(126,023)
Community services	358,464	358,464	360,199	(1,735)
Building improvements			-	
Debt service	-	-	-	-
<b>Total expenditures</b>	<b>4,007,073</b>	<b>4,007,073</b>	<b>6,554,214</b>	<b>(2,547,141)</b>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	(86,610)	(86,610)	50,380	136,990
<b>Other financing sources (uses)</b>				
Transfers in	284,827	284,827	80,589	(204,238)
Transfers out	(216,019)	(216,019)	(135,024)	80,995
Lease proceeds	-	-	-	-
<b>Total other financing sources (uses)</b>	<b>68,808</b>	<b>68,808</b>	<b>(54,435)</b>	<b>(123,243)</b>
Net change in fund balances	(17,802)	(17,802)	(4,055)	13,747
Fund balances - beginning of year	(42,776)	(42,776)	113	42,889
Fund balances - end of year	\$ (60,578)	\$ (60,578)	\$ (3,942)	\$ 56,636

The District's budgetary process accounts for certain transactions on a basis other than Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP). The major differences between the budgetary accounting method and GAAP are:

Revenues are recorded when received in cash (budgetary) as opposed to when susceptible to accrual (GAAP).

Expenditures are recorded when paid in cash (budgetary) as opposed to when susceptible to accrual (GAAP).

In accordance with state law, the District prepares a general school budget based upon the amount of revenue to be raised by local taxation, including the rate of levy and from estimates of other Local, State and Federal revenues. The budget contains estimated expenditures for current expenses, debt service, capital outlay and other necessary expenses. The budget must be approved by the Board.

The District must formally and publicly examine estimated revenues and expenditures for the subsequent fiscal year by January 31 of each calendar year.

The District must prepare an annual allocation to schools by March 1 of each year for the following fiscal year. This allocation must include the amount for certified and classified staff based on the District's staffing policy and the amount for instructional supplies, materials, travel and equipment.

The District must adopt a tentative working budget for the subsequent fiscal year by May 30 of each year. This budget must contain a minimum 2.00% contingency.

Finally, the District must adopt a final working budget and submit it to the Kentucky Department of Education by September 30 of the current fiscal year.

The Board has the ability to amend the working budget.



**Schedule of District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability - CERS**

Year ended June 30	Measurement period June 30	District's proportion of the net pension liability	District's proportionate share of the net pension liability	District's covered payroll	District's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage covered payroll	Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability
2023	2022	0.1246%	\$ 9,007,785	\$ 3,568,592	252.42%	52.42%
2022	2021	0.1293%	\$ 8,244,718	\$ 3,357,012	245.60%	55.95%
2021	2020	0.1311%	\$ 10,051,887	\$ 3,377,698	297.60%	47.81%
2020	2019	0.1334%	\$ 9,382,996	\$ 3,284,849	285.64%	50.45%
2019	2018	0.1325%	\$ 8,066,974	\$ 3,150,350	256.07%	53.54%
2018	2017	0.1293%	\$ 7,566,863	\$ 3,104,763	243.72%	53.32%
2017	2016	0.1287%	\$ 6,335,478	\$ 3,104,763	204.06%	55.50%
2016	2015	0.1273%	\$ 5,476,878	\$ 2,958,220	185.14%	59.97%
2015	2014	0.1342%	\$ 4,353,759	\$ 2,958,220	147.17%	66.80%

**Schedule of District's Contributions - CERS**

Year ended June 30	Contractually required contribution	Actual contribution	Contribution deficiency (excess)	District's covered payroll	Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll
2023	\$ 917,053	\$ 917,053	\$ -	\$ 3,919,030	23.40%
2022	\$ 755,471	\$ 755,471	\$ -	\$ 3,568,592	21.17%
2021	\$ 647,901	\$ 647,901	\$ -	\$ 3,357,012	19.30%
2020	\$ 545,841	\$ 545,841	\$ -	\$ 3,377,698	16.16%
2019	\$ 475,365	\$ 475,365	\$ -	\$ 3,284,849	14.47%
2018	\$ 439,080	\$ 439,080	\$ -	\$ 3,150,350	13.94%
2017	\$ 365,574	\$ 365,574	\$ -	\$ 3,104,763	11.77%
2016	\$ 380,323	\$ 380,323	\$ -	\$ 3,104,763	12.25%
2015	\$ 581,552	\$ 581,552	\$ -	\$ 2,958,220	19.66%

**Changes Since Last Actuarial Valuation**

**Benefits**

No changes

**Assumptions**

No material changes

**Schedule of District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability - TRS**

Year ended June 30	Measurement period June 30	District's proportion of the net pension liability	District's proportionate share of the net pension liability	State's proportionate share of the net pension liability associated with the District	District's covered payroll	District's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage covered payroll	Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability
2023	2022	0.0000%	\$ -	\$ 58,160,910	\$ 10,977,033	0.00%	56.41%
2022	2021	0.0000%	\$ -	\$ 47,873,756	\$ 12,248,574	0.00%	65.59%
2021	2020	0.0000%	\$ -	\$ 52,406,134	\$ 12,004,511	0.00%	58.27%
2020	2019	0.0000%	\$ -	\$ 51,024,372	\$ 12,092,278	0.00%	58.76%
2019	2018	0.0000%	\$ -	\$ 49,664,008	\$ 11,772,378	0.00%	59.30%
2018	2017	0.0000%	\$ -	\$ 101,226,844	\$ 11,715,920	0.00%	39.83%
2017	2016	0.0000%	\$ -	\$ 110,380,849	\$ 11,715,920	0.00%	35.22%
2016	2015	0.0000%	\$ -	\$ 92,580,483	\$ 11,466,263	0.00%	42.49%
2015	2014	0.0000%	\$ -	\$ 80,999,928	\$ 11,466,263	0.00%	45.59%

**Schedule of District's Contributions - TRS**

Year ended June 30	Contractually required contribution	Actual contribution	Contribution deficiency (excess)	District's covered payroll	Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll
2023	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 11,228,500	0.00%
2022	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,977,033	0.00%
2021	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 12,248,574	0.00%
2020	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 12,004,511	0.00%
2019	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 12,092,278	0.00%
2018	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 11,772,378	0.00%
2017	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 11,715,920	0.00%
2016	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 11,715,920	0.00%
2015	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 11,466,263	0.00%

**Changes Since Last Actuarial Valuation**

**Benefits**

No changes

**Assumptions**

No material changes

**Schedule of District's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability - CERS**

Year ended June 30	Measurement period June 30	District's proportion of the net OPEB liability	District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability	District's covered payroll	District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability as a percentage covered payroll	Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total OPEB liability
2023	2022	0.1020%	\$ 2,642,708	\$ 3,568,592	74.05%	60.95%
2022	2021	0.1293%	\$ 2,475,039	\$ 3,357,012	73.73%	58.41%
2021	2020	0.1310%	\$ 3,163,710	\$ 3,377,698	93.66%	51.67%
2020	2019	0.1334%	\$ 2,243,358	\$ 3,284,849	68.29%	60.44%
2019	2018	0.1325%	\$ 2,351,677	\$ 3,150,350	74.65%	57.62%
2018	2017	0.1293%	\$ 2,598,870	\$ 3,104,763	83.71%	52.39%

**Schedule of District's Contributions - CERS**

Year ended June 30	Contractually required contribution	Actual contribution	Contribution deficiency (excess)	District's covered payroll	Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll
2023	\$ 132,855	\$ 132,855	\$ -	\$ 3,919,030	3.39%
2022	\$ 206,261	\$ 206,261	\$ -	\$ 3,568,592	5.78%
2021	\$ 144,064	\$ 144,064	\$ -	\$ 3,357,012	4.29%
2020	\$ 174,670	\$ 174,670	\$ -	\$ 3,377,698	5.17%
2019	\$ 194,193	\$ 194,193	\$ -	\$ 3,284,849	5.91%
2018	\$ 178,605	\$ 178,605	\$ -	\$ 3,150,350	5.67%
2017	\$ 158,259	\$ 158,259	\$ -	\$ 3,104,763	5.10%

**Changes Since Last Actuarial Valuation**

**Benefits**

No changes

**Assumptions**

The discount rate to calculate the total OPEB liability and OPEB expense increased from 5.0% to 5.70%. There were no other material plan provision changes.

Mason County School District  
 Schedule of District's Share of Net OPEB Liability and Contributions – TRS Medical Insurance Plan  
 June 30, 2023

**Schedule of District's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability - TRS Medical Insurance Plan**

Year ended June 30	Measurement period June 30	District's proportion of the net OPEB liability	District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability	State's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability associated with the District	District's covered payroll	District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability as a percentage covered payroll	Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total OPEB liability
2023	2022	0.2419%	\$ 6,161,000	\$ 2,024,000	\$ 10,977,033	56.13%	47.75%
2022	2021	0.1970%	\$ 4,227,000	\$ 3,433,000	\$ 12,248,574	34.51%	51.47%
2021	2020	0.1992%	\$ 5,027,000	\$ 4,027,000	\$ 12,004,511	41.88%	32.58%
2020	2019	0.2004%	\$ 5,864,000	\$ 4,736,000	\$ 12,092,278	48.49%	32.58%
2019	2018	0.1966%	\$ 8,258,000	\$ 5,878,000	\$ 11,772,378	70.15%	25.54%
2018	2017	0.1990%	\$ 7,098,000	\$ 5,798,000	\$ 11,715,920	60.58%	21.18%

**Schedule of District's Contributions - TRS Medical Insurance Plan**

Year ended June 30	Contractually required contribution	Actual contribution	Contribution deficiency (excess)	District's covered payroll	Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll
2023	\$ 336,855	\$ 336,855	\$ -	\$ 11,228,500	3.00%
2022	\$ 329,311	\$ 329,311	\$ -	\$ 10,977,033	3.00%
2021	\$ 647,901	\$ 647,901	\$ -	\$ 12,248,574	5.29%
2020	\$ 545,841	\$ 545,841	\$ -	\$ 12,004,511	4.55%
2019	\$ 475,365	\$ 475,365	\$ -	\$ 12,092,278	3.93%
2018	\$ 439,080	\$ 439,080	\$ -	\$ 11,772,378	3.73%
2017	\$ 365,574	\$ 365,574	\$ -	\$ 11,715,920	3.12%

**Changes Since Last Actuarial Valuation**

**Benefits**

No changes

**Assumptions**

No changes

Mason County School District  
 Schedule of District's Share of Net OPEB Liability and Contributions – TRS Life Insurance Plan  
 June 30, 2023

**Schedule of District's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability - TRS Life Insurance Plan**

Year ended June 30	Measurement period June 30	District's proportion of the net OPEB liability	District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability	State's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability associated with the District	District's covered payroll	District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability as a percentage of covered payroll	Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total OPEB liability
2023	2022	0.0000%	\$ -	\$ 101,000	\$ 10,977,033	0.00%	73.97%
2022	2021	0.0000%	\$ -	\$ 46,000	\$ 12,248,574	0.00%	89.15%
2021	2020	0.0000%	\$ -	\$ 122,000	\$ 12,004,511	0.00%	71.57%
2020	2019	0.0000%	\$ -	\$ 110,000	\$ 12,092,278	0.00%	73.40%
2019	2018	0.0000%	\$ -	\$ 101,000	\$ 11,772,378	0.00%	74.97%
2018	2017	0.0000%	\$ -	\$ 78,000	\$ 11,715,920	0.00%	79.99%

**Schedule of District's Contributions - TRS Life Insurance Plan**

Year ended June 30	Contractually required contribution	Actual contribution	Contribution deficiency (excess)	District's covered payroll	Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll
2023	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 11,228,500	0.00%
2022	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,977,033	0.00%
2021	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 12,248,574	0.00%
2020	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 12,004,511	0.00%
2019	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 12,092,278	0.00%
2018	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 11,772,378	0.00%
2017	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 11,715,920	0.00%

**Changes Since Last Actuarial Valuation**

**Benefits**

No changes

**Assumptions**

No changes

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Mason County School District  
Combining Balance Sheet – Nonmajor Funds  
June 30, 2023

	District Activity Fund	Student Activity Fund	Capital Outlay Fund	Building Fund	Debt Service Fund	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
<b>Assets</b>						
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 143,872	\$ 399,458	\$ 39,683	\$ 388,223	\$ -	\$ 971,236
Accounts receivable	1,254	-	-	-	-	1,254
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$ 145,126</b>	<b>\$ 399,458</b>	<b>\$ 39,683</b>	<b>\$ 388,223</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 972,490</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>						
Accounts payable	\$ -	\$ 13,052	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 13,052
Unearned revenue	10,426	-	-	-	-	10,426
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>10,426</b>	<b>13,052</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>23,478</b>
<b>Fund balances</b>						
Restricted	\$ 75,035	\$ 386,406	\$ 39,683	\$ 388,223	\$ -	\$ 889,347
Unassigned	59,665	-	-	-	-	59,665
<b>Total fund balances</b>	<b>134,700</b>	<b>386,406</b>	<b>39,683</b>	<b>388,223</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>949,012</b>
<b>Total liabilities and fund balances</b>	<b>\$ 145,126</b>	<b>\$ 399,458</b>	<b>\$ 39,683</b>	<b>\$ 388,223</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 972,490</b>

Mason County School District  
Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures  
and Changes in Fund Balance – Nonmajor Funds  
June 30, 2023

	District Activity Fund	Student Activity Fund	Capital Outlay Fund	Building Fund	Debt Service Fund	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
<b>Revenues</b>						
From local sources:						
Property taxes	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,565,968	\$ -	\$ 1,565,968
Other local revenue	118,383	989,539	-	-	-	1,107,922
Intergovernmental - state SEEK	-	-	239,683	869,206	-	1,108,889
Intergovernmental - state on-behalf	-	-	-	-	2,022,436	2,022,436
Intergovernmental - state other	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total revenues</b>	<b>118,383</b>	<b>989,539</b>	<b>239,683</b>	<b>2,435,174</b>	<b>2,022,436</b>	<b>5,805,215</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>						
Instruction	96,112	901,744	-	-	-	997,856
Support services:						
Student	-	1,283	-	-	-	1,283
Student transportation	225	29,023	-	-	-	29,248
Community services	479	-	-	-	-	479
Debt service	-	-	-	-	3,904,561	3,904,561
<b>Total expenditures</b>	<b>96,816</b>	<b>932,050</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,904,561</b>	<b>4,933,427</b>
Excess of revenues over (under) expenditures	21,567	57,489	239,683	2,435,174	(1,882,125)	871,788
<b>Other financing sources (uses)</b>						
Transfers in	-	-	-	-	1,882,125	1,882,125
Transfers out	-	-	(239,683)	(2,435,174)	-	(2,674,857)
<b>Total other financing sources (uses)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(239,683)</b>	<b>(2,435,174)</b>	<b>1,882,125</b>	<b>(792,732)</b>
Net change in fund balances	21,567	57,489	-	-	-	79,056
Fund balances - beginning	113,133	328,917	39,683	388,223	-	869,956
<b>Fund balances - end of year</b>	<b>\$ 134,700</b>	<b>\$ 386,406</b>	<b>\$ 39,683</b>	<b>\$ 388,223</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 949,012</b>



Mason County School District  
 Combining Statement of School Activity Funds  
 June 30, 2023

	Fund Balance July 1, 2022	Receipts	Expenditure	Fund Balance June 30, 2023
Mason County High School	\$ 274,510	\$ 844,744	\$ 800,101	\$ 319,153
Mason County Middle School	34,586	85,111	80,579	39,118
Mason County Intermediate School	9,498	30,019	23,054	16,463
Straub Elementary School	10,323	29,665	28,316	11,672
	<u>\$ 328,917</u>	<u>\$ 989,539</u>	<u>\$ 932,050</u>	<u>\$ 386,406</u>

Mason County School District  
Statement of School Activity Funds  
Mason County High School  
June 30, 2023

Fund Name	Fund Balance			Fund Balance June 30, 2023
	July 1, 2022	Receipts	Expenditure	
10TH REGION BOYS BASKETBALL	\$ -	\$ 57,574	\$ 57,574	\$ -
10th REGION GIRLS BASKETBALL	-	23,254	23,254	-
12TH REGION GIRLS GOLF	-	1,641	1,034	607
38TH DISTRICT SOCCER	794	1,575	128	2,241
39TH DISTRICT BOYS BASKETBALL	-	35,680	35,680	-
ACADEMIC TEAM	16	314	287	43
ACT PREP	8	-	-	8
AG SHOP	182	-	-	182
AP EXAMS	-	5,269	3,926	1,343
ARCHERY	14,284	15,518	11,549	18,253
ARCHERY ELITE	1,754	-	-	1,754
ART CLUB	1,040	3,125	1,169	2,996
ATHLECTICS-UNIFORMS	10,496	10,496	-	20,992
ATHLETICS	53,126	105,472	132,441	26,157
BAND	7,938	60,139	52,650	15,427
BASEBALL	9,807	30,285	34,292	5,800
BASEBALL 39TH DISTRICT	424	-	-	424
BETA CLUB	663	820	55	1,428
BIOMEDICAL	69	129	-	198
BOOK CLUB	-	25	-	25
BOYS BASKETBALL	10,737	23,315	24,199	9,853
BOYS GOLF	-	8,088	3,800	4,288
BOYS SOCCER	2,583	5,064	843	6,804
CAFÉ ROYALE	-	2,175	2,033	142
CHEERLEADING	3,249	5,309	4,501	4,057
CLASS OF 2022	289	-	-	289
CLASS OF 2023	357	-	-	357
CLASS OF 2024	2,583	20,953	18,014	5,522
CLASS OF 2025	-	481	70	411
CONCESSIONS B/G BB	500	54,610	54,610	500
CONCESSIONS FB/SC	500	-	-	500
CROSS COUNTRY	4,119	12,667	12,945	3,841
DANCE TEAM	308	-	-	308
DISTRICT COMBINE	888	1,025	1,127	786
ENVIROTHON TEAM	364	1,359	363	1,360
EUROPE 2024	360	-	360	-

Mason County School District  
Statement of School Activity Funds  
Mason County High School - Continued  
June 30, 2023

Fund Name	Fund Balance			Fund Balance June 30, 2023
	July 1, 2022	Receipts	Expenditure	
FBLA	2,144	18,193	14,567	5,770
FCCLA	1,217	40,385	40,970	632
FCCLA-REGION 9	39	1,385	2,124	(700)
FFA GREENHOUSE	9,921	10,395	1,723	18,593
FLOOR PROJECT	80	-	-	80
FOOTBALL	9,144	17,597	26,658	83
FOOTBALL CAPITAL	9	-	-	9
FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA	10,957	40,472	40,964	10,465
GENERAL	3,312	17,782	14,227	6,867
GIRLS BASKETBALL	2,989	20,671	14,079	9,581
GIRLS GOLF	2,524	3,285	3,312	2,497
GIRLS GOLF TOURNAMENT	450	-	-	450
GIRLS REGIONAL	100	-	-	100
GOLD BOYS	3,703	-	-	3,703
HIKING CLUB	61	-	-	61
HOSA	1,432	4,199	4,795	836
INTEREST	823	-	-	823
IPAD HELP DESK STLP	597	-	399	198
KNIGHTS FB	6,613	5,450	2,466	9,597
LIBRARY	584	1,127	1,243	468
MCHS DEBATE TEAM	-	1,244	750	494
MCHS ROBOTICS	5	-	-	5
MUSIC CHOIR	105	1,552	232	1,425
MUSIC CHORALE TRAVEL	310	-	-	310
MUSIC ORCHESTRA	2,249	16,565	12,277	6,537
MUSIC PATRONS & BOOSTERS	7,372	2,379	3,000	6,751
MUSIC PRODUCTION	20,831	28,591	31,320	18,102
MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP	3,322	1,380	1,225	3,477
MUSIC TRAVEL	2,725	-	-	2,725
MUSIC TUX & DRESS	2,837	1,538	554	3,821
NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY	706	75	150	631
PEE WEE BASKETBALL	125	-	-	125
PHYSICS AND AVIATION	514	-	-	514
PRACTICAL LIVING	1	5,700	4,963	738
PROJECT GRADUATION	-	3,875	3,737	138
PSAT	559	37	-	596

Mason County School District  
Statement of School Activity Funds  
Mason County High School - Continued  
June 30, 2023

Fund Name	Fund Balance	Receipts	Expenditure	Fund Balance
	July 1, 2022			June 30, 2023
RED CROSS	242	-	-	242
ROTC	2,420	7,510	6,316	3,614
GIRLS SOCCER	2,690	3,896	2,579	4,007
SOFTBALL	11,978	19,335	20,511	10,802
SPANISH CLUB	24	-	96	(72)
SPECIAL ED	2,752	-	-	2,752
SPECIAL ED FIELD TRIPS	9	-	-	9
SPECIAL NEEDS STUDENTS	353	3,193	3,330	216
STAFF VENDING	2,014	-	-	2,014
STLP	262	-	-	262
STUDENT ACTIVITIES	5,515	-	4,861	654
STUDENT COUNCIL	113	987	855	245
STUDENT Y CLUB	1	-	-	1
SWIM TEAM	317	2,817	1,158	1,976
TECH ED	797	5,134	886	5,045
TENNIS	1,555	2,975	1,898	2,632
TRACK & FIELD	6,279	51,816	41,026	17,069
TSA	75	-	378	(303)
VOLLEYBALL	1,427	4,958	3,656	2,729
WATERSHED MGT PROJECT	1,289	-	116	1,173
WEIGHT ROOM	4,502	-	-	4,502
WRESTLING	1,046	3,951	1,497	3,500
Y CLUB	-	5,038	4,706	332
YEARBOOK	3,052	2,895	3,593	2,354
	<u>\$ 274,510</u>	<u>\$ 844,744</u>	<u>\$ 800,101</u>	<u>\$ 319,153</u>

Mason County School District  
 Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards  
 June 30, 2023

<u>Federal Grantor/Pass-Through Grantor/ Program or Clust</u>	<u>Federal Assistance Listing</u>	<u>Pass Through Grantor's Number</u>	<u>Federal Expenditure for FYE 6/30/2023</u>	
<b>U.S. Department of Education</b>				
<b><i>Passed through Kentucky Department of Education</i></b>				
Special Education Cluster (IDEA)				
<i>Special Education Grants to States (IDEA, Part B)</i>	84.027	3810002 20	\$ 25,763	
	84.020	3810002 21	48,888	
	84.027	3810002 22	427,187	
	84.027	4910002 21	<u>25,632</u>	\$ 527,470
<i>Special Education Preschool Grants (IDEA, Preschool</i>	84.173	3800002 21	3,070	
	84.173	3800002 22	<u>65,615</u>	68,685
Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies	84.010	3100002 21		
	84.010	3100002 22	<u>939,786</u>	939,786
Student Support and Academic Enrichment	84.424	3230002 20	<u>81,235</u>	81,235
Supporting Effective Instruction State Grants	84.367	3140002 22	<u>195,559</u>	195,559
Perkins Vocational Education	84.048	3710002 21	856	
	84.048	3710002 22	<u>41,811</u>	42,667
Vocational Rehabilitation Grants to States	84.126		<u>5,849</u>	5,849
Education Stabilization Fund Under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act	84.425D	4200002 21	52,494	
	84.425D	4200003 21	143,151	
	84.425U	4300002 21	<u>3,045,468</u>	3,241,113
<b>Total U.S Department of Education</b>				<u>5,102,364</u>

Mason County School District  
 Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards  
 June 30, 2023

<u>Federal Grantor/Pass-Through Grantor/ Program or Clust</u>	<u>Federal Assistance Listing</u>	<u>Pass Through Grantor's Number</u>	<u>Federal Expenditure for FYE 6/30/2023</u>	
<b>U.S Department of Labor</b>				
<i>Passed through Buffalo Trace Area Development District</i>				
WIOA Youth Activities	17.259		<u>30,395</u>	30,395
<b>Total U.S. Department of Labor</b>				<u>30,395</u>
<b>U.S. Department of Agriculture</b>				
<i>Passed through Kentucky Department of Education</i>				
Child Nutrition Cluster				
<i>School Breakfast Program</i>	10.553	7750002 22	171,607	
	10.553	7760005 23	559,898	
<i>National School Lunch Program</i>	10.555	7750002 22	196,678	
	10.555	7750002 23	1,251,934	
	10.555	9980000 22	66,498	
	10.555	9980000 23	31,760	
<i>Commodities</i>	10.555	Commodities	<u>100,177</u>	2,378,552
State Administrative Expenses for Child Nutrition	10 560	7990000 23	<u>1,573</u>	1,573
Emergency Food Assistance Program	10.568	7790021 23	14,073	
	10.568	7800016 23	<u>1,002</u>	15,075
State Pandemic EBT Adminstrative Costs Grant	10.649	9990000 22	<u>3,135</u>	3,135
<b>Total U.S. Department of Agriculture</b>				<u>2,398,335</u>
<b>Total Expenditures of Federal Awards</b>				<u>\$ 7,531,094</u>

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**NOTE 1: BASIS OF PRESENTATION**

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards (Schedule) includes the federal grant activity of Mason County School District (District) under programs of the federal government for the year ended June 30, 2023. The information in this schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Because the schedule presents only a selected portion of the operations of the District, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position, changes in net position or cash flows of the District.

**NOTE 2: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

Expenditures reported on the schedule are reported on the modified accrual basis of accounting. Such expenditures are recognized following the cost principles contained in Uniform Guidance, wherein certain types of expenditures are not allowable or are limited as to reimbursement. Negative amounts, if any, shown on the schedule represent adjustments or credits made in the normal course of business to amounts reported as expenditures in prior years. Pass-through entity identifying numbers are presented where available.

**NOTE 3: INDIRECT COST RATE**

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

**NOTE 4: SUBRECIPIENTS**

The District did not provide federal funds to subrecipients for the year ended June 30, 2023.

**NOTE 5: COMMODITIES**

Nonmonetary assistance is reported in the schedule at the fair value of the USDA commodities received and disbursed.

**NOTE 6: FEDERAL AWARDS RECONCILIATION**

Federal revenues reported on the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance - Governmental Funds	\$ 5,378,703
Federal grants reported on the Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Fund Net Position - Proprietary Fund	2,298,158
Donated commodities reported on the Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Fund Net Position - Proprietary Fund	100,177
Total federal awards	<u>7,777,038</u>
Less Medicaid reimbursement	<u>(245,944)</u>
Schedule of expenditures of federal awards	<u><u>\$ 7,531,094</u></u>



Kentucky State Committee for School District Audits  
Members of the Board of Education  
Mason County School District  
Maysville, Kentucky

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of the Mason County School District (District) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023 and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated November 7, 2023.

#### **Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the District's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of 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 entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

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



### **Compliance and Other Matters**

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

We noted certain matters that we reported to management of the District in a separate letter dated November 7, 2023.

### **Purpose of this Report**

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

**Maddox & Associates CPAs Inc.**

Fort Thomas, Kentucky

November 7, 2023

Kentucky State Committee for School District Audits  
Members of the Board of Education  
Mason County School District  
Maysville, Kentucky

## **Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program**

### ***Opinion on Each Major Program***

We have audited Mason County School District's (District) compliance with the types of compliance requirements identified as subject to audit in the OMB *Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of the District's major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2023. The District's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

In our opinion, the District complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major programs for the year ended June 30, 2023.

### ***Basis for Opinion on Each Major Federal Program***

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; 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* (CFR) Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Our responsibilities of those standards and the Uniform Guidance are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section of our report.

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

### ***Responsibilities of Management for Compliance***

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

### ***Auditor's Responsibilities***

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

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, *Government Auditing Standards*, the Uniform Guidance and the audit requirements prescribed by the Kentucky State Committee for School District Audits, in the *Auditor Responsibilities and State Compliance Requirements* sections contained in the Kentucky Public School Districts' Audit Contract and Requirements, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material noncompliance, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the District's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.
- Obtain an understanding of the District's internal control over compliance relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

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

### **Report on Internal Control over Compliance**

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

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

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

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

**Maddox & Associates CPAs Inc.**

Fort Thomas, Kentucky

November 7, 2023

**SECTION I - SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS**

**Financial Statements**

Type of report the auditor issued on whether the financial statements audited were prepared in accordance with GAAP:

Unmodified

Internal control over financial reporting:

Material weakness(es) identified?

       Yes        X   No

Significant deficiency(ies) identified?

       Yes        X   None reported

Noncompliance material to financial statements noted?

       Yes        X   No

**Federal Awards**

Internal control over major programs:

Material weakness(es) identified?

       Yes        X   No

Significant deficiency(ies) identified?

       Yes        X   None reported

Type of report the auditor issued on compliance with major programs:

Unmodified

Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with Uniform Guidance 2 CFR 200.516(a)?

       Yes        X   None reported

**Identification of Major Programs**

ALN	Name of Federal Program or Cluster
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84.425D	COVID-19 Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER)
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84.425U	COVID-19 American Rescue Plan (ARP) ESSER
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Dollar threshold used to distinguish between Type A and Type B programs:

\$ 750,000

Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee

       Yes        X   No

**SECTION II - FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS**

None reported

**SECTION III - FEDERAL AWARD FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS**

None reported

NO PRIOR FINDINGS

Mason County School District  
Management Letter  
June 30, 2023

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Kentucky State Committee for School District Audits  
Members of the Board of Education  
Mason County School District  
Maysville, Kentucky

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of Mason County School District (District) for the year ended June 30, 2023, we considered the District's internal control in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on internal control.

However, during our audit we became aware of matters that our opportunities for strengthening internal controls and operating efficiencies. The memorandum that accompanies this letter summarizes our comments and recommendations regarding these matters. Any uncorrected comments from the prior year have been listed in this letter. A separate report dated November 7, 2023 contains our report on the District's internal control. This letter does not affect our report dated November 7, 2023 on the financial statements of the District.

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

**Maddox & Associates CPAs Inc.**  
November 7, 2023

**Mason County High School**

**2023-01.** Several student organizations/clubs had no activity during the fiscal year and, therefore, are considered inactive. Accounting Procedures for Kentucky School Activity Funds (Redbook) requires these accounts to be closed and transferred to the organization designated by the inactive account sponsor or transferred to the general activity fund if no designation is made.

**2023-02.** Three student organizations/clubs ended the year with negative balances. Accounting Procedures for Kentucky School Activity Funds (Redbook) requires the general activity account to cover the deficit by June 30.

**Mason County Middle School**

**2023-03.** During our testing of school activity fund disbursements, we noted instances of disbursements that did not have the sponsor's signature. *Accounting Procedures for Kentucky School Activity Funds* (Redbook) sets accounting guidelines for sponsor approval of disbursements.

**2023-04.** During our testing of school activity fund disbursements, we noted instances of disbursements that did not have sufficient supporting documentation. Disbursements must have sufficient documentation to support the expenditure.

**District Response**

Redbook procedures will be reviewed with the appropriate staff.

**Prior Year Comments**

Comment 2022-01 was not repeated in the current year.



CONTINUING DISCLOSURE CERTIFICATE

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Relating to:

\$6,320,000

MASON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT FINANCE CORPORATION

SCHOOL BUILDING REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2024A

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Dated as of: April 23, 2024

This **CONTINUING DISCLOSURE CERTIFICATE** (the "Certificate") is executed and delivered as of the 23rd day of April, 2024 by the Board of Education of the Mason County School District (the "Board") and Mason County School District Finance Corporation (the "Issuer") in connection with the issuance of its \$6,320,000 Mason County School District Finance Corporation School Building Revenue Bonds, Series 2024A (the "Obligations"). The Obligations are being issued pursuant to a resolution adopted by the Board of Directors of the Issuer on March 11, 2024 (the "Authorizing Legislation"). The Issuer certifies, covenants and agrees as follows:

**Section 1. Purpose of the Certificate.**

This Certificate is being executed and delivered by the Issuer to provide for the disclosure of certain information concerning the Obligations on an on-going basis as set forth herein for the benefit of Holders (as hereinafter defined) in accordance with the provisions of Securities and Exchange Commission Rule 15c2-12, as amended from time to time (the "Rule");

**Section 2. Definitions; Scope of this Certificate.**

All terms capitalized but not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings assigned to those terms in the Authorizing Legislation and the Obligations. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the term "Disclosure Agent" shall mean the Issuer, or any disclosure agent appointed or engaged by the Issuer; any successor disclosure agent shall automatically succeed to the rights and duties of the Disclosure Agent hereunder, without any amendment hereto. The following capitalized terms shall have the following meanings:

*"Annual Financial Information"* shall mean a copy of the annual audited financial information prepared for the Board which shall include, if prepared, a balance sheet, a statement of revenue and expenditure and a statement of changes in fund balances. All such financial information shall be prepared using generally accepted accounting principles as applied to governmental units, provided, however, that the Board may change the accounting principles used for preparation of such financial information so long as the Board includes as information provided to the public, a statement to the effect that different accounting principles are being used, stating the reason for such change and how to compare the financial information provided by the differing financial accounting principles. Any or all of the items listed above may be set forth in other documents, including Offering Documents of debt issues of the Board or related public entities, which have been transmitted to the MSRB, or may be included by specific reference to documents available to the public on the MSRB's Internet Website or filed with the SEC. The Board shall clearly identify each such other document so incorporated by reference.

*"Beneficial Owner"* shall mean any person which has the power, directly or indirectly, to vote or consent with respect to, or to dispose of ownership of, any Obligations (including personal holding Obligations through nominees, depositories or other intermediaries).

*"Event"* shall mean any of the following events with respect to the Obligations:

- (i) Principal and interest payment delinquencies;
- (ii) Non-payment related defaults, if material;
- (iii) Unscheduled draws on debt service reserves reflecting financial difficulties;
- (iv) Unscheduled draws on credit enhancements reflecting financial difficulties;
- (v) Substitution of credit or liquidity providers, or their failure to perform;
- (vi) Adverse tax opinions, the issuance by the Internal Revenue Service of proposed or final determinations of taxability, Notices of Proposed Issue (IRS Form 5701-TEB) or other material notices or determinations with respect to the tax status of the security, or other material events affecting the tax-exempt status of the security;
- (vii) Modifications to rights of security holders, if material;
- (viii) Bond calls, if material, and tender offers (except for mandatory scheduled redemptions not otherwise contingent upon the occurrence of an event);
- (ix) Defeasances;
- (x) Release, substitution or sale of property securing repayment of the securities, if material;
- (xi) Rating changes;

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

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

(xiv) Appointment of a successor or additional trustee or the change of name of a trustee, if material;

(xv) Incurrence of a Financial Obligation of the Board, the Issuer, or obligated person, if material, or agreement to covenants, events of default, remedies, priority rights, or other similar terms of a Financial Obligation of the Issuer or obligated person, any of which affect security holders, if material; and

(xvi) Default, event of acceleration, termination event, modification of terms, or other similar events under the terms of a Financial Obligation of the Board, the Issuer, or obligated person, any of which reflect financial difficulties.

The SEC requires the listing of (i) through (xvi) although some of such events may not be applicable to the Obligations.

"*Financial Obligation*" shall mean (a) a debt obligation, (b) a derivative instrument entered into in connection with, or pledged as security or a source of payment for, an existing or planned debt obligation, or (c) a guarantee of either (a) or (b). The term Financial Obligation shall not include municipal securities as to which a final official statement has been provided to the MSRB consistent with the Rule.

"*Holders*" shall mean any holder of the Obligations and any Beneficial Owner thereof.

"*MSRB*" shall mean the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board.

"*Offering Document*" shall mean the Official Statement, dated April 2, 2024.

"*Operating Data*" shall mean an update of the Operating Data contained in the Offering Document under the headings "BOND DEBT SERVICE," "DISTRICT STUDENT POPULATION," "LOCAL SUPPORT," and "SEEK ALLOTMENT".

"Participating Underwriter" shall mean any of the original underwriters of the Obligations required to comply with the Rule in connection with the offering of the Obligations.

"*SEC*" shall mean the Securities and Exchange Commission.

"*State*" shall mean the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

### **Section 3. Disclosure of Information.**

(A) Information Provided to the Public. Except to the extent this Certificate is modified or otherwise altered in accordance with Section 4 hereof, the Issuer shall make, or shall cause the Disclosure Agent to make, public the information set forth in subsections (1), (2), and (3) below:

(1) Annual Financial Information and Operating Data. Annual Financial Information and Operating Data at least annually not later than 270 days after the end of the fiscal year ending June 30, commencing with the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, and continuing with each fiscal year thereafter. If the Disclosure Agent is an entity or person other than the Board or the Issuer, then the Board shall provide the Annual Financial Information to the Disclosure Agent not later than fifteen Business Days before the disclosure date referenced above. The Annual Financial Information may be submitted as a single document or as

separate documents comprising a package, and may cross-reference other information; provided that the audited financial statements of the Board may be submitted separately from the balance of the Annual Financial Information.

(2) Events Notices. Notice of the occurrence of an Event, in a timely manner, not in excess of ten business days after the occurrence of the Event.

(3) Failure to Provide Annual Financial Information or Operating Data. Notice of the failure of Board or the Issuer to provide the Annual Financial Information or Operating Data by the date required herein.

(B) Information Provided to Public.

Annual Financial Information and, subject to the timing requirement set forth in subsection (A)(2) of this Section 3, notice of all Event occurrences shall be made public on the same day as notice thereof is given to the Holders of outstanding Obligations, if required pursuant to the Authorizing Legislation or the Obligations, and shall not be made public before the date of such notice.

(C) Means of Making Information Public.

(1) Information shall be deemed to be made public by the Board of the Issuer or the Disclosure Agent under this Certificate if it is transmitted as provided in subsection (C)(2) of this Section 3 by the following means:

(a) to the Holders of outstanding Obligations, by first class mail, postage prepaid;

(b) to the MSRB, in an electronic format as prescribed by the MSRB, accompanied by identifying information as prescribed by the MSRB; and/or

(c) to the SEC, by (i) electronic facsimile transmissions confirmed by first class mail, postage prepaid, or (ii) first class mail, postage prepaid; provided that the Board, the Issuer, or the Disclosure Agent is authorized to transmit information to the SEC by whatever means are mutually acceptable to the Disclosure Agent, the Board, or the Issuer, as applicable, and the SEC.

(2) Information shall be transmitted to the following:

(a) all information to be provided to the public in accordance with subsection (A) of this Section 3 shall be transmitted to the MSRB;

(b) all information described in clause (a) shall be made available to any Holder upon request, but need not be transmitted to the Holders who do not so request.

(c) to the extent the Board or the Issuer is obligated to file any Annual Financial Information or Operating Data with the MSRB pursuant to this Agreement, such Annual Financial Information or Operating Data may be set forth in the document or set of documents transmitted to the MSRB, or may be included by specific reference to documents available to the public on the MSRB's Internet Website or filed with the SEC.

With respect to requests for periodic or occurrence information from Holders, the Board, the Issuer, or the Disclosure Agent may require payment by requesting holders of a reasonable charge for duplication and transmission of the information and for the Board, the Issuer's, or the Disclosure Agent's administrative expenses incurred in providing the information.

**Section 4. Amendment or Modification.**

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Certificate, the Issuer may amend this Certificate and any provision of this Certificate may be waived, if such amendment or waiver is supported by an opinion of competent bond counsel expert in federal securities laws to the effect that such amendment or waiver would not, in and of

itself, cause the undertakings herein to violate the Rule if such amendment or waiver had been effective on the date hereof but taking into account any subsequent change in or official interpretation of the Rule as well as any change in circumstance.

**Section 5. Miscellaneous.**

(A) Termination. The Board and the Issuer's obligations under this Certificate shall terminate when all of the Obligations are or are deemed to be no longer outstanding by reason of redemption or legal defeasance or at maturity.

(B) Additional Information. Nothing in this Certificate shall be deemed to prevent the Board and the Issuer from disseminating any other information, using the means of dissemination set forth in this Certificate or any other means of communication, or including any other information in any Annual Financial Statement or notice of occurrence of an Event, in addition to that which is required by this Certificate. If the Board or the Issuer chooses to include any information in any Annual Financial Statement or notice of occurrence of an Event in addition to that which is specifically required by this Certificate, the Board or the Issuer, as the case may be, shall have no obligation under this Certificate to update such information or include it in any future Annual Financial Statement or notice of occurrence of an Event.

(C) Defaults: Remedies. In the event of a failure of the Board, the Issuer, or the Disclosure Agent to comply with any provision of this Certificate any Holder may take such action as may be necessary and appropriate, including seeking an action in mandamus or specific performance to cause the Board, the Issuer, or the Disclosure Agent, as the case may be, to comply with its obligations under this Certificate. A default under this Certificate shall not constitute a default on the Obligations and the sole remedy available in any proceeding to enforce this Certificate shall be an action to compel specific performance.

(D) Beneficiaries. This Certificate shall inure solely to the benefit of the Board, the Issuer, the Disclosure Agent, the Participating Underwriter and Holders, or beneficial owners thereof, and shall create no rights in any other person or entity.

**Section 6. Additional Disclosure Obligations.**

The Issuer and the Board acknowledge and understand that other state and federal laws, including but not limited to the Securities Act of 1933, the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and Rule 10b 5 promulgated thereunder, may apply to the Board and the Issuer, and that under some circumstances compliance with this Agreement, without additional disclosures or other action, may not fully discharge all duties and obligations of the Board and the Issuer under such laws.

**Section 7. Notices.**

Any notices or communications to the Board or the Issuer may be given as follows:

To the Issuer: Mason County School District Finance Corporation  
34 East 2nd Street  
Maysville, Kentucky 41056  
Attention: Secretary  
Telephone: 606-564-5563

To the Board: Board of Education of Mason County School District  
34 East 2nd Street  
Maysville, Kentucky 41056  
Attention: Superintendent  
Telephone: 606-564-5563

Any person may, by written notice to the other persons listed above, designate a different address or telephone number(s) to which subsequent notices or communications should be sent.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Disclosure Agent, the Issuer and the Board have each caused their duly authorized officers to execute this Certificate, as of the date first written above.

**MASON COUNTY SCHOOL  
DISTRICT FINANCE CORPORATION, Issuer**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
President

Attest:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary

**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
OF MASON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairperson

Attest:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary

**APPENDIX D**

**Mason County School District Finance Corporation  
School Building Revenue Bonds  
Series 2024A**

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**Official Terms and Conditions of Bond Sale**

## OFFICIAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF BOND SALE

**\$6,320,000\***

**Mason County School District Finance Corporation  
School Building Revenue Bonds, Series 2024A  
Dated April 23, 2024**

**SALE: Tuesday, April 2, 2024 at 11:00 A.M., E.D.T.**

As advertised in conformity with Chapter 424 of the Kentucky Revised Statutes, the Secretary of the Mason County School District Finance Corporation (the "Corporation") will until April 2, 2024, at the hour of 11:00 A.M., E.T., at the office of the Executive Director of the Kentucky School Facilities Construction, 700 Louisville Road, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, receive sealed competitive bids for the revenue bonds (the "Bonds") herein described. To be considered, Bids must be submitted on an Official Bid Form and must be delivered to the Secretary at the address indicated on the date of sale no later than the hour indicated. Bids will be opened by the Secretary and may be accepted without further action by the Corporation's Board of Directors.

**\*Subject to Permitted Adjustment increasing or decreasing the Bonds.**

### STATUTORY AUTHORITY, PURPOSE OF ISSUE AND SECURITY

The Bonds are authorized pursuant to KRS 162.120 through 162.300, 162.385 and KRS 58.180 and are issued in accordance with a Resolution of the Corporation's Board of Directors. The Bonds are revenue bonds and constitute a limited indebtedness of the Corporation payable from rental revenues derived by the Corporation from the Board under the Lease identified below.

The Bonds are being issued to finance the cost of the acquisition, construction, installation and equipping of improvements to Mason County High School and the District's Central Office, for use by the District (the "Project") and are secured by a statutory mortgage lien upon and a pledge of the revenues from the rental of the school buildings to the Board of Education of Mason County School District (the "Board") under a Contract, Lease and Option (the "Lease") on a year to year basis; the first rental period ending June 30, 2024. The statutory mortgage lien securing the Bonds is limited in its application to the exact site of the Project constructed from the proceeds of the Bonds, real estate unoccupied by the Project is unencumbered. The Board has reserved the right to obtain the release of the statutory mortgage lien and revenue pledge on the site of the Project by effecting the redemption or defeasance of the proportionate part of the Bonds then outstanding as was expended on the site being released. Should the Board default in its obligations under the Lease or fail to renew the Lease, the Registered Owners of the Bonds have the right to have a receiver appointed to administer the Project under KRS 162.220; foreclosure and sale are not available as remedies.

The rental of the Project from the Corporation to the Board is to be effected under the Lease, whereunder the Project is leased to the Board for an initial period ending June 30, 2024, with an option in the Board to renew the Lease each year at rentals sufficient to provide for the principal and interest requirements on the Bonds as they become due, plus the costs of insurance, maintenance, depreciation, and bond issuance and administration expenses; the Board is legally obligated only for the initial rental period and for one year at a time thereafter each time the Lease is renewed.

### ADDITIONAL PARITY BONDS FOR COMPLETION OF PROJECT

The Corporation has reserved the right and privilege of issuing additional bonds from time to time payable from the income and revenues of the Project and secured by the same statutory mortgage lien and pledge of revenues, but only if and to the extent the issuance of such additional parity bonds may be necessary to pay the costs, for which funds are not otherwise available, of completing the construction of the Project in accordance with the plans and specifications of the architect in charge of the Project, which plans have been completed, approved Commissioner of the Department of Education and by the Board of Education, and filed in the office of the Secretary of the Corporation, and the issuance thereof shall be approved by the proper agents of the State Department of Education as required by law, and a Supplemental Contract, Lease and Option shall have been entered into, whereunder the annual rental payments during the life of such additional bonds.



## **BOND MATURITIES, PRIOR REDEMPTION PROVISIONS AND PAYING AGENT**

The Bonds shall be in denominations in multiples of \$5,000 within the same maturity, bear interest from April 23, 2024, payable on October 1, 2024, and semiannually thereafter and shall mature as to principal on April 1 in each of the years as follows:

<u>MATURITY</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u> <sup>1</sup>	<u>MATURITY</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u> *
April 1, 2025	\$125,000	April 1, 2035	\$145,000
April 1, 2026	115,000	April 1, 2036	155,000
April 1, 2027	120,000	April 1, 2037	160,000
April 1, 2028	120,000	April 1, 2038	160,000
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April 1, 2032	135,000	April 1, 2042	430,000
April 1, 2033	140,000	April 1, 2043	1,365,000
April 1, 2034	140,000	April 1, 2044	1,420,000

*\*Subject to permitted adjustment as set forth herein.*

The Bonds maturing on or after April 1, 2033, are subject to redemption before their stated maturities on any date falling on or after April 1, 2032, in such order of maturities as the Corporation may determine (less than all of a single maturity to be selected by lot), in whole or in part, upon notice of such prior redemption being given by the Paying Agent by regular United States Mail to the registered Owners of the Bonds so selected not less than thirty days before the date of redemption, upon terms of the face amount, plus accrued interest to the date of redemption.

The Bonds are further subject to extraordinary optional redemption before their stated maturities on any date, in such order of maturities as the Corporation may determine (less than all of a single maturity to be selected by lot), in whole or in part, from the proceeds of casualty insurance received upon the total destruction by fire, lightning, windstorm or other hazard of any of the buildings constituting the Project, upon notice of such prior redemption being given by the Paying Agent by regular United States Mail to the registered Owners of the Bonds so selected not less than thirty days before the date of redemption, upon terms of the face amount, plus accrued interest to the date of redemption.

The Bonds are to be issued in fully registered form (both principal and interest). Old National Bank, Evansville, Indiana, the Bond Registrar and Paying Agent, shall remit interest on each semiannual due date to each Registered Owner of records of the 15th day of each month preceding the due date by regular United States Mail postmarked as of the interest due date. Principal shall be paid upon submission of matured Bond Certificates to the Paying Agent. Subsequent to the initial delivery of the Bonds, upon the submission of proper authentication, the Bond Registrar shall transfer ownership of Bonds within three business days of receipt without expense to the Registered Owner.

### **FINAL OFFICIAL STATEMENT**

The Corporation shall provide to the successful purchaser a Final Official Statement. Arrangements have been made with the printer of the Preliminary Official Statement, upon submission of completion text, to print a reasonable quantity of Final Official Statements in sufficient time to meet the delivery requirements of the successful bidder under SEC or Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board delivery requirements. The successful bidder shall be required to pay for the printing of the Final Official Statement.

## **BOND MATURITIES, PRIOR REDEMPTION PROVISIONS AND PAYING AGENT**

The Bonds will mature, have interest payment dates, be subject to redemption, have a Paying Agent and Registrar, be subject to the issuance of additional bonds and have other conditions and restrictions as set forth in the Preliminary Official Statement describing the Bonds. Reference is made to the Preliminary Official Statement for such information and for information regarding the District and the Corporation.

### **BIDDING CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS**

(A) Bids must be made on Official Bid Form, contained in the Official Statement available from the undersigned or RSA Advisors, LLC 147 E. Third Street, Lexington, Kentucky 40508, enclosed in sealed envelopes marked "Bid for School Building Revenue Bonds." Bids may alternatively be submitted electronically via BiDCOMP™/PARITY™ system. Electronic bids for the Bonds must be submitted through the BiDCOMP™/PARITY™ system and no other provider of electronic bidding services will be accepted. Subscription to the BiDCOMP™/PARITY™ system is required in order to submit an electronic bid. The Corporation will neither confirm any subscription nor be responsible for the failure of any prospective bidders to subscribe. For the purposes of the bidding process, the time as maintained by the BiDCOMP™/PARITY™ system shall constitute the official time with respect to all bids whether in electronic or written form. To the extent any instructions or directions set forth in the BiDCOMP™/PARITY™ system conflict with the terms of the Official Terms and Conditions of Sale of Bonds, this Official Terms and Conditions of Sale of Bonds shall prevail. Electronic bids made through the facilities of the BiDCOMP™/PARITY™ system shall be deemed an offer to purchase in response to the Notice of Bond Sale and shall be binding upon the bidders as if made by signed, sealed written bids delivered to the Corporation. The Corporation shall not be responsible for any malfunction or mistake made by or as a result of the use of the electronic bidding facilities provided and maintained by the BiDCOMP™/PARITY™ system. The use of the BiDCOMP™/PARITY™ system facilities are at the sole risk of the prospective bidders. For further information regarding the BiDCOMP™/PARITY™ system, potential bidders may contact BiDCOMP™/PARITY™, 1359 Broadway - 2nd Floor, New York, NY 10018, Telephone: (800) 850-7422. Notwithstanding the foregoing non-electronic bids may be submitted via facsimile or by hand delivery utilizing the Official Bid Form.

(B) Bidders are required to bid for the entire issue of Bonds at a minimum price of not less than \$6,193,600 (98% of par) PAYABLE IN IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE FUNDS.

(C) Interest rates for the Bonds must be in multiples of one eighth of one percent (0.125%) and/or one one-hundredth of one percent (0.010%), or both. Only one interest rate shall be permitted per Bond and all Bonds of the same maturity shall bear the same rate. Interest rates must be on an ascending scale, in that the interest rate stipulated for any maturity shall not be less than the interest rate for any preceding maturity. There is no limit on the number of different interest rates.

(D) The maximum permissible net interest cost for each of the Bonds shall not exceed "The Bond Buyer's" Index of 20 Municipal Bonds as established on the Thursday immediately preceding the sale of the bonds plus 1.50%.

(E) The determination of the best purchase bid for the Bonds shall be made on the basis of all bids submitted for exactly \$6,320,000 principal amount of Bonds offered for sale under the terms and conditions herein specified; but the Corporation may adjust the principal amount of Bonds which may be awarded to such best bidder upward by up to \$6,950,000 or downward in any amount determined to be in the best interest of the Corporation. The Corporation will accept or reject such best bid, provided, however, a Permitted Adjustment is reserved hereunder and the Corporation reserves the right to increase the total amount of Bonds by 10% or decrease the total amount of Bonds by any amount determined by the Corporation to be in its best interest. Upon any such Permitted Adjustment, no rebidding or recalculation of a submitted bid will be required or permitted. The Corporation also

has the right to adjust the individual principal maturity amounts, even if the total amount of the Bonds does not change, in order to promote desired annual debt service levels. If the principal amount of any maturity of the Bonds is revised after the award, the interest rate and reoffering price for each maturity and the Underwriter's Discount on the Bonds as submitted by the successful bidder shall be held constant. Underwriter's Discount shall be defined as the difference between the purchase price of the Bonds submitted by the bidder and the price at which the Bonds will be issued to the public, calculated from information provided by the bidder, divided by the par amount of the bid.

(F) If three or more bids for the Bonds are received as a result of this competitive sale, the successful purchaser will be required to certify on or before the issue date the reasonably expected initial offering price to the public for each Maturity of the Bonds which prices are the prices for each Maturity of the Bonds used by the successful purchaser in formulating its bid to purchase the Bonds.

If less than three bids for the Bonds are received as a result of this competitive sale, the successful purchaser, by submitting a bid pursuant to a published Notice of Sale, has agreed in writing that they will be required to certify on or before the issue date (and provide reasonable supporting documentation for such Certification, such as a copy of the Pricing Wire or equivalent communication) for each Maturity of the Bonds (i) the first price at which at least 10% of each Maturity of the Bonds was sold to the Public, (ii) the initial offering price to the public as of the Sale Date of any Maturity of the Bonds, and (iii) that they neither offered nor sold any of the Bonds of any Maturity to any person at a price that is higher than the initial offering price for such Maturity during the Holding Period for such Maturity.

Bids will not be subject to cancellation or withdrawal by the bidder if three bids are not received and the winning bidder shall advise the Corporation on the Sale Date if any maturity of the Bonds satisfies the 10% test set forth in (i) above as of the date and time of the award of the Bonds.

For purposes of the above the following terms are defined as follows:

(i) *Holding Period* means, with respect to a Maturity, the period starting on the Sale Date and ending on the earlier of (i) the close of the fifth business day after the Sale Date, or (ii) the date on which the successful purchaser has sold at least 10% of such Maturity to the Public at prices that are no higher than the Initial Offering Price for such Maturity.

(ii) *Maturity* means Bonds with the same credit and payment terms. Bonds with different maturity dates, or Bonds with the same maturity date but different stated interest rates, are treated as separate maturities.

(iii) *Public* means any person (including an individual, trust, estate, partnership, association, company, or corporation) other than an Underwriter or a related party to an Underwriter. The term "related party" for purposes of this certificate generally means any two or more persons who have greater than 50% common ownership, directly or indirectly.

(iv) *Sale Date* means the first day on which there is a binding contract in writing for the sale of a Maturity of the Bonds. The Sale Date of the Bonds is April 2, 2024.

(v) *Underwriter* means (i) any person that agrees pursuant to a written contract with the Issuer (or with the lead underwriter to form an underwriting syndicate) to participate in the initial sale of the Bonds to the Public, and (ii) any person that agrees pursuant to a written contract directly or indirectly with a person described in clause (i) of this paragraph to participate in the initial sale of the Bonds to the Public (including a member of a selling group or a party to a retail distribution agreement participating in the initial sale of the Bonds to the Public).

(G) CUSIP identification numbers will be printed on the Bonds at the expense of the purchaser. The purchaser shall pay the CUSIP Service Bureau Charge and the cost of printing the Final Official Statement. Improper imprintation or the failure to imprint CUSIP numbers shall not constitute cause for a failure or refusal by the purchaser to accept delivery of and pay for the Bonds in accordance with the terms of any accepted proposal for the purchase of the Bonds.

(H) The Corporation shall provide to the successful purchaser a Final Official Statement in accordance with SEC Rule 15c2-12, as amended. Arrangements have been made with the printer of the Preliminary Official Statement, upon submission of completion text, to print a reasonable quantity of Final Official Statements in sufficient time to meet the delivery requirements of the successful bidder under SEC or Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board Delivery Requirements. The successful bidder shall be required to pay for the printing of the Final Official Statement.

(I) Bids need not be accompanied by a certified or bank cashier's good faith check, but the successful bidder will be required to wire transfer to the order of the Corporation an amount equal to 2% of the amount of the principal amount of Bonds awarded by the close of business on the day following the award. The good faith amount will be forfeited as liquidated damages in the event of a failure of the successful bidder to take delivery of such Bonds when ready. The good faith amount (without interest) will be applied to the purchase price upon delivery of the Bonds. The successful bidder shall not be required to take up and pay for the Bonds unless delivery is made within 45 days from the date the bid is accepted.

(J) The Depository Trust Company ("DTC"), New York, New York, will act as securities depository for the Bonds. They will be issued as fully-registered securities registered in the name of Cede & Co. (DTC's partnership nominee). One fully-registered Bond certificate will be issued for each maturity of the Bonds of each series, each in the aggregate principal amount of such maturity, and will be deposited with DTC. Purchases of the Bonds under the DTC system must be made by or through securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, clearing corporations, and certain other organizations (the "Direct Participants"), which will receive a credit for the Bonds on DTC's records. The ownership interest of each actual purchaser of each Bond (a "Beneficial Owner") is in turn to be recorded on the records of Direct Participants or securities brokers and dealers, banks, and trust companies that clear through or maintain a custodial relationship with a Direct Participant (the "Indirect Participants"). Beneficial Owners will not receive written confirmation from DTC of their purchase, but Beneficial Owners are expected to receive written confirmations providing details of the transaction, as well as periodic statements of their holdings, from the Direct or Indirect Participant through which the Beneficial Owner entered into the transaction. Transfers of ownership interests in the Bonds are to be accomplished by entries made on the books of Participants acting on behalf of Beneficial Owners. Beneficial Owners will not receive certificates representing their ownership interests in the Bonds, except if use of the book-entry system for the Bonds is discontinued.

(K) The purchaser shall be required to supply the Bond Registrar with the name, address, social security number, or taxpayer identification number, principal amount and principal maturities for each person or entity in whose name Bonds are to be registered. Failure of a purchaser to fully designate the Registered Owners of Bonds shall result in the issuance of Bond Certificates by the Registrar in the purchaser's "street name" (to the extent a purchaser fails to designate).

(L) The Corporation reserves the right to reject any and all bids or to waive any informality in any bid. The Bonds are offered for sale subject to the principal and interest not being subject to Federal or Kentucky income taxation or Kentucky ad valorem taxation on the date of their delivery to the successful bidder, in accordance with the Final Approving Legal Opinion of Dinsmore & Shohl LLP, Covington, Kentucky, which Opinion will be qualified in accordance with the section hereof on TAX TREATMENT.

(M) The successful purchaser may require that a portion of the Bonds be term bonds maturing on one or more dates (the "Term Bonds"); provided, however, that the Term Bonds shall be subject to mandatory sinking fund

redemption by lot at a redemption price of 100% of the principal amount thereof plus accrued interest to the date of redemption on April 1st of the years and in the principal amounts set forth in the final adjusted maturity schedule as seen on page 2 of the successful bid.

(N) Prospective bidders are advised that RSA Advisors, LLC has been employed as Financial Advisor in connection with the issuance of the Bonds. RSA Advisors, LLC's fee for services rendered with respect to the sale of the Bonds is contingent upon the issuance and delivery thereof. Bidders may submit a bid for the purchase of the Bonds at the time of the advertised public sale, either individually or as a member of a syndicate organized to submit a bid for the purchase of the Bonds.

(O) As required by the Code, the purchaser of the Bonds will be required to certify to the Corporation as to certain of their activities regarding any reoffering to the public of the Bonds, including any reoffering prices.

### **CONTINUING DISCLOSURE**

In accordance with Securities and Exchange Commission Rule 15c2-12, as amended (the "Rule") the Board and the Corporation (the "Obligated Persons") will agree pursuant to a Continuing Disclosure Certificate to be dated as of the date of initial issuance and delivery (the "Disclosure Certificate"), to be delivered on the date of delivery of the Bonds, to cause the following information to be provided:

(i) to the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board ("MSRB") or any successor thereto for purposes of the Rule, through the continuing disclosure service portal provided by the MSRB's Electronic Municipal Market Access ("EMMA") system as described in 1934 Act Release No. 59062, or any similar system that is acceptable to the Securities and Exchange Commission, certain annual financial information and operating data, including audited financial statements, generally consistent with the information contained under the headings "Bond Debt Service", "Local Support"-Local Tax Rates, -Property Assessments and Revenue Collections, -District's Largest Taxpayers, -Overlapping Bond Indebtedness", "SEEK Allotment" and in Appendix B of this Official Statement (the "Annual Financial Information"); such information shall include, at a minimum, that financial information and operating data which is customarily prepared by the Obligated Persons and is publicly available. The annual financial information shall be provided on or before the 270th day following the fiscal year ending on the preceding June 30<sup>th</sup>;

(ii) to the MSRB, in a timely manner, not in excess of ten business days after the occurrence of the event, notice of the occurrence of the following events with respect to the Bonds:

- (a) Principal and interest payment delinquencies;
- (b) Non-payment related defaults, if material;
- (c) Unscheduled draws on debt service reserves reflecting financial difficulties;
- (d) Unscheduled draws on credit enhancements reflecting financial difficulties;
- (e) Substitution of credit or liquidity providers, or their failure to perform;
- (f) Adverse tax opinions, the issuance by the Internal Revenue Service of proposed or final determinations of taxability, Notices of Proposed Issue (IRS Form 5701-TEB) or other material notices or determinations with respect to the tax status of the security, or other material events affecting the tax-exempt status of the security;
- (g) Modifications to rights of security holders, if material;
- (h) Bond calls, if material, and tender offers (except for mandatory scheduled redemptions not otherwise contingent upon the occurrence of an event);
- (i) Defeasances;
- (j) Release, substitution or sale of property securing repayment of the securities, if material;
- (k) Rating changes;

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

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

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

(o) Incurrence of a financial obligation of the Corporation or Obligated Person, if material, or agreement to covenants, events of default, remedies, priority rights, or other similar terms of a financial obligation of the issuer or Obligated Person, any of which affect security holders, if material;

(p) Default, event of acceleration, termination event, modification of terms, or other similar events under the terms of a financial obligation of the issuer or Obligated Person, any of which reflect financial difficulties; and

(q) The cure, in the manner provided under the Bond Resolution, of any payment or nonpayment related default under the Bond Resolution.

(iii) to the MSRB, notice of a failure (of which the Obligated Persons have knowledge) of an Obligated Person to provide the required Annual Financial Information on or before the date specified in the Disclosure Certificate.

The Disclosure Certificate provides bondholders, including beneficial owners of the respective series of Bonds, with certain enforcement rights in the event of a failure by the Obligated Persons to comply with the terms thereof; however, a default under the Disclosure Certificate does not constitute an event of default under the Bond Resolution. The Disclosure Certificate may also be amended or terminated under certain circumstances in accordance with the Rule as more fully described therein. Bondholders are advised that the Disclosure Certificate, the form of which is attached to the Official Statement as Appendix C, should be read in its entirety for more complete information regarding its contents.

For purposes of this transaction:

(a) there are no debt service reserve funds applicable to the Bonds;

(b) there are no credit enhancements applicable to the Bonds; and

(c) there are no liquidity providers applicable to the Bonds.

The Board and Corporation have been timely in making required filings under the terms of the Continuing Disclosure Certificate for the past five years.

The Board has adopted procedures to assure timely and complete filings in the future with regard to the Rule in order to provide required financial reports and operating data or notices of material events.

**TAX TREATMENT**

Bond Counsel is of the opinion that:

(A) The Bonds and the interest payable thereon are exempt from income and ad valorem taxation by the Commonwealth of Kentucky and all of its political subdivisions

(B) Interest payable on the Bonds is excludable from gross income under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"). Furthermore, interest on the Bonds is not an item of tax preference for purposes of calculating the federal alternative minimum tax imposed on individuals. The Corporation has covenanted to comply with the applicable provisions of the Code, and such compliance by the corporation is necessary to maintain the federal income tax status described above. No opinion is expressed regarding other federal tax consequences arising with respect to the Bonds.

(C) The Corporation has designated the Bonds as "qualified tax-exempt obligations" pursuant to Section 265 of the Code.

**MASON COUNTY SCHOOL  
DISTRICT FINANCE CORPORATION**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary

**APPENDIX E**

**Mason County School District Finance Corporation  
School Building Revenue Bonds  
Series 2024A**

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**Official Bid Form**



**OFFICIAL BID FORM**

Subject to the terms and conditions set forth in the Official Terms and Conditions of Bond Sale for \$6,320,000\* of School Building Revenue Bonds, Series 2024A, dated the date of initial issuance and delivery (the "Bonds") offered for sale by the Mason County School District Finance Corporation (the "Corporation"), an agency and instrumentality acting on behalf of the Board of Education of the Mason County School District and in accordance with the Notice of Bond Sale, as advertised in conformity with Chapter 424 of the Kentucky Revised Statutes, to all of which the undersigned agrees, the undersigned hereby submits the following offer to purchase the Bonds.

We hereby bid for the \$6,320,000\* principal amount of the Bonds, the total sum of \$\_\_\_\_\_ (not less than \$6,193,600) plus accrued interest from April 23, 2024, at the following annual rate(s), payable semiannually (rates on ascending scale, number of interest rates unlimited):

<u>MATURITY</u>	<u>AMOUNT*</u>	<u>INTEREST</u>	<u>MATURITY</u>	<u>AMOUNT*</u>	<u>INTEREST</u>
		<u>RATE</u>			<u>RATE</u>
April 1, 2025	\$125,000	_____ %	April 1, 2035	\$145,000	_____ %
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April 1, 2033	140,000	_____ %	April 1, 2043	1,365,000	_____ %
April 1, 2034	140,000	_____ %	April 1, 2044	1,420,000	_____ %

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We understand this bid may be accepted for as much as \$6,950,000 of the Bonds or as little as is deemed by the Issuer to be in the Issuer's best interest, at the same price per \$1,000 Bond, with the variation in such amount occurring in any maturity of all maturities, which will be determined by the Corporation at the time of acceptance of the best bid.

It is understood that the Corporation will furnish the final, approving Legal Opinion of Dinsmore & Shohl LLP, Bond Counsel, of Covington, Kentucky.

No certified or bank cashier's check will be required to accompany the bid, but the successful bidder shall be required to wire transfer an amount equal to 2% of the principal amount of Bonds awarded by the close of business on the day following the award. The good faith amount will be applied (without interest) to the purchase price when the Bonds are tendered for delivery.

Electronic bids for the Bonds must be submitted through BiDCOMP™/PARITY™ and no other provider of electronic bidding services will be accepted. Subscription to the BiDCOMP™/PARITY™ Competitive Bidding System is required in order to submit an electronic bid. The Corporation will neither confirm any subscription nor be responsible for the failure of any prospective bidders to subscribe. For the purposes of the bidding process, the time as maintained by BiDCOMP™/PARITY™ shall constitute the official time with respect to all bids whether in electronic or written form. To the extent any instructions or directions set forth in BiDCOMP™/PARITY™ conflict with the terms of the Official Terms and Conditions of Sale of Bonds, the Official Terms and Conditions of Sale of Bonds shall prevail. Electronic bids made through the facilities of BiDCOMP™/PARITY™ shall be deemed an offer to purchase in response to the Notice of Bond Sale and shall be binding upon the bidders as if made by signed, sealed written bids delivered to the Corporation. The Corporation shall not be responsible for any malfunction or mistake made by or as a result of the use of the electronic bidding facilities provided and maintained by BiDCOMP™/PARITY™. The use of BiDCOMP™/PARITY™ facilities are at the sole risk of the prospective bidders. For further information regarding BiDCOMP™/PARITY™, potential bidders may contact BiDCOMP™/PARITY™, 1359 Broadway - 2nd Floor, New York, NY 10018, Telephone: (800) 850-7422.

Notwithstanding the foregoing non-electronic bids may be submitted via facsimile or by hand delivery utilizing the Official Bid Form.

We further understand that by submitting a bid we agree as follows:

If three or more bids for the Bonds are received as a result of this competitive sale, the successful purchaser will be required to certify on or before the issue date the reasonably expected initial offering price to the public for each Maturity of the Bonds which prices are the prices for each Maturity of the Bonds used by the successful purchaser in formulating its bid to purchase the Bonds.

If less than three bids for the Bonds are received as a result of this competitive sale, the successful purchaser, by submitting a bid pursuant to a published Notice of Sale, has agreed in writing that they will be required to certify on or before the issue date (and provide reasonable supporting documentation for such Certification, such as a copy of the Pricing Wire or equivalent communication) for each Maturity of the Bonds (i) the first price at which at least 10% of each Maturity of the Bonds was sold to the Public, or (ii) that they neither offered nor sold any of the Bonds of any Maturity to any person at a price that is higher than the initial offering price for such Maturity during the Holding Period for such Maturity.

Bids will not be subject to cancellation or withdrawal by the bidder if three bids are not received and the Issuer determines to apply the hold-the-offering-price rule. For purposes of the above the following terms are defined as follows:

(a) *Holding Period* means, with respect to a Maturity, the period starting on the Sale Date and ending on the earlier of (i) the close of the fifth business day after the Sale Date, or (ii) the date on which the successful purchaser has sold at least 10% of such Maturity to the Public at prices that are no higher than the Initial Offering Price for such Maturity.

(b) *Maturity* means Bonds with the same credit and payment terms. Bonds with different maturity dates, or Bonds with the same maturity date but different stated interest rates, are treated as separate maturities.

(c) *Public* means any person (including an individual, trust, estate, partnership, association, company, or corporation) other than an Underwriter or a related party to an Underwriter. The term "related party" for purposes of this certificate generally means any two or more persons who have greater than 50% common ownership, directly or indirectly.

(d) *Sale Date* means the first day on which there is a binding contract in writing for the sale of a Maturity of the Bonds. The Sale Date of the Bonds is April 2, 2024.

(e) *Underwriter* means (i) any person that agrees pursuant to a written contract with the Issuer (or with the lead underwriter to form an underwriting syndicate) to participate in the initial sale of the Bonds to the Public, and (ii) any person that agrees pursuant to a written contract directly or indirectly with a person described in clause (i) of this paragraph to participate in the initial sale of the Bonds to the Public (including a member of a selling group or a party to a retail distribution agreement participating in the initial sale of the Bonds to the Public).

If we are the successful bidder, we agree to accept and make payment for the Bonds in Federal Funds within forty five days from the date of sale in accordance with the terms of the sale.

Respectfully submitted,

\_\_\_\_\_  
Bidder

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

Total interest cost from August 23, 2024 to final maturity \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Plus discount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Net interest cost (Total interest cost plus discount) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Average interest rate or cost \_\_\_\_\_%

The above computation of net interest cost and of average interest rate or cost is submitted for information only and is not a part of this Bid.

Accepted by the Secretary of the Mason County School District Finance Corporation for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ principal amount of Bonds at the price of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ as follows:

<u>MATURITY</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>INTEREST RATE</u>	<u>MATURITY</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>INTEREST RATE</u>
April 1, 2025	\$ _____	_____ %	April 1, 2035	\$ _____	_____ %
April 1, 2026	_____	_____ %	April 1, 2036	_____	_____ %
April 1, 2027	_____	_____ %	April 1, 2037	_____	_____ %
April 1, 2028	_____	_____ %	April 1, 2038	_____	_____ %
April 1, 2029	_____	_____ %	April 1, 2039	_____	_____ %
April 1, 2030	_____	_____ %	April 1, 2040	_____	_____ %
April 1, 2031	_____	_____ %	April 1, 2041	_____	_____ %
April 1, 2032	_____	_____ %	April 1, 2042	_____	_____ %
April 1, 2033	_____	_____ %	April 1, 2043	_____	_____ %
April 1, 2034	_____	_____ %	April 1, 2044	_____	_____ %

Dated: April 2, 2024

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 Secretary  
 Mason County School District  
 Finance Corporation