

DATED JULY 23, 2025

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

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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; however, with respect to certain corporations, interest on the Bonds is taken into account in determining the annual adjusted financial statement income for the purpose of computing the alternative minimum tax imposed on corporations for tax years beginning after December 31, 2022. 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)

\$615,000*
HARLAN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT FINANCE CORPORATION
SCHOOL BUILDING REVENUE BONDS,
SERIES OF 2025

Dated with Delivery: AUGUST 21, 2025

Due: as shown below

Interest on the Bonds is payable each February 1 and August 1, beginning February 1, 2026. The Bonds will mature as to principal on August 1, 2026, 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-Aug	Amount*	Rate	Yield		1-Aug	Amount*	Rate	Yield	
2026	\$20,000	%	%	2036	\$30,000	%	%		
2027	\$20,000	%	%	2037	\$30,000	%	%		
2028	\$20,000	%	%	2038	\$35,000	%	%		
2029	\$25,000	%	%	2039	\$35,000	%	%		
2030	\$25,000	%	%	2040	\$35,000	%	%		
2031	\$25,000	%	%	2041	\$40,000	%	%		
2032	\$25,000	%	%	2042	\$40,000	%	%		
2033	\$30,000	%	%	2043	\$40,000	%	%		
2034	\$30,000	%	%	2044	\$45,000	%	%		
2035	\$30,000	%	%	2045	\$35,000	%	%		

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 Harlan 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 (as hereinafter defined) on an annual renewable basis to the Harlan County Board of Education.

The Harlan County (Kentucky) School District Finance Corporation will until July 31, 2025, at 11:00 A.M., E.D.S.T., receive competitive bids for the Bonds at the office of the Executive Director of the Kentucky School Facilities Construction Commission, 200 Mero Street - 5th Floor, Frankfort, Kentucky 40622.

***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 not to exceed \$60,000.**

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 Harlan County School District Finance Corporation School Building Revenue Bonds, Series of 2025, 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**

\$615,000*

**HARLAN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT FINANCE CORPORATION
SCHOOL BUILDING REVENUE BONDS,
SERIES OF 2025**

**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 Harlan County School District Finance Corporation (the "Corporation") School Building Revenue Bonds, Series of 2025 (the "Bonds").

The Bonds are being issued to finance a roof replacement at Evarts Elementary School (the "Project").

The Bonds are revenue bonds and constitute a limited indebtedness of the Corporation. The Bonds will be secured by a lien and a pledge of the rental income derived by the Corporation from leasing the school building Projects (as hereinafter defined) to the Harlan County 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 Harlan County 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 Lease Agreement, dated August 21, 2025, may be obtained at the office of Steptoe & Johnson PLLC, Bond Counsel, 700 N. Hurstbourne Parkway, Suite 115, Louisville, Kentucky 40222.

BOOK-ENTRY-ONLY-SYSTEM

The Bonds shall utilize the Book-Entry-Only-System administered by The Depository Trust Company ("DTC").

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.

DTC, the world's largest depository, is a limited-purpose trust company organized under the New York Banking Law, a "banking organization" within the meaning of the New York Banking Law, a member of the Federal Reserve System, a "clearing corporation" within the meaning of the New York Uniform Commercial Code, and a "clearing agency" registered pursuant to the provisions of Section 17A of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. DTC holds and provides asset servicing for over 3.5 million issues of U.S. and non-U.S. equity issues, corporate and municipal debt issues, and money market instruments from over 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 a Standard & Poor's rating of AA+. 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.

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.

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

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.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Act, the Regulations of the Kentucky Board of Education and the Commission, the Commission has determined that the Board is eligible for participation from the Commission in meeting the costs of construction of the Projects and has entered into a Participation Agreement with the Board whereunder the Commission agrees to pay an annual Agreed Participation equal to approximately \$46,796 to be applied to the annual debt service requirements for the Bonds herein identified each year until their retirement; provided, however, that the contractual commitment of the Commission to pay the annual Agreed Participation is limited to the biennial budget period of the Commonwealth, with the first such biennial period terminating on June 30, 2026; the right is reserved in the Commission to terminate its commitment to pay the Agreed Participation after the initial biennial period and every two years thereafter. The obligation of the Commission to make payments of the Agreed Participation shall be automatically renewed each two years for a period of two years unless the Commission shall give notice of its intention not to participate not less than sixty days prior to the end of the biennium; however, by the execution of the Participation Agreement, the Commission has expressed its present intention to continue to pay the Agreed Participation in each successive biennial budget period through August 1, 2045, but such execution does not obligate the Commission to do so.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth adopted the State's Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026. Inter alia, the Budget provides \$116,928,400 in FY 23024-25 and \$126,269,500 in FY 2025-2026 to pay debt service on existing and future bond issues. There are \$75,900,000 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, 2022, and 2024 Regular Sessions of the Kentucky General Assembly appropriated funds to be used for new 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		5,305,300
<u>2024-26</u>		<u>22,280,000</u>
Total		\$142,617,000

In addition to the appropriations for new financings as shown, appropriations subsequent to that for 2000 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, 2026

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, 2026 which was approved and signed recently by the Governor. Such budget became effective July 1, 2024.

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.

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:

Bond Series	Original Principal	Current Principal Outstanding	Principal Assigned to Board	Principal Assigned to Commission	Approximate Interest Rate Range	Final Maturity
2012B	\$1,145,000	\$455,000	\$0	\$1,145,000	2.375% - 3.000%	2033
2015-REF	\$26,635,000	\$2,650,000	\$13,925,030	\$12,709,970	3.000%	2026
2016-REF	\$4,225,000	\$2,510,000	\$1,989,464	\$2,235,536	2.000% - 2.500%	2030
2019 Energy	\$3,920,000	\$3,315,000	\$3,920,000	\$0	3.000% - 3.125%	2039
2020	\$6,080,000	\$5,060,000	\$1,683,300	\$4,396,700	2.000% - 2.375%	2040
2020-REF	\$2,135,000	\$1,995,000	\$2,135,000	\$0	1.700% - 1.800%	2031
2021-REF	\$2,440,000	\$2,340,000	\$2,440,000	\$0	1.750% - 2.050%	2033
2023	\$2,880,000	\$2,870,000	\$2,880,000	\$0	4.250% - 4.500%	2036
TOTALS:	\$49,460,000	\$21,195,000	\$28,972,794	\$20,487,206		

AUTHORITY

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

- i) the issuance of approximately \$615,000 of Bonds subject to a permitted adjustment of \$60,000;
- 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 August 21, 2025, will bear interest from that date as described herein, payable semi-annually on February 1 and August 1 of each year, commencing February 1, 2026, and will mature as to principal on August 1, 2026, 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). U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association, Louisville, Kentucky, the Bond Registrar and Paying Agent, shall remit interest on each semiannual due date to Cede & Co., as the nominee of The Depository Trust Company. Please see Book-Entry-Only-System. Interest on the Bonds will be paid at rates to be established upon the basis of competitive bidding as hereinafter set forth, such interest to be payable on February 1 and August 1 of each year, beginning February 1, 2026 (Record Date is 15th day of month preceding interest due date).

Redemption

The Bonds maturing on or after August 1, 2034, are subject to redemption at the option of the Corporation prior to their stated maturity on any date falling on or after August 1, 2033, in any order of maturities (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 in accordance with DTC requirements not less than thirty (30) days prior to the date of redemption, upon terms of the face amount, plus accrued interest, but without redemption premium.

Redemption Date	Redemption Price
August 1, 2033, and thereafter	100%

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Corporation reserves the right, upon thirty (30) days notice, to call the Bonds in whole or in part on any date at par for redemption upon the total destruction by fire, lightning, windstorm or other hazard of any building constituting the Project 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 school building Project financed from the Bond proceeds from the Corporation to the Board. The Bonds are secured by a statutory mortgage lien on and pledge of revenue from the school building Project; provided, however, said lien and pledge are on parity with a similar lien and pledge securing the Corporation's School Building Revenue Bonds previously issued to finance or refinance the school building(s) which constitute the school building Project (the "Parity Bonds"). Should the Board default in its obligations under the Lease or fail to renew the Lease, the Registered Owners of Bonds have the right to have a receiver appointed to administer the school building Project but foreclosure and sale are not available as remedies.

The Lease; Pledge of Rental Revenues

The Board has leased the school building Project securing the Bonds for an initial period from August 21, 2025, through June 30, 2026, 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 August 1, 2045, the final maturity date of the Bonds. Under the lease, the Corporation has pledged the rental revenue to the payment of the Bonds.

Authorization of General Obligation Bonds

The Kentucky Legislature recently passed and the Governor signed HB 727 which authorizes Kentucky Boards of Education to issue general obligation bonds within certain limitations prescribed by Kentucky law. The Board does not currently have any specific plan to issue general obligation bonds. Issuance by the Board of general obligation debt in the future would not affect either the Board's obligation to make lease payments to the Corporation for payment of debt service on the Bonds or the security for the Bonds.

COMMISSION'S PARTICIPATION

The Commission has determined that the Board is eligible for annual participation equal to approximately \$46,796 from the Commission's appropriation by the Kentucky General Assembly which will be used to meet all of the debt service of the Bonds. The plan for financing the Project will require the Commission to pay 100% of the debt service of the Bonds.

The Participation Agreement to be entered into with the Board will be limited to the biennial budget period of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, with the first such biennial period terminating on June 30, 2026. The right is reserved in the Commission to terminate the commitment to pay the agreed participation every two years thereafter. The obligation of the Commission to make payments of the agreed participation shall be automatically renewed each two years thereafter unless the Commission gives notice to the Board of its intention not to participate not less than sixty days prior to the end of the biennium. However, the Commission has expressed its intention to continue to pay the agreed participation in successive biennial budget periods through August 1, 2045, but the Commission is not required to do so.

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 and the Commission 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.

THE PROJECT

After payment of the Bond issuance costs, the Board plans to deposit the net Bond proceeds to finance a roof replacement at Evarts Elementary School (the "Project").

The Board has reported construction bids have been let for the Project and award of the construction contract is expected prior to the sale and delivery of the Bonds.

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

ADDITIONAL PARITY BONDS

The Corporation has reserved the right and privilege of issuing additional bonds from time to time payable from the income and revenues of said lands and school building Project and secured by a statutory mortgage lien and pledge of revenues, but only if and to the extent the issuance of such additional parity bonds are in accordance with plans and specifications approved by the Board, Commissioner of Education, and filed in the office of the Secretary of the Corporation and a Lease shall be entered into whereunder the annual rental payments during the life of such additional bonds shall be increased by the amount of the annual principal and interest requirements of such additional bonds.

KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SUPERVISION

Kentucky statutes, and the regulations of the Kentucky Department of Education ("KDE") issued there-under, generally require that a local school district submit to KDE for its prior approval the district's plans for the funding, financing, design, construction, renovation, and modification of school facilities. House Bill 678 of the 2022 Regular Session of the Kentucky General Assembly (2022 Ky. Acts, Ch. 185, hereinafter referred to as "HB 678"), enacted and effective April 8, 2022, eliminated until June 30, 2024 this requirement of prior approval for local school districts which elect by resolution to proceed without such prior approval and which so notify the Department. The District has adopted such a resolution and has so notified KDE. House Bill 727 of the 2024 Regular Session of the Kentucky General Assembly (2024 Ky Acts, Ch 126. Hereinafter re-ferred to as "HB 727"), enacted and effective April 24, 2024, extended the provisions of HB 678 through June 30, 2027.

Notwithstanding HB 678, and HB 727, KDE's supervision of local school districts continues to apply other areas of local school finance, including supervision of general operations such as the examination of business methods and accounts of a school district, requirements of prompt, detailed reports of receipts and expenditures and the annual approval of the district's operating budget. All local school boards which have entered into contracts for the issuance of bonds must maintain insurance protection in an amount equal to the full insurable value of the buildings financed by the bonds. This State Department of Education supervision and control is believed to be a major contribution toward the maintenance of Kentucky's perfect record of no defaults in payment of its revenue bonds for school purposes.

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 meet 0% of the debt service of the Bonds.

Fiscal Year Ending June 30	Current Restricted Fund Bond Payments	--- School Building Revenue Bonds, Series 2025 --- (100% SFCC)			Total Restricted Fund Bond Payments
		Principal Portion	Interest Portion	Total Payment	
2025	\$1,952,176				\$2,087,439
2026	\$1,975,035		\$11,935	\$11,935	\$2,109,872
2027	\$1,962,835	\$20,000	\$26,510	\$46,510	\$2,097,248
2028	\$1,474,479	\$20,000	\$25,820	\$45,820	\$1,662,298
2029	\$1,474,306	\$20,000	\$25,125	\$45,125	\$1,659,363
2030	\$1,463,469	\$25,000	\$24,325	\$49,325	\$1,660,444
2031	\$1,469,057	\$25,000	\$23,412	\$48,412	\$1,662,632
2032	\$644,130	\$25,000	\$22,475	\$47,475	\$1,054,524
2033	\$646,476	\$25,000	\$21,512	\$46,512	\$1,058,588
2034	\$193,135	\$30,000	\$20,420	\$50,420	\$713,713
2035	\$188,519	\$30,000	\$19,193	\$49,193	\$714,081
2036	\$181,221	\$30,000	\$17,933	\$47,933	\$710,674
2037	\$176,869	\$30,000	\$16,643	\$46,643	\$713,681
2038	\$174,624	\$30,000	\$15,323	\$45,323	\$174,624
2039	\$175,693	\$35,000	\$13,859	\$48,859	\$175,693
2040	\$176,659	\$35,000	\$12,258	\$47,258	\$176,659
2041		\$35,000	\$10,625	\$45,625	
2042		\$40,000	\$8,838	\$48,838	
2043		\$40,000	\$6,908	\$46,908	
2044		\$40,000	\$4,958	\$44,958	
2045		\$45,000	\$2,864	\$47,864	
2046		\$35,000	\$875	\$35,875	
TOTALS:	\$14,328,683	\$615,000	\$331,808	\$946,808	\$18,431,533

Notes: Numbers are rounded to the nearest \$1.00

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:

Sources:	
Par Amount of Bonds	<u>\$615,000.00</u>
Total Sources	\$615,000.00
Uses:	
Deposit to Construction Fund	\$.00
Underwriter's Discount (2%)	12,300.00
Cost of Issuance	<u>15,200.00</u>
Total Uses	\$615,000.00

DISTRICT STUDENT POPULATION

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

Year	Average Daily Attendance	Year	Average Daily Attendance
2004-05	4,165.6	2015-16	3,507.1
2005-06	4,074.6	2016-17	3,489.8
2006-07	4,036.0	2017-18	3,407.5
2007-08	3,955.5	2018-19	3,345.8
2008-09	3,848.8	2019-20	3,273.1
2009-10	3,713.5	2020-21	3,273.1
2010-11	3,596.3	2021-22	3,398.4
2011-12	3,580.7	2022-23	3,398.4
2012-13	3,543.8	2023-24	3,245.0
2013-14	3,675.9	2024-25	3,007.9
2014-15	3,615.8		

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 \$3,866 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:

- a. For direct payment of construction costs.
- b. For debt service on voted and funding bonds.
- c. For payment or lease-rental agreements under which the board will eventually acquire ownership of the school plant.
- d. For retirement of any deficit resulting from over-expenditure for capital construction, if such deficit resulted from certain declared emergencies.
- e. 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 Harlan County School District for certain preceding school years.

Year	Capital Outlay Allotment	Year	Capital Outlay Allotment
2004-05	416,560.0	2015-16	350,709.0
2005-06	407,460.0	2016-17	348,984.8
2006-07	403,600.0	2017-18	340,750.0
2007-08	395,550.0	2018-19	334,577.0
2008-09	384,883.0	2019-20	327,310.0
2009-10	371,347.0	2020-21	327,308.7
2010-11	359,628.0	2021-22	339,837.3
2011-12	358,070.0	2022-23	339,837.3
2012-13	354,381.0	2023-24	324,495.7
2013-14	367,591.0	2024-25	300,791.5
2014-15	361,577.0		

Source: Kentucky State Department of Education.

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 \$49,100 effective January 1, 2025.

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.

Under KRS 160.470(12)(a) for fiscal years beginning July 1, 1990 school districts are required to levy a "minimum equivalent tax rate" of thirty cents (\$.30) for general school purposes. The equivalent tax rate is defined as the rate which results when the income collected during the prior year from all taxes (including occupational or utilities) levied by the district for school purposes divided by the total assessed value of property plus the assessment for motor vehicles certified by the State Revenue Cabinet. Failure to levy the minimum equivalent rate subjects the board of the district to removal.

The exception provided by KRS 157.440(1)(a) permits school districts to levy an equivalent tax rate as defined in KRS 160.470(12)(a) which will produce up to 15% of those revenues guaranteed by the program to support education excellence in Kentucky. Levies permitted by this section of the statute are not subject to public hearing or recall provisions as set forth in KRS 160.470.

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 (\$.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

Tax Year	Combined Equivalent Rate	Total Property Assessment	Property Revenue Collections
2004-05	51.2	878,268,781	4,496,736
2005-06	50.5	979,417,408	4,946,058
2006-07	47.1	975,028,368	4,592,384
2007-08	50.5	1,021,272,967	5,157,428
2008-09	51.8	1,057,570,739	5,478,216
2009-10	51.8	1,146,948,976	5,941,196
2010-11	53.0	1,155,492,594	6,124,111
2011-12	53.3	1,234,040,668	6,577,437
2012-13	52.9	1,307,124,570	6,914,689
2013-14	52.2	1,292,864,667	6,748,754
2014-15	53.1	1,265,205,434	6,718,241
2015-16	53.7	1,125,193,193	6,042,287
2016-17	55.8	1,076,779,230	6,008,428
2017-18	56.7	919,311,625	5,212,497
2018-19	64.4	852,460,645	5,489,847
2019-20	74.2	865,129,022	6,419,257
2020-21	63.4	848,028,198	5,376,499
2021-22	67.3	852,765,017	5,739,109
2022-23	69.5	855,451,782	5,945,390
2023-24	71.0	925,712,414	6,572,558
2024-25	71.2	945,963,648	6,735,261

Source: Kentucky State Department of Education.

OVERLAPPING BOND INDEBTEDNESS

The following table shows any other overlapping bond indebtedness of the Harlan County School District or other issuing agency within Harlan County as reported by the State Local Debt Officer for the period ending June 30, 2024.

Issuer	Original Principal Amount	Amount of Bonds Redeemed	Current Principal Outstanding
County of Harlan			
General Obligation	10,415,000	3,700,000	6,715,000
Health Care Facility	1,530,000	885,000	645,000
Justice Center Refunding Revenue	6,865,000	6,220,000	645,000
City of Benham			
General Obligation	485,000	290,000	195,000
City of Cumberland			
Refinancing Revenue	382,000	134,000	248,000
City of Evarts			
Water & Sewer Revenue	309,000	274,000	35,000
Refinancing Revenue	991,979	776,500	215,479
City of Harlan			
Water Revenue	900,000	273,000	627,000

City of Loyall			
Improvement Project Revenue	100,000	20,090	79,910
City of Wallins Creek			
Water Revenue	296,000	250,000	46,000
Special Districts			
Black Mountain Utility Water District	1,978,000	963,500	1,014,500
Cawood Water District	1,281,000	600,000	681,000
Total:	25,532,979	14,386,090	11,146,889

Source: 2024 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.

SEEK	Base Funding	Local Tax Effort	Total State & Local Funding
2004-05	18,305,150	4,496,736	22,801,886
2005-06	18,468,375	4,946,058	23,414,433
2006-07	18,845,870	4,592,384	23,438,254
2007-08	20,262,072	5,157,428	25,419,500
2008-09	20,026,989	5,478,216	25,505,205
2009-10	16,953,079	5,941,196	22,894,275
2010-11	16,361,796	6,124,111	22,485,907
2011-12	17,388,088	6,577,437	23,965,525
2012-13	17,001,612	6,914,689	23,916,301
2013-14	18,231,305	6,748,754	24,980,059
2014-15	18,704,158	6,718,241	25,422,399
2015-16	19,070,245	6,042,287	25,112,532
2016-17	19,414,762	6,008,428	25,423,190
2017-18	19,729,968	5,212,497	24,942,465
2018-19	20,189,788	5,489,847	25,679,635
2019-20	19,580,705	6,419,257	25,999,962
2020-21	18,962,531	5,376,499	24,339,030
2021-22	20,597,459	5,739,109	26,336,568
2022-23	21,088,062	5,945,390	27,033,452
2023-24	20,589,406	6,572,558	27,161,964
2024-25	20,960,296	6,735,261	27,695,557

- (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 \$0.7120 for FY 2024-25. 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.

POTENTIAL LEGISLATION

No assurance can be given that any future legislation, including amendments to the Code, if enacted into law, or changes in interpretation of the Code, will not cause interest on the Bonds to be subject, directly or indirectly, to federal income taxation, or otherwise prevent owners of the Bonds from realizing the full current benefit of the tax exemption of such interest. In addition, current and future legislative proposals, if enacted into law, may cause interest on state or local government bonds (whether issued before, on the date of, or after enactment of such legislation) to be subject, directly or indirectly, to federal income taxation by, for example, changing the current exclusion or deduction rules to limit the amount of interest on such bonds that may currently be treated as tax exempt by certain individuals. For example, on August 16, 2022, President Biden signed the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 (the “Inflation Reduction Act”). The Inflation Reduction Act imposes a minimum tax of 15 percent of the adjusted financial statement income on certain corporations whose income exceeds stated thresholds for tax years beginning after December 31, 2022. Under the Inflation Reduction Act, interest on debt obligations otherwise exempt from federal income tax would be included in the calculation of adjusted financial statement income for corporations subject to the minimum tax. Prospective purchasers of the Bonds should consult their own tax advisers regarding any pending or proposed federal tax legislation.

Further, no assurance can be given that the introduction or enactment of any such future legislation, or any action of the IRS, including but not limited to regulation, ruling, or selection of the Bonds for audit examination, or the course or result of any IRS examination of the Bonds or obligations which present similar tax issues, will not affect the market price for the Bonds.

CONTINUING DISCLOSURE; EXEMPTION

As a result of the principal amount of Bonds being offered not exceeding \$1,000,000 Bond Counsel has advised the Corporation and the Board that they are exempt from application of the Rule 15c2-12c2-12(b)(5) of the Securities and Exchange Commission with respect to the Bonds.

As of the date of this Official Statement, the Corporation and the Board are in compliance “in all material respects” with the reporting requirements of the Rule for the past five years.

Financial information regarding the Board may be obtained from Superintendent, Harlan County Board of Education, 251 Ball Park Road, Harlan, Kentucky 40831, Telephone (606) 573-4330.

TAX EXEMPTION; BANK QUALIFIED

Bond Counsel advises as follows:

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

(B) The interest income from the Bonds is excludable from the gross income of the recipient thereof for Federal income tax purposes under existing law and will not be a specific item of tax preference for purposes of Federal income taxation. However, with respect to certain corporations, interest on the Bonds is taken into account in determining the annual adjusted financial statement income for the purpose of computing the alternative minimum tax imposed on corporations for tax years beginning after December 31, 2022.

(C) As a result of designations and certifications by the Board and the Corporation, indicating the issuance of less than \$10,000,000 of tax-exempt obligations during the calendar year ending December 31, 2025, the Bonds are "qualified tax-exempt obligations" within the meaning of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

The Corporation will provide the purchaser the customary no-litigation certificate, and the final approving Legal Opinions of Steptoe & Johnson PLLC, Bond Counsel, Louisville, Kentucky approving the legality of the Bonds. These opinions will accompany the Bonds when delivered, without expense to the purchaser.

Original Issue Premium

Certain of the Bonds may be initially offered and sold to the public at a premium ("Acquisition Premium" from the amounts payable at maturity thereon. "Acquisition Premium" is the excess of the cost of a bond over the stated redemption price of such bond at maturity or, for bonds that have one or more earlier call dates, the amount payable at the next earliest call date. The Bonds that bear an interest rate that is higher than the yield (as shown on the cover page hereof), are being initially offered and sold to the public at an Acquisition Premium (the "Premium Bonds"). For federal income tax purposes, the amount of Acquisition Premium on each bond the interest on which is excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes ("tax-exempt bonds") must be amortized and will reduce the bondholder's adjusted basis in that bond. However, no amount of amortized Acquisition Premium on tax-exempt bonds may be deducted in determining bondholder's taxable income for federal income tax purposes. The amount of any Acquisition Premium paid on the Premium Bonds, or on any of the Bonds, that must be amortized during any period will be based on the "constant yield" method, using the original bondholder's basis in such bonds and compounding semiannually. This amount is amortized ratably over that semiannual period on a daily basis.

Holders of any Bonds, including any Premium Bonds, purchased at an Acquisition Premium should consult their own tax advisors as to the actual effect of such Acquisition Premium with respect to their own tax situation and as to the treatment of Acquisition Premium for state tax purposes.

Original Issue Discount

Certain of the Bonds (the "Discount Bonds") may be initially offered and sold to the public at a discount ("OID") from the amounts payable at maturity thereon. OID is the excess of the stated redemption price of a bond at maturity (the face amount) over the "issue price" of such bond. The issue price is the initial offering price to the public (other than to bond houses, brokers or similar persons acting in the capacity of underwriters or wholesalers) at which a substantial amount of bonds of the same maturity are sold pursuant to that initial offering. For federal income tax purposes, OID on each bond will accrue over the term of the bond. The amount accrued will be based on a single rate of interest, compounded semiannually (the "yield to maturity") and, during each semi-annual period, the amount will accrue ratably on a daily basis. The OID accrued during the period that an initial purchaser of a Discount Bond at its issue price owns it is added to the purchaser's tax basis for purposes of determining gain or loss at the maturity, redemption, sale or other disposition of that Discount Bond. In practical effect, accrued OID is treated as stated interest, that is, as excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes.

In addition, original issue discount that accrues in each year to an owner of a Discount Bond is included in the calculation of the distribution requirements of certain regulated investment companies and may result in some of the collateral federal income tax consequences discussed above. Consequently, owners of any Discount Bond should be aware that the accrual of original issue discount in each year may result in an alternative minimum tax liability, additional distribution requirements or other collateral federal income tax consequences although the owner of such Discount Bond has not received cash attributable to such original issue discount in such year.

Holders of Discount Bonds should consult their own tax advisors as to the treatment of OID and the tax consequences of the purchase of such Discount Bonds other than at the issue price during the initial public offering and as to the treatment of OID for state tax purposes.

ABSENCE OF MATERIAL LITIGATION

There is no controversy or litigation of any nature now pending or threatened (i) restraining or enjoining the issuance, sale, execution or delivery of the Bonds, or in any way contesting or affecting the validity of the Bonds or any proceedings of the Board or Corporation taken with respect to the issuance or sale thereof or (ii) which if successful would have a material adverse effect on the financial condition of the Board.

APPROVAL OF LEGALITY

Legal matters incident to the authorization and issuance of the Bonds are subject to the approving legal opinion of Steptoe & Johnson PLLC, 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 Harlan 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 Harlan County 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 Harlan County School District and is believed to be reliable; however, such information is not guaranteed as to accuracy or completeness by, 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

**Harlan County School District Finance Corporation
School Building Revenue Bonds
Series of 2025**

Demographic and Economic Data

HARLAN COUNTY, KENTUCKY

Harlan County covers a land area of 467 square miles and has an estimated 2024 population of 25,457 persons. Cumberland, the largest city in Harlan County, has an estimated population of 1,850 in 2024. Harlan, the county seat of Harlan County, had an estimated population of 1,683 in 2024. Harlan is located 127 miles north of Knoxville, Tennessee; 153 miles southeast of Lexington, Kentucky; 236 miles southeast of Louisville, Kentucky; and 241 miles southeast of Cincinnati, Ohio.

The Economic Framework

In 2024, Harlan County had a labor force of 8,461 people with an unemployment rate of 9.600%. The top 5 jobs by occupation were as follows: office and administrative support - 609 (12.54%); education, training/library - 593 (12.21%); sales - 512 (10.54%); executive, managers, and administrators - 437 (9.00%); and health diagnosing and treating practitioners - 316 (6.51%).

Transportation

Major highways serving Harlan County include U.S. 119 and U.S. 421. The Daniel Boone Parkway is accessible 37 miles north of Harlan, while Interstate 75 is accessible 68 miles west of Harlan. Thirteen trucking companies provide interstate and/or intrastate service to Harlan County. CSX Transportation provides branch line rail service to Harlan County. Tucker-Guthrie Airport, located two miles west of Harlan, maintains a 2,700-foot paved runway. Tri-City Regional Airport, in Bristol, Tennessee, 85 miles southeast of Harlan, provides the nearest scheduled commercial airline service.

Power and Fuel

Electric power is provided to Harlan County by Kentucky Utilities Company and Cumberland Valley Electric. Natural gas service is not available in Harlan County at the present time.

LABOR MARKET STATISTICS

The Harlan County labor market area includes Harlan County and the following additional counties: Bell; Leslie; Letcher; Perry; and Lee, VA.

Population

	2022	2023	2024
Harlan County	26,148	25,738	25,457
Cumberland	1,894	1,868	1,850
Harlan	1,734	1,733	1,683

Source: Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development

Population Projections

	2030	2035	2040
Harlan County	23,510	21,876	20,390

Source: Kentucky State Data Center, University of Louisville

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Structure

Harlan County is served by a county judge/executive and five magistrates. Each official is elected to a four-year term. Harlan and Cumberland are each governed by a mayor and seven council members. The mayors are elected to a four-year term, while the council members each serve two-year terms.

Planning and Zoning

Harlan County is not served by a planning and zoning commission at the present time. Mandatory state codes enforced - Kentucky Plumbing Code, National Electric Code, Kentucky Boiler regulations and Standards, Kentucky Building Code (modeled after BOCA code)

EDUCATION

Public Schools

	<u>Harlan County</u>	<u>Harlan Ind.</u>
Total Enrollment (2023-2024)	3,198	753
Pupil-Teacher Ratio	13.0 - 1	13.0 - 1

Source: Kentucky Department of Education.

Vocational-Technical Education

<u>Institution</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Enrollment (2023-2024)</u>
Bell County ATC	Pineville, KY	410
Breathitt County ATC	Jackson, KY	357
Clay County ATC	Manchester, KY	310
Corbin ATC	Corbin, KY	619
Floyd County ATC	Martin, KY	265
Jackson County ATC	McKee, KY	302
Knott County ATC	Hindman, KY	335
Knox County ATC	Barbourville, KY	325
Lee County ATC	Beattyville, KY	265
Leslie County ATC	Hyden, KY	398
Letcher County ATC	Whitesburg, KY	456

Source: Kentucky Department of Education.

Colleges and Universities

<u>Institution</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Enrollment (Fall 2023)</u>
Alice Lloyd College	Pippa Passes, KY	553
Union College	Barbourville, KY	724
University of the Cumberlands	Williamsburg, KY	6,103

Source: Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development

EXISTING INDUSTRY

Harlan County has a total of 518 businesses. In 2024, the leading industries in Harlan County were Health Care and Social Services, Education, Retail, and Accommodation and Food Services.

<u>Top Industries by Job</u>	<u>Number of Jobs</u>
Health Care and Social Services	1,094
Education	892
Retail	689
Accommodation and Food Services	384

Source: Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development.

APPENDIX B

**Harlan County School District Finance Corporation
School Building Revenue Bonds
Series of 2025**

Audited Financial Statement ending June 30, 2024

HARLAN COUNTY
SCHOOL DISTRICT

AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
AND SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULES

For the year ended June 30, 2024

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Education of the Harlan County School District
Harlan, Kentucky

And the State Committee for School District Audits

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 Harlan County School District (District) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the District, as of June 30, 2024, and the respective changes in financial position, and, where applicable, cash flows thereof and the respective budgetary comparison for the General Fund and the Special Revenue Fund for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States 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. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the District and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit 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 generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

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

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

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

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that Management's Discussion and Analysis, Schedules of the District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension and OPEB Liability and Schedule of Contributions for CERS and TRS and Medical and Life and Health Insurance Plans comparison information 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.

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 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 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 15, 2024, on our consideration of the District's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is 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.

White & Associates, PSC

Richmond, Kentucky
November 15, 2024

**HARLAN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT-HARLAN, KY
MANAGEMENT’S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (MD&A)
Year ended June 30, 2024**

As management of the Harlan County School 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, 2024. We encourage readers to consider the information presented here in conjunction with additional information found within the body of the audit.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- The beginning fund balance for the district was \$13,248,918 of which \$10,236,031 was General Fund, \$3,012,887 was in the restricted funds of Special Revenue, Debt Service, Capital Outlay, Building Fund and Construction Fund. Ending fund balance was \$17,349,484 of which \$11,903,542 was General Fund, 5,445,942 was in the restricted funds of Special Revenue, Capital Outlay, Building Fund, Construction Fund and Debt Service Fund.
- The ending cash balance was \$10,090,607 for General Fund.
- The General Fund Revenue (excluding transfers) totaled \$36,299,804 which primarily consists of state program funding (SEEK), property, utility and motor vehicle taxes. General Fund expenditures (excluding transfers) total \$33,298,394.
- Our District continues to look for outside funding sources through grants and other venues as a means of enhancing our efforts toward attaining student proficiency.

OVERVIEW OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

This discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to the Harlan County School District’s basic financial statements. The District’s basic financial statements are comprised of three components: 1) district-wide financial statements, 2) fund financial statements, and 3) notes to the financial statements. This report also contains other supplementary information in addition to the basic financial statements themselves.

District-Wide Financial Statements - The district-wide financial statements are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of the Harlan County School District’s finances, in a manner similar to a private-sector business.

The statement of net position presents information on all of the Harlan County School District’s assets and liabilities, with the difference between the two 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 Harlan County School District is improving or deteriorating.

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

**HARLAN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT-HARLAN, KY
MANAGEMENT’S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (MD&A)
Year ended June 30, 2024**

The district-wide financial statements outline functions of the Harlan County School District that are principally supported by property taxes and intergovernmental revenues (governmental activities). The governmental activities of the District include instruction, support services, operation and maintenance of plant, student transportation and operation of non-instructional services. Fixed assets and related debt is also supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues.

The district-wide financial statements can be found on the table of contents in 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 a state mandated uniform system and 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, proprietary funds and fiduciary funds. Fiduciary funds are trust funds established by benefactors to aid in student education, welfare and teacher support. The only proprietary fund is our food service operations. All other activities of the District are included in the governmental funds. The basic governmental fund financial statements can be found on the table of contents in this report.

Notes to the Financial Statements - The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the district-wide and fund financial statements. The notes to the financial statements can be found on the table of contents in this report.

GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

Net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of a government’s financial position. In the case of the District, assets plus deferred outflows exceeded liabilities and deferred inflows by approximately \$38,062,450 as of June 30, 2024. The largest portion of the District’s net position reflects its investment in capital assets (e.g., land and improvements, buildings and improvements, vehicles, furniture and equipment and construction in progress), less any related debt used to acquire those assets that is still outstanding. The District uses these capital assets to provide services to its students; consequently, these assets are not available for future spending. Although the District’s investment in its capital assets is reported net of related debt, it should be noted that the resources needed to repay this debt must be provided from other sources, since the capital assets themselves cannot be used to liquidate these liabilities.

The District’s financial position is the product of several financial transactions including the net results of activities, the acquisition and payment of debt, the acquisition and disposal of capital assets, and the depreciation of capital assets.

SEE SCHEDULE ON NEXT PAGE

**HARLAN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT-HARLAN, KY
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (MD&A)**

Year ended June 30, 2024

2024 District-Wide Governmental Net position compared to 2023 as follows:

**Net Position
\$ (in Millions)**

	Governmental Activities		Business-type Activities		Totals	
	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>
Current assets	\$ 14.02	\$ 17.95	\$ 2.09	\$ 1.93	\$ 16.11	\$ 19.88
Non-current assets	62.10	71.27	0.12	0.19	62.22	71.46
Total assets	76.12	89.22	2.21	2.12	78.33	91.34
Deferred outflows	12.53	10.84	0.36	0.53	12.89	11.37
Current liabilities	4.99	4.50	0.02	0.01	5.01	4.51
Non-current liabilities	54.32	45.69	1.01	0.78	55.33	46.47
Total liabilities	59.31	50.19	1.03	0.79	60.34	50.98
Deferred inflows	7.75	13.03	0.22	0.47	7.97	13.50
Net position:						
Invested in capital assets, net of debt	33.15	42.94	0.12	0.17	33.27	43.11
Restricted	3.01	5.44	1.21	1.05	4.22	6.49
Unrestricted (deficit)	(14.58)	(11.54)	-	-	(14.58)	(11.54)
Total net position	\$ 21.58	\$ 36.84	\$ 1.33	\$ 1.22	\$ 22.91	\$ 38.06

GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES

Ending net position was \$38.06 million for the district. This was an increase of 15.16 million from 2023.

**Table 2
Changes in Net Position
(in millions)**

	Governmental Activities		Business-Type Activities		Total School District		Total Percentage Change 2023-2024
	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	
Revenues:							
Charges for services	\$ 1.25	\$ 1.35	\$ 0.60	\$ 0.96	\$ 1.85	\$ 2.31	25%
Operating grants and contributions	24.33	34.77	3.97	3.71	28.30	38.48	36%
Capital grants and contributions	5.94	3.64	-	-	5.94	3.64	-39%
General revenues	27.77	28.65	(0.16)	(0.10)	27.61	28.55	3%
Total revenue	\$ 59.29	\$ 68.41	\$ 4.41	\$ 4.57	\$ 63.70	\$ 72.98	15%
Expenses:							
Instruction	\$ 31.73	\$ 29.79	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 31.73	\$ 29.79	-6%
Student	2.60	2.49	-	-	2.60	2.49	-4%
Instructional staff	1.50	1.43	-	-	1.50	1.43	-5%
District administration	1.40	1.49	-	-	1.40	1.49	6%
School administration	2.43	2.28	-	-	2.43	2.28	-6%
Business	0.96	0.95	-	-	0.96	0.95	-1%
Plant operation & maintenance	5.64	6.57	-	-	5.64	6.57	16%
Student transportation	3.22	3.60	-	-	3.22	3.60	12%
Community services operations	0.64	0.55	-	-	0.64	0.55	-14%
Food Service Operations	0.26	0.07	3.95	4.64	4.21	4.71	12%
Depreciation/Amortization	2.86	3.12	0.03	0.03	2.89	3.15	9%
Non-instructional	0.32	-	-	-	0.32	-	-100%
Interest on long-term debt	0.72	0.81	-	-	0.72	0.81	13%
Total Expenses	\$ 54.28	\$ 53.15	\$ 3.98	\$ 4.67	\$ 58.26	\$ 57.82	-1%
Change in net position	\$ 5.01	\$ 15.26	\$ 0.43	\$ (0.10)	\$ 5.44	\$ 15.16	179%

**HARLAN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT-HARLAN, KY
MANAGEMENT’S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (MD&A)
Year ended June 30, 2024**

CAPITAL ASSETS

After depreciation, at the end of fiscal 2024, the District had \$71,117,842 million invested in capital assets, including land, buildings, buses, computers and other equipment. This amount represents a increase (including additions and deductions) of \$ 8.9 million from the prior year.

**Capital Assets at Year-End
\$ (Net of Depreciation)**

	Governmental Activities		Business-type Activities		Totals	
	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024
Land	\$ 2,026,472	\$ 2,026,472	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,026,472	\$ 2,026,472
Land Improvements	81,832	43,842	-	-	81,832	43,842
Buildings	46,124,286	50,963,461	-	-	46,124,286	50,963,461
Technology Equipment	144,059	103,849	-	-	144,059	103,849
Vehicles	4,241,459	7,068,257	-	-	4,241,459	7,068,257
General Equipment	662,242	579,569	122,419	171,113	784,661	750,682
Construction in Progress	8,537,697	9,884,236	-	-	8,537,697	9,884,236
Finance Purchases	206,209	58,009	-	-	206,209	58,009
Right-of-Use Asset	70,879	219,034	-	-	70,879	219,034
Totals	\$ 62,095,135	\$ 70,946,729	\$ 122,419	\$ 171,113	\$ 62,217,554	\$ 71,117,842

DEBT

Finance purchases and general obligation debt totaled \$28,701,147 which is a decrease of \$1,108,570 million from FY 2023.

**Table 4
Outstanding Debt at Year-End**

	Government Activities	
	2023	2024
General Obligation Bonds	\$ 28,474,127	\$ 27,651,151
Finance Purchase Obligation	421,124	220,215
Leased Liabilities	51,145	139,275
Workers compensation liability	863,321	690,506
Total Obligations	\$ 29,809,717	\$ 28,701,147

THE DISTRICT’S FUNDS

As the District completed the year, the General Fund reflected a fund balance of \$11,903,542, which is more than last year’s fund balance of \$10,236,031. The unassigned portion of the fund balance at the end of fiscal year 2024 is \$11,123,228 compared to \$9,203,153 from the preceding year.

The following table presents a summary of revenue and expense for the District as a whole for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024:

**HARLAN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT-HARLAN, KY
MANAGEMENT’S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (MD&A)
Year ended June 30, 2024**

*Note This chart does not include beginning balances.

REVENUES	Fund 1	Fund 2	Fund 310	Fund 320	Fund 360	Fund 400	Fund 51
Local Revenue Sources	\$ 7,546,726	\$ 80,787	\$ -	\$ 510,319	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,017,936
State Revenue Sources	28,610,784	2,356,035	324,496	1,185,582	-	2,134,102	547,444
Federal Revenue Sources	142,294	22,468,862	-	-	-	-	3,157,905
Other	-	-	-	-	2,880,000	-	84,907
Transfers	994,625	135,622	-	-	7,588,802	2,243,066	-
TOTALS	\$ 37,294,429	\$25,041,306	\$ 324,496	\$ 1,695,901	\$ 10,468,802	\$ 4,377,168	\$ 4,808,192
EXPENDITURES	Fund 1	Fund 2	Fund 310	Fund 320	Fund 360	Fund 400	Fund 51
Instruction	\$ 18,767,824	\$ 9,899,457	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Student Support Services	1,374,577	1,117,499	-	-	-	-	-
Instructional Staff Support Services	611,871	813,987	-	-	-	-	-
District Admin Support	1,491,213	-	-	-	-	-	-
School Admin Support	2,278,027	-	-	-	-	-	-
Business Support Services	935,996	9,934	-	-	-	-	-
Plant Operation & Management	4,739,232	1,445,259	-	-	-	-	-
Student Transportation	3,045,383	4,763,905	-	-	-	-	-
Food Service Operations	-	65,677	-	-	-	-	4,643,326
Depreciation	-	-	-	-	-	-	27,113
Community Services	-	554,840	-	-	-	-	-
Building Improvements	-	-	-	-	7,966,733	-	-
Debt Service	54,271	-	-	-	79,533	4,377,168	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers	2,328,524	6,370,748	324,496	1,695,901	-	-	242,445
TOTALS	\$ 35,626,918	\$25,041,306	\$ 324,496	\$ 1,695,901	\$ 8,046,266	\$ 4,377,168	\$ 4,912,884
Excess / (Deficit)	1,667,511	-	-	-	2,422,536	-	(104,692)

Comments on Budget Comparisons

- The District’s total general fund balance for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, is \$11,903,542, which is more than last year’s fund balance of \$10,236,031
- The District’s total revenue, including “On-behalf” payments for general fund fiscal year ending June 30, 2024 was \$36,299,804, net of other financing sources, transfers and uses. Transfers into general fund were \$994,625.

BUDGETARY IMPLICATIONS

In Kentucky the public school fiscal year is July1- June 30; other programs, i.e. some federal operate on a different fiscal calendar, but are reflected in the district overall budget. By policy, the budget must have a minimum 2% contingency.

Issues which will impact future budgets include:

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MANAGEMENT’S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (MD&A)
Year ended June 30, 2024**

- Increased expenses to meet federal and state academic mandates
- Declining federal funds, required health/life/admin fee/HRA insurance reimbursements from federal grants. Continued unfunded mandates such as the “shared” KTRS and employer contribution rates for CERS, initiatives moving from state-paid to district-paid such as Infinite Campus and MUNIS maintenance fees, the loss of Coal Severance funding, reduced property tax collections, reduced unmined mineral tax collections and additional anticipated reductions in funding continues to press the district’s ability to continue programs.
- Continued insufficient funding of the state transportation formula
- Continued maintenance on nine district school buildings
- Decrease of student population due to economy and movement of population in the area.

Questions regarding this report should be directed to the Finance Officer, Jody Gilliam or Superintendent, Brent Roark at (606) 573-4330 or by mail at Harlan County Board of Education, 251 Ball Park Road, Harlan, Kentucky 40831.

Harlan County School District
Statement of Net Position
June 30, 2024

	Primary Government		
	Governmental Activities	Business- type Activities	Total
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 14,385,806	\$ 1,357,820	\$ 15,743,626
Investments	2,855,994	250,000	3,105,994
Receivables (net)	712,860	5,200	718,060
Inventories		317,121	317,121
Funded OPEB asset	322,184	16,713	338,897
Capital assets:			
Land and construction in progress	11,910,709		11,910,709
Other capital assets, net of depreciation	58,758,977	171,113	58,930,090
Net finance purchases	58,009		58,009
Net intangible right-of-use assets	219,034		219,034
Total capital assets	70,946,729	171,113	71,117,842
Total assets	89,223,573	2,117,967	91,341,540
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Deferred outflows related to pensions	4,806,392	249,322	5,055,714
Deferred outflows related to OPEB CERS	2,008,621	104,193	2,112,814
Deferred outflows related to OPEB TRS	3,302,647		3,302,647
Deferred savings from refunding bonds	724,551		724,551
Total deferred outflows of resources	10,842,211	353,515	11,195,726
TOTAL ASSETS AND DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	100,065,784	2,471,482	102,537,266
LIABILITIES			
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	193,433	7,432	200,865
Accrued interest payable	314,710		314,710
Payroll taxes payable	292,931		292,931
Accrued salaries and benefit payable	118,812		118,812
Long-term liabilities:			
Due within 1 year:			
Bond obligations	3,395,000		3,395,000
Finance purchase obligations	48,563		48,563
Right-of-use liabilities	139,275		139,275
Total due within 1 year	3,582,838	-	3,582,838
Due in more than 1 year:			
Bond obligations	24,256,151		24,256,151
Finance purchase obligations	171,652		171,652
Net pension liability	14,973,741	776,734	15,750,475
Net OPEB liability TRS	5,196,000		5,196,000
Workers compensation liability	690,506		690,506
Sick leave	401,719		401,719
Total due in more than 1 year	45,689,769	776,734	46,466,503
Total liabilities	50,192,493	784,166	50,976,659
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Deferred inflows related to pensions	3,242,200	168,183	3,410,383
Deferred inflows related to OPEB CERS	5,762,838	298,936	6,061,774
Deferred inflows related to OPEB TRS	4,026,000		4,026,000
Total deferred inflows of resources	13,031,038	467,119	13,498,157
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	63,223,531	1,251,285	64,474,816
NET POSITION			
Net investment in capital assets	42,936,088	171,113	43,107,201
Restricted for:			
Capital projects	5,037,353		5,037,353
District activities	8,485		8,485
School activities	400,104		400,104
Food services		1,049,084	1,049,084
Unrestricted (deficit)	(11,539,777)		(11,539,777)
Total net position	36,842,253	1,220,197	38,062,450
TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND NET POSITION	\$ 100,065,784	\$ 2,471,482	\$ 102,537,266

See the accompanying notes to the financial statements.

Harlan County School District
Statement of Activities
For the year ended June 30, 2024

Functions/Programs	Program Revenues				Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position		
	Expenses	Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	Primary Government		
					Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total
PRIMARY GOVERNMENT:							
Governmental activities:							
Instruction	\$ 29,789,959	\$ -	\$ 22,059,068	\$ -	\$ (7,730,891)	\$ -	\$ (7,730,891)
Support services							
Student	2,492,076	1,349,405	1,630,353		487,682		487,682
Instructional staff	1,425,858		932,818		(493,040)		(493,040)
District administration	1,491,213		975,574		(515,639)		(515,639)
School administration	2,278,027		1,490,319		(787,708)		(787,708)
Business	945,930		618,841		(327,089)		(327,089)
Plant operation & maintenance	6,571,320		4,299,055	1,510,078	(762,187)		(762,187)
Student transportation	3,604,875		2,358,363		(1,246,512)		(1,246,512)
Community services operations	554,840		362,985		(191,855)		(191,855)
Food service operations	65,677		42,967		(22,710)		(22,710)
Interest on general long-term debt	811,280			2,134,102	1,322,822		1,322,822
Depreciation*	3,117,143				(3,117,143)		(3,117,143)
Total governmental activities	<u>53,148,198</u>	<u>1,349,405</u>	<u>34,770,343</u>	<u>3,644,180</u>	<u>(13,384,270)</u>		<u>(13,384,270)</u>
Business-type activities:							
Food service operations	4,643,326	959,485	3,705,349			21,508	21,508
Depreciation	27,113					(27,113)	(27,113)
Total business-type activities	<u>4,670,439</u>	<u>959,485</u>	<u>3,705,349</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(5,605)</u>	<u>(5,605)</u>
Total primary government	<u>\$ 57,818,637</u>	<u>\$ 2,308,890</u>	<u>\$ 38,475,692</u>	<u>\$ 3,644,180</u>	<u>(13,384,270)</u>	<u>(5,605)</u>	<u>(13,389,875)</u>
General revenues:							
Taxes:							
Property taxes					4,296,567		4,296,567
Motor vehicle taxes					864,990		864,990
Unmined minerals					71,606		71,606
Utility taxes					1,531,720		1,531,720
State and formula grants					20,264,910		20,264,910
Unrestricted investment earnings					902,574	84,907	987,481
Other local revenue					470,376	58,451	528,827
Transfers					242,445	(242,445)	-
Total general revenues and transfers					<u>28,645,188</u>	<u>(99,087)</u>	<u>28,546,101</u>
Change in net position					15,260,918	(104,692)	15,156,226
Net position - beginning					<u>21,581,335</u>	<u>1,324,889</u>	<u>22,906,224</u>
Net position - ending					<u>\$ 36,842,253</u>	<u>\$ 1,220,197</u>	<u>\$ 38,062,450</u>

*Unallocated depreciation that excludes depreciation which is included in the direct expenses of various programs, if any.

See the accompanying notes to the financial statements.

Harlan County School District
Balance Sheet - Governmental Funds
June 30, 2024

	Governmental Funds						
	General	Special Revenue	FSPK	Construction	Debt Service	Other Governmental Funds	Total
ASSETS							
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 10,090,607	\$ -	\$ 1,274,247	\$ 2,610,815	\$ -	\$ 410,137	\$ 14,385,806
Investments	1,703,703		1,152,291				2,855,994
Receivables							
Interfund receivable	511,052						511,052
Taxes	129,452						129,452
Accounts						2,360	2,360
Intergovernmental - federal		581,048					581,048
Total assets	12,434,814	581,048	2,426,538	2,610,815	-	412,497	18,465,712
LIABILITIES							
Accounts payable	119,529	69,996				3,908	193,433
Accrued salaries & benefits payable	118,812						118,812
Payroll taxes payable	292,931						292,931
Interfund payable		511,052					511,052
Total liabilities	531,272	581,048	-	-	-	3,908	1,116,228
FUND BALANCE							
Restricted			2,426,538	2,610,815		408,589	5,445,942
Committed	700,860						700,860
Unassigned	11,202,682						11,202,682
Total fund balance	11,903,542	-	2,426,538	2,610,815	-	408,589	17,349,484
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE	\$ 12,434,814	\$ 581,048	\$ 2,426,538	\$ 2,610,815	\$ -	\$ 412,497	\$ 18,465,712

See the accompanying notes to the financial statements.

Harlan County School District
Reconciliation of the Balance Sheet - Governmental Funds to the Statement of Net Position
June 30, 2024

Fund balance-total governmental funds	\$	17,349,484
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position are different because:		
Capital assets are not reported in this fund financial statement because they are not current financial resources, but they are reported in the statement of net position.		70,946,729
Costs associated with bond issues and refundings are expensed in the fund financial statements because they are a use of current financial resources but are capitalized on the statement of net position using the economic resources focus		724,551
Certain assets (OPEB asset) are not receivable in the current period, therefore, are not reported in the fund financial statements.		322,184
Certain liabilities (such as bonds payable, the long-term portion of accrued sick leave, accrued interest payable, other accounts payable, and net pension obligations) are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the funds		
Accrued interest payable		(314,710)
Bonds payable		(27,651,151)
Finance purchase obligations		(220,215)
Subscriptions payable		(139,275)
Self insurance payable		(690,506)
Sick leave liability		(401,719)
Net pension liability		(14,973,741)
Net OPEB liability		(5,196,000)
Deferred outflows and inflows or resources related to pensions are applicable to future periods and, therefore, are not reported in the funds		
Deferred outflows of resources related to pensions		4,806,392
Deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB		5,311,268
Deferred inflows of resources related to pensions		(3,242,200)
Deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB		<u>(9,788,838)</u>
Net position of governmental activities	\$	<u><u>36,842,253</u></u>

See the accompanying notes to the financial statements.

Harlan County School District
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance - Governmental Funds
For the year ended June 30, 2024

	<u>General</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>	<u>FSPK</u>	<u>Construction</u>	<u>Debt Service</u>	<u>Other Governmental Funds</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
REVENUES							
From local sources							
Taxes							
Property	\$ 3,786,248	\$ -	\$ 510,319	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,296,567
Motor vehicle	864,990						864,990
Unmined minerals	71,606						71,606
Utilities	1,531,720						1,531,720
Earnings on investments	897,521	5,053					902,574
Other local revenue	394,641	75,734					470,375
Student activities						1,349,405	1,349,405
Intergovernmental - state	28,610,784	2,356,035	1,185,582		2,134,102	324,496	34,610,999
Intergovernmental - federal	142,294	22,468,862					22,611,156
Total revenues	<u>36,299,804</u>	<u>24,905,684</u>	<u>1,695,901</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,134,102</u>	<u>1,673,901</u>	<u>66,709,392</u>
EXPENDITURES							
Instruction	18,767,824	9,899,457				1,338,886	30,006,167
Support services							
Student	1,374,577	1,117,499					2,492,076
Instructional staff	611,871	813,987					1,425,858
District administration	1,491,213						1,491,213
School administration	2,278,027						2,278,027
Business	935,996	9,934					945,930
Plant operation & maintenance	4,739,232	1,445,259					6,184,491
Student transportation	3,045,383	4,763,905					7,809,288
Food service operation		65,677					65,677
Community services operations		554,840					554,840
Building improvements				7,966,733			7,966,733
Debt service	54,271			79,533	4,377,168		4,510,972
Total expenditures	<u>33,298,394</u>	<u>18,670,558</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,046,266</u>	<u>4,377,168</u>	<u>1,338,886</u>	<u>65,731,272</u>
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	3,001,410	6,235,126	1,695,901	(8,046,266)	(2,243,066)	335,015	978,120
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)							
Bond principal proceeds				2,880,000			2,880,000
Operating transfers in	994,625	135,622		7,588,802	2,243,066		10,962,115
Operating transfers (out)	(2,328,524)	(6,370,748)	(1,695,901)			(324,496)	(10,719,669)
Total other financing sources and (uses)	<u>(1,333,899)</u>	<u>(6,235,126)</u>	<u>(1,695,901)</u>	<u>10,468,802</u>	<u>2,243,066</u>	<u>(324,496)</u>	<u>3,122,446</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	1,667,511	-	-	2,422,536	-	10,519	4,100,566
FUND BALANCE-BEGINNING	10,236,031	-	2,426,538	188,279	-	398,070	13,248,918
FUND BALANCE-ENDING	<u>\$ 11,903,542</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 2,426,538</u>	<u>\$ 2,610,815</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 408,589</u>	<u>\$ 17,349,484</u>

See the accompanying notes to the financial statements.

Harlan County School District
Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance of Governmental Funds to the Statement of Activities
For the year ended June 30, 2024

Net change in fund balance-total governmental funds	\$	4,100,566
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:		
Governmental funds report district OPEB and pension contributions as expenditures. However in the Statement of Activities, the cost of the benefits earned net of employee contributions is reported as pension expense or revenue.		1,421,809
Capital outlays are reported as expenditures in this fund financial statement because they use current financial resources, but they are presented as assets in the statement of activities and depreciated over their estimated economic lives. The difference is the amount by which capital outlays exceeds depreciation expense for the year.		8,851,594
The difference in the issue amount of the refunding of bond proceeds and the amount for payment to the escrow account to pay the refunded bonds is amortized over the life of the refunding issue.		(213,861)
The premium/discount on the sale of bonds is reported as revenue/expense by current financial resources but is unearned, therefore it is deferred and amortized over the life of the bond on the statement of net position.		57,976
Bond and finance purchase payments/proceeds are recognized as expenditures/revenues of current financial resources in the fund financial statement but are reductions/additions of liabilities in the statement of net position.		877,779
Generally, expenditures recognized in this fund financial statement are limited to only those that use current financial resources, but expenses are recognized in the statement of activities when they are incurred.		
Accrued interest payable		9,668
Self insurance payable		172,815
Noncurrent sick leave payable		(17,428)
		15,260,918
Change in net position of governmental activities	\$	15,260,918

See the accompanying notes to the financial statements.

Harlan County School District
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance - Budget and Actual
General Fund
For the year ended June 30, 2024

	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>		<u>Actual</u>	Variance with Final Budget Favorable (Unfavorable)
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>		
REVENUES				
From local sources				
Taxes				
Property	\$ 2,632,000	\$ 2,632,000	\$ 3,786,248	\$ 1,154,248
Motor vehicle	800,000	800,000	864,990	64,990
Unmined minerals	50,000	50,000	71,606	21,606
Utilities	1,300,000	1,300,000	1,531,720	231,720
Earnings on investments	4,000	4,000	897,521	893,521
Other local revenue			394,641	394,641
Intergovernmental - state	28,779,382	28,771,810	28,610,784	(161,026)
Intergovernmental - federal	110,000	110,000	142,294	32,294
Total revenues	<u>33,675,382</u>	<u>33,667,810</u>	<u>36,299,804</u>	<u>2,631,994</u>
EXPENDITURES				
Instruction	20,429,099	20,444,099	18,767,824	1,676,275
Support services				
Student	1,543,019	1,543,019	1,374,577	168,442
Instructional staff	788,090	788,090	611,871	176,219
District administration	1,478,187	1,478,187	1,491,213	(13,026)
School administration	2,223,727	2,223,727	2,278,027	(54,300)
Business	683,158	683,158	935,996	(252,838)
Plant operation & maintenance	5,156,172	5,156,172	4,739,232	416,940
Student transportation	3,484,870	3,484,870	3,045,383	439,487
Debt service	130,000	130,000	54,271	75,729
Total expenditures	<u>35,916,322</u>	<u>35,931,322</u>	<u>33,298,394</u>	<u>2,632,928</u>
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) IN REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	(2,240,940)	(2,263,512)	3,001,410	5,264,922
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Operating transfers in	205,000	205,000	994,625	789,625
Operating transfers (out)	<u>(222,669)</u>	<u>(222,669)</u>	<u>(2,328,524)</u>	<u>(2,105,855)</u>
Total other financing sources and (uses)	<u>(17,669)</u>	<u>(17,669)</u>	<u>(1,333,899)</u>	<u>(1,316,230)</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	(2,258,609)	(2,281,181)	1,667,511	3,948,692
FUND BALANCE-BEGINNING	<u>9,570,977</u>	<u>9,543,885</u>	<u>10,236,031</u>	<u>692,146</u>
FUND BALANCE-ENDING	<u>\$ 7,312,368</u>	<u>\$ 7,262,704</u>	<u>\$ 11,903,542</u>	<u>\$ 4,640,838</u>

See the accompanying notes to the financial statements.

Harlan County School District
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance - Budget and Actual
Special Revenue Fund
For the year ended June 30, 2024

	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>		<u>Actual</u>	Variance with Final Budget Favorable (Unfavorable)
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>		
REVENUES				
From local sources				
Other local revenue	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 75,734	\$ 75,734
Earnings from investments			5,053	5,053
Intergovernmental - state	2,375,175	2,424,468	2,356,035	(68,433)
Intergovernmental - federal	6,570,133	6,881,496	22,468,862	15,587,366
Total revenues	<u>8,945,308</u>	<u>9,305,964</u>	<u>24,905,684</u>	<u>15,599,720</u>
EXPENDITURES				
Instruction	7,501,272	7,855,456	9,899,457	(2,044,001)
Support services				
Student	170,573	173,239	1,117,499	(944,260)
Instructional staff	524,137	527,942	813,987	(286,045)
Business			9,934	(9,934)
Plant operations & maintenance	122,476	122,476	1,445,259	(1,322,783)
Student transportation	50,443	50,443	4,763,905	(4,713,462)
Food service			65,677	(65,677)
Community services	576,407	576,408	554,840	21,568
Total expenditures	<u>8,945,308</u>	<u>9,305,964</u>	<u>18,670,558</u>	<u>(9,364,594)</u>
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) IN REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	-	-	6,235,126	6,235,126
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Operating transfers in			135,622	135,622
Operating transfers (out)			(6,370,748)	(6,370,748)
Total other financing sources and (uses)	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(6,235,126)</u>	<u>(6,235,126)</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	-	-	-	-
FUND BALANCE-BEGINNING	-	-	-	-
FUND BALANCE-ENDING	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

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Harlan County School District
Statement of Net Position Proprietary Fund
June 30, 2024

	<u>School Food Services</u>
ASSETS	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,357,820
Investments	250,000
Receivables	5,200
Inventories	317,121
Funded OPEB asset	16,713
Capital assets:	
Other capital assets, net of depreciation	171,113
Total assets	<u>2,117,967</u>
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	
Deferred outflows related to pensions	249,322
Deferred outflows related to OPEB	104,193
Total deferred outflows of resources	<u>353,515</u>
TOTAL ASSETS AND DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	<u><u>2,471,482</u></u>
LIABILITIES	
Accounts payable	7,432
Net pension liability	776,734
Total liabilities	<u>784,166</u>
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	
Deferred inflows related to pensions	168,183
Deferred inflows related to OPEB	298,936
Total deferred inflows of resources	<u>467,119</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	<u>1,251,285</u>
NET POSITION	
Net Investment in capital assets	171,113
Restricted	1,049,084
Total net position	<u>1,220,197</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND NET POSITION	<u>\$ <u>2,471,482</u></u>

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Harlan County School District
Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Fund Net Position
Proprietary Fund
For the year ended June 30, 2024

		<u>Enterprise Funds</u>
		<u>School Food Services</u>
OPERATING REVENUES		
Lunchroom sales	\$	959,485
Other revenue from local sources		58,451
Total operating revenues		<u>1,017,936</u>
OPERATING EXPENSES		
Depreciation		27,113
Food service operations		
Employee services		1,591,200
Operational expenses		3,052,126
Total operating expenses		<u>4,670,439</u>
Operating income (loss)		<u>(3,652,503)</u>
NONOPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)		
Federal grants		3,157,905
State grants		547,444
Transfers in (out)		(242,445)
Earnings from investments		84,907
Total nonoperating revenues (expenses)		<u>3,547,811</u>
CHANGE IN NET POSITION		(104,692)
NET POSITION-BEGINNING		<u>1,324,889</u>
NET POSITION-ENDING	\$	<u><u>1,220,197</u></u>

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Harlan County School District
Statement of Cash Flows Proprietary Fund
For the year ended June 30, 2024

	Enterprise Fund
	School Food Services
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	
Receipts from customers	\$ 1,017,936
Payments to suppliers	(3,112,986)
Payments to employees	(1,591,200)
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	(3,686,250)
CASH FLOWS FROM NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES	
Transfers to other funds	(242,445)
Operating grants and contributions	3,705,349
Net cash provided (used) by noncapital financing activities	3,462,904
CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES	
Purchase of capital assets	(75,807)
Net cash provided (used) by capital financing activities	(75,807)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES	
Interest	84,907
Net cash provided (used) by investing activities	84,907
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	(214,246)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS-BEGINNING	1,572,066
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS-ENDING	\$ 1,357,820
Reconciliation of operating income (loss) to net cash provided (used) by operating activities:	
Operating income (loss)	\$ (3,652,503)
Adjustments to reconcile operating income (loss) to net cash provided (used) by operating activities:	
Depreciation	27,113
Changes in assets and liabilities:	
Inventory	(49,771)
Receivables	(5,200)
OPEB asset	(16,713)
Outflow Deferrals	4,422
Inflow Deferrals	250,821
Pension liability	(16,392)
OPEB liability	(216,485)
Payables	(11,542)
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	\$ (3,686,250)

NONCASH NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES

During the year, the district received \$123,391 of food commodities from the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

During the year, the district recognized revenues and expenses for on-behalf payments relating to fringe benefits in the amount of \$547,444 provided by state government.

See the accompanying notes to the financial statements.

HARLAN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
For the year ended June 30, 2024

NOTE A – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Reporting Entity

The Harlan 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 school education within the jurisdiction of the Harlan County Board of Education (“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 in Section 2100-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 relevant to the operation of the Harlan County Board of Education. The financial statements presented herein do not include funds of groups and organizations, which although associated with the school system, have not originated within the District itself such as Band Boosters, Parent-Teacher Associations, etc.

The financial statements of the District include those of 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:

Blended Component Unit

The Board authorized establishment of the Harlan County Board Of Education Finance Corporation a non-stock, non-profit corporation pursuant to Section 162.385 of the School Bond Act and Chapter 273 and Section 58.180 of the Kentucky Revised Statutes (the “Corporation”) to act as an agency of the District for financing the costs of school building facilities. The Board of Directors of the Corporation shall be the same persons who are at any time the members of the Board of Education of the Harlan County Board of Education.

Basis of Presentation

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, except for fiduciary funds. The statements distinguish between those activities of the District that are governmental and those that are considered business-type activities.

The government-wide statements are prepared using the economic resources measurement focus. This is the same approach used in the preparation of the proprietary fund financial statements but differs from the manner in which governmental fund financial statements are prepared. Governmental fund financial statements therefore include a reconciliation with brief explanations to better identify the relationship between the government-wide statements and the statements for governmental funds.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

The government-wide statement of activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for each segment of the business-type activities of the District and for each function or program of the District's governmental activities. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with a service, program or department and are therefore clearly identifiable to a particular function. 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 business segment or governmental function is self-financing or draws from the general revenues of the District.

Fund Financial Statements – Fund financial statements report detailed information about the District. The focus of governmental and enterprise fund financial statements is on major funds rather than reporting funds by type. Each major fund is presented in a separate column. Nonmajor funds are aggregated and presented in a single column. Fiduciary funds are reported by fund type.

The accounting and reporting treatment applied to a fund is determined by its measurement focus. All governmental fund types are accounted for using a flow of current financial resources measurement focus. The financial statements for governmental funds are a balance sheet, which generally includes only current assets and current liabilities and a statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances, which reports on the changes in net total assets. Proprietary funds and fiduciary funds are reported using the economic resources measurement focus. The statement of cash flows provides information about how the District finances and meets the cash flow needs of its proprietary activities.

The District has the following funds:

I. Governmental Fund Types

(A) General Fund

The General Fund is the main operating fund of the District. It accounts for financial resources used for general types of operations. This is a budgeted fund, and any fund balances are considered as resources available for use. This is always a major fund of the District.

(B) Special Revenue (Grant) Fund

The Special Revenue (Grant) Fund accounts for proceeds of specific revenue sources (other than expendable trust funds 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 specified project periods as well as the 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.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

(C) Special Revenue (District Activity) Fund

The Special Revenue (District Activity) Fund accounts for funds collected at individual schools for operation costs of the schools or school district that allows for more flexibility in the expenditures of those funds.

(D) Special Revenue (Student Activity) Fund

Special Revenue (Student Activity) Fund accounts for activities of student groups and other types of activities requiring clearing accounts.

(E) Capital Project Funds

Capital Project Funds are used to account for financial resources to be used for the acquisition or construction of major capital facilities and equipment (other than those financed by Proprietary Fund).

SEEK Capital Outlay Fund

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

Building (FSPK) Fund

The Facility Support Program of Kentucky (FSPK) accounts for funds generated by the building tax levy that is 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. This is a major fund of the District.

Construction Fund

The Construction Fund accounts for proceeds from sale of bonds and other revenues to be used for authorized construction and/or remodeling. This is a major fund of the District.

(F) Debt Service Fund

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; and for the payment of interest on general obligation notes payable, as required by Kentucky Law. This is a major fund of the District.

II. Proprietary Funds (Enterprise Funds)

Food Service Fund

The School Food Service Fund is used to account for school food service activities, including the National School Lunch Program, which is conducted in cooperation with the U.S. Department of

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

Agriculture (USDA). Amounts have been recorded for in-kind contribution of commodities from the USDA. The Food Service Fund is a major fund.

The District applies all GASB pronouncements to proprietary funds.

Basis of Accounting

Basis of accounting determines when transactions are recorded in the financial records and reported on the financial statements. Government-wide financial statements are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting. Governmental funds use the modified accrual basis of accounting. Proprietary and fiduciary funds also use the accrual basis of accounting.

Revenues – Exchange and Non-exchange Transactions – Revenues resulting from exchange transactions, in which each party receives essentially equal value, is recorded on the accrual basis when the exchange takes place. On a modified accrual basis, revenues are recorded in the fiscal year in which the resources are measurable and available. Available means that the resources will be collected within the current fiscal year or are expected to be collected soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current fiscal year. For the District, available means expected to be received within sixty days of the fiscal year-end. Non-exchange transactions, in which the District receives value without directly giving equal value in return, include property taxes, grants, entitlements and donations. On an accrual basis, revenue from property taxes is recognized in the fiscal year for which the taxes are levied. Revenue from grants, entitlements and donations is recognized in the fiscal year in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied. Eligibility requirements include timing requirements, which specify the year when the resource are required to be used or the fiscal year when use is first permitted, matching requirements, in which the District must provide local resources to be used for a specified purpose, and expenditure requirements, in which the resources are provided to the District on a reimbursement basis. On a modified accrual basis, revenues from nonexchange transactions must also be available before it can be recognized.

Unearned revenue – Unearned revenue arises when assets are recognized before revenue recognition criteria have been satisfied.

Grants and entitlements received before the eligibility requirements are met are recorded as unearned revenue.

Expenses/Expenditures – On the accrual basis of accounting, expenses are recognized at the time they are incurred. The fair value of donated commodities used during the year is reported in the statement the revenues, expenses, and changes in net position as an expense with a like amount reported as donated commodities revenue. Unused donated commodities are reported as unearned revenue.

The measurement focus of governmental fund accounting is on 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.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

The District considers demand deposits, money market funds, and other investments with an original maturity of 90 days or less, to be cash equivalents.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

Investments

Investments are reported at fair value which is determined using selected bases. Short-term investments are stated at cost, which approximates fair value. Securities traded on a national or international exchange are valued at the last reported sales price at current exchange rates, and investments that do not have an established market are reported at estimated fair value. Cash deposits are reported at carrying value, which reasonably estimates fair value.

Inventories

Inventory consists of food purchased by the District and commodities granted by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). The commodities are recognized as revenues and expenditures by the Food Service Fund when consumed. Any material commodities on hand at year end are recorded as inventory. All purchased inventory items are valued at the lower of cost or market (first-in, first-out) using the consumption method and commodities assigned values are based on information provided by the USDA.

Prepaid Assets

Payments made that will benefit periods beyond the fiscal period end are recorded as prepaid items using the consumption method. A current asset for the prepaid amount is recorded at the time of the purchase and expenditure/expense is reported in the year in which services are consumed.

Capital Assets

General capital assets are those assets not specifically related to activities reported in the proprietary funds. These assets generally result from expenditures in the government funds. These assets are reported in the government activities column of the government-wide financial statement of net position but are not reported in the fund financial statements. Capital assets utilized by the proprietary funds are reported both in 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 retirements during the year. Donated fixed assets are recorded at their fair market values as of the date received. The District maintains a capitalization threshold of one thousand dollars with the exception of computers, digital cameras and real property for which there is no threshold. The District does not possess any infrastructure. Improvements are capitalized; the cost of, normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend an assets life are not.

Land and construction in progress are not depreciated. The other property, plant and equipment of the district are depreciated using the straight-line method over the following estimated useful lives:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Estimated Lives</u>
Buildings and improvements	25-50 years
Land improvements	20 years
Technology equipment	5 years
Vehicles	5-10 years
Audio-visual equipment	15 years
Food service equipment	10-12 years
Furniture and fixtures	7 years
Other	10 years

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

Accrued Liabilities and Long-Term Obligations

All payables, accrued liabilities and long-term obligations are reported in the government-wide financial statements, and all payables, accrued liabilities and long-term obligations payable from proprietary funds are reported on the proprietary fund financial statements.

In general, payables and accrued liabilities that will be paid from governmental funds are reported on the governmental fund financial statements regardless of whether they will be liquidated with current resources. However, claims and judgment, the non-current portion of capital leases, accumulated sick leave, contractually required pension and OPEB contributions and special termination benefits that will be paid from governmental funds are reported as a liability in the fund financial statements only to the extent that they will be paid with current, expendable, available financial resources. In general, payments made within sixty days after year-end are considered to have been made with current available financial resources. Bonds and other long-term obligations that will be paid from governmental funds are not recognized as a liability in the fund financial statements until due.

Accumulated Unpaid Sick Leave Benefits

Upon retirement from the school system, an employee will receive from the District an amount equal to 30% of the value of the accumulated sick leave.

Sick leave benefits are accrued as a liability using the termination payment method. An accrual for earned sick leave is made to the extent that it is probable that the benefits will result in termination payments. The liability is based on the School District's past experience of making termination payments.

Fund Balances

Fund balance is divided into five categories as defined by GASB 54 as follows:

Non-spendable	Permanently non-spendable by decree of the donor, such as an endowment, or funds that are not in a spendable form, such as prepaid expenses or inventory on hand.
Restricted	Legally restricted under legislation, bond authority, or grantor contract.
Committed	Commitments of future funds for specific purposes passed by the Board.
Assigned	Funds that are intended by management to be used for a specific purpose, including encumbrances.
Unassigned	Funds available for any purpose; unassigned amounts are reported only in the General Fund unless a fund has a deficit.

The Board has adopted a GASB 54 spending policy which states that the spending order of funds is to first use restricted, committed, and assigned resources first, then unassigned resources as they are needed.

Net Position

The Statement of Net Position presents the reporting entity's non-fiduciary assets and liabilities, the difference between the two being reported as Net Position. Net Position are reported in three categories:

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

1) net investment in capital assets – consisting of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by outstanding balances for debt related to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of the assets; 2) restricted net position – resulting from constraints placed on net position by creditors, grantors, contributors, and other external parties, including those constraints imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation adopted by the School District; 3) unrestricted net position – those assets that do not meet the definition of restricted net position or net investment in capital assets. It is the District’s policy to first apply restricted net position and then unrestricted net position when an expense is incurred for which both restricted and unrestricted net position are available.

Property Taxes

Property Tax Revenues – Property taxes are levied each September on the assessed value listed as of the prior January 1, for all 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.

The property tax rates assessed for the year ended June 30, 2024, to finance the General Fund operations were \$.548 per \$100 valuation of real property, \$.548 per \$100 valuation for business personal property and \$.464 per \$100 valuation for motor vehicles.

The District levies a utility gross receipts license tax in the amount of 3% of the gross receipts derived from the furnishings, within the county, of telephonic and telegraphic communications services, cablevision services, electric power, water, and natural, artificial and mixed gas.

Operating and Non-Operating Revenues and Expenses

Operating revenues are those revenues that are generated directly from the primary activity of the proprietary funds. For the School District, those revenues are primarily charges for meals provided by the various schools.

Non-operating revenues are not generated directly from the primary activity of the proprietary funds. For the School District those revenues come in the form of grants (federal and state), donated commodities, and earnings from investments.

In-Kind

Local contributions, which include contributed services provided by individuals, private organizations and local governments, are used to match federal and state administered funding on various grants. The amounts of such services and donated commodities are recorded in the accompanying financial statements at their estimated fair market values.

Contributions of Capital

Contributions of capital in proprietary fund financial statements arise from outside contributions of fixed assets, or from grants or outside contributions of resources restricted to capital acquisition and construction.

Interfund Receivables/Payables

On fund financial statements, receivables and payables resulting from short-term inter-fund loans are classified as “inter-fund receivables/payables”. These amounts are eliminated in the governmental and

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

business-type activities columns of the statements of net position, except for the net residual amounts due between governmental and business-type activities, which are presented as internal balances.

Interfund Transfers

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 and after non-operating revenues/expenses in proprietary funds. Repayments from funds responsible for particular expenditures/expenses to the funds that initially paid for them are not presented on the financial statements.

Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources

In addition to assets, the statement of net position includes a section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred outflows of resources, represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until the appropriate period. The District reports three types of deferred outflows – contributions to the CERS's pension and OPEB plans after the measurement period and the unrecognized portion of a deferred loss on the refinancing of long-term debt.

In addition to liabilities, the statement of net position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred inflows of resources, represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until the appropriate period. The District reports two types of deferred inflows related to the net difference projected and actual earnings on pension and OPEB plan investments.

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 Employees Retirement System Non-Hazardous ("CERS") and Teachers Retirement System of the State of Kentucky ("TRS") and additions to/deductions from fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by the pensions. For this purpose, benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value.

Other Postemployment Benefits (OPEB)

For purposes of measuring the liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB, and OPEB expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the Teachers' Retirement System of the State of Kentucky (TRS), and the County Retirement System of Kentucky (CERS), and additions to/deductions from TRS's/CERS's fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by TRS/CERS. For this purpose, benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value, except for money market investments and participating interest-earning investment contracts that have a maturity at the time of purchase of one year or less, which are reported at cost.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

Bond and Related Premiums, Discounts, and Issuance Costs

In the government-wide financial statements and in the proprietary fund financial statements, bond premiums and discounts are deferred and amortized over the life of the bonds using the straight line method. Bonds payable are reported net of the applicable bond premium or discount. Bond issuance costs are expensed when bonds are issued.

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

Estimates

The process of preparing financial statements in conformity accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires District's management to make estimates and assumptions that affect reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenues, expenditures, designated fund balances, and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Budgetary Process

The District prepares its budgets on the modified accrual basis of accounting, which is the same basis as used to prepare the Statements of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances – Governmental Funds.

Once the budget is approved, it can be amended. Amendments are presented to the Board at their regular meetings. Such amendments are made before the fact, are reflected in the official minutes of the Board, and are not made after fiscal year-end as dictated by law. Each budget is prepared and controlled by the budget coordinator at the revenue and expenditure function/object level. All budget appropriations lapse at year-end. The Kentucky Department of Education does not require the Capital Project Funds and Debt Service Funds to prepare budgets.

The District's Special Revenue Fund Expenditures exceeded budgeted appropriations by \$9,364,594.

New Accounting Pronouncements

GASB Statement No. 100- In June, 2022, the GASB issued Statement No. 100, *Accounting Changes and Error Corrections—An Amendment of GASB Statement No. 62*. The primary objective of this Statement is to enhance accounting and financial reporting requirements for accounting changes and error corrections to provide more understandable, reliable, relevant, consistent, and comparable information for making decisions or assessing accountability. The Statement is effective for accounting changes and error corrections made in fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2023, and all reporting periods thereafter.

There is no effect on current year financial statements for newly adopted accounting pronouncements.

Effective in Future Years:

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

The District is currently evaluating the potential impact of the following issued, but not yet effective, accounting standards:

GASB Statement No. 101- In June, 2022, the GASB issued Statement No. 101, *Compensated Absences*. The objective of this Statement is to better meet the information needs of financial statement users by updating the recognition and measurement guidance for compensated absences. The Statement is effective for reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2023, and all reporting periods thereafter.

GASB Statement No. 102- In December, 2023, the GASB issued Statement No. 101, *Certain Risk Disclosures*. The objectives of this Statement is to improve financial reporting by providing users of financial statements with essential information that currently is not often provided. The Statement is effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2024, and reporting periods thereafter.

GASB Statement No. 103- In April in 2024, GASB issued Statement No. 103, *Financial Reporting Model Improvements*. The objective of this Statement is to improve key components of the financial reporting model to enhance its effectiveness in providing information that is essential for decision making and assessing a government's accountability. This Statement is effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2025, and reporting periods thereafter.

NOTE B – CASH AND INVESTMENTS

Deposits and Investments

The Kentucky Revised Statutes authorize the District to invest money subject to its control in obligations of the United States; bonds or certificates of indebtedness of Kentucky and its agencies and instrumentalities; savings and loan associations insured by an agency of the United States up to the amount insured; and national or state banks chartered in Kentucky and insured by an agency of the United States providing such banks pledge as security obligations, as permitted by KRS 41.240(4), having a current quoted market value at least equal to uninsured deposits.

Risks and Uncertainties – the District's investments are exposed to various risks such as interest rate risk, credit risk, concentration of credit risk, and custodial credit risk. Due to the level or risk associated with certain investments, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in the values of the investment will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect the account balances and the amounts reported in the financial statements.

Interest Rate Risk- interest rate risk is the risk that changes in market interest rates will adversely affect the fair value of an investment. Generally, the longer the maturity of an investment, the greater the sensitivity of its fair value to changes in market interest rates. In accordance with the District's investment policy, the District manages its exposure to declines in fair values by structuring the investment portfolio so that securities mature concurrent with the anticipated cash requirements for ongoing operations and investing funds primarily in shorter-term securities or similar investment pools and limiting the average maturity of the portfolio.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

Investment Type	Investment maturities (in years)			
	Fair Value	Less than 1	1 to 5	6 to 10
Certificates of deposit	951,401	594,000	357,401	-
U.S. agency securities	2,154,592	-	2,154,592	-
Total investments	\$ 3,105,993	\$ 594,000	\$ 2,511,993	\$ -

Credit Risk – Credit risk is the risk that an issuer of an investment will not fulfill its obligation to the holder of the investment. Under Kentucky Revised Statutes Section 66.480, the District is authorized to invest in obligations of the United States and its agencies and instrumentalities, obligations and contracts for future delivery of purchase obligations backed by the full fair and credit of the United States or its agencies, obligations of any corporation of the United States government, certificates of deposit, commercial paper rated in one of the three highest categories by nationally recognized rating agencies and securities in mutual funds shall be eligible investments pursuant to this section. The District has no investment policy that would further limit its investment choices. The District’s investments consist of 69% U.S. agency securities with a moody rating of AAA. The remaining 31% is invested in certificates of deposit with no rating.

Concentration of Credit Risk – The concentration of credit risk is the risk of loss that may be caused by the District’s investment in a single issuer. The District places no limit on the amount the District may invest in any one issuer. The District’s investments consist of 31% certificates of deposit and 69% U.S. agency securities.

Custodial Credit Risk – Custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of the failure of the counterparty, the District will not be able to recover the value of its investments or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. The District’s deposit policy for custodial credit risk requires compliance with the provisions of state law. The District’s certificate of deposit investments are 100% FDIC insured and the balance of the investments are secured as US Government Bonds.

Fair Value Measurement – The District’s investments are measured and reported at fair value and classified according to the following hierarchy:

- Level 1 – Investments reflect prices quoted in active markets.
- Level 2 – Investments reflect prices that are based on a similar observable asset either directly or indirectly, which may include inputs in market that are not considered to be active.
- Level 3 – Investments reflect prices based upon unobservable sources.

As of June 30, 2024, the District’s investments totaling \$3,105,993 were measured as follows:

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Investment Type	Fair Value Measurements			
	Fair Value	Level I	Level II	Level III
Debt Securities				
Certificates of deposit	\$ 951,401	\$ 951,401	\$ -	\$ -
U.S. agency securities	2,154,592	-	2,154,592	-
Total investments by fair value level	\$ 3,105,993	\$ 951,401	\$ 2,154,592	\$ -

Cash and Cash Equivalents

The Kentucky Revised Statutes authorize the District to invest money subject to its control in obligations of the United States; bonds or certificates of indebtedness of Kentucky and its agencies and instrumentalities; savings and loan associations insured by an agency of the United States up to the amount insured; and national or state banks chartered in Kentucky and insured by an agency of the United States providing such banks pledge as security obligations, as permitted by KRS 41.240(4), having a current quoted market value at least equal to uninsured deposits.

At year end the District’s bank balances were collateralized by securities held by the pledging bank’s trust department in the District’s name and FDIC insurance. At year end, the carrying amount of the District’s cash and cash equivalents was \$15,743,626. The bank balance for the same time was \$17,853,689.

Due to the nature of the accounts and certain limitations imposed on the use of funds, each bank account within the following funds is considered to be restricted: SEEK Capital Outlay Fund, Facility Support Program (FSPK/Building) Fund, Special Revenue (Grant) Fund, Debt Service Fund, School Construction Fund, School Food Service Fund, and School Activity Fund.

NOTE C – CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital asset activity for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, was as follows:

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<u>Governmental Activities</u>	<u>July 1, 2023</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deductions</u>	<u>June 30, 2024</u>
Land	\$ 2,026,472	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,026,472
Land improvements	1,301,811	-	-	1,301,811
Buildings	79,536,297	6,620,194	-	86,156,490
Technology equipment	4,387,840	-	-	4,387,840
Vehicles	13,120,111	4,204,413	6,411,615	10,912,909
General equipment	1,468,837	-	-	1,468,837
Construction in progress	<u>8,537,697</u>	<u>7,966,733</u>	<u>6,620,194</u>	<u>9,884,236</u>
Total at historical cost	\$ <u>110,379,065</u>	\$ <u>18,791,340</u>	\$ <u>13,031,809</u>	\$ <u>116,138,596</u>
Less: Accumulated depreciation				
Land improvements	\$ 1,219,979	\$ 37,990	\$ -	\$ 1,257,968
Buildings	33,412,010	1,781,019	-	35,193,030
Technology equipment	4,243,781	40,210	-	4,283,991
Vehicles	8,878,652	990,786	6,024,786	3,844,652
General equipment	<u>806,595</u>	<u>82,673</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>889,268</u>
Total accumulated depreciation	\$ <u>48,561,018</u>	\$ <u>2,932,678</u>	\$ <u>6,024,786</u>	\$ <u>45,468,909</u>
Finance Purchases				
General equipment	\$ 461,064	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 461,064
Less: Accumulated depreciation	<u>(254,855)</u>	<u>(148,200)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(403,055)</u>
	\$ <u>206,209</u>	\$ <u>(148,200)</u>	\$ <u>-</u>	\$ <u>58,009</u>
Right-of-Use Asset				
Leased equipment	\$ 277,106	\$ 184,420	\$ 174,433	\$ 287,093
Less: Accumulated amortization	<u>(206,227)</u>	<u>(36,265)</u>	<u>(174,433)</u>	<u>(68,059)</u>
Right-of-Use Asset-net	\$ <u>70,879</u>	\$ <u>148,155</u>	\$ <u>-</u>	\$ <u>219,034</u>
Governmental Activities				
Capital Assets-net	\$ <u>62,095,135</u>	\$ <u>15,858,617</u>	\$ <u>7,007,023</u>	\$ <u>70,946,729</u>
<u>Business-Type Activities</u>	<u>July 1, 2023</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deductions</u>	<u>June 30, 2024</u>
Technology equipment	\$ 77,540	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 77,540
Vehicles	110,896	-	-	110,896
General equipment	<u>1,019,749</u>	<u>75,807</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,095,556</u>
Total at historical cost	\$ <u>1,208,185</u>	\$ <u>75,807</u>	\$ <u>-</u>	\$ <u>1,283,992</u>
Less: Accumulated depreciation				
Technology equipment	77,540	-	-	77,540
Vehicles	110,896	-	-	110,896
General equipment	<u>897,329</u>	<u>27,113</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>924,443</u>
Total accumulated depreciation	\$ <u>1,085,766</u>	\$ <u>27,113</u>	\$ <u>-</u>	\$ <u>1,112,879</u>
Business-Type Activities				
Capital Assets-net	\$ <u>122,419</u>	\$ <u>48,694</u>	\$ <u>-</u>	\$ <u>171,113</u>

Depreciation expense was not allocated to governmental functions. It appears on the statement of activities as “unallocated”.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

NOTE D – LONG TERM DEBT OBLIGATIONS

Bonds

The amount shown in the accompanying financial statements as bonded debt and lease obligations represent the District’s future obligations to make payments relating to the bonds issued by the Harlan County School District Finance Corporation.

The District, through the General Fund (including utility taxes), Building (FSPK) Fund, and the SEEK Capital Outlay Fund is obligated to make lease payments in amounts sufficient to satisfy debt service requirements on bonds issued by the Harlan County School District Finance Corporation to construct school facilities. The District has an option to purchase the property under lease at any time by retiring the bonds then outstanding.

The bonds payable are collateralized by education facilities constructed by the District with bond proceeds. Bondholders are protected against default by a mechanism whereby the Commonwealth of Kentucky would withhold state SEEK payments and remit required debt service payments directly to the debt service paying agent. All bonds are subject to federal arbitrage regulations.

The original amount of outstanding issues, the issue dates, interest rates, maturity dates, and outstanding balances, at June 30, 2024, are summarized below:

<u>Bond Issue</u>	<u>Original Amount</u>	<u>Maturity Dates</u>	<u>Interest Rates</u>	<u>2023</u>			<u>2024</u>
				<u>Outstanding Balance</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Retirements</u>	<u>Outstanding Balance</u>
2012R	2,990,000	6/1/2024	.90 - 2.0%	\$ 320,000	\$ -	\$ 320,000	\$ -
2015R	26,635,000	8/1/2026	2.0 - 3.0%	10,665,000	-	2,480,000	8,185,000
2016R	4,225,000	8/1/2030	2-2.5%	3,095,000	-	190,000	2,905,000
2012B R	1,955,000	12/1/2024	1.0 - 2.125%	335,000	-	220,000	115,000
2012 Second Series	1,145,000	8/1/2032	1.0 - 3.0%	630,000	-	55,000	575,000
2019	3,920,000	5/1/2029	3.0-3.125%	3,560,000	-	115,000	3,445,000
2020	6,080,000	2/1/2040	2-2.375%	5,460,000	-	215,000	5,245,000
2020R	2,135,000	6/1/2031	1.7-1.8%	2,045,000	-	25,000	2,020,000
2021R	2,440,000	4/1/2033	1.75-2.05%	2,385,000	-	25,000	2,360,000
2023	2,880,000	11/1/2036	4.25-4.5%	-	2,880,000	-	2,880,000
				\$28,495,000	\$2,880,000	\$ 3,645,000	\$ 27,730,000
Add:	Premium			107,974	-	(27,242)	80,732
Less:	Discount			(128,847)	(43,463)	12,729	(159,581)
Totals				\$28,474,127	\$2,836,537	\$ 3,630,487	\$ 27,651,151

The District has entered into “participation agreements” with the Kentucky School Facility Construction Commission. The Kentucky Legislature, for the purpose of assisting local school districts in meeting school construction needs, created the Commission. The table following sets forth the amount to be paid by the District and the Commission for each year until maturity of all bond issues.

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The bonds may be called prior to maturity at dates and redemption premiums specified in each issue. Assuming no issues are called prior to maturity, the minimum obligations of the District, including amounts to be paid by the Commission, at June 30, 2024, for debt service, (principal and interest) are as follows:

Fiscal Year Ended	Principal		Interest		Total	
	Local	SFCC	Local	SFCC	Principal	Interest
	30-Jun					
2025	\$ 1,807,924	\$ 1,587,076	\$ 513,734	\$ 190,997	\$ 3,395,000	\$ 704,731
2026	1,890,654	1,639,346	459,537	146,772	3,530,000	606,309
2027	1,940,486	1,384,514	402,881	105,681	3,325,000	508,561
2028	1,553,797	456,203	365,120	82,244	2,010,000	447,364
2029	1,588,465	316,535	332,566	74,012	1,905,000	406,579
2030-2034	6,462,906	1,467,094	1,137,588	267,690	7,930,000	1,405,278
2035-2039	3,890,144	1,294,856	331,034	123,344	5,185,000	454,378
2040	172,561	277,439	4,098	6,589	450,000	10,688
	<u>\$ 19,306,937</u>	<u>\$ 8,423,063</u>	<u>\$ 3,546,558</u>	<u>\$ 997,329</u>	<u>\$ 27,730,000</u>	<u>\$ 4,543,887</u>

Finance Purchases

The following is an analysis of the financed property under finance purchases by class:

Finance Purchases	Original Amount	Maturity Dates	Interest Rates	2023			2024
				Outstanding Balance	Additions	Retirements	Outstanding Balance
2018 Kista	465,306	3/1/2028	2-3%	231,645	-	47,322	184,323
Food Service	16,768	4/1/2028	2%	16,208	-	3,226	12,982
Evarts-Kyocera 004i,7003i,308ci,liiuci	45,830	5/30/2026	2%	34,030	-	11,120	22,910
Rosspoint Modular	398,466	6/18/2024	2%	139,241	-	139,241	-
Totals				<u>\$ 421,124</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 200,909</u>	<u>\$ 220,215</u>

The following is a schedule by years of the future minimum payments under finance purchases together with the present value of the net minimum payments as of June 30, 2024:

Fiscal Year Ended	Principal	Interest	Total
30-Jun	Local	Local	Payments
2025	\$ 63,195	\$ 6,218	\$ 69,413
2026	65,042	4,467	69,509
2027	45,628	2,664	48,292
2028	46,350	1,330	47,680
	<u>\$ 220,215</u>	<u>\$ 14,679</u>	<u>\$ 234,894</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

Total minimum payments	\$	234,894
Less: Amount representing interest		<u>(14,679)</u>
Present Value of Net Minimum Payments	\$	<u>220,215</u>

In order to secure the payment of all of the Board's obligations under a KISTA Lease, the Board grants to KISTA a security interest constituting a first lien on the Equipment and on all additions, attachments, accessories, and substitutions thereto, and on all proceeds therefrom. In the Event of Default, title to the Equipment shall immediately vest in KISTA, and the Board will immediately surrender possession of the Equipment to KISTA or to KISTA's order; by the execution of this Lease the Board agrees upon demand by KISTA or the Second Trustee, and without order of court, to execute a bill of sale or such other instrument as may be required in favor of KISTA or the Second Trustee in order to permit liquidation of the equipment in an Event of Default by the Board.

Intangible Right-of-Use Assets

The following is an analysis of the operating leases under right-of-use assets by class as of June 30, 2024:

<u>Operating Leases (ROU)</u>	<u>Original Amount</u>	<u>Maturity Dates</u>	<u>Interest Rates</u>	<u>2023</u>			<u>2024</u>
				<u>Outstanding Balance</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Retirements</u>	<u>Outstanding Balance</u>
Dpp copier	\$ 7,887	11/1/2025	2%-3%	\$ 3,772	\$ -	\$ 1,595	\$ 2,177
Cawood copiers	26,449	7/31/2027	2%-3%	-	26,449	6,810	19,639
Cumberland	77,291	9/6/2024	2%-3%	18,249	-	18,249	-
Evarts	49,409	9/27/2023	2%-3%	-	-	-	-
High School	74,507	7/31/2026	2%-3%	-	74,507	25,329	49,178
Jaces	37,065	3/5/2025	2%-3%	12,747	-	7,597	5,150
Tech Dept	7,991	8/22/2024	2%-3%	1,797	-	1,657	140
Title 1	12,298	3/25/2023	2%-3%	-	-	-	-
Wallins	23,769	3/22/2024	2%-3%	-	-	-	-
Finance copiers	11,047	2/5/2025	2%-3%	3,612	-	2,268	1,344
Title 1	11,693	5/15/2028	2%-3%	10,968	-	2,144	8,824
Wallins	29,282	4/15/2029	2%-3%	-	29,282	6,091	23,191
Black Mountain	\$ 37,414	8/11/2028	2%-3%	-	37,414	7,782	2632
Totals				\$ 51,145	\$ 167,652	\$ 79,522	\$ 139,275

The following is a schedule by years of the future minimum payments for the Right-of-Use assets together with the present value of the net minimum payments as of June 30, 2024:

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Fiscal Year Ended 30-Jun	Principal Local	Interest Local	Total Payments
2025	\$ 54,030	\$ 2,661	\$ 56,691
2026	47,232	1,671	48,903
2027	22,286	737	23,023
2028	15,727	486	16,213
	\$ 139,275	\$ 5,555	\$ 144,830

Accumulated Sick Leave

Upon retirement from the school system, an employee will receive from the District an amount equal to 30% of the value of accumulated sick leave. The activity during the fiscal year 2024 for accumulated sick leave is as follows:

	2023 <u>Outstanding Balance</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Retirements</u>	2024 <u>Outstanding Balance</u>
Sick Leave	\$ 384,291	\$ 17,428	\$ -	\$ 401,719

Workers Compensation Liability

The District participates in a self-insurance plan for worker's compensation. The District provides coverage up to the retention factor of \$450,000 per occurrence. Claims in excess of that amount are covered 100% by an outside insurer for workers' compensation claims. The activity during fiscal year 2024 for workers compensation liability is as follows:

	2023 <u>Outstanding Balance</u>	Claims & Changes <u>In Estimates Additions</u>	Claim <u>Payments Retirements</u>	2024 <u>Outstanding Balance</u>
Workers Compensation Liability	\$ 863,321	\$ 31,674	\$ 204,489	\$ 690,506

Net Pension & OPEB Liability

The net pension liability is \$14,973,741 for governmental activities and \$776,734 for business-type activities for a total of \$15,750,475 as of June 30, 2024. (See Note E for additional information) The net OPEB liability is \$5,196,000 for governmental activities and \$0 for business-type activities for a total of \$5,196,000 as of June 30, 2024. (See Note F for additional information)

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

A summary of activity in bond obligations and other debts is as follows:

Description	2023 Outstanding Balance	Additions	Retirements	2024 Outstanding Balance	Amount Due in One Year
Bonds, Net of Premium and Discount	\$ 28,474,127	\$ 2,836,537	3,630,487	\$ 27,651,151	\$ 3,395,000
Finance Purchases	421,124		200,909	220,215	69,413
Right-of-Use Asset	51,145	167,652	79,522	139,275	56,691
Sick Leave	384,291	17,428		401,719	-
Workers Compensation Liability	863,321	31,674	204,489	690,506	-
Net Pension Liability	15,750,475			15,750,475	-
Net OPEB Liability	5,196,000			5,196,000	-
Totals	\$ 51,140,483	\$ 3,053,291	\$ 4,115,407	\$ 50,049,341	\$ 3,521,104

NOTE E – RETIREMENT PLANS

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

Teachers Retirement System Kentucky (TRS)

Retirement Annuity Trust

Plan description

Teaching-certified employees of the Kentucky School District are provided pensions through the Teachers’ Retirement System of the State of Kentucky—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 state. TRS was created by the 1938 General Assembly and is governed by Chapter 161 Section 220 through Chapter 161 Section 990 of the Kentucky Revised Statutes (KRS). TRS is a blended component unit of the Commonwealth of Kentucky and therefore is included in the Commonwealth’s financial statements. TRS issues a publicly available financial report that can be obtained at <http://www.trs.ky.gov/financial-reports-information>.

Benefits provisions

For Members before July 1, 2008: Members become vested when they complete five years of credited service. To qualify for monthly benefits, payable for life, members must either:

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

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

Non-university members receive monthly payments equal to 2% (service prior to July 1, 1983) and 2.5% (service after July 1, 1983) of their final average salaries for each year of credited service. Non-university members who became members on or 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 is less than 10 years. New members after July 1, 2002, who retire with 10 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 10 years. In addition, non-university members who retire July 1, 2004, and later with more than 30 years of service will have a multiplier for all years over 30 of 3%.

The final average salary is the member's five highest annual salaries except members at least age 55 with 27 or more years of service may use their three highest annual salaries. For all members, the annual allowance is reduced by 5% per year from the earlier of age 60 or the date the member would have completed 27 years of service. The minimum annual service allowance for all members is \$440 multiplied by credited service.

For Members On or After July 1, 2008: Members become vested when they complete five years of credited service. To qualify for monthly retirement benefits, payable for life, members must either:

1. Attain age 60 and complete 5 years of Kentucky service, or
2. Complete 27 years of Kentucky service, or
3. Attain age 55 and complete 10 years of Kentucky service.

The annual retirement allowance for non-university members is equal to : (a) 1.7% of final average salary for each year of credited service if their service is 10 years or less; (b) 2% of final average salary for each year of credited service if their service is greater than 10 years but no more than 20 years; (c) 2.3% of final average salary for each year of credited service if their service is greater than 20 years but no more than 26 years; (d) 2.5% of final average salary for each year of credited service if their service is greater than 26 years but no more than 30 years; (e) 3% of final average salary for years of credited service greater than 30 years.

The final average salary is the member's five highest annual salaries except members at least age 55 with 27 or more years of service may use their three highest annual salaries. For all members, the annual allowance is reduced by 6% per year from the earlier of age 60 or the date the member would have completed 27 years of service.

For Members on and after January 1, 2022:

Condition for Retirement Attainment of age 57 and 10 years of service or attainment of age 65
And 5 years of service.

Amount of Allowance

Foundational Benefit The annual foundational benefit for members is equal to service times
A multiplier times final average salary.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

Age	Years of Service							
	5-9.99		10-19.99		20-29.99		30 or More	
57-60	-	%	1.70	%	1.95	%	2.20	%
61	-	%	1.74	%	1.99	%	2.24	%
62	-	%	1.78	%	2.03	%	2.28	%
63	-	%	1.82	%	2.07	%	2.32	%
64	-	%	1.86	%	2.11	%	2.36	%
65 and over	1.90	%	1.90	%	2.15	%	2.40	%

The annual foundational benefit is reduced by 6% per year from the Earlier of age 60 on the date the member would have completed 30 Years of service.

Supplemental Benefit The annual supplemental benefit is equal to the account balance which Includes member and employer contributions and interest credited Annually on June 30. Options include annuitizing the balance or receiving The balance as a lump sum either at the time of retirement or at a later date.

Disability Retirement Allowance
Condition for Allowance Totally and permanently incapable of being employed as a teacher and Under age 60 but after completing 5 years of service

Amount of Allowance The disability allowance is equal to the greater of the service retirement Allowance or 60% of the member's final average salary. The disability Allowance is payable over an entitlement period equal to 25% of the service Credited to the member at the date of the disability or 5 years, whichever is Longer. After the disability entitlement period has expired and if the Member remains disabled, he will be retired under service retirement. The Service retirement allowance will be computed with service credit given For the period of disability retirement. The allowance will not be less than \$6,000 per year. The service retirement allowance will not be reduced for Commencement of the allowance before age 60 or the completion of 27 Years of service.

Benefits Payable on Separation
From Service Any member who ceases to be in service is entitled to receive his Contributions with allowable interest. A member who has completed 5 Years of creditable service and leaves his contributions with the System May be continued in the membership of the System after separation from Service, and file application for service retirement after the attainment of Age 60.

Life Insurance A separate Life Insurance fund has been created as June 30, 2000 to pay Benefits on behalf of deceased TRS active and retired members.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

Death Benefits

A surviving spouse of an active member with less than 10 years of service May elect to receive an annual allowance of \$2,880 except that if income From other sources exceeds \$6,600 per year the annual allowance will be \$2,160.

A surviving spouse of an active member with 10 or more years of service May elect to receive an allowance which is the actuarial equivalent of the Allowance the deceased member would have received upon retirement. The allowance will commence on the date the deceased member would have Been eligible for service retirement and will be payable during the life of The spouse.

If the deceased member is survived by unmarried children under age 18 the following schedule of annual allowances applies:

Number of Children	Annual Allowance
1	\$ 2,400
2	\$ 4,080
3	\$ 4,800
4 or more	\$ 5,280

The allowances are payable until a child attains age 18, or age 23 if a Full-time student.

If the member has no eligible survivor, a refund of his accumulated Contributions is payable to his estate.

Options

In lieu of the regular Option 1, a retirement allowance payable in the Form of a life annuity with refundable balance, any member before Retirement may elect to receive a reduced allowance which is actuarially Equivalent to the full allowance, in one of the following forms:

Option 2. A single life annuity payable during the member's lifetime with Payments for 10 years certain.

Option 3. At the death of the member his allowance is continued throughout The life of the beneficiary.

Option 3(a). At the death of the beneficiary designated by the member Under Option 3, the member's benefit will revert to what would have been paid had he not selected an option.

Option 4. At the death of the member one half of his allowance is Continued throughout the life of the beneficiary.

Option 4(a). At the death of the beneficiary designated by the member Under Option 4, the member's benefit will revert to what would have been Paid had he not selected an option.

Post-Retirement Adjustments

The retirement allowance of each retired member and of each beneficiary

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

Shall be increased by 1.5% each July 1.

Member Contributions

Members before 1/1/2022

9.105% of salary to the Retirement System.

Members on and after 1/1/2022

9% of salary to the Retirement System and an additional 2% of salary to the Supplemental benefit account. Employers also contributes 2%.

Contributions

Contribution rates are established by Kentucky Revised Statutes (KRS). Employees are required to contribute 9.105% of their salaries to the system. Members after January 1, 2022 contribute 7.00% of salary to the system. The state, as a non-employer contributing entity, pays matching contributions in the amount of 13.105% of salaries for local school district employees hired before July 1, 2008 and 14.105% for those who joined thereafter. Contributions for local school district 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, Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to TRS

The District did not report a liability for the District's proportionate share of the net pension liability, pension expense, and deferred inflows and outflows of resources because the Commonwealth of Kentucky provides the pension support directly to TRS on behalf of the District. The net pension liability that was associated with the District follows.

State's proportionate share of the TRS net pension

liability associated with the District

\$ 69,005,460

The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2023, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2022. The District's proportion of the net pension liability 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. The District's proportion was 0.405000%.

Actuarial Methods and Assumptions

A summary of the actuarial assumptions of the latest actuarial valuation follows.

Valuation Date	June 30, 2022
Prior Measurement Date	June 30, 2022
Measurement Date	June 30, 2023
Reporting Date	June 30, 2024
Actuarial Cost Method	Entry age
Inflation Rate	2.5%
Single Equivalent Interest Rate Prior	7.10%
Single Equivalent Interest Rate at	
Measurement Date	7.10%

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

Municipal Bond Index Rate Prior	3.37%
Municipal Bond Index Rate at Measurement Date	3.66%
Projected Salary Increase	3.0-7.5%, including inflation
Long-Term Expected Rate of Return	7.10

Mortality rates were 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.

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

Target Allocations

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

A summary of the target allocation and best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class, as provided by TRS's investment consultant, follows.

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Long-Term Expected Rates of Return
Large Cap US Equity	35.4 %	5.0 %
Small Cap Equity	2.6 %	5.5 %
Developed International Equity	15.7 %	5.5 %
Emerging Markets Equity	5.3 %	6.1 %
Fixed Income	15.0 %	1.9 %
High Yield Bonds	5.0 %	3.8 %
Other Additional Categories	5.0 %	3.6 %
Real Estate	7.0 %	3.20 %
Private Equity	7.0 %	8.0 %
Cash	2.0 %	1.6 %
Total	<u>100 %</u>	

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Discount Rate

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability as of the Measurement Date was 7.10%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that plan member contributions will be made at the current contribution rates and the employer contributions will be made at the Actuarially Determined Contribution (ADC) rates for all future fiscal years. Based on those assumptions, the pension plan’s fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

The following table presents the net pension liability of the Commonwealth associated with the District, calculated using the discount rate of 7.10%, as well as what the Commonwealth’s net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (6.10%) or 1-percentage-point higher (8.10%) than the current rate:

	1% Decrease	Current Discount Rate	1% Increase
	6.10%	7.10%	8.10%
State's proportionate share of net pension liability	\$ 88,664,278	\$ 69,005,460	\$ 52,626,243

Pension plan fiduciary net position

Detailed information about the pension plan’s fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued TRS financial report which is publicly available at <http://www.TRS.ky.gov/>.

County Employees Retirement System

Non-Hazardous

Plan description

Substantially all full-time classified employees of the District participate in the County Employees Retirement System (“CERS”). CERS is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan administered by the Kentucky General Assembly and overseen by the Kentucky Public Pensions Authority (KPPA). The plan covers substantially all regular full-time members employed in non-hazardous duty positions of the school board. The plan provides for retirement, disability and death benefits to plan members. Retirement benefits may be extended to beneficiaries of plan members under certain circumstances.

CERS issues a publicly available financial report included in the Kentucky Retirement Systems Annual Report that includes financial statements and the required supplementary information for CERS. That report may be obtained by writing to Kentucky Retirement Systems, Perimeter Park West, 1260 Louisville Road, Frankfort, Kentucky, 40601, or by calling (502) 564-4646 or at <https://kyret.ky.gov>.

Benefits provided

Benefits under the plan will vary based on final compensation, years of service and other factors as fully described in the plan documents.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

Contributions

Funding for CERS:

Tier I plan is provided by members, who contribute 5.00% of their creditable compensation.

Tier II plan members hired after September 1, 2008 contribute 6.00% of their creditable compensation. Further, 1% of these contributions are deposited to an account created for the payment of health insurance benefits.

Tier III plan members, who began participating on or after January 1, 2014, are required to contribute to the Cash Balance Plan. That plan is known as a hybrid plan because it has characteristics of both a defined benefit plan and a defined contribution plan. Employee contributions to the plan are the same as the Tier II contributions. Tier III member accounts are also credited with an employer pay credit in the amount of 4% of the member's creditable compensation.

For the year ending June 30, 2023, employers were required to contribute 26.95% of the member's salary, 22.78% pension and 4.17% for insurance. The District contributed \$1,627,640 to the CERS pension plan. The contribution requirements of CERS are established and may be amended by the CERS Board of Trustees.

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

At June 30, 2023, the District reported a liability for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2023 on an actuarial valuation as of that date. The District's proportion of the net pension liability, \$15,750,475 was based on contributions to CERS during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023. The District's proportion was 0.245468%.

Deferred Inflows and Outflows of Resources, and Pension Expense included in the Schedule of Pension Amounts include only certain categories of deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources. These include differences between expected and actual experience, changes of assumptions and differences between projected and actual earnings on plan investments. The Schedule of Pension Amounts does not include deferred outflow/inflows of resources for changes in the employer's proportionate share of contribution or employer contributions made subsequent to the measurement date. The net pension liability as of June 30, 2024, is based on the June 30, 2023, actuarial valuation rolled forward. Deferred outflows and inflows related to differences between projected and actual earnings on plan investments are amortized over a closed five-year period.

The District recognized pension expense of \$73,632 and reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions as follows.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

Experience Study	July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2022
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 recognized
Amortization Method	Level Percent of Pay
Remaining Amortization Period	30-year closed period at June 30, 2019, Gains/losses incurring After 2019 will be amortized over separate closed 20-year Amortization bases
Asset Valuation Method	Actuarial value of assets is recognized
Mortality	System-specific mortality table based on mortality experience From 2013-2018, projected with the ultimate rates from MP2014
Phase-In Provision	Mortality improvement scale using a base year of 2019 Board certified rate is phased into the actuarially determined rate In accordance with HB 362 enacted in 2018
Inflation	2.30%
Payroll Growth Rate	2.0%
Salary Increase	3.30% to 10.30%, varies by service
Investment Rate of Return	6.25%
Phase-in Provision	HB 362 enacted in 2018

Discount rate

A single discount rate of 6.5% was used to measure the total pension liability. This single discount rate was based on the expected rate of return on pension plan investments.

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

The following presents the District’s proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 6.5%, 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 (5.5%) or 1-percentage-point higher (7.5%) than the current rate:

	1% Decrease	Current Discount Rate	1% Increase
	5.50%	6.50%	7.50%
District's proportionate share of net pension liability	\$ 19,885,926	\$ 15,750,475	\$ 12,313,760

The target allocation and best estimates of arithmetic real rate of return for each major asset class are summarized in the table below for CERS Pension and Insurance Funds:

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return
Equity		
Public Equity	50 %	5.9 %
Private Equity	10 %	11.73 %
Fixed Income		
Core Fixed Income	10 %	2.45 %
Specialty Credit	10 %	3.65 %
Cash	0 %	1.39 %
Inflation Protected		
Real Estate	7 %	4.99 %
Real Return	13 %	5.15 %

Expected Real Return is 5.75%. Long Term Inflation Assumption is 2.5%. Expected Nominal Return of Portfolio is 8.25%.

Pension plan fiduciary net position

Detailed information about the pension plan’s fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued CERS financial report which is publicly available at <https://kyret.ky.gov>.

Payables to the pension plan

There are no payables to CERS.

NOTE F – OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB)

The District’s employees participate in retirement systems of either TRS or CERS as described earlier. The following describes the other postemployment benefits for both systems.

TRS – General Information about the OPEB Plans

Health Insurance Trust (Medical Insurance Fund)

Plan description

In addition to the retirement annuity plan as described earlier, KRS 161.675 requires TRS to provide postemployment healthcare benefits to eligible members and dependents. The TRS Health Insurance Trust is funded by employer and member contributions. Changes made to the medical plans provided through the trust may be made by the TRS Board of Trustees, the Kentucky Department of Employee Insurance and the General Assembly.

Medical coverage through TRS is funded by a combination of contributions from employees, the state and other employers. Coverage is provided through an account established pursuant to 26 U.S.C. sec. 401(h) and 115 trust fund that went into effect on July 1, 2010. The insurance trust fund includes employer and retired member contributions required under KRS 161.550 and KRS 161.675(4) (b).

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

Benefits provided

To be eligible for medical benefits, the member must have retired either for service or disability and a required amount of service credit. The TRS medical plan offers members who are not eligible for Medicare and under age 65 coverage through the Kentucky Employees Health Plan (KEHP) administered by the Kentucky Department of Employee Insurance. Once retired members and eligible spouses attain age 65 and are eligible for Medicare, coverage is obtained through the TRS Medicare Eligible Health Plan (MEHP) administered by TRS.

Contributions

Contributions are made on behalf of TRS retired members toward payment of health insurance premiums. The amount of the member's contribution is based on a table approved by the TRS board. Retired members pay premiums in excess of the monthly contribution. The Commonwealth of Kentucky bears risk for excess claims expenses that exceed the premium equivalents charged for the KEHP. The member postemployment medical contribution is 3.75% of salary. The employer postemployment medical contribution is 0.75% of member salaries.

Effective July 1, 2010, retirees under the age of 65 began a three-year phase-in of the Shared Responsibility Contribution. Effective July 1, 2012, the full Shared Responsibility Contribution equals the Standard Medicare Part B premium paid by retirees ages 65 and older.

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

The District reported a liability of \$5,196,000 for its proportionate share of the collective net OPEB liability (NOL). The collective net OPEB liability was valued as of June 30, 2022, and the total OPEB liability used to calculate the net OPEB liability was based on a projection of the District's long-term share of contributions to the OPEB plan relative to the projected contributions of all participating employers, actuarially determined. The District's proportion was .213317%.

The amount recognized by the District as its proportionate share of the OPEB liability, the related State support, and the total portion of the net OPEB liability that was associated with the District as follows:

District's proportionate share of TRS net OPEB liability	\$	5,196,000
State's proportionate share of the TRS net OPEB liability associated with the District		<u>4,379,000</u>
	\$	<u>9,575,000</u>

The District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEBs from the following.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

	<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>
Differences between expected and actual		
experience	\$ -	\$ 1,761,000
Changes of assumptions	1,181,000	-
Net difference between projected and actual		
earnings on pension plan investments	97,000	-
Changes in proportion and differences		
between District contributions and proportionate		
share of contributions	1,620,000	2,265,000
District contributions subsequent to the		
measurement date	<u>404,647</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>\$ 3,302,647</u>	<u>\$ 4,026,000</u>

The \$404,647 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from District contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the collective net OPEB liability for the year. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB will be recognized in the District's OPEB expense as follows:

	<u>Year Ended June 30,</u>
Year 1	\$ (387,000)
Year 2	(324,000)
Year 3	25,000
Year 4	(24,000)
Year 5	(197,000)
Thereafter	<u>(221,000)</u>
	<u>\$ (1,128,000)</u>

Actuarial Methods and Assumptions

A summary of the actuarial assumptions as of the latest actuarial valuation follows.

Actuarial Cost Method	Entry age normal
Valuation Date	June 30, 2022
Discount Rate	7.10%
Amortization Period	Level percentage of payroll
Amortization Method	21 years, closed

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

Asset Valuation Method	Market Value of Assets
Price Inflation	2.5%
Real Wage Growth	2.75%
Wage Inflation	2.75%
Salary Increase	7.5%, 1 year of service to 3.0%, greater than 17 years of service
Health Care Cost Trends	
Medical	6.75% at June 30, 2023, decreasing to an ultimate rate of 4.5% by June 30, 2034
Medicare Part B	1.55% at June 30, 2023 with an ultimate rate of 4.5% by June 30, 2034

Mortality rates were based on the Teachers Mortality Table, and set forward two years for males and multiplied by 102%. Rates for females are set forward 2 years and multiplied by 101%. Disabled male members are set forward 1 year and multiplied by 96%. Rates for female members are set back 2 years and multiplied by 94%.

Target Allocations

The long-term expected rate of return on OPEB investments was determined using a log-normal distribution analysis in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation.

The target allocation and best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class, as provided by TRS's investment consultant, are summarized in the following table:

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Long Term Expected Real Rate of Return
Large Cap US Equity	35.4 %	5.0 %
Small Cap US Equity	2.6 %	5.5 %
Developed International Equity	15.0 %	5.5 %
Emerging Markets Equity	5.0 %	6.1 %
Fixed Income	9.0 %	1.9 %
High Yield Bonds	8.0 %	3.8 %
Other Additional Categories	9.0 %	3.7 %
Real Estate	6.5 %	3.2 %
Private Equity	8.5 %	8.0 %
Cash	1.0 %	1.6 %
Total	100 %	

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

Discount Rate

The discount rate used to measure the TOL as of the measurement date was 7.10%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate was performed in accordance with GASB Statement No. 74. The projection's basis was an actuarial valuation performed as of June 30, 2022. In addition to actuarial methods and assumptions were used in the projection of cash flows:

- Total payroll for the initial projection year consists of the payroll of the active membership present on the valuation date. In subsequent projection years, total payroll was assumed to increase annually at a rate of 2.75%.
- The pre-65 retiree health care costs for members retired on or after July 1, 2010, were assumed to be paid by either the state or the retirees themselves.
- As administrative expenses, other than the administrative fee of \$8.00 per member per month (PMPM) paid to KEHP by TRS, were assumed to be paid in all years by the employer as they come due, they were not considered.
- Cash flows occur mid-year.
- Future contributions to the Health Insurance Trust were based upon the contribution rates defined in statute and the projected payroll of active employees. Per KRS 161.540(1)(c).3 and 161.550(5), when the health trust achieves a sufficient funded status, as determined by TRS's actuary, the following health trust statutory contributions are to be decreased, suspended, or eliminated:
 - Employee Contributions
 - Employer Contributions
 - State Contributions for KEHP premium subsidies payable to retirees who retire after June 30, 2010

To reflect these adjustments, open group projections were used and assumed an equal, pro rata reduction to the current statutory amount in the years if the health trust is projected to achieve a funded ratio of 100% or more. Here, the current statutory amounts are adjusted to achieve total contributions equal to the Actuarially Determined Contribution (ADC), as determined by the prior year's valuation and in accordance with the Health Trust's funding policy. As the specific methodology to be used for the adjustments has yet to be determined, there may be differences between the projected results and future experience. This may also include any changes to retiree contributions for KEHP coverage pursuant to KRS 161.675(4)(b).

- In developing the adjustments to the statutory contributions in future years the following was assumed:
 - Liabilities and cash flows are net of expected retiree contributions and any implicit subsidies attributable to coverage while participating in KEHP.
 - For the purposes of developing estimates for new entrants, active headcounts were assumed to remain flat for all future years.

Based on these assumptions, the Health Insurance Trust's fiduciary net position (FNP) was not projected to be depleted.

The following table presents the net OPEB liability of the District, calculated using the discount rate of 7.10%, and what the liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (6.10%) or 1-percentage-point higher (8.10%) than the current discount rate:

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

	1% Decrease	Current Discount Rate	1% Increase
	6.10%	7.10%	8.10%
District's proportionate share of net OPEB liability	\$ 6,683,000	\$ 5,196,000	\$ 3,967,000

The following presents the District's proportionate share of the collective net OPEB liability, as well as what it would be if it were calculated using healthcare cost trend rates that were 1-percentage-point lower or 1-percentage-point higher than the current healthcare cost trend rates:

	1% Decrease	Current Trend Rate	1% Increase
District's proportionate share of net OPEB liability	\$ 3,740,000	\$ 5,196,000	\$ 7,008,000

Life Insurance Trust

Plan description and benefits provided

TRS administers the Life Insurance Trust as provided by KRS 161.655 to provide life insurance benefits to retired and active members. The benefit is financed by actuarially determined contributions from the 207 participating employers. The benefit is \$5,000 for members who are retired for service or disability, and \$2,000 for active contribution members.

Note: Members employed on a substitute or part-time basis and working at least 69% of a full contract year in a single fiscal year will be eligible for a life insurance benefit for the balance of the fiscal year or the immediately succeeding fiscal year under certain conditions. For non-vested members employed on a substitute or part-time basis, the life insurance benefit is provided if death occurs as the result of a physical injury on the job. For vested members employed on a substitute or part-time basis, death does not have to be the result of a physical injury on the job for life insurance benefits to be provided.

Contributions

In order to fund the post-retirement life insurance benefit, three hundredths of one percent (.03%) of the gross annual payroll of members is contributed by the state.

Net OPEB Liability

The District did not report a liability for its proportionate share of the collective net OPEB liability for life insurance benefits because the State of Kentucky provides the OPEB support directly to TRS on behalf of the District as follows:

State's proportionate share of the TRS net OPEB liability associated with the District	\$ 108,000
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

Actuarial Assumptions

A summary of the actuarial assumptions as of the latest actuarial valuation is shown below.

Actuarial Cost Method	Entry age normal
Valuation Date	June 30, 2022
Discount Rate	7.10%
Amortization Period	Level percentage of payroll
Amortization Method	21 years, closed
Asset Valuation Method	Market Value of Assets
Price Inflation	2.5%
Real Wage Growth	2.75%
Wage Inflation	2.75%
Salary Increase	7.5%, 1 year of service to 3.0%, greater than 17 years of service
Health Care Cost Trends	
Medical	6.75% at June 30, 2023, decreasing to an ultimate rate of 4.5% by June 30, 2034
Medicare Part B	1.55% at June 30, 2023 with an ultimate rate of 4.5% by June 30, 2034

Mortality rates were based on the RP-2000 Combined Mortality Table projected to 2025 with projection scale BB, and set forward two years for males and one year for females is used for the period after service retirement and for dependent beneficiaries. The RP-2000 Disabled Mortality Table set forward two years for males and seven years for females is used for the period after disability retirement.

The demographic actuarial assumptions for retirement, disability incidence, withdrawal, rates of plan participation, and rates of plan election used in the June 30, 2019 valuation were based on the results of the most recent actuarial experience studies for the system, which covered the five year period ending June 30, 2015.

The remaining actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2019, valuation of the health trust were based on a review of recent plan experience done concurrently with the June 30, 2019, valuation. The health care cost trend rate assumption was updated for the June 30, 2019, valuation and was shown as an assumption change in the total OPEB liability (TOL) roll forward while the change in initial per capital claims costs were included with experience in the TOL roll forward.

The Municipal Bond Index Rate used for this purpose is the June average of the Bond Buyer General Obligation 20 year Municipal Bond index pushed weekly by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

Target Allocations

The target allocation and best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class, as provided by TRS's investment consultant, are summarized in the following table.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

Asset Class	Target Allocation		Long Term Expected Real Rate of Return	
US Equity	40.0	%	5.2	%
Developed International Equity	15.0	%	5.5	%
Emerging Markets Equity	5.0	%	6.1	%
Fixed Income	21.0	%	1.9	%
Other Additional Categories	5.0	%	4.0	%
Real Estate	7.0	%	3.2	%
Private Equity	5.0	%	8.0	%
Cash	2.0	%	1.6	%
Total	100	%		

As the Life Trust investment policy is to change, the above reflects the pension allocation and returns that achieve the targeted 8.00% long-term rate of return.

Discount Rate

The discount rate used to measure the total OPEB liability (TOL) as of the measurement date was 7.1%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate was performed in accordance with GASB Statement No. 74. The projection’s basis was an actuarial valuation performed as of June 30, 2021. In addition to actuarial methods and assumptions of the June 30, 2021, actuarial valuation, the following actuarial methods and assumptions were used in the projection of the life insurance cash flows:

- Total payroll for the initial projection year consists of the payroll of the active membership present on the valuation date. In subsequent projection years, total payroll was assumed to increase annually at a rate of 2.75%.
- The employer will contribute the actuarially determined contribution (ADC) in accordance with the Life Insurance Trust’s funding policy determined by a valuation performed on a date two years prior to the beginning of the fiscal year in which the ADC applies.
- As administrative expenses were assumed to be paid in all years by the employer as they come due, they were not considered.
- Active employees do not explicitly contribute to the plan.
- Cash flows occur mid-year.

Based on these assumptions, the Life Insurance Trust’s fiduciary net position (FNP) was not projected to be depleted.

Revenue or Expenses for TRS OPEB plans

For the year ended June 30, 2023, the District recognized OPEB revenue in the amount of \$606,312 for support provided on-behalf of the State.

CERS – General Information about the OPEB Plans

Employees' Health Plan

Plan description

The Insurance Fund was established to provide hospital and medical insurance for eligible members receiving benefits. CERS Non-hazardous Insurance Plan is a cost-sharing multiple employer defined benefit Other Postemployment Benefits (OPEB) plan. The plan covers all regular full-time members employed in non-hazardous duty positions of the school board. OPEB may be extended to beneficiaries of plan members under certain circumstances.

Benefits provided

The Plan provides hospital and medical insurance for eligible members receiving benefits. The Insurance Fund will pay the cost of insurance premium for participating members prior to July 1, 2003 greater than 4 years of service, 25%, greater than 10 years of service, 50%, greater than 15 years of service, 75%, and greater than 20 years of service, 100%. For participating members after July 1, 2003 the benefit paid by the Insurance Fund is based on years of service the dollar amount per year of service is \$13.99 to be applied to the current cost premium.

Contributions

Requirements for medical benefits are a portion of the actuarially determined rates of covered payroll, as disclosed above. Current employees pay 1% toward the insurance fund.

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

The District reported an asset of \$338,897 for its proportionate share of the collective net OPEB liability which is .245459%.

Deferred Inflows and Outflows of Resources, and OPEB Expense included in the Schedules of OPEB Amounts include only certain categories of deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources. These include differences between expected and actual experience, changes of assumptions and differences between projected and actual earnings on plan investments. The Schedules of OPEB Amounts do not include deferred outflow/inflows of resources for changes in the employer's proportionate share of contributions or employer contributions made subsequent to the measurement date. The total OPEB liability, net OPEB liability (NOL), and sensitivity information are 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 ended June 30, 2023, using generally accepted actuarial principles.

For the year ended June 30, 2023, the District recognized OPEB revenue of \$883,476. The District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEBs from the following sources.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

	<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 236,263	\$ 4,812,001
Changes of assumptions	666,926	464,780
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	634,233	712,884
Changes in proportion and differences between District contributions and proportionate share of contributions	364,852	72,109
District contributions subsequent to the measurement date	<u>210,541</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>\$ 2,112,815</u>	<u>\$ 6,061,774</u>

The \$210,541 (includes \$110,692 Implicit Subsidy) reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from District contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the collective net OPEB liability for the following year. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB will be recognized in the District's OPEB expense as follows.

	<u>Year Ended June 30,</u>
Year 1	\$ (1,036,900)
Year 2	(1,277,689)
Year 3	(956,105)
Year 4	<u>(888,806)</u>
	<u>\$ (4,159,500)</u>

Implicit Employer Subsidy for non-Medicare retirees- The fully-insured premiums KRS pays 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. GASB 74 and 75 requires that the liability associated with this implicit subsidy be included in the calculation of the total OPEB liability.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

Changes of Benefit Terms

None

Actuarial Methods and Assumptions to Determine the Total OPEB Liability and the Net OPEB Liability

For financial reporting, the actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2023, was performed by Gabriel Roeder Smith (GRA). The total OPEB liability, net OPEB liability, and sensitivity information, were based on an actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2021. The total OPEB liability was rolled-forward from the valuation to the plan's fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, using the generally accepted actuarial principles.

The following actuarial assumptions were used in performing the actuarial valuation:

Valuation Date	June 30, 2021
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 recognized
Amortization Method	Level Percent of Pay
Amortization Period	30-year closed period at June 30, 2019, Gains/losses incurring After 2019 will be amortized over separate closed 20-year Amortization bases
Mortality	System-specific mortality table based on mortality experience From 2013-2018, projected with the ultimate rates from MP2014 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
Inflation	2.30%
Payroll Growth Rate	2.0%
Salary Increase	3.30% to 10.30%, varies by service
Investment Rate of Return	6.25%
Mortality	System-specific mortality table based on mortality experience From 2013-2018, projected with the ultimate rates from MP-2014 Mortality improvement scale using a base year of 2019.
Healthcare Trend Rates	
Pre-65	Initial trend starting at 6.3% at January 1, 2023, gradually Decreasing to an ultimate trend rate of 4.05% over a period of 13 Years. The 2022 premiums were known at the time of the Valuation and were incorporated into the liability measurement.
Post-65	Initial trend starting at 6.3% at January 1, 2023, gradually Decreasing to an ultimate trend rate of 4.05% over a period of 13 Years. The 2022 premiums were known at the time of the Valuation and were incorporated into the liability measurement.

Senate Bill 209 passed in the 2022 legislative session increased the insurance dollar contribution for members hired on or after July 1, 2003 by \$5 for each year of service each member attains over certain thresholds, depending on a member's retirement eligibility requirement. This increase in the insurance dollar contribution does not increase by 1.5% annually and is only payable for non-Medicare retirees.

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Additionally, it is only payable when the member’s applicable insurance fund is at least 90% funded. The increase is first payable January 1, 2023. House Bill 506 adjusted the minimum required separation period before a retiree may become reemployed and continue to receive their retirement allowance from three months to one month under all circumstances.

Discount rate

Single discount rates of 5.93% were used to measure the total OPEB liability as of June 30, 2023. The single discount rates are based on the expected rate of return on OPEB plan investments of 6.5%, and a municipal bond rate of 3.86%, as reported in Fidelity Index’s “20 Year Municipal GO AA Index” as of June 30, 2023. Based on the stated assumptions and the projection of cash flows as of each fiscal year ending, the plan’s fiduciary net position on future contributions were projected to be 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 actuarial determined contributions, and any cost associated with the implicit subsidy will not be paid out of the plans 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

The following table presents the Net OPEB Liability calculated using the discount rate of 5.93%, as well as what the District’s net OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (4.93%) or 1-percentage-point higher (6.93%) than the current rate:

	1% Decrease	Current Discount Rate	1% Increase
	4.93%	5.93%	6.93%
District's proportionate share of net OPEB liability	\$ 635,980	\$ (338,897)	\$ (1,155,238)

Health Care Trend Rate Sensitivity

The following presents the health care sensitivity rate of the District’s proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 5.93%, 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 (4.93%) or 1-percentage-point higher (6.93%) than the current rate:

	1% Decrease	Current Trend Rate	1% Increase
District's proportionate share of net OPEB liability	\$ (1,086,224)	\$ (338,897)	\$ 579,124

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

OPEB plan fiduciary net position

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

NOTE G – COMMITMENTS

The District has commitments for construction projects of \$2,594,383.06 as of June 30, 2024. In addition, the District has made a commitment for sick leave in the general fund of \$200,859.61 and \$500,000 for Self-Insurance claims.

NOTE H – RESTRICTED FUND BALANCES

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Purpose</u>
Construction	\$ 2,610,815	Future Construction
FSPK	2,426,538	School Facilities Construction Commission Requirement
Student Activity	400,104	Student Activity
District Activity	8,485	School Activity
Food Service	\$ 1,049,084	School Food Service Operations

NOTE I – CONTINGENCIES

The District receives funding from Federal, State and Local governmental agencies and private contributions. These funds are to be used for designated purposes only. For government agency grants, if the grantor’s review indicates that the funds have not been used for the intended purpose, the grantors may request a refund of monies advanced or refuse to reimburse the District for its disbursements. The amount of such future refunds and un-reimbursed disbursements, if any, is not expected to be significant. Continuation of the District’s grant programs is predicated upon the grantors’ satisfaction the funds provided are being spent as intended and the grantors’ intent to continue their program.

NOTE J - LITIGATION

The District is self-insured for workers compensation and is subject to various legal actions in different stages of litigation in relation to this. During the audit period pending litigation was defended by the District’s insurance carrier, Liberty Mutual, limiting the District’s financial liability in relation to these claims to a deductible owed to the insurance carrier not yet determined but anticipated to be immaterial. As of June 30, 2024, the District’s risk of financial exposure relating to active litigation(s) not yet ruled on is low.

NOTE K – INSURANCE AND RELATED ACTIVITIES

The District is exposed to various forms of loss of assets associated with the risks of fire, personal liability, theft, vehicular accidents, errors and omissions, fiduciary responsibility, illegal acts, etc. Each of these risk areas is covered through the purchase of commercial insurance. The District has purchased certain policies.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

NOTE L – DEFICIT FUND AND OPERATING BALANCES

The following funds had a deficit change in fund balance/net position and/or deficit fund balance/net position:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Change in Net Position/ Net Change in Fund Balance</u>	<u>Fund Balance/ Net Position</u>
School Food Services	(104,692)	-
District Activity	\$ (520)	-

NOTE M – COBRA

Under COBRA, employers are mandated to notify terminated employees of available continuing insurance coverage. Failure to comply with this requirement may put the school district at risk for a substantial loss (contingency).

NOTE N – TRANSFER OF FUNDS

The following transfers were made during fiscal year 2024:

<u>Type</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Operations	General Fund	Special Revenue Fund	Community Ed	\$ 135,622
Construction	General Fund	Construction Fund	Construction	1,970,234
Construction	Special Revenue	Construction Fund	Construction	5,618,568
Debt Service	General Fund	Debt Service Fund	Debt Payments	222,669
Debt Service	Capital Outlay Fund	Debt Service Fund	Debt Payments	324,496
Debt Service	Building Fund	Debt Service Fund	Debt Payments	1,695,901
Operations	Special Revenue Fund	General Fund	Indirect Costs	752,180
Operations	Food Service Fund	General Fund	Indirect Costs	\$ 242,445

NOTE O – ON-BEHALF PAYMENTS

For fiscal year 2024, the Commonwealth of Kentucky contributed estimated payments on behalf of the District as follows:

SEE SCHEDULE NEXT PAGE

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

<u>Plan/Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Kentucky Teachers Retirement System (GASB 68 & 75)	\$ -
Health Insurance	5,226,335
Life Insurance	7,531
Administrative Fee	60,352
HRA/Dental/Vision	281,925
Federal Reimbursement	(1,496,436)
Technology	125,659
KSITA Capital Lease Payments	-
SFCC Debt Service Payments	<u>2,134,102</u>
Total	\$ <u><u>6,339,468</u></u>

These amounts are included in the financial statements as state revenue and an expense allocated to the different functions in the same proportion as full-time employees.

NOTE P- SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

The District has evaluated subsequent events through November 15, 2024, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

HARLAN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
SCHEDULE OF THE DISTRICT'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET PENSION LIABILITY
CERS and TRS

For the year ended June 30, 2024

	Reporting Fiscal Year (Measurement Date) 2024 (2023)	Reporting Fiscal Year (Measurement Date) 2023 (2022)	Reporting Fiscal Year (Measurement Date) 2022 (2021)	Reporting Fiscal Year (Measurement Date) 2021 (2020)	Reporting Fiscal Year (Measurement Date) 2020 (2019)	Reporting Fiscal Year (Measurement Date) 2019 (2018)	Reporting Fiscal Year (Measurement Date) 2018 (2017)	Reporting Fiscal Year (Measurement Date) 2017 (2016)	Reporting Fiscal Year (Measurement Date) 2016 (2015)
COUNTY EMPLOYEE'S RETIREMENT SYSTEM (CERS):									
Districts' proportion of the net pension liability	0.245468%	0.234162%	0.215960%	0.221435%	0.22591%	0.22708%	0.23100%	0.235920%	0.24140%
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 15,750,475	\$ 16,927,603	\$ 13,769,144	\$ 16,983,881	\$ 15,888,421	\$ 13,829,681	\$ 13,520,848	\$ 11,615,978	\$ 10,443,302
State's proportionate share of the net pension liability associated with the District	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	\$ 15,750,475	\$ 16,927,603	\$ 13,769,144	\$ 16,983,881	\$ 15,888,421	\$ 13,829,681	\$ 13,520,848	\$ 11,615,978	\$ 10,443,302
District's covered-employee payroll	\$ 6,480,768	\$ 6,480,699	\$ 4,938,247	\$ 5,672,001	\$ 5,699,300	\$ 5,631,180	\$ 5,627,919	\$ 5,711,804	\$ 5,528,321
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	243.03%	261.20%	278.83%	299.43%	278.78%	245.59%	240.25%	203.37%	188.91%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	57.48%	52.42%	57.33%	47.81%	50.54%	53.54%	53.30%	59.00%	59.97%
KENTUCKY TEACHER'S RETIREMENT SYSTEM (TRS):									
State's proportion of the net pension liability	0.2455%	0.4153%	0.4226%	0.4227%	0.430%	0.440%	0.458%	0.454%	0.457%
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
State's proportionate share of the net pension liability associated with the District	69,005,460	70,363,724	54,999,050	59,902,160	57,726,962	57,669,901	123,534,828	133,984,475	106,334,109
Total	\$ 69,005,460	\$ 70,363,724	\$ 54,999,050	\$ 59,902,160	\$ 57,726,962	\$ 57,669,901	\$ 123,534,828	\$ 133,984,475	\$ 106,334,109
District's covered-employee payroll	\$ 18,551,048	\$ 18,551,048	\$ 16,818,071	\$ 16,599,383	\$ 16,672,673	\$ 16,503,511	\$ 17,226,254	\$ 17,201,367	\$ 16,830,584
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	0.000%	0.000%	0.000%	0.000%	0.000%	0.000%	0.000%	0.000%	0.000%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	57.68%	56.41%	65.59%	58.27%	58.80%	59.30%	39.80%	35.22%	42.29%

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HARLAN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION - SCHEDULE OF CONTRIBUTIONS
CERS and TRS
For the year ended June 30, 2024

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
COUNTY EMPLOYEE'S RETIREMENT SYSTEM (CERS):									
Contractually required contribution	\$ 1,627,640	\$ 1,837,585	\$ 1,677,748	\$ 1,118,974	\$ 1,285,803	\$ 1,165,930	\$ 1,029,296	\$ 1,065,710	\$ 974,431
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contributions	<u>1,627,640</u>	<u>1,837,585</u>	<u>1,677,748</u>	<u>1,118,974</u>	<u>1,285,803</u>	<u>1,165,930</u>	<u>1,029,296</u>	<u>1,065,710</u>	<u>974,431</u>
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>							
District's covered-employee payroll	\$ 7,286,992	\$ 6,480,768	\$ 6,480,699	\$ 4,938,247	\$ 5,672,001	\$ 5,699,300	\$ 5,631,180	\$ 5,627,919	\$ 5,711,804
District's contributions as a percentage of it's covered-employee payroll	22.34%	28.35%	25.89%	22.66%	22.67%	20.46%	18.28%	18.94%	17.06%
KENTUCKY TEACHER'S RETIREMENT SYSTEM (TRS):									
Contractually required contribution	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contributions	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>							
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>							
District's covered-employee payroll	\$ 18,601,554	\$ 18,551,048	\$ 18,551,048	\$ 16,818,071	\$ 16,599,383	\$ 16,672,673	\$ 16,503,511	\$ 17,226,254	\$ 17,201,367
District's contributions as a percentage of it's covered-employee payroll	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%

Note: Schedule is intended to show information for the last 10 fiscal years. Additional years will be displayed as they become available. Amounts presented for each fiscal is determined as of June 30.

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HARLAN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION - PENSIONS

For the year ended June 30, 2024

Teachers Retirement System (TRS)

Retirement Annuity Trust

Changes of Benefit Terms

A new benefit tier was added for members joining the System on and after January 1, 2022. A description of the benefit provisions applicable to these members can be found in Schedule D of the 2023 Actuary Report of the TRS.

Changes of assumptions

In 2014, the calculation of the Single Equivalent Interest Rate (SEIR) resulted in an assumption change from 5.16% to 5.23%.

In 2015, the calculation of the Single Equivalent Interest Rate (SEIR) resulted in an assumption change from 5.23% to 4.88%.

In the 2016 valuation, rates of withdrawal, retirement, disability and mortality were adjusted to more closely reflect actual experience. In the 2016 valuation, the Assumed Salary Scale, Price Inflation, and Wage Inflation were adjusted to reflect a decrease. In addition, the calculation of the Single Equivalent Interest Rate (SEIR) resulted in an assumption change from 4.88% to 4.20%.

In 2017, the calculation of the Single Equivalent Interest Rate (SEIR) resulted in an assumption change from 4.20% to 4.49%.

In 2018, the calculation of the Single Equivalent Interest Rate (SEIR) resulted in an assumption change from 4.49% to 7.50%.

In the 2020 experience study, rates of withdrawal, retirement, disability, mortality, and rates of salary increases were adjusted to reflect actual experience more closely. The expectation of mortality was changed to the Pub2010 Mortality Tables (Teachers Benefit-Weighted) 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 actives. The assumed long-term investment rate of return was changed from 7.50 percent to 7.10 percent and the price inflation assumption was lowered from 3.00 percent to 2.50 percent. In addition, the calculation of the SEIR results in an assumption change from 7.50% to 7.10%.

Actuarial Methods and Assumptions

The actuarially determined contribution rates in the Schedule of Employer Contributions are calculated as of June 30 on the three years prior to the end of the fiscal year in which contributions are reported. The following actuarial methods and assumptions were used to determine contribution rates reported in the most recent year of that schedule.

HARLAN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION - PENSIONS

For the year ended June 30, 2024

A summary of the actuarial assumptions of the latest actuarial valuation follows.

Valuation Date	June 30, 2022
Actuarial Cost Method	Entry age
Inflation Rate	2.5%
Single Equivalent Interest Rate	7.10%
Municipal Bond Index Rate	3.66%
Projected Salary Increase	3.0-7.5%, including inflation
Investment Rate of Return	7.10%, net of pension plan investment expense, including inflation.

HARLAN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION - PENSIONS
 For the year ended June 30, 2024

County Employee Retirement System (CERS)

Non-Hazardous

Changes of Benefit Terms

None.

Changes of assumptions

None.

Actuarial Methods and Assumptions

Based on the actuarial valuation report, the actuarial methods and assumptions used to calculate the contribution rates are as follows.

Valuation Date	June 30, 2021
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 recognized
Amortization Method	Level Percent of Pay
Amortization Period	30-year closed period at June 30, 2019, Gains/losses incurring After 2019 will be amortized over separate closed 20-year Amortization bases
Mortality	System-specific mortality table based on mortality experience From 2013-2018, projected with the ultimate rates from MP2014 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
Inflation	2.30%
Payroll Growth Rate	2.0%
Salary Increase	3.30% to 10.30%, varies by service
Investment Rate of Return	6.25%

HARLAN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
SCHEDULE OF THE DISTRICT'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET OPEB LIABILITY
MEDICAL AND LIFE INSURANCE PLANS - TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM
Year ended June 30, 2024

	Reporting Fiscal Year (Measurement Date) 2024 (2023)	Reporting Fiscal Year (Measurement Date) 2023 (2022)	Reporting Fiscal Year (Measurement Date) 2022 (2021)	Reporting Fiscal Year (Measurement Date) 2021 (2020)	Reporting Fiscal Year (Measurement Date) 2020 (2019)	Reporting Fiscal Year (Measurement Date) 2019 (2018)	Reporting Fiscal Year (Measurement Date) 2018 (2017)
MEDICAL INSURANCE PLAN							
District's proportion of the collective net OPEB liability (asset)	0.213317%	0.301525%	0.226351%	0.227735%	0.23060%	0.22841%	0.24268%
District's proportionate share of the collective net OPEB liability (asset)	\$ 5,196,000	\$ 7,485,000	\$ 4,857,000	\$ 5,747,000	\$ 6,749,000	\$ 7,925,000	\$ 8,653,000
State's proportionate share of the collective net OPEE liability (asset) associated with the District	<u>4,379,000</u>	<u>2,459,000</u>	<u>3,944,000</u>	<u>4,604,000</u>	<u>5,450,000</u>	<u>6,830,000</u>	<u>7,069,000</u>
Total	<u>\$ 9,575,000</u>	<u>\$ 9,944,000</u>	<u>\$ 8,801,000</u>	<u>\$ 10,351,000</u>	<u>\$ 12,199,000</u>	<u>\$ 14,755,000</u>	<u>\$ 15,722,000</u>
District's covered-employee payroll	\$ 18,551,048	\$ 18,551,048	\$ 16,818,071	\$ 16,599,383	\$ 16,672,673	\$ 16,503,511	\$ 17,226,254
District's proportionate share of the collective net OPEE liability (asset) as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	28.01%	40.35%	28.88%	34.62%	40.48%	48.02%	50.23%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total OPEB liability	52.97%	47.75%	39.05%	39.10%	32.60%	25.50%	21.20%
LIFE INSURANCE PLAN							
District's proportion of the collective net OPEB liability (asset)	0.00000%	0.00000%	0.00000%	0.00000%	0.00000%	0.00000%	0.00000%
District's proportionate share of the collective net OPEB liability (asset)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
State's proportionate share of the collective net OPEE liability (asset) associated with the District	<u>108,000</u>	<u>122,000</u>	<u>52,000</u>	<u>139,000</u>	<u>127,000</u>	<u>117,000</u>	<u>95,000</u>
Total	<u>\$ 108,000</u>	<u>\$ 122,000</u>	<u>\$ 52,000</u>	<u>\$ 139,000</u>	<u>\$ 127,000</u>	<u>\$ 117,000</u>	<u>\$ 95,000</u>
District's covered-employee payroll	\$ 18,551,048	\$ 18,551,048	\$ 16,818,071	\$ 16,599,383	\$ 16,672,673	\$ 16,503,511	\$ 17,226,254
District's proportionate share of the collective net OPEE liability (asset) as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total OPEB liability	76.91%	73.97%	71.57%	71.60%	73.40%	75.00%	80.00%

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HARLAN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION - SCHEDULE OF CONTRIBUTIONS
MEDICAL AND LIFE INSURANCE PLANS
TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM
Year ended June 30, 2024

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
MEDICAL INSURANCE PLAN							
Contractually required contribution	\$ 404,647	\$ 398,335	\$ 399,409	\$ 401,775	\$ 402,243	\$ 402,096	\$ 406,867
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	<u>404,647</u>	<u>398,335</u>	<u>399,409</u>	<u>401,775</u>	<u>402,243</u>	<u>402,096</u>	<u>406,867</u>
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>-</u>						
District's covered-employee payroll	\$ 18,601,554	\$ 18,551,048	\$ 18,551,048	\$ 16,818,071	\$ 16,599,383	\$ 16,672,673	\$ 16,503,511
District's contributions as a percentage of it's covered-employee payroll	2.18%	2.15%	2.15%	2.39%	2.42%	2.41%	2.47%
LIFE INSURANCE PLAN							
Contractually required contribution	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	<u>-</u>						
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>-</u>						
District's covered-employee payroll	\$ 18,601,554	\$ 18,551,048	\$ 18,551,048	\$ 16,818,071	\$ 16,599,383	\$ 16,672,673	\$ 16,503,511
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of it's covered-employee payroll	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%

Note: Schedule is intended to show information for the last 10 fiscal years. Additional years will be displayed as they become available. Amounts presented for each fiscal is determined as of June 30.

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HARLAN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
SCHEDULE OF THE DISTRICT'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET OPEB LIABILITY - HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN
COUNTY EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEM
Year ended June 30, 2024

	Reporting Fiscal Year (Measurement Date) 2024 (2023)	Reporting Fiscal Year (Measurement Date) 2023 (2022)	Reporting Fiscal Year (Measurement Date) 2022 (2021)	Reporting Fiscal Year (Measurement Date) 2021 (2020)	Reporting Fiscal Year (Measurement Date) 2020 (2019)	Reporting Fiscal Year (Measurement Date) 2019 (2018)	Reporting Fiscal Year (Measurement Date) 2018 (2017)
HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN							
District's proportion of the collective net OPEB liability (asset)	0.245459%	0.234121%	0.216636%	0.221371%	0.22587%	0.22707%	0.23100%
District's proportionate share of the collective net OPEB liability (asset)	\$ (338,897)	\$ 4,620,410	\$ 4,147,388	\$ 5,345,436	\$ 3,799,065	\$ 4,031,565	\$ 4,643,790
State's proportionate share of the collective net OPEB liability (asset) associated with the District	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	<u>\$ (338,897)</u>	<u>\$ 4,620,410</u>	<u>\$ 4,147,388</u>	<u>\$ 5,345,436</u>	<u>\$ 3,799,065</u>	<u>\$ 4,031,565</u>	<u>\$ 4,643,790</u>
District's covered-employee payroll	\$ 6,480,768	\$ 6,480,699	\$ 4,938,247	\$ 5,672,001	\$ 5,699,300	\$ 5,631,180	\$ 5,627,919
District's proportionate share of the collective net OPEB liability (asset) as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	-5.23%	71.29%	83.99%	94.24%	66.66%	71.59%	82.51%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total OPEB liability	104.23%	60.95%	62.91%	51.67%	60.44%	57.62%	13.00%

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HARLAN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION - SCHEDULE OF CONTRIBUTIONS - HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN
COUNTY EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEM
 Year ended June 30, 2024

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN							
Contractually required contribution	\$ 210,541	\$ 279,312	\$ 239,389	\$ 199,832	\$ 160,451	\$ 123,309	\$ 107,518
Contributions in relation to the contractually	<u>210,541</u>	<u>279,312</u>	<u>239,389</u>	<u>199,832</u>	<u>160,451</u>	<u>123,309</u>	<u>107,518</u>
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>-</u>						
District's covered-employee payroll	\$ 7,286,992	\$ 6,480,768	\$ 6,480,699	\$ 4,938,247	\$ 5,672,001	\$ 5,699,300	\$ 5,631,180
District's contributions as a percentage of it's covered-employee payroll	2.89%	4.31%	3.69%	4.05%	2.83%	2.16%	1.91%

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HARLAN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION-OPEB

For the year ended June 30, 2024

Teachers Retirement System (TRS)

Health Insurance Trust

Changes of Benefit Terms

A new benefit tier was added for members joining the System on and after January 1, 2022. A description of the benefit provisions applicable to these members can be found in the 2023 Actuary Report of the TRS.

Changes of Assumptions

None.

Actuarial Methods and Assumptions

The actuarially determined contribution rates in the Schedule of Employer Contributions are calculated as of June 30, 2019. The following actuarial methods and assumptions were used to determine contribution rates reported in the most recent year of the schedule.

Actuarial Cost Method	Entry age normal
Valuation Date	June 30, 2022
Discount Rate	7.10%
Amortization Period	Level percentage of payroll
Amortization Method	21 years, closed
Asset Valuation Method	Market Value of Assets
Price Inflation	2.5%
Real Wage Growth	2.75%
Wage Inflation	2.75%
Salary Increase	7.5%, 1 year of service to 3.0%, greater than 17 years of service
Health Care Cost Trends	
Medical	6.75% at June 30, 2023, decreasing to an ultimate rate of 4.5% by June 30, 2034
Medicare Part B	1.55% at June 30, 2023 with an ultimate rate of 4.5% by June 30, 2034

Life Insurance Trust

Changes of Benefit Terms

A new benefit tier was added for members joining the System on and after January 1, 2022. A description of the benefit provisions applicable to these members can be found in the 2023 Actuary Report of the TRS.

Changes of Assumptions

None.

Actuarial Methods and Assumptions

The following actuarial methods and assumptions were used to determine contribution rates reported in the most recent year of the schedule.

Actuarial Cost Method	Entry age normal
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HARLAN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION-OPEB

For the year ended June 30, 2024

Valuation Date	June 30, 2022
Discount Rate	7.10%
Amortization Period	Level percentage of payroll
Amortization Method	21 years, closed
Asset Valuation Method	Market Value of Assets
Price Inflation	2.5%
Real Wage Growth	2.75%
Wage Inflation	2.75%
Salary Increase	7.5%, 1 year of service to 3.0%, greater than 17 years of service
Health Care Cost Trends	
Medical	6.75% at June 30, 2023, decreasing to an ultimate rate of 4.5% by June 30, 2034
Medicare Part B	1.55% at June 30, 2023 with an ultimate rate of 4.5% by June 30, 2034

HARLAN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION-OPEB

For the year ended June 30, 2024

County Employee Retirement System (CERS)

Non-Hazardous

Changes of Benefit Terms

None

Changes of assumptions

None.

Actuarial Methods and Assumptions

Based on the actuarial valuation report, the actuarial methods and assumptions used to calculate the contribution rates are as follows.

Valuation Date	June 30, 2021
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 recognized
Amortization Method	Level Percent of Pay
Amortization Period	30-year closed period at June 30, 2019, Gains/losses incurring After 2019 will be amortized over separate closed 20-year Amortization bases
Mortality	System-specific mortality table based on mortality experience From 2013-2018, projected with the ultimate rates from MP2014 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
Inflation	2.30%
Payroll Growth Rate	2.0%
Salary Increase	3.30% to 10.30%, varies by service
Investment Rate of Return	6.25%
Mortality	System-specific mortality table based on mortality experience From 2013-2018, projected with the ultimate rates from MP-2014 Mortality improvement scale using a base year of 2019.
Healthcare Trend Rates	
Pre-65	Initial trend starting at 6.3% at January 1, 2023, gradually Decreasing to an ultimate trend rate of 4.05% over a period of 13 Years. The 2022 premiums were known at the time of the Valuation and were incorporated into the liability measurement.
Post-65	Initial trend starting at 6.3% at January 1, 2023, gradually Decreasing to an ultimate trend rate of 4.05% over a period of 13 Years. The 2022 premiums were known at the time of the Valuation and were incorporated into the liability measurement.

Harlan County School District
Combining Balance Sheet - Nonmajor Governmental Funds
 June 30, 2024

	Other Governmental Funds			
	Special Revenue Student Activity	Capital Outlay	Special Revenue District Activity	Total
Assets				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 401,652	\$ -	\$ 8,485	\$ 410,137
Receivables	2,360			2,360
Total assets	404,012	-	8,485	412,497
Liabilities				
Accounts payable	3,908			3,908
Total liabilities	\$ 3,908	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,908
Fund Balance				
Restricted	400,104		8,485	408,589
Total fund balance	400,104	-	8,485	408,589
Total liabilities & fund balance	\$ 404,012	\$ -	\$ 8,485	\$ 412,497

Harlan County School District
Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance - Nonmajor Governmental Funds
For the year ended June 30, 2024

	Other Governmental Funds			
	Special Revenue Student Activity	Capital Outlay	Special Revenue District Activity	Total
Revenues				
Intergovernmental - state	\$ -	\$ 324,496	\$ -	\$ 324,496
Student activities	1,349,405			1,349,405
Total revenues	1,349,405	324,496	-	1,673,901
Expenditures				
Instruction	1,338,366		520	1,338,886
Total expenditures	1,338,366	-	520	1,338,886
Excess (Deficit) of Revenues Over Expenditures	11,039	324,496	(520)	335,015
Other Financing Sources (Uses)				
Operating transfers (out)		(324,496)		(324,496)
Total other financing sources (uses)	-	(324,496)	-	(324,496)
Net change in Fund Balances	11,039	-	(520)	10,519
Fund Balance Beginning	389,065	-	9,005	398,070
Fund Balance Ending	\$ 400,104	\$ -	\$ 8,485	\$ 408,589

Harlan County School District
Combining Balance Sheet
School Activity Funds
June 30, 2024

SCHOOL ACTIVITY FUNDS

	<u>HARLAN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL</u>	<u>BLACK MTN ELEMENTARY</u>	<u>CAWOOD ELEMENTARY</u>	<u>CUMBERLAND ELEMENTARY</u>	<u>EVARTS ELEMENTARY</u>	<u>GREEN HILLS ELEMENTARY</u>	<u>JAMES A CAWOOD ELEMENTARY</u>	<u>ROSSPOINT ELEMENTARY</u>	<u>WALLINS ELEMENTARY</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>
ASSETS										
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 105,726	\$ 8,321	\$ 7,389	\$ 45,010	\$ 36,784	\$ 39,245	\$ 49,429	\$ 66,328	\$ 43,420	\$ 401,652
Accounts receivable				360	2,000					2,360
Total assets	<u>105,726</u>	<u>8,321</u>	<u>7,389</u>	<u>45,370</u>	<u>38,784</u>	<u>39,245</u>	<u>49,429</u>	<u>66,328</u>	<u>43,420</u>	<u>404,012</u>
LIABILITIES										
Accounts payable				388	2,720			800		3,908
Total liabilities	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>388</u>	<u>2,720</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>800</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,908</u>
FUND BALANCE										
School activities	<u>105,726</u>	<u>8,321</u>	<u>7,389</u>	<u>44,982</u>	<u>36,064</u>	<u>39,245</u>	<u>49,429</u>	<u>65,528</u>	<u>43,420</u>	<u>400,104</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE	<u>\$ 105,726</u>	<u>\$ 8,321</u>	<u>\$ 7,389</u>	<u>\$ 45,370</u>	<u>\$ 38,784</u>	<u>\$ 39,245</u>	<u>\$ 49,429</u>	<u>\$ 66,328</u>	<u>\$ 43,420</u>	<u>\$ 404,012</u>

Harlan County School District
Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Fund Balance - School Activity Funds
For the year ended June 30, 2024

SCHOOL ACTIVITY FUNDS										
	<u>HARLAN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL</u>	<u>BLACK MTN ELEMENTARY</u>	<u>CAWOOD ELEMENTARY</u>	<u>CUMBERLAND ELEMENTARY</u>	<u>EVARTS ELEMENTARY</u>	<u>GREEN HILLS ELEMENTARY</u>	<u>JAMES A CAWOOD ELEMENTARY</u>	<u>ROSSPOINT ELEMENTARY</u>	<u>WALLINS ELEMENTARY</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>
REVENUES										
Student revenues	\$ 693,389	\$ 83,957	\$ 56,662	\$ 109,188	\$ 111,869	\$ 43,794	\$ 74,624	\$ 91,301	\$ 84,621	\$ 1,349,405
EXPENSES										
Student activities	661,714	95,353	67,582	117,910	102,016	37,561	79,711	87,809	88,710	1,338,366
Excess (Deficit) of Revenues Over Expenses	31,675	(11,396)	(10,920)	(8,722)	9,853	6,233	(5,087)	3,492	(4,089)	11,039
Fund balance, beginning	<u>74,051</u>	<u>19,717</u>	<u>18,309</u>	<u>53,704</u>	<u>26,211</u>	<u>33,012</u>	<u>54,516</u>	<u>62,036</u>	<u>47,509</u>	<u>389,065</u>
Fund balance, ending	<u>\$ 105,726</u>	<u>\$ 8,321</u>	<u>\$ 7,389</u>	<u>\$ 44,982</u>	<u>\$ 36,064</u>	<u>\$ 39,245</u>	<u>\$ 49,429</u>	<u>\$ 65,528</u>	<u>\$ 43,420</u>	<u>\$ 400,104</u>

Harlan County School District
Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Fund Balance - Harlan County High School
For the year ended June 30, 2024

	FUND BALANCE BEGINNING	REVENUES	EXPENSES	TRANSFERS	FUND BALANCE ENDING
GENERAL FUND	\$ 2,384	\$ 21,879	\$ 21,087	\$ (1,000)	\$ 2,176
BLACK BEAR PHOTOGRAPHY	116		100		16
HCHS AMATEUR RADIO CLUB	8,360		5,548		2,812
CONTINGENCY	7		1		6
DUAL CREDIT COLLEGE TOURS	1,228		1,053		175
SCHOOL PICTURES	2,045	2,864	3,583		1,326
SENIOR PICTURES	24				24
1ST PRIORITY	34	4,516	3,690	850	1,710
GIRLS SOCCER	-	19,787	11,257		8,530
1ST PRIORITY AQUARIUM	-				-
PEP CLUB	451	779	499		731
COMMUNITY PROBLEM SOLVING	39		1		38
ECLRP TEAM	43				43
ANATOMY FUNDS	422				422
FISHING TEAM	-	2,639	2,779		-
SCHOOL CONCESSION	1		1	140	-
LETTERMAN JACKET	581	11,224	11,727		78
HARLAN COUNTY WRESTLING	5	1,413	978		440
TECHNOLOGY STUDENT ASSOC	1,411	13,566	12,923	(850)	1,204
TEACHER VENDING	55	8,127	8,028	(106)	48
ESPORTS	1,549	1,507	898		2,158
HOMELESS	-	750			750
BLACKBEAR CAFÉ	-	826	136		690
PARKING	256	2,699	2,410		545
ATHLETICS	113	127,077	110,801	1,610	17,999
DECA	299	215	482		32
CHEERLEADING	2,370	71,428	68,637		5,161
DANCE TEAM	4,505	13,417	15,092		2,830
FOOTBALL	5,345	57,637	60,139	430	3,273
GIRLS BASKETBALL	673	2,167	2,473		367
BOYS BASKETBALL	507	70,603	67,410		3,700
MIDDLE SCHOOL SOFTBALL	-	3,895	2,883		1,012
SOFTBALL	3,731	36,862	38,408	100	2,285
BASEBALL	2,037	21,663	23,419	100	381
GOLF	86	13,139	2,638		10,587
BOYS SOCCER	487	1,331	1,390		428
TENNIS	209	3,136	3,231		114
ARCHERY	273	80	250		103
VOLLEYBALL	332	20,801	17,658	144	3,619
ACADEMIC TEAM	80	1,476	514		1,042
ART CLUB	1,148		286		862
AP/SAT PLAN	116				116
HCHS FEEDER BAND	141				141
BAND	635	2,581	3,145		71
BETA CLUB	5,264	4,637	6,188		3,713
BLACK BEAR STORE	2,886	15,852	15,822		2,916
CROSS COUNTRY/TRACK	4,923	36,721	38,221		3,423
CHORUS	27	2,181	1,643		565
DRAMA CLUB	4,032	9,208	9,043		4,197
FBLA	5	333	154		184
FCCLA	291	322	120		493
FFA-FUTURE FARMERS	122	3,237	4,107	750	2
FFA-GREENHOUSE	1,683	7,936	6,891	(488)	2,240
FUTURE EDUCATORS	52				52
HOME EC/MCCORMICK	252	3,110	3,017		345
JROTC	688	12,199	12,175	(294)	418
LIBRARY	280	178	145	(65)	248
NATIONAL HONORS	827	3,366	3,164	(156)	873
GEAR UP	269	1,674	1,606		337
PEP CLUB	10				10
PROM	3,333	14,750	16,808	(1,230)	45
SPECIAL NEEDS	-	4,060	4,010		50
YEARBOOK	6,523	21,250	23,047	130	4,856
SPANISH CLASS	12				12
SPANISH HONOR SOCIETY	29	2,328	1,667		690
YOUTH SERVICE CENTER	343	10,074	8,443	(65)	1,909
GUIDANCE OFFICE FUND	100				100
TOTALS	\$ 74,051	\$ 693,500	\$ 661,826	\$ -	\$ 105,726

HARLAN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
Year ended June 30, 2024

Federal Grantor/ Pass-Through Grantor/ Program Title	Assistance Listing Number	Pass-Through Grantor's Number	Passed Through to Subrecipients	Program or Award Amount	Expenditures
US Department of Agriculture					
Passed Through State Department of Education					
School Breakfast Program	10.553				
Fiscal Year 23		7760005 23	-	\$ N/A	\$ 198,561
Fiscal Year 24		7760005 24	-	N/A	760,813
National School Lunch Program	10.555				
Fiscal Year 23		7750002 23	-	N/A	354,160
Fiscal Year 24		7750002 24	-	N/A	1,418,735
Fiscal Year 23		9980000 23	-	N/A	107,990
Fruit & Vegetable Program	10.582				
Fiscal Year 23		7720012 23	-	N/A	10,012
Fiscal Year 24		7720012 24	-	N/A	91,323
Child Nutrition Cluster Subtotal					<u>2,941,594</u>
Summer Food Program	10.559				
Fiscal Year 23		7740023 23	-	N/A	32,755
Fiscal Year 24		7740023 24	-	N/A	3,369
					<u>36,123</u>
Child & Adult Care Food Program	10.558				
Fiscal Year 23		7790021 23	-	N/A	1,954
Fiscal Year 24		7790021 24	-	N/A	13,440
Fiscal Year 23		7800016 23	-	N/A	36
Fiscal Year 24		7800016 24	-	N/A	614
					<u>16,044</u>
State Administrative Grant for Nutrition	10.560				
Fiscal Year 22		7700001 23	-	N/A	21,205.44
Passed Through State Department of Agriculture					
Food Donation-Commodities	10.565				
Fiscal Year 23		510.4950	-	N/A	123,091
Total US Department of Agriculture					<u>3,138,057</u>
US Department of Education					
Passed Through State Department of Education					
Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies	84.010A				
Fiscal Year 22		3100002 21	-	30,157	3,900
Fiscal Year 23		3100002 22	-	2,947,191	1,425,241
Fiscal Year 24		3100002 23	-	3,205,592	2,425,045
					<u>3,854,186</u>
* Special Education Grants to States	84.027A				
Fiscal Year 23		3810002 22	-	1,081,835	199,685
Fiscal Year 24		3810002 23	-	1,150,526	989,222
* Special Education - Preschool Grants	84.173A				
Fiscal Year 22		3800002 21	-	97,445	154
Fiscal Year 23		3800002 22	-	99,258	16,222
Fiscal Year 24		3800002 23	-	100,290	100,290
Special Education Cluster Subtotal					<u>1,305,573</u>
Vocation Education - Basic Grants to States	84.048				
Fiscal Year 23		3710002 22	-	73,327	7,846
Fiscal Year 24			-	85,970	84,403
					<u>92,249</u>
Rural Education	84.358B				
Fiscal Year 22		3140002 21	-	83,592	19,060
Fiscal Year 23				100,872	85,751
					<u>19,060</u>
Improving Teacher Quality State Grants	84.367A				
Fiscal Year 23		3230002 22	-	266,728	267,583
					<u>267,583</u>
Title IV Part A	84.424				
Fiscal Year 23		3420002 22	-	230,000	49,383
Fiscal Year 24		3420002 23	-	233,057	171,632
					<u>49,383</u>

See the accompanying notes to the schedule of expenditures of federal awards.

HARLAN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
Year Ended June 30, 2024

Federal Grantor/ Pass-Through Grantor/ Program Title	Assistance Listing Number	Pass-Through Grantor's Number	Passed Through to Subrecipients	Program or Award Amount	Expenditures
* COVID-19- ESSER FY21 ESSER Funds II	84.425D				
		4200002 21	-	10,197,496	3,186,612
* COVID-19- ARP ESSER FY21 ARP ESSER Funds	84.425U				
		4300002 21	-	21,984,227	12,405,277
FY23 Kentucky Virtual Library Reimbursement		4300003-21	-	N/A	4,152
FY23-24 Digital Learning Coaches		4300005-21	-	N/A	1,415
Post-School Predictor Implementation Project		4300005-21	-	300,000	140,822
Educational Cooperative ARP ESSER Deeper Learning		563J	-	53,202	19,460
* COVID-19- ARP Homeless Children and Youth Fiscal Year 22 Phase II	84.425W				
		4980002-21	-	314,660	226,763
Educational Stabilization Fund					<u>15,984,501</u>
Office of Innovation and Improvement Full Service Community Schools	84.215J				
		518KJ	-	N/A	70,380
Passed Through Berea College					
* GEAR UP	84.334A				
Fiscal Year 22		379I	-	1,101	1,101
Fiscal Year 23		379J	-	622,750	232,502
Fiscal Year 24		379K	-	622,750	597,976
					<u>831,579</u>
Total US Department of Education					<u>22,474,494</u>
US Department of Defense					
Passed directly from the US Department of the Army					
ROTC	12.000				
Fiscal Year 23		Direct	-	N/A	71,401
Total US Department of the Army					<u>71,401</u>
Total Expenditure of Federal Awards					<u>\$ 25,683,952</u>

* Major program

770,518.57

HARLAN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
NOTES TO THE SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
Year ended June 30, 2024

NOTE A – BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards includes the federal grant activity of the Harlan County School District under the programs of the federal government for the year ended June 30, 2024. The information in this schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards*, (Uniform Guidance). Because the schedule presents only a selected portion of the operations of the Harlan County School District, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position, changes in net position or cash flows of the District.

NOTE B – SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Expenditures reported on the schedule are reported on the accrual basis of accounting. Such expenditures are recognized following the cost principles contained in the Uniform Guidance wherein certain types of expenditures are not allowable or are limited as to reimbursement. Negative amounts shown on the schedule represents 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 C – FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Non-monetary assistance is reported in the schedule at the fair value of the commodities received and disbursed. For the year ended June 30, 2024, the District received food commodities totaling \$123,091.

NOTE D – INDIRECT COST RATE

The Harlan County School District has not elected to use the 10-percent de minimis indirect cost rate allowed under the Uniform Guidance.

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

To the Board of Education of the Harlan County School District
Harlan, Kentucky

And the State Committee for School District Audits

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, 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, the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Harlan County School District (District), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated November 15, 2024.

Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

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

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

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

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether District's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an

opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

We noted certain matters that we reported to management of the District in a separate letter dated November 15, 2024.

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.

White & Associates, PSC

Richmond, Kentucky

November 15, 2024

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR PROGRAM
AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE REQUIRED BY THE UNIFORM
GUIDANCE

To the Board of Education of the Harlan County School District
Harlan, Kentucky

And the State Committee for School District Audits

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We have audited Harlan 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, 2024. 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 federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2024.

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* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (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. Our responsibilities under 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 for the Audit of Compliance

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether material noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above occurred, whether due to fraud or error, and express an opinion on the District's compliance based on our audit. Reasonable assurance is a

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

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

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

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

Report on Internal Control over Compliance

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

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the 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.

White & Associates, PSC

Richmond, Kentucky

November 15, 2024

HARLAN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
 Year ended June 30, 2024

SUMMARY OF AUDITOR’S RESULTS

What type of report was issued for the financial statements?	Unmodified
Were there significant deficiencies in internal control disclosed? If so, was any significant deficiencies material (GAGAS)?	None Reported N/A
Was any material noncompliance reported (GAGAS)?	No
Were there material weaknesses in internal control disclosed For major programs?	No
Were there any significant deficiencies in internal control disclosed that were not considered to be material weaknesses?	None Reported
What type of report was issued on compliance for major programs?	Unmodified
Did the audit disclose findings as it relates to major programs that Is required to be reported as described in the Uniform Guidance?	No
Major Programs	Educational Stabilization Fund [ALN 84.425D, 84.425U, & 84.425W] Special Education Cluster [ALN 84.027A, 84.173A] GEAR UP [ALN 84.334A]
Dollar threshold of Type A and B programs	\$770,519
Low risk auditee?	Yes

FINDINGS - FINANCIAL STATEMENT AUDIT

No findings at the financial statement level.

FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS – MAJOR FEDERAL AWARD PROGRAMS AUDIT

No major federal award findings.

HARLAN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR YEAR AUDIT FINDINGS
Year ended June 30, 2024

There were no prior audit findings.

MANAGEMENT LETTER POINTS

Harlan County School District
Harlan, Kentucky

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of the Harlan County School District for the year ended June 30, 2024, we considered the District's internal controls in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control.

However, during our audit, we became aware of several matters that are opportunities for strengthening internal controls and operating efficiency. We previously reported on the District's internal control in our report dated November 15, 2024. This letter does not affect our report dated November 15, 2024, on the financial statements of the Harlan County School District. The conditions observed are as follows:

CAWOOD ELEMENTARY

1-24

Statement of Condition: Both invoices and purchase orders not being attached to the checks.

Recommendation for Correction: Review Redbook procedures for guidance and corrective action.

Management Response to the Recommendation: Finance officer will meet with principal and secretary to discuss with them the correct procedure for creating an approved purchase order and attaching the invoice once the item is paid. They will be told this must be done every time. Redbook procedures will be discussed at principal meeting with superintendent in order to correct this matter.

CUMBERLAND ELEMENTARY

2-24

Statement of Condition: Purchase orders are being utilized; however, there were instances of the purchase orders being approved after the obligation of funds or purchase being made.

Recommendation for Correction: Review Redbook procedures for guidance and corrective action.

Management Response to the Recommendation: Principal will be told to discuss with secretary that no invoice or order can be made without an approved PO signed by the

principal. Redbook procedures will be discussed at principal meeting with superintendent in order to correct these matters.

EVARTS ELEMENTARY

3-24

Statement of Condition: Bank statements are not consistently being reviewed.

Recommendation for Correction: Review Redbook procedures for guidance and corrective action.

Management Response to the Recommendation: Finance officer will meet with principal and secretary to discuss the importance of consistently dating the bank statements and properly turning them in each month dated to central office. Redbook procedures will be discussed at principal meeting with superintendent in order to correct this matter.

JAMES A CAWOOD ELEMENTARY

4-24

Statement of Condition: Receipt forms are not being signed.

Recommendation for Correction: Review Redbook procedures for guidance and corrective action.

Management Response to the Recommendation: Finance officer, principal and secretary will have meeting to discuss why ballgame receipt forms were not signed and be directed to make sure the receipts forms are always signed when receiving money. Redbook procedure will be discussed at principal meeting with superintendent in order to correct this matter.

All prior year conditions have been implemented and corrected. Brent Roark, Superintendent, is the person responsible for initiation of the corrective action plan for the above conditions which will be implemented immediately, if any. The corrective action plan is the management response for each condition.

We would like to thank the Finance Officer, Jody Gilliam, and their department for their support and assistance during our audit.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Board of Education, management, and others within the district and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

White & Associates, PSC

White & Associates, PSC
Richmond, Kentucky
November 15, 2024

APPENDIX C

**Harlan County School District Finance Corporation
School Building Revenue Bonds
Series of 2025**

Official Terms and Conditions of Bond Sale

**OFFICIAL
TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF BOND SALE**

\$615,000*

**Harlan County School District Finance Corporation
School Building Revenue Bonds, Series of 2025
Dated August 21, 2025**

SALE: July 31, 2025 AT 11:00 A.M., E.D.S.T.

As published on PARITY®, a nationally recognized electronic bidding system, the Harlan County School District Finance Corporation ("Corporation") will until July 31, 2025, at the hour of 11:00 A.M., E.D.S.T., in the office of the Executive Director of the Kentucky School Facilities Construction Commission, 200 Mero Street, 5th Floor, Frankfort, KY 40622, receive competitive bids for the revenue bonds herein described. To be considered, bids must be submitted on an Official Bid Form and must be delivered to the Corporation at the address indicated on the date of sale no later than the hour indicated. Bids may be submitted manually or by facsimile or electronically via PARITY. Bids will be considered by the Corporation and may be accepted without further action by the Corporation's Board of Directors.

Subject to a Permitted Adjustment* increasing or decreasing the issue by up to \$60,000.

**HARLAN COUNTY SCHOOL
DISTRICT FINANCE 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 of Education of Harlan County, Kentucky (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 Bonds 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.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY, PURPOSE OF ISSUE AND SECURITY

These 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. Said 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. Said Bonds are being issued to finance roof replacement at Evarts Elementary School (the "Project") and are secured by a statutory mortgage lien upon and a pledge of the revenues from the rental of the school building Project property to the Board under the Lease on a year to year basis; the first rental period ending June 30, 2026.

Should the Board default in its obligations under the Lease or fail to renew the Lease, the Registered Owners of Bonds have the right to have a receiver appointed to administer the school building Project but foreclosure and sale are not available as remedies.

The rental of the school building Project property from the Corporation to the Board is to be effected under a certain Lease Agreement by and between the Corporation and the Board (the "Lease"), whereunder the school building Project property is leased to the Board for the initial period ending June 30, 2026, 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 being legally obligated only for the initial rental period and for one year at a time thereafter each time the Lease is renewed.

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 and the Commission 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.

Although the Board is obligated to pay the Corporation annual rentals in the full amount of the principal and interest requirements for the Bonds for each year in which the Lease is renewed, the Board has entered into the Lease in reliance upon a certain Participation Agreement by and between the Board and the Kentucky School Facilities Construction Commission (the "Commission"). Under the terms of the Participation Agreement, the Commission has agreed to pay annually directly to the Paying Agent for the Bonds a stated Agreed Participation equal to approximately 100% of the annual debt service requirements for the Bonds herein identified through August 1, 2045, subject to the constitutional restrictions limiting the commitment to the biennium; said annual amount is to be applied only to the principal and interest requirements of the Bonds so long as the Board renews the Lease. Under the Lease, the Board has pledged and assigned all of its rights under the Participation Agreement in and to the Agreed Participation to the Corporation in order to secure the Bonds and has agreed to pay that portion of the rentals in excess of said Agreed Participation for each year in which the Lease is renewed.

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 Sections 157.611 through 157.640 of the Kentucky Revised Statutes, as repealed, amended, 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.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Act, the Regulations of the Kentucky Board of Education and the Commission, the Commission has determined that the Board is eligible for participation from the Commission in meeting the costs of construction of the Projects and has entered into a Participation Agreement with the Board whereunder the Commission agrees to pay an annual Agreed Participation equal to approximately 100% of the annual debt service requirements for the Bonds herein identified each year through August 1, 2045; provided, however, that the contractual commitment of the Commission to pay the annual Agreed Participation is limited to the biennial budget period of the Commonwealth, with the first such biennial period terminating on June 30, 2026; the right is reserved in the Commission to terminate its commitment to pay the Agreed Participation after the initial biennial period and every two years thereafter. The obligation of the Commission to make payments of the Agreed Participation shall be automatically renewed each two years for a period of two years unless the Commission shall give notice of its intention not to participate not less than sixty days prior to the end of the biennium; however, by the execution of the Participation Agreement, the Commission has expressed its present intention to continue to pay the Agreed Participation in each successive biennial budget period until the retirement of all of the Bonds, but such execution does not obligate the Commission to do so.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth adopted the State's Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026. Inter alia, the Budget provides \$116,928,400 in FY 2024-2025 and \$126,269,500 in FY 2025-2026 to pay debt service on existing and future bond issues. There are \$75,900,000 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.

ADDITIONAL PARITY BONDS

The Corporation has reserved the right and privilege of issuing additional bonds from time to time payable from the income and revenues of said lands and school building Project property and secured by a statutory mortgage lien and pledge of revenues, but only if and to the extent the issuance of such additional parity bonds are in accordance with the plans and specifications which have been approved by the Board, Commissioner of Education, and filed in the office of the Secretary of the Corporation and a Lease shall be entered into whereunder the annual rental payments during the life of such additional bonds shall be increased by the amount of the annual principal and interest requirements of such additional bonds.

BOND MATURITIES, PRIOR REDEMPTION PROVISIONS AND PAYING AGENT

All such Bonds shall be in denominations in multiples of \$5,000 within the same maturity, bear interest from August 21, 2025, payable on February 1, 2026, and semi annually thereafter and shall mature as to principal on August 1 in each of the years as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount*</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount*</u>
2026	\$20,000	2036	\$30,000
2027	20,000	2037	30,000
2028	20,000	2038	35,000
2029	25,000	2039	35,000
2030	25,000	2040	35,000
2031	25,000	2041	40,000
2032	25,000	2042	40,000
2033	30,000	2043	40,000
2034	30,000	2044	45,000
2035	30,000	2045	35,000

*Subject to a Permitted Adjustment of the amount of Bonds awarded of up to \$60,000 which may be applied in any or all maturities.

The Bonds maturing on or after August 1, 2034 are subject to redemption at the option of the Corporation prior to their stated maturity on any date falling on or after August 1, 2033, in any order of maturities (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 in accordance with DTC requirements not less than thirty (30) days prior to the date of redemption, upon terms of the face amount, plus accrued interest, but without redemption premium.

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

The Bonds are to be issued in fully registered form (both principal and interest). U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association, Louisville, Kentucky, has been designated as the Bond Registrar and Paying Agent, shall remit interest on each semiannual due date to Cede & Co. Principal and interest will be payable through the Book-Entry-Only-System administered by The Depository Trust Company: Please see "BOOK-ENTRY-ONLY-SYSTEM" below. Interest on the Bonds will be paid at rates to be established upon the basis of competitive bidding as hereinafter set forth, such interest to be payable on February 1 and August 1 of each year, beginning February 1, 2026 (Record Date is the 15th day of month preceding interest due date).

BIDDING CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS

(A) Bids must be made on Official Bid Form, contained in Information for Bidders available from the undersigned or RSA Advisors, LLC, Lexington, Kentucky, by visiting www.rsamuni.com submitted manually, by facsimile or electronically via PARITY®.

(B) Electronic bids for the Bonds must be submitted through PARITY® and no other provider of electronic bidding services will be accepted. Subscription to the 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 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 PARITY® conflict with the terms of the Official Terms and Conditions of Bond Sale, this Official Terms and Conditions of Sale of Bonds shall prevail. Electronic bids made through the facilities of 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 PARITY®. The use of PARITY® facilities are at the sole risk of the prospective bidders. For further information regarding PARITY®, potential bidders may contact PARITY®, telephone (212) 404-8102. Notwithstanding the foregoing, non-electronic bids may be submitted via facsimile or by hand delivery utilizing the Official Bid Form.

(C) The minimum bid shall be not less than \$602,700 (98% of par) plus accrued interest. Interest rates shall be in multiples of 1/8 or 1/20 of 1% 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 in any year may not be less than that stipulated for any preceding maturity. There is no limit on the number of different interest rates.

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

(E) The determination of the best purchase bid for said Bonds shall be made on the basis of all bids submitted for exactly \$615,000 principal amount of Bonds offered for sale under the terms and conditions herein specified, but the Corporation may adjust the principal amount of Bonds upward or downward by \$60,000 (the "Permitted Adjustment") which may be awarded to such best bidder may be a minimum of \$555,000 or a maximum of \$675,000. In the event of such Permitted Adjustment, no rebidding or recalculation of a submitted bid will be required or permitted and the Underwriter's Discount on the Bonds as submitted by the successful bidder shall be held constant. The 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 Bonds bid. The price of which such adjusted principal amount of Bonds will be sold will be the same price per \$5,000 of Bonds as the price per \$5,000 for the \$615,000 of Bonds bid.

(F) If three (3) 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 (3) 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 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 will neither offer nor sell any of the Bonds of each 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 in the event that 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 July 31, 2025.

(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).

(G) The successful bidder may elect to notify the Municipal Advisor within twenty-four (24) hours of the award of the Bonds that certain serial maturities as awarded may be combined with immediately succeeding serial maturities as one or more Term Bonds; provided, however, (a) bids must be submitted to permit only a single interest rate for each term bond specified, and (b) Term Bonds will be subject to mandatory redemption by lot on August 1 in accordance with the maturity schedule setting the actual size of the issue.

(H) CUSIP identification numbers will be printed on the Bonds at the expense of the Corporation. The purchaser shall pay the CUSIP Service Bureau Charge. 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 said Bonds in accordance with the terms of any accepted proposal for the purchase of said Bonds.

(I) The Corporation will provide to the successful purchaser a Final Official Statement in accordance with SEC Rule 15c2-12. A Final Official Statement will be provided in Electronic Form to the successful bidder, in sufficient time to meet the delivery requirements of the successful bidder under SEC and Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board Delivery Requirements. The successful bidder will be required to pay for the printing of Final Official Statements.

(J) 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 an amount equal to 2% of the amount of the principal amount of Bonds awarded to the order of the Corporation by the close of business on the day following the award. Said good faith amount which 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 said Bonds unless delivery is made within 45 days from the date the bid is accepted.

(K) Delivery will be made utilizing the DTC Book-Entry-Only-System.

(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 Steptoe & Johnson PLLC, Bond Counsel, Louisville, Kentucky, which Opinion will be qualified in accordance with the section hereof on TAX EXEMPTION.

(M) The Corporation and the Board agree to cooperate with the successful bidder in the event said purchaser desires to purchase municipal bond insurance regarding the Refunding Bonds; provided, however, that any and all expenses incurred in obtaining said insurance shall be solely the obligation of the successful bidder should the successful bidder so elect to purchase such insurance.

STATE SUPPORT OF EDUCATION

The 1990 Regular Session of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth enacted a comprehensive legislative package known as the Kentucky Education Reform Act ("KERA") designed to comply with the mandate of the Kentucky Supreme Court that the General Assembly provide for as efficient and equitable system of schools throughout the State.

KERA became fully effective on July 13, 1990. Elementary and Secondary Education in the Commonwealth is supervised by the Commissioner of Education as the Chief Executive Officer of the State Department of Education ("DOE"), an appointee of the reconstituted State Board for Elementary and Secondary Education (the "State Board"). Some salient features of KERA are as follows:

KRS 157.330 establishes the fund to Support Education Excellence in Kentucky ("SEEK") funded from biennial appropriations from the General Assembly for distribution to school districts. The base funding guaranteed to each school district by SEEK for operating and capital expenditures is determined in each fiscal year by dividing the total annual SEEK appropriation by the state-wide total of pupils in average daily attendance ("ADA") in the preceding fiscal year; the ADA for each district is subject to adjustment to reflect the number of at risk students (approved for free lunch programs under state and federal guidelines), number and types of exceptional children, and transportation costs.

KRS 157.420 establishes a formula which results in the allocation of funds for capital expenditures in school districts at \$100 per ADA pupil which is included in the SEEK allotment (\$4,326) for the current biennium which is required to be segregated into a Capital Outlay Allotment Fund which may be used only for (1) direct payment of construction costs; (2) debt service on voted and funding bonds; (3) lease rental payments in support of bond issues; (4) reduction of deficits resulting from over expenditures for emergency capital construction; and (5) a reserve for each of the categories enumerated in 1 through 4 above.

KRS 160.470(12)(a) requires that effective for fiscal years beginning July 1, 1990 each school district shall levy a minimum equivalent tax rate of \$.30 for general school purposes. The equivalent tax rate is defined as the rate which results when the income collected during the prior year from all taxes levied by the district (including utilities gross receipts license and special voted) for school purposes is divided by the total assessed value of property, plus the assessment for motor vehicles certified by the Revenue Cabinet of the Commonwealth. Any school district board of education which fails to comply with the minimum equivalent tax rate levy shall be subject to removal from office.

KRS 160.470(12)(2) provides that for fiscal years 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. Any increase beyond the 4% annual limitation imposed by KRS 132.017 is not subject to the recall provisions of that Section. Revenue generated by the 15% levy is to be equalized at 150% of the state-wide average per pupil equalized assessment.

KRS 157.440(2) permits school districts to levy up to 30% of the revenue guaranteed by the SEEK program, plus the revenue produced by the 15% levy, but said additional tax will not be equalized with state funds and will be subject to recall by a simple majority of those voting on the question.

KRS 157.620(1) also provides that in order to be eligible for participation from the Kentucky School Facilities Construction Commission for debt service on bond issues the district must levy a tax which will produce revenues equivalent to \$.05 per \$100 of the total assessed value of all property in the district (including tangible and intangible property and motor vehicles) in addition to the minimum \$.30 levy required by KRS 160.470(12). A district having a special voted tax which is equal to or higher than the required \$.05 tax, must commit and

segregate for capital purposes at least an amount equal to the required \$.05 tax. Those districts which levy the additional \$.05 tax are also eligible for participation in the Kentucky Facilities Support ("KFS") program for which funds are appropriated separately from SEEK funds and are distributed to districts in accordance with a formula taking into account outstanding debt and funds available for payment from both local and state sources under KRS 157.440(1)(b).

KRS 160.460 provides that as of July 1, 1994 all real property located in the Commonwealth subject to local taxation shall be assessed at \$57,158 to be applied to fair cash value.

BIENNIAL BUDGET FOR PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 2026

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 recently adopted a budget for the biennial period ending June 30, 2026 which was approved and signed by the Governor. Such budget became effective beginning July 1, 2024. 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.

POTENTIAL LEGISLATION

No assurance can be given that any future legislation, including amendments to the Code, if enacted into law, or changes in interpretation of the Code, will not cause interest on the Bonds to be subject, directly or indirectly, to federal income taxation, or otherwise prevent owners of the Bonds from realizing the full current benefit of the tax exemption of such interest. In addition, current and future legislative proposals, if enacted into law, may cause interest on state or local government bonds (whether issued before, on the date of, or after enactment of such legislation) to be subject, directly or indirectly, to federal income taxation by, for example, changing the current exclusion or deduction rules to limit the amount of interest on such bonds that may currently be treated as tax exempt by certain individuals. For example, on August 16, 2022, President Biden signed the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 (the "Inflation Reduction Act"). The Inflation Reduction Act imposes a minimum tax of 15 percent of the adjusted financial statement income of certain corporations whose income exceeds stated thresholds for tax years beginning after December 31, 2022. Under the Inflation Reduction Act, interest on debt obligations otherwise exempt from federal income tax would be included in the calculation of adjusted financial statement income for corporations subject to the minimum tax. Prospective purchasers of the Bonds should consult their own tax advisers regarding any pending or proposed federal tax legislation.

Further, no assurance can be given that the introduction or enactment of any such future legislation, or any action of the IRS, including but not limited to regulation, ruling, or selection of the Bonds for audit examination, or the course or result of any IRS examination of the Bonds or obligations which present similar tax issues, will not affect the market price for the Bonds.

CONTINUING DISCLOSURE; EXEMPTION

As a result of the principal amount of Bonds being offered not exceeding \$1,000,000 Bond Counsel has advised the Corporation and the Board that they are exempt from application of the Rule 15c2-12c2-12(b)(5) of the Securities and Exchange Commission with respect to the Bonds.

Financial information regarding the Board may be obtained from Superintendent, Harlan County Board of Education, 351 Ball Park Road, Harlan, Kentucky 40831 (606.573.4330).

TAX EXEMPTION; BANK QUALIFIED

Bond Counsel advises as follows with respect to the Bonds:

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

(B) The interest income from the Bonds is excludable from the gross income of the recipient thereof for Federal income tax purposes under existing law and interest on the Bonds will not be a specific item of tax preference for purposes of computing the Federal alternative minimum tax, however, with respect to certain corporations, interest on the Bonds is taken into account in determining the annual adjusted financial statement income for the purpose of computing the alternative minimum tax imposed on corporations for tax years beginning after December 31, 2022.

(C) As a result of certifications by the Board and the Corporation, indicating the issuance of less than \$10,000,000 of tax-exempt obligations during the calendar year ending December 31, 2025, the Bonds may be treated by financial institutions as "qualified tax-exempt obligations" within the meaning of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

BOOK-ENTRY-ONLY-SYSTEM

The Bonds shall utilize the Book-Entry-Only-System administered by The Depository Trust Company ("DTC").

DTC will act as securities depository for the Bonds. The Bonds initially 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, in the aggregate principal amount of the Bonds, and will be deposited with DTC.

DTC 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 securities that its participants ("Participants") deposit with DTC. DTC also facilitates the settlement among Participants of securities transactions, such as transfers and pledges, in deposited securities through electronic computerized book-entry changes in Participants' accounts, thereby eliminating the need for physical movement of securities certificates. "Direct Participants" include securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, clearing corporations, and certain other organizations. DTC is owned by a number of its Direct Participants and by the New York Stock Exchange, Inc., the American Stock Exchange, Inc., and the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. Access to the DTC system is also available to others such as securities brokers and dealers, banks, and trust companies that clear through or maintain a custodial relationship with a Direct Participant, either directly or indirectly ("Indirect Participants"). The Rules applicable to DTC and its participants are on file with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

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 Participant's records. 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 ("Beneficial Ownership Interest") 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 Beneficial Ownership interests in Bonds, except in the event that use of the book-entry system for the Securities is discontinued. Transfers of ownership interest in the Securities 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 Securities, except in the event that use of the book-entry system for the Securities is discontinued.

To facilitate subsequent transfers, all Bonds deposited by Participants with DTC are registered in the name of DTC's partnership nominee, Cede & Co. The deposit of Bonds with DTC and their registration in the name of Cede & Co., effect no 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 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.

Redemption notices shall be sent to Cede & Co. 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 the Bonds to be redeemed.

Neither DTC nor Cede & Co. will consent or vote with respect to Bonds. Under its usual procedures, DTC mails an Omnibus Proxy to the Issuer 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 the Bonds are credited on the record date (identified in a listing attached to the Omnibus Proxy).

Principal and interest payments of the Bonds will be made to DTC. DTC's practice is to credit Direct Participants' account on payable date in accordance with their respective holdings shown on DTC's records unless DTC has reason to believe that it will not receive payment on payable date. Payments by Participants to Beneficial Owners will be governed by standing instructions and customary practices, as is the case with securities held for the accounts of customers in bearer form or registered in "street name", and will be the responsibility of such Participant and not of DTC, the Issuer, or the Trustee, subject to any statutory or regulatory requirements as may be in effect from time to time. Payment of principal and interest to DTC is the responsibility of the Issuer or the Trustee, disbursements of such payments to Direct Participants shall be the responsibility of DTC, and disbursements of such payment to the Beneficial Owners shall be the responsibility of Direct and Indirect Participants.

A Beneficial Owner shall give notice to elect to have its Beneficial Ownership Interests purchased or tendered, through its Participant, to the Trustee, and shall effect delivery of such Beneficial Ownership Interests by causing the Direct Participant to transfer the Participant's interest in the Beneficial Ownership Interests, on DTC's records, to the purchaser or the Trustee, as appropriate. The requirements for physical delivery of Bonds in connection with a demand for purchase or a mandatory purchase will be deemed satisfied when the ownership rights in the Bonds are transferred by Direct Participants on DTC's records.

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

NEITHER THE ISSUER, THE BOARD NOR THE BOND REGISTRAR/PAYING AGENT WILL HAVE ANY RESPONSIBILITY OR OBLIGATION TO ANY DIRECT PARTICIPANT, INDIRECT PARTICIPANT OR ANY BENEFICIAL OWNER OR ANY OTHER PERSON NOT SHOWN ON THE REGISTRATION BOOKS OF THE BOND REGISTRAR/PAYING AGENT AS BEING AN OWNER WITH RESPECT TO: (1) THE BONDS; (2) THE ACCURACY OF ANY RECORDS MAINTAINED BY DTC OR ANY DIRECT PARTICIPANT OR INDIRECT PARTICIPANT; (3) THE PAYMENT BY DTC OR ANY DIRECT PARTICIPANT OR INDIRECT PARTICIPANT OF ANY AMOUNT DUE TO ANY BENEFICIAL OWNER IN RESPECT OF THE PURCHASE PRICE OF TENDERED BONDS OR THE PRINCIPAL OR REDEMPTION PRICE OF OR INTEREST ON THE BONDS; (4) THE DELIVERY BY ANY DIRECT PARTICIPANT OR INDIRECT PARTICIPANT OF ANY NOTICE TO ANY BENEFICIAL OWNER WHICH IS REQUIRED OR PERMITTED UNDER THE TERMS OF THE BOND RESOLUTION TO BE GIVEN TO HOLDERS; (5) THE SELECTION OF THE BENEFICIAL OWNERS TO RECEIVE PAYMENT IN THE EVENT OF ANY PARTIAL REDEMPTION OF THE BONDS; OR (6) ANY CONSENT GIVEN OR OTHER ACTION TAKEN BY DTC AS HOLDER.

**HARLAN COUNTY SCHOOL
DISTRICT FINANCE CORPORATION**

By /s/ Wayne Ackerman
Secretary

APPENDIX D

**Harlan County School District Finance Corporation
School Building Revenue Bonds
Series of 2024**

Official Bid Form

**OFFICIAL BID FORM
(Bond Purchase Agreement)**

The Harlan County School District Finance Corporation ("Corporation" or "Issuer"), will until 11:00 A.M., E.D.S.T., on July 31, 2025, receive in the office of the Executive Director of the Kentucky School Facilities Construction Commission, 200 Mero Street, 5th Floor, Frankfort, KY 40622, (telephone 502-564-5582; fax 888-979-6152) competitive bids for its \$615,000 School Building Revenue Bonds, Series of 2025, dated August 21, 2025; maturing August 1, 2026 through 2045 ("Bonds").

We hereby bid for said \$615,000* principal amount of Bonds, the total sum of \$ _____ (not less than \$602,700) plus accrued interest from August 21, 2025 payable February 1, 2026 and semiannually thereafter at the following annual rates, (rates on ascending scale in multiples of 1/8 or 1/20 of 1%; number of interest rates unlimited) and maturing as to principal on August 1 in the years as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount*</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount*</u>	<u>Rate</u>
2026	\$20,000	_____%	2036	\$30,000	_____%
2027	20,000	_____%	2037	30,000	_____%
2028	20,000	_____%	2038	35,000	_____%
2029	25,000	_____%	2039	35,000	_____%
2030	25,000	_____%	2040	35,000	_____%
2031	25,000	_____%	2041	40,000	_____%
2032	25,000	_____%	2042	40,000	_____%
2033	30,000	_____%	2043	40,000	_____%
2034	30,000	_____%	2044	45,000	_____%
2035	30,000	_____%	2045	35,000	_____%

* Subject to Permitted Adjustment

We understand this bid may be accepted for as much as \$675,000 of Bonds or as little as \$555,000 of Bonds, at the same price per \$5,000 Bond, with the variation in such amount occurring in any maturity or all maturities, which will be determined at the time of acceptance of the best bid.

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

If three (3) 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 (3) 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 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 will neither offer nor sell any of the Bonds of each 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 in the event that 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 July 31, 2025.
- (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).

Electronic bids for the Bonds must be submitted through PARITY® and no other provider of electronic bidding services will be accepted. Subscription to the 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 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 PARITY® 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 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 PARITY®. The use of PARITY® facilities are at the sole risk of the prospective bidders. For further information regarding PARITY®, potential bidders may contact PARITY®, telephone (212) 404-8102. Notwithstanding the foregoing, non-electronic bids may be submitted via facsimile or by hand delivery utilizing the Official Bid Form.

The successful bidder may elect to notify the Municipal Advisor within twenty-four (24) hours of the award of the Bonds that certain serial maturities as awarded may be combined with immediately succeeding serial maturities as one or more Term Bonds; provided, however, (a) bids must be submitted to permit only a single interest rate for each Term Bond specified, and (b) Term Bonds will be subject to mandatory redemption on August 1 in accordance with the maturity schedule setting the actual size of the issue.

The DTC Book-Entry-Only-System will be utilized on delivery of this issue.

It is understood that the Corporation will furnish the final approving Legal Opinion of Steptoe & Johnson PLLC Bond Counsel, Louisville, Kentucky.

No certified or bank cashier's check will be required to accompany a 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 date following the award. Said good faith amount will be applied (without interest) to the purchase price on delivery. Wire transfer procedures should be arranged through U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association, Louisville, Kentucky, Attn: Mr. Charles Lush, Vice President (502.797.6421).

Bids must be submitted only on this form and must be fully executed.

If we are the successful bidder, we agree to accept and make payment for the Bonds in Federal Funds on or about August 21, 2025 and upon acceptance by the Issuer's Municipal Advisor this Official Bid Form shall become the Bond Purchase Agreement.

Respectfully submitted,

Bidder

By _____
Authorized Officer

Address

Total interest cost from August 21, 2025, to final maturity \$ _____

Plus discount or less any premium \$ _____

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 RSA Advisors, LLC, as Municipal Advisor and Agent for the Harlan County School District Finance Corporation for \$ _____ amount of Bonds at a price of \$ _____ as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Rate</u>
2026	_____,000	_____%	2036	_____,000	_____%
2027	_____,000	_____%	2037	_____,000	_____%
2028	_____,000	_____%	2038	_____,000	_____%
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2032	_____,000	_____%	2042	_____,000	_____%
2033	_____,000	_____%	2043	_____,000	_____%
2034	_____,000	_____%	2044	_____,000	_____%
2035	_____,000	_____%	2045	_____,000	_____%

Dated: July 31, 2025

RSA Advisors, LLC,
As Agent for the Harlan County
School District Finance Corporation