

**DATED AUGUST 20, 2025**

**NEW ISSUE**  
**Electronic Bidding via Parity®**  
**NOT Bank Interest Deduction Eligible**  
**BOOK-ENTRY-ONLY SYSTEM**

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

In the opinion of Bond Counsel, under existing law (i) interest on the Bonds will be includable from gross income of the holders thereof for purposes of federal taxation. 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 Matters" herein)

**\$5,000,000\***  
**BELL COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT FINANCE CORPORATION**  
**SCHOOL BUILDING REVENUE BONDS,**  
**TAXABLE SERIES OF 2025**

**Dated with Delivery: SEPTEMBER 18, 2025**

**Due: as shown below**

Interest on the Bonds is payable each March 1 and September 1, beginning March 1, 2026. The Bonds will mature as to principal on September 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.

<b>Maturing</b>		<b>Interest</b>	<b>Reoffering</b>		<b>Maturing</b>		<b>Interest</b>	<b>Reoffering</b>	
<b>1-Sep</b>	<b>Amount*</b>	<b>Rate</b>	<b>Yield</b>	<b>CUSIP</b>	<b>1-Sep</b>	<b>Amount*</b>	<b>Rate</b>	<b>Yield</b>	<b>CUSIP</b>
2026	\$40,000	%	%		2036	\$315,000	%	%	
2027	\$40,000	%	%		2037	\$330,000	%	%	
2028	\$45,000	%	%		2038	\$350,000	%	%	
2029	\$50,000	%	%		2039	\$365,000	%	%	
2030	\$50,000	%	%		2040	\$385,000	%	%	
2031	\$50,000	%	%		2041	\$410,000	%	%	
2032	\$50,000	%	%		2042	\$430,000	%	%	
2033	\$55,000	%	%		2043	\$455,000	%	%	
2034	\$285,000	%	%		2044	\$485,000	%	%	
2035	\$300,000	%	%		2045	\$510,000	%	%	

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 Bell 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 Bell County Board of Education.

The Bell County (Kentucky) School District Finance Corporation will until August 28, 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 - 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Frankfort, KY 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 \$500,000.**

**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 Bell County School District Finance Corporation School Building Revenue Bonds, Taxable 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**

**\$5,000,000\***

**BELL COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT FINANCE CORPORATION  
SCHOOL BUILDING REVENUE BONDS,  
TAXABLE 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 Bell County School District Finance Corporation (the "Corporation") School Building Revenue Bonds, Taxable Series of 2025 (the "Bonds").

The Bonds are being issued to finance roof improvements at Page School Center, Bell County High School, Central Elementary School, and the Bus Garage (the "Project").

The Bonds are revenue bonds and constitute a limited indebtedness of the Corporation. The Bonds will be secured by a statutory mortgage lien and a pledge of the rental income derived by the Corporation from leasing the school building Projects (as hereinafter defined) to the Bell 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 Bell 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 September 18, 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](http://www.dtcc.com).

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

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

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

Redemption notices shall be sent to DTC. If less than all of the Bonds are being redeemed, DTC's practice is to determine by lot the amount of the interest of each Direct Participant in such issue to be redeemed.

Neither DTC nor Cede & Co. (nor any other DTC nominee) will consent or vote with respect to the Bonds unless authorized by a Direct Participant in accordance with DTC's Procedures. Under its usual procedures, DTC mails an Omnibus Proxy to the Corporation as soon as possible after the record date. The Omnibus Proxy assigns Cede & Co.'s consenting or voting rights to those Direct Participants to whose accounts Bonds are credited on the record date (identified in a listing attached to the Omnibus Proxy).

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

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

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

### **THE CORPORATION**

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

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

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

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

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth adopted the State's Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 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](http://www.osbd.ky.gov).

**OUTSTANDING BONDS**

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

<b>Bond Series</b>	<b>Original Principal</b>	<b>Current Principal Outstanding</b>	<b>Principal Assigned to Board</b>	<b>Principal Assigned to Commission</b>	<b>Approximate Interest Rate Range</b>	<b>Final Maturity</b>
2010	\$670,000	\$245,000	\$146,081	\$523,919	3.875%	2030
2011-KISTA Energy	\$133,990	\$68,990	\$133,990	\$0	3.750% - 4.300%	2031
2014	\$7,680,000	\$5,490,000	\$7,301,074	\$378,926	3.000% - 4.000%	2034
2014-ENERGY	\$3,265,000	\$2,250,000	\$3,265,000	\$0	3.000% - 3.750%	2034
2014B	\$8,420,000	\$6,700,000	\$8,420,000	\$0	3.000% - 3.625%	2034
2014C	\$1,395,000	\$865,000	\$1,395,000	\$0	3.000% - 3.625%	2034
2019-REF	\$5,145,000	\$1,940,000	\$2,524,611	\$2,620,389	3.000%	2029
2022	\$970,000	\$850,000	\$0	\$970,000	2.000% - 3.000%	2042
2024	\$7,075,000	\$7,075,000	\$5,572,015	\$1,502,985	3.000% - 4.000%	2044
<b>TOTALS:</b>	<b>\$34,753,990</b>	<b>\$25,483,990</b>	<b>\$28,757,771</b>	<b>\$5,996,219</b>		

**AUTHORITY**

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

- i) the issuance of approximately \$5,000,000 of Bonds subject to a permitted adjustment of \$500,000;
- 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 September 18, 2025, will bear interest from that date as described herein, payable semi-annually on March 1 and September 1 of each year, commencing March 1, 2026, and will mature as to principal on September 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). US 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 March 1 and September 1 of each year, beginning March 1, 2026 (Record Date is 15th day of month preceding interest due date).

### Redemption

The Bonds maturing on or after September 1, 2034, are subject to redemption at the option of the Corporation prior to their stated maturity on any date falling on or after September 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
September 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 a second lien basis 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 "Prior Lien 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 September 18, 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 September 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, 90 days after the adjournment of the Legislature, will authorize 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.

## **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 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 to the Corporation the right to notify and request the Kentucky Department of Education to withhold from the Board a sufficient portion of any undisbursed funds then held, set aside, or allocated to the Board and to request said Department or Commissioner of Education to transfer the required amount thereof to the Paying Agent for the payment of such rentals.

## **THE PROJECT**

After payment of the Bond issuance costs, the Board plans to deposit the net Bond proceeds to finance roof improvements at Page School Center, Bell County High School, Central Elementary School, and the Bus Garage (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 100% of the debt service of the Bonds.

<b>Fiscal Year Ending June 30</b>	<b>Current Restricted Fund Bond Payments</b>	<b>-----School Building Revenue Bonds, Series 2025 ----- (100% LOCAL)</b>			<b>Total Restricted Fund Bond Payments</b>
		<b>Principal Portion</b>	<b>Interest Portion</b>	<b>Total Payment</b>	
2025	\$1,834,442			\$120,520	\$1,834,442
2026	\$1,981,234		\$120,520	\$120,520	\$2,101,754
2027	\$1,988,606	\$40,000	\$265,320	\$305,320	\$2,293,926
2028	\$1,988,471	\$40,000	\$263,580	\$303,580	\$2,292,051
2029	\$1,983,701	\$45,000	\$261,699	\$306,699	\$2,290,400
2030	\$1,990,837	\$50,000	\$259,573	\$309,573	\$2,300,409
2031	\$1,982,769	\$50,000	\$257,310	\$307,310	\$2,290,079
2032	\$1,983,979	\$50,000	\$255,023	\$305,023	\$2,289,001
2033	\$1,989,307	\$50,000	\$252,710	\$302,710	\$2,292,017
2034	\$1,984,150	\$55,000	\$250,241	\$305,241	\$2,289,391
2035	\$1,527,356	\$285,000	\$242,024	\$527,024	\$2,054,380
2036	\$638,097	\$300,000	\$227,613	\$527,613	\$1,165,710
2037	\$644,623	\$315,000	\$211,844	\$526,844	\$1,171,467
2038	\$645,373	\$330,000	\$194,913	\$524,913	\$1,170,286
2039	\$638,399	\$350,000	\$177,063	\$527,063	\$1,165,461
2040	\$638,249	\$365,000	\$158,203	\$523,203	\$1,161,451
2041	\$642,098	\$385,000	\$138,328	\$523,328	\$1,165,426
2042	\$644,698	\$410,000	\$116,850	\$526,850	\$1,171,548
2043	\$642,374	\$430,000	\$93,750	\$523,750	\$1,166,124
2044	\$645,038	\$455,000	\$69,071	\$524,071	\$1,169,110
2045	\$638,117	\$485,000	\$42,516	\$527,516	\$1,165,633
2046		\$510,000	\$14,408	\$524,408	\$524,408
<b>TOTALS:</b>	<b>\$27,651,919</b>	<b>\$5,000,000</b>	<b>\$3,872,555</b>	<b>\$8,872,555</b>	<b>\$36,524,474</b>

Note: Numbers 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:

<b>Sources:</b>	
Par Amount of Bonds	\$5,000,000.00
Total Sources	\$5,000,000.00
<b>Uses:</b>	
Deposit to Construction Fund	\$4,848,650.00
Underwriter's Discount (2%)	100,000.00
Cost of Issuance	51,350.00
Total Uses	\$5,000,000.00

## DISTRICT STUDENT POPULATION

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

Year	Average Daily Attendance	Year	Average Daily Attendance
2004-05	2,734.9	2015-16	2,527.8
2005-06	2,785.7	2016-17	2,443.8
2006-07	2,793.5	2017-18	2,397.8
2007-08	2,735.9	2018-19	2,356.1
2008-09	2,725.0	2019-20	2,271.9
2009-10	2,660.5	2020-21	2,271.9
2010-11	2,633.1	2021-22	2,367.9
2011-12	2,589.1	2022-23	2,367.9
2012-13	2,594.5	2023-24	2,312.0
2013-14	2,568.3	2024-25	2,161.3
2014-15	2,549.6		

*Source: Kentucky 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 \$4,000 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 Bell County School District for certain preceding school years.

Year	Capital Outlay Allotment	Year	Capital Outlay Allotment
2004-05	273,490.0	2015-16	252,782.0
2005-06	278,570.0	2016-17	244,380.0
2006-07	279,350.0	2017-18	239,780.0
2007-08	273,590.0	2018-19	235,613.0
2008-09	272,498.0	2019-20	227,190.0
2009-10	266,048.0	2020-21	227,189.3
2010-11	263,305.0	2021-22	236,788.8
2011-12	258,908.0	2022-23	236,788.8
2012-13	259,448.0	2023-24	231,200.2
2013-14	256,833.0	2024-25	216,134.5
2014-15	254,956.0		

*Source: Kentucky 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**

<b>Tax Year</b>	<b>Combined Equivalent Rate</b>	<b>Total Property Assessment</b>	<b>Property Revenue Collections</b>
2004-05	57.6	380,618,476	2,192,362
2005-06	53.6	413,862,851	2,218,305
2006-07	56.6	462,078,436	2,615,364
2007-08	53.6	555,906,906	2,979,661
2008-09	59.1	591,696,480	3,496,926
2009-10	59.1	634,535,099	3,750,102
2010-11	56.5	572,446,139	3,234,321
2011-12	58.0	617,645,534	3,582,344
2012-13	64.4	643,765,838	4,145,852
2013-14	69.1	631,750,873	4,365,399
2014-15	65.9	600,897,728	3,959,916
2015-16	70.9	606,397,858	4,299,361
2016-17	67.3	571,987,824	3,849,478
2017-18	75.2	544,693,115	4,096,092
2018-19	83.3	524,104,473	4,365,790
2019-20	81.6	519,504,908	4,239,160
2020-21	80.8	539,579,827	4,359,805
2021-22	77.7	550,576,612	4,277,980
2022-23	78.9	576,804,361	4,550,986
2023-24	84.0	582,674,312	4,894,464
2024-25	83.5	605,454,929	5,055,549

Source: Kentucky Department of Education.

**OVERLAPPING BOND INDEBTEDNESS**

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

<b>Issuer</b>	<b>Original Principal Amount</b>	<b>Amount of Bonds Redeemed</b>	<b>Current Principal Outstanding</b>
<b>County of Bell</b>			
General Obligation	14,915,000	6,460,000	8,455,000
Real Property Renewable	135,000	130,542	4,458
Court Facility Project Refunding Revenue	4,470,000	2,345,000	2,125,000
<b>City of Middlesboro</b>			
Municipal Improvement Public Corp.	551,000	450,000	101,000
<b>City of Pineville</b>			
Refinancing Refunding Revenue	3,900,000	1,185,000	2,715,000
Water & Sewer Revenue	745,000	150,000	595,000
<b>Special Districts</b>			
Bell County Cooperative Extension District	2,485,000	0	2,485,000
Bell County Public Library District	3,409,715	1,260,658	2,149,057
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>30,610,715</b>	<b>11,981,200</b>	<b>18,629,515</b>

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	13,425,187	2,192,362	15,617,549
2005-06	14,265,779	2,218,305	16,484,084
2006-07	14,584,687	2,615,364	17,200,051
2007-08	15,167,814	2,979,661	18,147,475
2008-09	15,235,129	3,496,926	18,732,055
2009-10	13,104,810	3,750,102	16,854,912
2010-11	13,255,576	3,234,321	16,489,897
2011-12	13,817,710	3,582,344	17,400,054
2012-13	13,872,039	4,145,852	18,017,891
2013-14	13,786,478	4,365,399	18,151,877
2014-15	14,113,545	3,959,916	18,073,461
2015-16	14,225,751	4,299,361	18,525,112
2016-17	13,995,182	3,849,478	17,844,660
2017-18	13,959,336	4,096,092	18,055,428
2018-19	13,870,796	4,365,790	18,236,586
2019-20	13,185,411	4,239,160	17,424,571
2020-21	12,422,940	4,359,805	16,782,745
2021-22	13,514,569	4,277,980	17,792,549
2022-23	14,047,676	4,550,986	18,598,662
2023-24	13,942,704	4,894,464	18,837,168
2024-25	14,381,455	5,055,549	19,437,004

- (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 \$0.8350 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.

## **CONTINUING DISCLOSURE**

As a result of the Board and issuing agencies acting on behalf of the Board offering for public sale municipal securities in excess of \$1,000,000, the Corporation and the Board will enter into a written agreement for the benefit of all parties who may become Registered or Beneficial Owners of the Bonds whereunder said Corporation and Board will agree to comply with the provisions of the Municipal Securities Disclosure Rules set forth in Securities and Exchange Commission Rule 15c2-12 by filing annual financial statements and material events notices with the Electronic Municipal Market Access (EMMA) System maintained by the Municipal Securities Rule Making Board.

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, Bell County Board of Education, 211 Virginia Avenue, Pineville, Kentucky 40977 (606-337-7051).

## **TAX MATTERS**

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 includable from the gross income of the recipient thereof for Federal income tax purposes under existing law.

## **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 Bell 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 Bell 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 Bell 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**

## **Bell County School District Finance Corporation School Building Revenue Bonds, Taxable Series of 2025**

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### **Demographic and Economic Data**

## **BELL COUNTY, KENTUCKY**

Middlesboro, Bell County's largest city had an estimated 2024 population of 8,783. Located in the southeastern corner of the state, Middlesboro is only a few miles from the Tennessee and Virginia state lines. Middlesboro is located 66 miles north of Knoxville, Tennessee; 134 miles southeast of Lexington, Kentucky; 210 miles south of Cincinnati, Ohio; and 271 miles north of Atlanta, Georgia.

Pineville is the county seat of Bell County and is located 12 miles north of Middlesboro. Pineville had an estimated population of 1,744 in 2024.

Bell County covers a land area of 361 square miles and had an estimated 2024 population of 23,439 persons. Both the Cumberland Gap National Historic Park and Pine Mountain State Resort Park are within Bell County's boundaries, making it the only county in Kentucky to contain both a national park and a state park.

### **The Economic Framework**

In 2024, Bell County had a labor force of 8,199 people, with an unemployment rate of 6.60%. The top 5 jobs by occupations were as follows: office administrative support - 767 (12.95%); sales - 618 (10.44%); executive, managers, and administrators - 601 (10.15%); education, training/library - 454 (7.67%); and health diagnosing and treating practitioners - 365 (6.16%).

### **Transportation**

Middlesboro is served by U.S. Highways 25E and 58, and Kentucky Highway 74. Pineville is served by U.S. Highways 25E and 119, and Kentucky Highways 221 and 66. Interstate 75 is accessible 48 miles northwest of Middlesboro and 35 miles northwest of Pineville via U.S. 25E. Interstate 81 is accessible 54 miles southeast of Middlesboro and 67 miles southeast of Pineville via U.S. 25E. Seventeen trucking companies provide interstate and/or intrastate service to Middlesboro while thirteen trucking companies serve Pineville. The Middlesboro-Bell County Airport is equipped with a 3,650-foot paved runway. The nearest scheduled commercial airline service is available in Knoxville, Tennessee, at the McGhee Tyson Airport, 75 miles south of Middlesboro. Rail service is provided to Middlesboro and Pineville by CSX Transportation. Middlesboro is also served by the Norfolk Southern Corporation.

### **Power and Fuel**

Kentucky Power Company provides electric power to Middlesboro, Pineville and Bell County. A small portion of southwestern Bell County is served by Cumberland Valley Electric. Natural gas service is provided to both Middlesboro and Pineville by Delta Natural Gas Company, Inc.

### **Education**

Three public school systems operate in Bell County; the Middlesboro Independent School System, and Pineville Independent School System, and the Bell County School System. Three non-public schools are available in Bell County.

## **LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

### **Structure**

The City of Middlesboro is governed by a mayor and nine council members. The mayor is elected to a four-year term while the council members serve two-year terms. The City of Pineville is governed by a mayor and six council members. The mayor is elected to a four-year term while the council members serve two-year terms. Bell County is governed by a county judge/executive and five magistrates. Each county official serves four-year terms.

## Planning and Zoning

City agency - Middlesboro Planning Commission  
Zoning enforced - Within city only  
Subdivision regulations enforced - Within city only  
City agency - Pineville Planning Commission  
Local codes enforced - Building and housing  
Mandatory state codes enforced - Kentucky Plumbing Code, National Electric code, Kentucky Boiler Regulations and Standards, Kentucky Building Code (modeled after BOCA code)

## Local Fees and Licenses

The City of Middlesboro levies a two percent occupational license tax on gross wages, salaries, and commissions of individuals and on net profits of businesses. The City of Middlesboro also levies an annual business license fee ranging from \$250 to \$750 based upon the number of employees.

The City of Pineville levies a one and one-half percent occupational license tax on gross wages, salaries, and commissions of individuals and on net profits of businesses. The City of Pineville also levies an annual business license fee ranging from \$35 to \$500 based upon gross receipts.

## Property Taxes

The Kentucky Constitution requires the state to tax all classes of taxable property, and state statutes allow local jurisdictions to tax only a few classes. All locally taxed property is subject to county taxes and school district taxes (either a county school district or an independent school district). Property located inside of city limits may also be subject to city property taxes. Property assessments in Kentucky are at 100% fair cash value. Accounts receivable are taxed at 85% of face value. Special local taxing jurisdictions (fire protection districts, watershed districts, and sanitation districts) levy taxes within their operating areas (usually a small portion of community or county).

## LABOR MARKET STATISTICS

The Bell County Labor Market Area includes Bell County and the adjoining Kentucky counties of Clay; Harlan; Knox; Leslie; Whitley; Claiborne and Grainger Counties, TN; and Lee County, VA.

### Population Growth (in thousands)

<u>Area</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>
Bell County	24,379	23,691	23,439
Middlesboro	9,432	8,874	8,783
Pineville	1,695	2,094	1,744

*Source: Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development.*

### Population Projections

<u>Area</u>	<u>2030</u>	<u>2035</u>	<u>2040</u>
Bell County	21,269	19,847	18,451

*Source: Kentucky State Data Center, University of Louisville and Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development.*

## EDUCATION

### Public Schools

	<u>Bell County</u>	<u>Middlesboro Independent</u>	<u>Pineville Independent</u>
Total Enrollment (2023-24)	2,263	1,070	523
Pupil-Teacher Ratio (2023-24)	14-1	12-1	13-1

*Source: Kentucky Department of Education.*

### Vocational Training

Vocational training is available at both the state vocational-technical schools and the area vocational education centers. The state vocational-technical schools are post-secondary institutions. The area vocational education centers are designed to supplement the curriculum of high school students. Both the state vocational-technical schools and the area vocational education centers offer evening courses to enable working adults to upgrade current job skills.

Arrangements can be made to provide training in the specific production skills required by an industrial plant. Instruction may be conducted either in the vocational school or in the industrial plant, depending upon the desired arrangement and the availability of special equipment.

### Bluegrass State Skills Corporation

The Bluegrass State Skills Corporation, an independent public corporation created and funded by the Kentucky General Assembly, provides programs of skills training to meet the needs of business and industry from entry level to advanced training, and from upgrading present employees to retraining experienced workers.

The Bluegrass State Skills corporation is the primary source for skills training assistance for a new or existing company. The Corporation works in partnership with other employment and job training resources and programs, as well as Kentucky's economic development activities, to package a program customized to meet the specific needs of a company.

<u>Technical School</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Enrollment 2023-24</u>
Bell County ATC	Pineville, KY	410
Clay County ATC	Manchester, KY	310
Corbin ATC	Corbin, KY	619
Jackson County ATC	McKee, KY	302
Knox County ATC	Barbourville, KY	325
Leslie County ATC	Hyden, KY	398
Pulaski County ATC	Somerset, KY	297

*Source: Kentucky Department of Education.*

### Colleges and Universities

22.05% of the population in Bell County have an Associate's Degree or higher. 81.08% have a high school degree or higher.

<u>Top 5 Universities</u>	<u>By Number of Graduates</u>
University of the Cumberlands	5,659
Lincoln Memorial University	1,371
Walters State Community College	907
Carson-Newman University	796
SE KY Community & Technical College	329

*Source: Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development..*

## EXISTING INDUSTRY

Bell County has a total of 653 businesses. In 2024, the leading industries in Bell County were Healthcare and Social Services, Retail, Education, and Accommodation and Food Services.

<b><u>Top Industries by Job</u></b>	<b><u>Number of Jobs</u></b>
Health Care and Social Services	1,402
Retail	887
Education	794
Accommodation and Food Services	445

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*Source: Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development.*

**APPENDIX B**

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

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**Audited Financial Statement ending June 30, 2024**

**BELL COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
AND SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION  
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

**with**

**REPORT OF INDEPENDENT AUDITORS**

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

Kentucky State Committee for  
School District Audits  
Members of the Board of Education  
Bell County School District  
Pineville, Kentucky

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

***Opinions***

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Bell 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 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, 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 *Independent Auditor's Contract*. 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.



### ***Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statement***

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 the management's discussion and analysis, budgetary comparison information, and the pension and other postemployment benefits liability and contribution information per 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 District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

*Cloyd & Associates, PSC*

Cloyd & Associates, PSC  
London, Kentucky  
November 15, 2024

**BELL COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION & ANALYSIS (MD&A)**  
**YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

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The management of Bell County School District (District) offers readers this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities and educational programs of the District for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024. We encourage readers to review the information presented here in conjunction with additional information found within the body of this audit.

This Management Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) is an element of the reporting model adopted by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) in their Statement No. 34, Basic Financial Statements - and Management's Discussion and Analysis - for State and Local Governments, issued June 1999; GASB Statement No. 37, Basic Financial Statement - and Management Discussion and Analysis - for State and Local Governments: Omnibus, an amendment to GASB Statements No. 21 and No. 34, issued in June 2001; and in GASB Statement No. 38, Certain Financial Statement Note Disclosures, issued in 2001. Certain comparative information between the current year and the prior year is required to be presented in the MD&A.

### **FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS**

- The ending cash balance for the District was \$(618,875) in 2024 and \$1,509,204 in 2023.
- The General Fund had \$25,483,675 in revenue, excluding interfund transfers and sale of equipment & buildings, which primarily consisted of the state program (SEEK) and property, utilities, and motor vehicle taxes. Excluding interfund transfers, there was \$28,721,849 in General Fund expenditures.
- Government wide capital assets realized a net increase of \$3,523,030 during the current fiscal year. Business-Type Activities Capital Assets had a net decrease of \$8,397 during the current fiscal year.

### **OVERVIEW OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

This discussion and analysis are intended to serve as an introduction to the District's basic financial statements. The District's basic financial statements comprise three components: 1) government-wide financial statements, 2) fund financial statements, and 3) notes to the financial statements. This report also contains other supplementary information to the basic financial statements themselves.

**Government-wide financial statements.** The government-wide financial statements are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of the District's finances, in a manner similar to a private-sector business. The statement of net position presents information on all of the 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 District is improving or deteriorating. The statement of activities presents information showing how the 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. The government-wide financial statements outline functions of the District that are primarily 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 asset acquisitions and related debt are also supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues. The government-wide financial statements can be found on the pages referenced in the table of contents of this report.

**Fund financial statement.** A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities and objectives. There 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:

**BELL COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION & ANALYSIS (MD&A) - CONTINUED**  
**YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

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governmental, proprietary, and fiduciary funds. Fiduciary funds are trust funds established by benefactors to aid in student education, welfare and teacher support. The proprietary funds are our food service and day care 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 of 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 government-wide and fund financial statements. The financial statements can be found on the pages referenced in the table of contents of this report.

**GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS**

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 are still outstanding. The District used 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.

**Net Position for the period ending June 30, 2024**

Fiscal year 2024 government-wide net position compared to 2023 is as follows:

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Current and other assets	\$ 5,006,114	\$ 6,094,552
Capital assets	55,377,963	51,863,331
Total assets	<u>\$ 60,384,077</u>	<u>\$ 57,957,883</u>
Deferred outflow of resources	<u>\$ 6,121,822</u>	<u>\$ 6,048,222</u>
Current liabilities	\$ 4,461,757	\$ 3,290,503
Noncurrent liabilities	32,903,213	38,229,667
Total Liabilities	<u>\$ 37,364,970</u>	<u>\$ 41,520,170</u>
Deferred inflows of resources	<u>\$ 8,556,906</u>	<u>\$ 6,604,306</u>
Net investment in capital assets,	\$ 33,826,521	\$ 28,475,218
Restricted net position	214,205	(47,556)
Unrestricted net position	<u>(13,456,703)</u>	<u>(12,546,033)</u>
Total net position	<u>\$ 20,584,023</u>	<u>\$ 15,881,629</u>

Net Position may serve over time as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. In the case of the District, governmental assets exceeded liabilities by approximately \$21,012,753; proprietary liabilities exceeded assets by \$428,730; and total assets exceeded liabilities by \$20,584,023 at June 30, 2024.

**BELL COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION & ANALYSIS (MD&A) - CONTINUED**  
**YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

The District had an overall decrease in unrestricted net position of \$910,670 comprised of a decrease in governmental activities unrestricted net position of \$212,406; and a decrease in proprietary activities of \$698,264.

The following table presents a fund accounting comparison and summary of revenue and expense for Government Funds only for the fiscal years 2024 and 2023.

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<u>\$ 40,770,956</u>	<u>\$ 39,509,374</u>
<b>Expenditures and other financing uses</b>		
Instruction	\$ 21,184,335	\$ 20,864,718
Student support services	1,169,972	1,293,652
Instructional support	2,449,894	2,590,883
District administration	2,198,821	1,326,242
School administration	1,417,745	1,527,331
Business operations	620,256	659,613
Plant operation and maintenance	4,383,066	5,314,838
Student transportation	2,007,436	3,141,597
Community services	418,170	428,288
Building improvements	4,859,250	814,850
Debt service	<u>2,591,658</u>	<u>2,735,504</u>
<b>Total expenditures</b>	<u>43,300,603</u>	<u>40,697,516</u>
<b>Excess revenues (expenditures)</b>	<u>\$ (2,529,647)</u>	<u>\$ (1,188,142)</u>
<b>Other financing sources (uses)</b>		
Loss compensation	\$ -	\$ 16,901
Sale of equipment	681,400	35,000
Transfers in	7,852,943	2,884,496
Transfers out	<u>(8,131,374)</u>	<u>(2,884,496)</u>
<b>Total other financing sources (uses)</b>	<u>\$ 402,969</u>	<u>\$ 51,901</u>
<b>Net change in fund balance</b>	<u>\$ (2,126,678)</u>	<u>\$ (1,136,241)</u>

On-behalf payments are included in the above amounts. On-behalf, as defined by the KDE, are payments the state makes on behalf of employees to the various agencies for health and life insurance, retirement, and administration fees. The on-behalf payments are allocated to expense as mandated by the KDE and are credited to revenues; therefore, have no effect on the District's level fund balance.

### **BUDGETARY IMPLICATION**

In Kentucky the public-school fiscal year is July 1 through June 30; other programs, such as, some federal programs operate on a different fiscal calendar but are reflected in the District's overall budget. By law, the budget must have a minimum 2% contingency. The District adopted a working budget with \$2,500,000 in contingency. Significant variations in the actual results of operations and the final budget are primarily due to on-behalf payments that are included in the financial statements but are not budgeted by the District.

### **Comments on Budget Comparisons**

- The District's total general fund revenues for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, were \$25,483,675 excluding transfers and sale of equipment & buildings.
- General fund budgeted revenue excluding transfers and sale of equipment & buildings compared to actual revenue varied from line item to line item with the ending actual balance being \$3,433,193 more than budget or 15.56% more than budget.
- The total cost of all general fund programs and services for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, was \$28,721,849, excluding transfers.
- General fund budgeted expenditures compared to actual expenditures varied from line item to line item with the ending actual balance being \$2,151,836 more than budget or 8.10% more than budget.

### **Contacting the District's Financial Management**

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, customers, investors and creditors with a general overview of the District's finances and to demonstrate the District's accountability for the money it receives.

Questions regarding this report should be directed to the Superintendent or the Director of Financial Services at (606) 337-7051 or by mail at 9828 US Highway 25E, Second Floor, Pineville, Kentucky 40977.

**BELL COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**STATEMENT OF NET POSITION**  
**JUNE 30, 2024**

	Governmental Activities	Business- Type Activities	Total
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Accounts receivable:			
Taxes	177,789	-	177,789
Other	81,146	-	81,146
Intergovernmental - State	236,324	-	236,324
Intergovernmental - Federal	3,925,494	58,822	3,984,316
Interfund receivable	300,725	-	300,725
Inventories	-	15,070	15,070
Net OPEB asset - CERS	202,314	8,430	210,744
Capital Assets, net			
Nondepreciable	6,255,298	-	6,255,298
Depreciable	48,853,131	269,534	49,122,665
<b>Total assets</b>	<u>60,032,221</u>	<u>351,856</u>	<u>60,384,077</u>
<b>DEFERRED OUTFLOW OF RESOURCES</b>			
Deferred amounts from refunding bonds	44,466	-	44,466
Deferred outflows - OPEB KTRS	1,505,173	-	1,505,173
Deferred outflows - OPEB CERS	1,211,148	50,464	1,261,612
Deferred outflows - pension - CERS	3,178,149	132,422	3,310,571
	<u>5,938,936</u>	<u>182,886</u>	<u>6,121,822</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
Accounts payable	347,750	12,775	360,525
Checks written in excess of bank	618,875	-	618,875
Interfund payable	-	300,725	300,725
Accrued expense	143,787	-	143,787
Unearned revenue	946,990	-	946,990
Current portion of lease obligations	159,304	-	159,304
Current maturities of bond obligations	1,750,000	-	1,750,000
Interest payable	181,551	-	181,551
Net OPEB liability - KTRS	3,096,000	-	3,096,000
Net pension liability - CERS	9,402,639	391,776	9,794,415
Noncurrent portion of lease obligations	976,604	-	976,604
Noncurrent maturities of bond obligations	18,710,000	-	18,710,000
Bond Premium	77,305	-	77,305
Noncurrent portion of accumulated sick leave	248,889	-	248,889
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<u>36,659,694</u>	<u>705,276</u>	<u>37,364,970</u>
<b>DEFERRED INFLOW OF RESOURCES</b>			
Deferred inflows - OPEB - KTRS	2,102,000	-	2,102,000
Deferred inflows - OPEB - CERS	3,834,591	159,774	3,994,365
Deferred inflows - pension - CERS	2,362,119	98,422	2,460,541
	<u>8,298,710</u>	<u>258,196</u>	<u>8,556,906</u>
<b>NET POSITION</b>			
Net investment in capital assets	33,556,987	269,534	33,826,521
Restricted for:			
Capital expenditures	-	-	-
Other	214,205	-	214,205
Unrestricted	(12,758,439)	(698,284)	(13,456,703)
<b>Total net position</b>	<u>\$ 21,012,753</u>	<u>\$ (428,730)</u>	<u>\$ 20,584,023</u>



**BELL COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**  
**JUNE 30, 2024**

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Special Revenue Funds</u>	<u>Other Governmental Funds</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 214,205	\$ 214,205
Accounts receivable:				
Taxes	177,789	-	-	177,789
Other	81,146	-	-	81,146
Intergovernmental - State	236,324	-	-	236,324
Intergovernmental - Federal	9,474	3,916,020	-	3,925,494
Interfund receivable	<u>3,049,082</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>202,500</u>	<u>3,251,582</u>
<b>Total assets</b>	<u>\$ 3,553,815</u>	<u>\$ 3,916,020</u>	<u>\$ 416,705</u>	<u>\$ 7,886,540</u>
<b>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</b>				
<b>Liabilities</b>				
Interfund payable	\$ -	\$ 2,950,857	\$ -	\$ 2,950,857
Accounts payable	127,077	18,173	202,500	347,750
Checks written in excess of bank	833,080	-	-	833,080
Accrued expense	143,787	-	-	143,787
Unearned revenue	<u>-</u>	<u>946,990</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>946,990</u>
Total liabilities	<u>1,103,944</u>	<u>3,916,020</u>	<u>202,500</u>	<u>5,222,464</u>
<b>Fund balances</b>				
Assigned	9,024	-	-	9,024
Restricted	-	-	214,205	214,205
Unassigned	<u>2,440,847</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,440,847</u>
Total fund balances	<u>2,449,871</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>214,205</u>	<u>2,664,076</u>
<b>Total liabilities and fund balances</b>	<u>\$ 3,553,815</u>	<u>\$ 3,916,020</u>	<u>\$ 416,705</u>	<u>\$ 7,886,540</u>

**BELL COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT****RECONCILIATION OF THE BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION**JUNE 30, 2024

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Total fund balances - governmental funds	\$ 2,664,076
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position are different because:	
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported as assets in governmental funds.	55,108,429
Deferred outflows of resources are not recorded in the government fund financials because they do not affect current resources but are recorded in the statement of net position.	5,938,936
Bonds payable are not reported in the governmental fund balance sheet because they are not due and payable in the current period, but they are presented in the statement of net position.	(20,460,000)
Leases payable are not reported in the governmental fund balance sheet because they are not due and payable in the current period, but they are presented in the statement of net position.	(1,135,908)
The long term portion of accumulated sick leave is not reported in the governmental fund balance sheet because it is not due and payable in the current period, but it is presented in the statement of net position.	(248,889)
Net pension obligation is not reported in the governmental fund balance sheet because it is not due and payable in the current period, but it is presented in the statement of net position.	(9,402,639)
Net OPEB obligation is not reported in the governmental fund balance sheet because it is not due and payable in the current period, but it is presented in the statement of net position.	(2,893,686)
Deferred inflows of resources are not recorded in the government fund financials because they do not affect current resources but are recorded in the statement of net position.	(8,298,710)
Bond premiums are recognized as other sources in the fund financial statement but is a liability in the statement of net position	(77,305)
Interest payable is not reported in the governmental fund balance sheet because it is not due and payable in the current period, but it is presented in the statement of net position.	<u>(181,551)</u>
Total net position - governmental activities	<u>\$ 21,012,753</u>

**BELL COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES -**  
**GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**  
**YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

	General Fund	Special Revenue Funds	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<b>Revenues</b>				
From local sources:				
Taxes				
Property	\$ 2,667,976	\$ -	\$ 582,674	\$ 3,250,650
Motor vehicle	649,170	-	-	649,170
Utility	985,538	-	-	985,538
Unmined minerals	167,424	-	-	167,424
Earnings on investments	185,032	-	-	185,032
Other local	870,324	503,161	1,333,791	2,707,276
Intergovernmental - State	19,888,677	1,213,147	2,455,864	23,557,688
Intergovernmental - Federal	69,528	9,198,650	-	9,268,178
	<u>25,483,669</u>	<u>10,914,958</u>	<u>4,372,329</u>	<u>40,770,956</u>
<b>Total revenues</b>				
<b>Expenditures</b>				
Current:				
Instruction	16,115,592	3,686,754	1,381,989	21,184,335
Student	1,066,700	103,272	-	1,169,972
Instructional support	1,102,239	1,347,655	-	2,449,894
District administration	2,198,821	-	-	2,198,821
School administration	1,321,524	96,221	-	1,417,745
Business support	509,048	111,208	-	620,256
Plant operations and maintenance	4,391,020	(7,954)	-	4,383,066
Student transportation	1,840,061	167,375	-	2,007,436
Community services	-	418,170	-	418,170
Building improvements	-	-	4,859,250	4,859,250
Debt service	176,844	-	2,414,814	2,591,658
	<u>28,721,849</u>	<u>5,922,701</u>	<u>8,656,053</u>	<u>43,300,603</u>
<b>Total expenditures</b>				
Excess (deficit) of revenues over (under) expenditures	(3,238,180)	4,992,257	(4,283,724)	(2,529,647)
<b>Other financing sources (uses)</b>				
Loss compensation	-	-	-	-
Sale of equipment & buildings	681,400	-	-	681,400
Transfers in	998,943	174,085	6,679,915	7,852,943
Transfers out	(384,838)	(5,166,342)	(2,580,194)	(8,131,374)
	<u>1,295,505</u>	<u>(4,992,257)</u>	<u>4,099,721</u>	<u>402,969</u>
<b>Total other financing sources (uses)</b>				
<b>Net change in fund balance</b>	(1,942,675)	-	(184,003)	(2,126,678)
Fund Balance as of June 30, 2023	<u>4,392,546</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>398,208</u>	<u>4,790,754</u>
<b>Fund balance as of June 30, 2024</b>	<u>\$ 2,449,871</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 214,205</u>	<u>\$ 2,664,076</u>

**BELL COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES**  
**IN FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES**  
**YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

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Net change in total fund balances - governmental funds	\$ (2,126,678)
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Activities are different because:	
Capital outlays are reported as expenditures in the governmental fund financial statements because they use current financial resources, but they are treated as assets in the statement of net position and depreciated over their estimated economic lives. The difference is the amount by which capital outlay expense exceeds depreciation for the year.	3,526,154
Amortization and addition of deferred outflows or resources is not recognized in the governmental fund financial statements, but is a component of interest in the Statement of Activities.	(11,116)
Bond and financing lease payments are recognized as expenditures of current financial resources in the governmental fund financial statements, but are reductions of liabilities in the Statement of Net Position.	1,847,787
Interest payments are recognized as expenditures of current financial resources in the governmental fund financial statements, but are expensed as incurred in the Statement of Activities.	12,816
Calculated pension and OPEB expense is not recognized on the governmental fund financial statements, but is recognized as an expense on the Statement of Activities, while pension contributions are deferred on the Statement of Net Position	1,546,952
Amortization of bond premiums are not recognized in the governmental fund financial statements but are recognized on the Statement of Activities.	15,462
Gains and losses on sale of assets are not recognized in the government fund statements but are recognized in the Statement of Activities.	(3,125)
Accumulated sick leave is recognized by the amount earned in the statement of activities, but the governmental fund financial statements only recognize the obligations anticipated to be retired from existing financial resources.	<u>155,039</u>
Change in net position - governmental activities	<u>\$ 4,963,291</u>

**BELL COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**STATEMENT OF NET POSITION - PROPRIETARY FUND**  
**JUNE 30, 2024**

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	<u>Food Service Fund</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
<b>Current assets</b>	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ -
Accounts receivable	58,822
Inventories	15,070
Net OPEB asset - CERS	<u>8,430</u>
Total current assets	<u>82,322</u>
<b>Noncurrent assets</b>	
Capital assets	966,175
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>(696,640)</u>
Total noncurrent assets	<u>269,534</u>
<b>Total assets</b>	<u>351,856</u>
<b>Deferred outflow of resources</b>	
Deferred outflows- OPEB - CERS	50,464
Deferred outflows - pension - CERS	<u>132,422</u>
	<u>182,886</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>	
<b>Current liabilities</b>	
Interfund payable	300,725
Accounts payable	<u>12,775</u>
	<u>313,500</u>
<b>Noncurrent liabilities</b>	
Net pension liability - CERS	<u>391,776</u>
	<u>391,776</u>
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<u>705,276</u>
<b>Deferred inflow of resources</b>	
Deferred inflows - OPEB - CERS	159,774
Deferred inflows - pension - CERS	<u>98,422</u>
	<u>258,196</u>
<b>NET POSITION</b>	
Net investment in capital assets	269,534
Restricted for:	
Other	458,656
Unrestricted	<u>(1,156,920)</u>
<b>Total net position</b>	<u>\$ (428,730)</u>

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

**BELL COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION - PROPRIETARY FUNDS**  
**YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

	<u>Food Service Fund</u>
<b>Operating revenues</b>	
Lunchroom sales	\$ 103,568
Other	<u>53,242</u>
Total operating revenues	<u>156,810</u>
<b>Operating expenses</b>	
Salaries and wages	974,603
Employee benefits	580,206
Materials and supplies	1,611,265
Depreciation	<u>8,397</u>
Total operating expenses	<u>3,174,471</u>
Operating loss	<u>(3,017,661)</u>
<b>Nonoperating revenues</b>	
Federal grants	2,036,740
State grants	330,965
Donated commodities	<u>110,628</u>
Total nonoperating revenues/(expenses)	<u>2,478,333</u>
Income before contributions, transfers, and special items	(539,328)
Transfer in	<u>278,431</u>
<b>Change in net position</b>	(260,897)
Net position as of June 30, 2023	<u>(167,833)</u>
<b>Net position as of June 30, 2024</b>	<u>\$ (428,730)</u>

**BELL COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS - PROPRIETARY FUND**  
**YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

	<u>Food Service Fund</u>
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>	
Cash received from:	
Lunchroom sales	\$ 103,568
Other activities	53,242
Cash paid to/for:	
Employees	(1,597,366)
Supplies	(1,205,580)
Net cash used in operating activities	<u>(2,646,136)</u>
<b>Cash flows from non-capital financing activities</b>	
Grants received	<u>2,367,705</u>
Net cash used in non-capital financing activities	<u>2,367,705</u>
<b>Cash flows from noncapital financing activities</b>	
Transfers from other funds	<u>278,431</u>
Net cash used in capital and related activities	<u>278,431</u>
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	-
Cash and cash equivalents as of June 30, 2023	-
<b>Cash and cash equivalents as of June 30, 2024</b>	<u>\$ -</u>
<b>Reconciliation of operating income (loss) to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities:</b>	
Operating income/ (loss)	\$ (3,017,661)
Adjustments to reconcile change in net position to net cash used in operating activities:	
(Increase)/decrease in accounts receivable	3,749
(Increase)/decrease in inventories	21,322
Increase/(decrease) in accounts payable	(2,059)
Increase/(decrease) in interfund payable	272,045
Net change in pension expense	(42,557)
Donated commodities	110,628
Depreciation	8,397
<b>Net cash used in operating activities</b>	<u>\$ (2,646,136)</u>
<b>Schedule of non-cash transactions:</b>	
Depreciation	8,397
Donated commodities	<u>110,628</u>
<b>Total non-cash transactions</b>	<u>\$ 119,025</u>

## **1. REPORTING ENTITY**

The Bell 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 Bell County School District ("District"). The District receives funding from Local, State and Federal government sources and must comply with the commitment requirements of these funding source entities. However, the District is not included in any other governmental "reporting entity" as defined 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 and activities relevant to the operation of the Bell County Board of Education. The basic financial statements presented herein do not include funds of groups and organizations, which, although associated with the school system, have not originated within the Board itself such as Band Boosters, Parent-Teacher Associations, etc. Such funds or groups have been considered as prospective component units under GASB Statement Number 39, *Determining Whether Certain Organizations Are Component Units*, and have been determined to have insignificant assets, liabilities, equity, revenue and expenditures to be considered component units. In addition, the Board has the ability to exert little control over the fiscal activities of the funds or groups.

The basic 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:

Bell County School District Finance Corporation - In a prior year the Board of Education resolved to authorize the establishment of the Bell County School District Finance Corporation (a non-profit, non-stock, public and charitable corporation pursuant to Section 162.385 of the School Bond Act and KRS 273 and KRS Section 58.180) (the "Corporation") to act as an agency for the District for financing the costs of school building facilities. The members of the Board also comprise the Corporation's Board of Directors.

## **2. BASIS OF PRESENTATION AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The financial statements of the District have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as applied to governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles.

The District has elected to apply all applicable GASB pronouncements as well as Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) pronouncements and Accounting Principles Board (APB) opinions issued on or before November 30, 1989 to its proprietary funds, unless those pronouncements conflict or contradict GASB pronouncements.

The following is a summary of the basis of presentation:

**Government-wide Financial Statements** - The statement of net position and the statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in net position 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, which normally are supported by tax revenues, and those that are considered business-type activities, which rely significantly on fees and charges for support.

The government-wide statements are prepared using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting.

## **2. BASIS OF PRESENTATION AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES-CONTINUED**

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 reconciliations with brief explanations to better identify the relationship between the government-wide statements and the statements for governmental funds.

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. 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. Non-major 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 total fund balances. 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.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the General Fund be reported as a major fund. All other governmental and proprietary funds whose assets, liabilities, revenues, or expenditures comprise at least 10% of the total for the relevant fund category and at least 5% of the corresponding total for all governmental and proprietary funds combined must also be reported as major funds.

The District has the following funds:

### **I. Government Fund Types**

The General Fund is the main operating fund of the District. It accounts for all revenues and expenditures of the District not encompassed within other funds. All general tax revenues and other receipts that are not allocated by law or contractual agreement to some other fund are accounted for in this fund. General operating expenditures and the capital improvement costs that are not paid through other funds are paid from the General Fund. This is a budgeted fund, and any fund balances are considered as resources available for use. This is a major fund of the District.

The Special Revenue (Grant) Funds account for proceeds of specific revenue sources (other than expendable trusts or major capital projects) that are legally restricted to disbursements for specified purposes. It includes federal financial programs where unused balances are returned to the grantor at the close of the specified project periods as well as 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.

**2. BASIS OF PRESENTATION AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES-CONTINUED**

I. Government Fund Types - continued

The School Activity Fund is used to account for activities of student groups.

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 Funds). The Capital Project Funds account for revenue and expenditures from three sources:

1. 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 identified in the District's facility plan.
2. Facility Support Program of Kentucky (FSPK) accounts for funds generated by the building tax levy required to participate in the School Facilities Construction Commission's construction funding and state matching funds, where applicable. Funds may be used for projects identified in the District's facility plan.
3. The Construction Fund accounts for proceeds from sales of bonds and other revenues to be used for authorized construction.

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.

II. Proprietary Fund Types (Enterprise Fund)

The Food Service Fund is used to account for school food service activities, including the National School Lunch Program and the national School Breakfast Program, which are conducted in cooperation with the U.S. Department of 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 as well as the Financial Accounting Standards Board pronouncements issued on or before November 30, 1989, unless those pronouncements conflict with or contradict GASB pronouncements.

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.

## **2. BASIS OF PRESENTATION AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES-CONTINUED**

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 resources 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 non-exchange transactions must also be available before they can be recognized.

Unearned Revenue/Advances from Grantors - 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. The District reports unearned revenue on its statement of net position and governmental funds balance sheet. In both the government-wide and governmental fund statements, grants that are intended to finance future periods are reported as unearned revenue. In subsequent periods, the liability for unearned revenue is removed from the statement of net position and governmental funds balance sheet and revenue is recognized.

Expenses/Expenditures - On the accrual basis of accounting, expenses are recognized at the time they are incurred. The measurement focus of governmental fund accounting is on flow of current financial resources. Expenditures are generally recognized in the accounting period in which the related fund liability is incurred except for (1) principal and interest on general long-term debt, which is recorded when due, and (2) the costs of accumulated unpaid vacation and sick leave, which are reported as fund liabilities in the period in which they will be liquidated with available financial resources rather than in the period earned by employees.

The fair value of donated commodities used during the year is reported in the statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in net position as an expense with a like amount reported as donated commodities 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.

### Property Taxes

Property taxes are levied by September 30 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. Property taxes collected are recorded as revenues in the fiscal year for which they were levied. All taxes collected are initially deposited into the General Fund and then transferred to the appropriate fund.

The property tax rates assessed for the year ended June 30, 2024, to finance the General Fund operations were \$.692 per \$100 valuation for real property, \$.692 per \$100 valuation for business personal property and \$.566 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.

**2. BASIS OF PRESENTATION AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES-CONTINUED**

Prepaid Assets

Payments made that will benefit periods beyond the end of the fiscal year 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 an 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 governmental funds. These assets are reported in the governmental activity's column of the government-wide statement of net position but are not reported in the fund financial statements. Capital assets utilized by the proprietary funds are reported 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 \$5,000. Improvements are capitalized; the cost of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend an asset's life are not capitalized.

All reported capital assets, except land and construction-in-progress, are depreciated. Improvements are depreciated over the remaining useful lives of the related capital assets. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the following useful lives for both general capital assets and proprietary fund assets:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Estimated Lives</u>
Buildings and improvements	25-50 years
Land improvements	20 years
Technology equipment	5 years
School buses	10 years
Other vehicles	5 years
Audio-visual equipment	15 years
Food service equipment	12 years
Furniture and fixtures	20 years
Rolling stock	15 years
Other general equipment	10 years

Interfund Receivables and Payables

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

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 accumulated sick leave. Sick leave benefits are accrued as a liability using the vesting method, in which leave amounts for both employees who are currently eligible to receive termination payments and other employees who are expected to become eligible in the future to receive such payments upon termination are included.

# BELL COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

## NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

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### 2. BASIS OF PRESENTATION AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES-CONTINUED

The entire compensated absence liability includes the remaining 70% plus any accrued sick leave for people not eligible and is reported on the government-wide financial statements. For governmental fund financial statements, the amount of accumulated vacation and sick leave of employees has been recorded as an assigned portion of fund balance. The balance of the liability is not recorded.

For governmental fund financial statements the current portion, if any, of unpaid accrued sick leave is the amount expected to be paid using expendable available resources. These amounts are recorded in the account "accumulated sick leave payable" in the General Fund. The noncurrent portion of the liability is not reported.

#### Bonds and Related Premiums, Discounts, and Issuance Costs

In the government-wide 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 premiums or discounts. 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 also reported as other financing sources. Discounts related to debt issuance are reported as other financing uses. Issuance costs are reported as debt service expenditures.

#### Budgetary Process

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

- Revenues are recorded on the modified accrual basis of accounting (budgetary) as opposed to when susceptible to accrual (GAAP).
- Expenditures are recorded on the modified accrual basis of accounting (budgetary) as opposed to when susceptible to accrual (GAAP).

Once the budget is approved by the Board, 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 the fiscal year-end as dictated by law. Budgetary receipts represent original estimates modified for adjustments, if any, during the fiscal year. Budgetary disbursements represent original appropriations adjusted for budget transfers and additional appropriations, if any, approved during the fiscal year.

Each budget is prepared and controlled at the revenue and expenditure function/object level. All budget appropriations lapse at year-end.

#### 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.

#### Receivables

The District recognizes revenues as receivables when they are measurable and receipt is probable. Concentration of credit risk with respect to the receivables from federal and state governments is limited due to the historical stability of those institutions. Federal and state grants to be used or expended as specified by the grantor are recognized as revenue and recorded as receivables as qualifying expenditures are made.

## 2. BASIS OF PRESENTATION AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES-CONTINUED

### Inventories

On government-wide and governmental fund financial statements inventories of supplies and materials are stated at cost and are expensed when used.

The school Food Service Fund inventory consists of food, supplies and U.S. Government commodities.

The Food Service Fund inventory is stated at cost and uses the specific identification method; and the General Fund inventory is stated at cost and uses the first-in, first-out method.

### 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 judgements, accumulated sick leave, contractually required pension 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.

### Fund Balance Reserves

Fund balances are separated into five categories, as required by GASB 54, *Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions*, as follows:

**Nonspendable** fund balance is permanently nonspendable by decree of donor. Examples would be an endowment or that which may not be used for another purpose such as amounts used to prepay future expenses or already purchased inventory on hand.

**Restricted** fund balances arise when constraints placed on the use of resources are either externally imposed by creditors (such as through debt covenants), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments or imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

**Committed** fund balances are those amounts that can only be used for specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by formal action of the government's highest level of decision-making authority, which, for the District is the Board of Education. The Board of Education must approve by majority vote the establishment (and modification or rescinding) of a fund balance commitment.

**Assigned** fund balances are those amounts that are constrained by the government's *intent* to be used for specific purposes, but are neither restricted nor committed. The Board of Education allows program supervisors to complete purchase orders which result in the encumbrance of funds. Assigned fund balance also includes (a) all remaining amounts (except for negative balances) that are reported in governmental funds, other than the general fund, that are not classified as nonspendable and are neither restricted nor committed and (b) amounts in the general fund that are intended to be used for a specific purpose.

**Unassigned** fund balance is the residual classification for the general fund. This classification represents fund balance that has not been assigned to other funds and that has not been restricted, committed, or assigned to specific purposes within the general fund.

## **2. BASIS OF PRESENTATION AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES-CONTINUED**

It is the Board's practice to liquidate funds when conditions have been met releasing these funds from legal, contractual, Board, or managerial obligations, using restricted funds first, followed by committed funds, assigned funds, then unassigned funds.

### Encumbrances

Encumbrances are not liabilities and, therefore, are not recorded as expenditures until receipt of material or service. For budgetary purposes, appropriations lapse at fiscal year-end, and outstanding encumbrances at year-end are appropriated in the next year. Encumbrances are considered a managerial assignment of fund balance at June 30, 2024, in the governmental funds balance sheet.

### Net Position

Net position represents the difference between assets and liabilities. Net position invested in capital assets, net of related debt consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, reduced by the outstanding balances of any borrowings used for the acquisition, construction or improvement of those assets. Net position is reported as restricted when limitations are imposed on their use either through the enabling legislation or through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors or laws or regulations of other governments.

### 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.

### 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 Activity

Exchange transactions between funds are reported as revenues in the seller funds and as expenditures/expenses in the purchaser funds. Flows of cash or goods from one fund to another without a requirement for repayment are reported as interfund transfers. Interfund transfers are reported as other financing sources/uses in governmental funds 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.

### Estimates

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

## **2. BASIS OF PRESENTATION AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES-CONTINUED**

### Deferred Inflows and Deferred Outflows of Resources

Deferred inflows and deferred outflows are recorded on the government-wide and proprietary financial statements. The deferred outflows of resources presented were primarily created by differences in pension expectations, the prior refunding of revenue bonds and deferral of pension contributions. Deferred inflows were primarily created by actuarial determinations of net pension liability changes.

### Pension and Other Postemployment Benefits

For purposes of measuring the net liabilities, the deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources, and expense related to pensions and other postemployment benefits (OPEB), information about the fiduciary net position of the pension / OPEB plans, and additions to / deductions from the pension / OPEB plans' fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by the pension / OPEB plans. For this purpose, revenues are recognized when earned. Benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. The primary government's proportionate share of pension amounts was further allocated to proprietary funds based on the salaries paid by each proprietary fund. Plan 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 Employees Retirement System Non-Hazardous (CERS) and additions to/deductions from TRS's fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by the pension plans. 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.

### Leases

GASB Statement No. 87, Leases, was issued to improve accounting and financial reporting for leases by governments, by establishing standards for leases that were previously classified as operating leases. It establishes a single model for lease accounting based on the foundational principle that leases are financings of the right to use an underlying asset, thus requiring lessees to recognize a lease liability and an intangible right-to-use lease asset, and lessors to recognize a lease receivable and a deferred inflow of resources.

## **3. DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS**

### Deposits

The District's deposits (demand deposit accounts) are carried at cost, which approximates fair value. At June 30, 2024, the book balance of the District's bank deposits and the bank balances were as follows:

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**3. CUSTODIAL CREDIT RISK – DEPOSITS - CONTINUED**

Cash and cash equivalents at June 30, 2024 consisted of the following:

	<u>Bank Balance</u>	<u>Book Balance</u>
Hearthside Bank	\$ 1,248,776	\$ (884,033)
First State Bank	<u>309,835</u>	<u>265,158</u>
	<u>\$ 1,558,611</u>	<u>\$ (618,875)</u>

Breakdown per financial statements is as follows:

Governmental funds	\$ (618,875)
Proprietary funds	<u>-</u>
	<u>\$ (618,875)</u>

Due to the nature of the accounts and limitations imposed for the purposes of various funds, all cash balances are considered to be restricted except for the General Fund. At June 30, 2024, there was book overdraft of cash in the amount of \$618,875 which was subsequently resolved through the collection of outstanding accounts receivable.

Custodial Credit Risk

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the District's deposits may not be returned to it. As of June 30, 2024, none of the District's bank balance was exposed to custodial credit risk because of coverage by Federal Depository insurance and by collateral agreements and collateral held by the pledging banks' trust departments in the District's name.

Investments

Funds of the District are public funds and, therefore, their investment is limited by statute to certain obligations of the United States or similar government agencies, cash instruments, and certain pooled investment funds as provided by KRS 66.480. At June 30, 2024, the District holds only demand deposits and certificates of deposit considered to be cash equivalents. Consequently, the District does not have investment related credit risk or interest risk.

Investments reported on the financial statements are nonparticipating interest-earning investment contracts purchased from a bank in the form of a Certificate of Deposit. Therefore, under GASB Statement No 72, Fair Value Measurement & Application these types of investments are exempt from fair value measurements.

**4. CAPITAL ASSETS**

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

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	June 30, 2023			June 30, 2024
	Balance	Additions	Retirements	Balance
<b>Governmental Activities</b>				
Land & Land Improvements	\$ 293,030	\$ -	\$ 3,124	\$ 289,906
Buildings	68,180,750	-	1,218,727	66,962,023
Technology	2,493,920	-	-	2,493,920
Vehicles	9,326,311	-	365,827	8,960,484
General Equipment	1,158,897	-	-	1,158,897
Construction Work in Progress	1,106,142	4,859,250	-	5,965,392
Total historical cost	82,559,050	4,859,250	1,587,678	85,830,622
Less accumulated depreciation	30,973,651	1,333,096	1,584,554	30,722,193
Governmental capital assets, net	<u>\$ 51,585,399</u>	<u>\$ 3,526,154</u>	<u>\$ 3,124</u>	<u>\$ 55,108,429</u>
<b>Business-type Activities</b>				
Technology	\$ 14,258	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 14,258
General Equipment	951,917	-	-	951,917
Total historical cost	966,175	-	-	966,175
Less accumulated depreciation	688,244	8,397	-	696,641
Business-type capital assets, net	<u>\$ 285,628</u>	<u>\$ (8,397)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 269,534</u>

Depreciation expense for business-type activities was entirely incurred in the operation of the School Food Services. Depreciation for governmental activities was charged to governmental functions as follows:

Instruction	\$ 966,624
Instructional staff support	708
School administrative support	160
Plant operations and maintenance	84,427
Student transportation	281,177
	<u>\$ 1,333,096</u>

**5. LEASE PAYABLE**

The District has entered into lease agreements for buses which will become the property of the District when all the terms of the lease agreement are met. The following schedule presents the lease activity for the year ended June 30, 2024:

*See table on next page*

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**5. LEASE PAYABLE – CONTINUED**

Description	Maturity	Interest Rates	Original Issue	Balance June 30, 2023	Debt Issued	Debt Paid	Balance June 30, 2024	Due Within One Year
KISTA:								
2011	March, 2031	1.50 - 4.30%	\$ 133,990	\$ 78,990	\$ -	\$ 5,000	\$ 73,990	\$ 5,000
2021	March, 2031	2.00% - 3.00%	1,560,751	1,214,705	-	152,787	1,061,918	154,304
			<u>\$ 1,694,741</u>	<u>\$ 1,293,695</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 157,787</u>	<u>\$ 1,135,908</u>	<u>\$ 159,304</u>

The following table presents a schedule by years of the future minimum lease payments under lease as of June 30, 2024:

Year	Principal	Interest	Total
2025	\$ 159,304	\$ 16,953	\$ 176,257
2026	166,328	14,725	181,053
2027	168,352	12,371	180,723
2028	170,375	9,976	180,351
2029-2032	471,549	15,662	487,211
Totals	<u>\$ 1,135,908</u>	<u>\$ 69,687</u>	<u>\$ 1,205,595</u>
		Less: amounts representing interest	<u>(69,687)</u>
		Net lease liability	<u>\$ 1,135,908</u>

**6. LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS**

The amounts shown in the accompanying basic financial statements as bond obligations represent the District's future obligations to make lease payments relating to the bonds issued by the Bell County School District Finance Corporation.

The original amount of each issue, the issue date, and interest rates of bonded debt and lease obligations are summarized in the following table:

Issue Date	Proceeds	Rates	Maturity
2010	\$ 670,000	2.875% - 3.875%	2031
2014	\$ 3,265,000	3.00% - 3.75%	2034
2014	\$ 7,680,000	1.00% - 4.00%	2034
2014	\$ 8,420,000	2.00 - 3.625%	2035
2014	\$ 1,395,000	.55% - 3.625%	2035
2019R	\$ 5,145,000	3.00%	2029
2022	\$ 970,000	1.30-2.70%	2042

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**6. LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS - CONTINUED**

The District, through the General Fund, including utility taxes, the FSPK Building Fund and the Support Education Excellence in Kentucky (SEEK) Capital Outlay Fund, is obligated to make payments in amounts sufficient to satisfy debt service requirements on bonds issued by the Bell 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.

In 1987, the District entered into "participation agreements" with the Kentucky School Facility Construction Commission. The Commission was created by the Kentucky General Assembly for the purpose of assisting local school districts in meeting school construction needs. The table below sets forth the amount to be paid by the District and the Commission for each year until maturity of all bond issues.

The liability for the total bond amount remains with the District and, as such, the total principal outstanding has been recorded in the financial statements.

Generally, all bonds issued are secured by a statutory mortgage lien on the respective school buildings and appurtenant properties, including any subsequent additions thereto. The agreements contain a provision that in the event of default, action can be taken to compel specific performance. The bonds may be called prior to maturity and redemption premiums are specified in each issue. Assuming no bonds are called prior to scheduled 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:

Year	Bell County School District		Kentucky School Facility Construction Commission		Principal Total	Interest Total
	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest		
2024-25	\$ 1,365,980	\$ 600,459	\$ 384,020	\$ 73,803	\$ 1,750,000	\$ 674,262
2025-26	1,415,383	559,279	394,617	62,685	1,810,000	621,964
2026-27	1,464,453	516,531	410,547	50,958	1,875,000	567,489
2027-28	1,528,164	471,225	421,836	38,767	1,950,000	509,992
2028-29	1,624,227	417,696	100,773	26,199	1,725,000	443,895
2029-30	1,702,898	361,997	102,102	23,223	1,805,000	385,220
2030-31	1,774,503	302,627	95,497	20,334	1,870,000	322,961
2031-32	1,856,782	240,345	68,218	18,105	1,925,000	258,450
2032-33	1,945,939	173,593	74,061	16,363	2,020,000	189,956
2033-34	2,034,977	100,740	75,023	14,401	2,110,000	115,141
2034-35	1,180,000	21,388	50,000	12,150	1,230,000	33,538
2035-36	-	-	50,000	10,900	50,000	10,900
2036-37	-	-	55,000	9,650	55,000	9,650
2037-38	-	-	55,000	8,275	55,000	8,275
2038-39	-	-	55,000	6,900	55,000	6,900
2039-40	-	-	55,000	5,250	55,000	5,250
2040-41	-	-	60,000	3,600	60,000	3,600
2041-42	-	-	60,000	1,800	60,000	1,800
	<u>\$ 17,893,306</u>	<u>\$ 3,765,879</u>	<u>\$ 2,566,694</u>	<u>\$ 403,362</u>	<u>\$ 20,460,000</u>	<u>\$ 4,169,241</u>

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**6. LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS – CONTINUED**

A summary of the changes in long-term liabilities during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024 is as follows:

Governmental Activities	Balance June 30, 2023	Additions	Deductions	Balance June 30, 2024
Bonded debt obligations	\$ 22,150,000	\$ -	\$ 1,690,000	\$ 20,460,000
KISTA leases	1,293,695	-	157,787	1,135,908
Net pension liability (asset) - CERS	10,221,970	-	427,555	9,794,415
Net OPEB liability (asset) - CERS	2,790,094	-	3,000,838	(210,744)
Net OPEB liability (asset) - KTRS	3,125,000	-	29,000	3,096,000
Accrued sick leave	403,928	-	155,039	248,889
	<u>\$ 41,236,391</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 5,460,219</u>	<u>\$ 34,524,468</u>

The change in accrued sick leave is presented as a net change.

**7. RETIREMENT PLANS**

The District's employees are provided with two pension plans, based on each position's college degree requirement as described below. The two pension plans are County Employees Retirement System (CERS) and the Kentucky Teachers Retirement System (KTRS).

**General information about the County Employees Retirement System Non-Hazardous ("CERS")**

*Plan description*—Employees whose positions do not require a degree beyond a high school diploma are covered by the CERS, a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan administered by the Kentucky Retirement System, an agency of the Commonwealth of Kentucky. Under the provisions of the Kentucky Revised Statute ("KRS") Section 61.645, the Board of Trustees of the Kentucky Retirement System administers CERS and has the authority to establish and amend benefit provisions. The Kentucky Retirement System issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for CERS. That report may be obtained from <http://kyret.ky.gov/>.

*Benefits provided*—CERS provides retirement, health insurance, death and disability benefits to Plan employees and beneficiaries. Employees are vested in the plan after five years' service. For retirement purposes, employees are grouped into three tiers, based on hire date:

Tier 1	Participation date Unreduced retirement Reduced retirement	Before September 1, 2008 27 years' service or 65 years old At least 5 years' service and 55 years of age At least 25 years service and any age
Tier 2	Participation date Unreduced retirement  Reduced retirement	September 1, 2008 – December 31, 2013 At least 5 years service and 65 years of age Or age 57+ and sum of service years plus age equal 87 At least 10 years service and 60 years of age
Tier 3	Participation date Unreduced retirement  Reduced retirement	After December 31, 2013 At least 5 years service and 65 years of age Or age 57+ and sum of service years plus age equal 87 Not available

**7. RETIREMENT PLANS – CONTINUED**

Participating employees become eligible to receive health insurance benefit after at least 180 months of service. Death benefits are provided for both death after retirement and death prior to retirement.

Contributions— Required contributions by the employee are based on the tier:

	<u>Required contribution</u>
Tier 1	5%
Tier 2	5% + 1% for insurance
Tier 3	5% + 1% for insurance

*Funding Policy* – Funding for the plan is provided through payroll withholdings and matching District contributions. The District contributes 23.34% of the employee’s total compensation subject to contribution. The pension contribution rate is 23.34% and the OPEB contribution rate is 0.00%.

**General information about the Teachers’ Retirement System of the State of Kentucky (“KTRS”)**

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

*Benefits provided*—TRS provides retirement, health insurance, death and disability benefits to Plan employees and beneficiaries. Employees become vested when they complete five (5) years of credited service. For retirement purposes, employees are grouped into four tiers, based on hire date:

TRS 1	Participation Date	Before July 1, 2002
	Unreduced retirement	27 years service or at least 5 years service and 60 years old
	Reduced retirement	At least 5 years service and 55 years old with a reduction in retirement of 5% for each year under age 60 or under 27 years of service, whichever is less (up to 25%)
	Retirement factors	2.5% per year of service up to 30, 3.0% per year of service for each year over 30
	Final average salary	Average of the 5 highest annual salaries until a member reaches At least 27 years service and age 55, when the highest 3 annual Salaries are used
TRS 2	Participation Date	July 1, 2002 – June 30, 2008
	Unreduced retirement	27 years service or at least 5 years service and 60 years old
	Reduced retirement	At least 5 years service and 55 years old with a reduction in retirement of 5% for each year under age 60 or under 27 years of service, whichever is less (up to 25%)
	Retirement factors	2.0 - 2.5% per year of service up to 30, 3.0% per year of service for each year over 30

**7. RETIREMENT PLANS – CONTINUED**

<p>TRS 3</p> <p>Participation Date</p> <p>Unreduced retirement</p> <p>Reduced retirement</p> <p>Retirement factors</p> <p>Final average salary</p>	<p>July 1, 2008 – December 31, 2022</p> <p>27 years service or at least 5 years service and 60 years old</p> <p>At least 10 years service and 55 years old with a reduction in retirement of 6% for each year under age 60 or under 27 years of service, whichever is less (up to 30%)</p> <p>1.7 - 2.5% per year of service up to 30, 3.0% per year of service for each year over 30</p> <p>Average of the 5 highest annual salaries until a member reaches At least 27 years service and age 55, when the highest 3 annual Salaries are used</p>
<p>TRS 4</p> <p>Participation Date</p> <p>Unreduced retirement</p> <p>Reduced retirement</p> <p>Retirement factors</p> <p>Final average salary</p>	<p>On or after January 1, 2022</p> <p>Age 57 with 30 years service or at least 10 years service and 60 years old or at least 5 years service and 65 years old</p> <p>At least 10 years service and 57 years old with a reduction in retirement of 6% for each year under age 60 or under 27 years of service, whichever is less (up to 18%)</p> <p>1.7 - 2.5% per year of service up to 30, 2.2 – 2.4% per year of service for each year over 30</p> <p>Average of the 5 highest annual salaries</p>

KTRS also provides disability benefits for vested employees at a rate of sixty (60) percent of their final average salary. A life insurance benefit, payable upon the death of a member, is \$2,000 for active contributing employees and \$5,000 for retired or disabled employees.

*Contributions*—Contribution rates are established by Kentucky Revised Statutes (KRS). Non-university employees in TRS 1, TRS 2, and TRS 3 are required to contribute 12.855% of their salaries to the System. Non-university employees in TRS 4 are required to contribute 14.750% of their salaries to the system.

The Commonwealth of Kentucky, as a non-employer contributing entity, pays matching contributions at the rate of 13.105% of salaries for local school district and regional cooperative employees in TRS 1 and TRS 2, 14.105% and 14.105% of salaries for local school district and regional cooperative employees in TRS 3, and 10.750% of salaries for local school district and regional cooperative employees in TRS 4. For local school district and regional cooperative employees whose salaries are federally funded, the employer contributes 16.105% of salaries for employees in TRS 1 And TRS 2, 17.105% of salaries for employees in TRS 3, and 10.750% of salaries for employees in TRS 4. 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 (Assets), Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions**

At June 30, 2024, the District reported a liability (asset) of \$9,794,415 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset) for CERS. The District did not report a liability (asset) for the District's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset) for KTRS because the Commonwealth of Kentucky provides the pension support directly to KTRS on behalf of the District. The amount recognized by the District as its proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset), the related Commonwealth support, and the total portion of the net pension liability (asset) that was associated with the District were as follows:

*See table on next page*

**7. RETIREMENT PLANS - CONTINUED**

District's proportionate share of the CERS net pension liability (asset)	\$ 9,794,415
Commonwealth's proportionate share of the KTRS net pension liability (asset) associated with the District	<u>41,105,568</u>
	<u>\$ 50,899,983</u>

The net pension liability (asset) for each plan was measured as of June 30, 2023, and the total pension liability (asset) used to calculate the net pension liability (asset) was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date.

The District's proportion of the net pension liability for CERS was based on the actual liability (asset) of the employees and former employees relative to the total liability (asset) of the System as determined by the actuary. At June 30, 2023, the District's proportion was 0.152644%.

For the year ended June 30, 2024, the District recognized pension expense (credit) of \$(548,133) related to CERS and \$2,472,553 related to KTRS. The District also recognized revenue of \$2,472,553 for KTRS support provided by the Commonwealth.

At June 30, 2024, the District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 507,038	\$ 26,614
Changes of assumptions	-	897,665
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	1,058,074	1,191,675
Changes in proportion and differences between District contributions and proportionate share of contributions	512,405	344,587
District contributions subsequent to the measurement date	<u>1,233,054</u>	<u>-</u>
Total	<u>\$ 3,310,571</u>	<u>\$ 2,460,541</u>

Reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from District contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability (assets) in the year ended June 30, 2024. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

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**7. RETIREMENT PLANS - CONTINUED**

Year ended June 30:	
2024	\$ (369,504)
2025	(137,351)
2026	218,651
2027	(94,820)
	<u>\$ (383,024)</u>

*Actuarial assumptions*—The total pension liability (asset) in the June 30, 2023, actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

	CERS	KTRS
Inflation	2.50%	2.75%
Projected salary increases	3.30%-10.30%	3.0-7.5%
Investment rate of return, net of investment expense & inflation	6.50%	7.10%
Municipal bond index rate		3.66%
Single equivalent interest rate		7.10%

For KTRS, 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.

*Discount rate*—For CERS, the discount rate used to measure the total pension liability (asset) was 6.50%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from plan employees and employers will be made at statutory contribution rates. Projected inflows from investment earnings were calculated using the long-term assumed investment return of 6.50%. The long-term investment rate of return was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability (asset).

For KTRS, the discount rate used to measure the total pension liability (asset) 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 statutorily required rates. 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 employees until the 2040 plan year. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments through 2039 and a municipal bond index rate of 3.66% was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments after 2039. The Single Equivalent Interest Rate (SEIR) that discounts the entire projected benefit stream to the same amount as the sum of the present values of the two separate benefit payments streams was used to determine the total pension liability.

*Sensitivity of CERS and KTRS proportionate share of net pension liability (asset) to changes in the discount rate*—The following table presents the net pension liability (asset) of the District, calculated using the discount rates selected by each pension system, as well as what the District's net pension liability (asset) would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower or 1-percentage-point higher than the current rate.

*See table on next page*

**7. RETIREMENT PLANS – CONTINUED**

	<u>1% Decrease</u>	<u>Current Discount Rate</u>	<u>1% Increase</u>
CERS	5.50%	6.50%	7.50%
District's proportionate share of net pension liability	\$ 12,366,041	\$ 9,794,415	\$ 7,657,298
KTRS	6.10%	7.10%	8.10%
District's proportionate share of net pension liability	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

*Pension plan fiduciary net position*—Detailed information about the pension plans' fiduciary net position, is available in the separately issued financial reports of both CERS and KTRS.

The District's contribution (both withholding and match) KTRS for the years ended June 30, 2024, 2023, and 2022 was \$2,677,920, \$2,949,317, and \$3,212,167, respectively. The District's contribution (match only) CERS for the years ended June 30, 2024, 2023 and 2022 was \$1,502,289, \$1,526,841, and \$1,329,738, respectively. The District met their contribution requirements.

**8. OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS**

**General Information about the Kentucky Teachers' Retirement System of the State of Kentucky (TRS)**

*Plan description* – Teaching-certified employees of the Kentucky School District are provided OPEBs through the Teachers' Retirement System of the State of Kentucky (TRS) – a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit OPEB 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 1983 General Assembly and is governed by the 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 <https://trs.ky.gov/financial-reports-information>.

The state reports a liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources, and expense as a result of its statutory requirement to contribute to the TRS Medical Insurance and Life Insurance Plans. The following information is about the TRS plans:

**Medical Insurance Plan**

*Plan description* – In addition to the pension benefits described above, KRS 161.675 requires KTRS to provide post-employment healthcare benefits to eligible employees and dependents. The KTRS Medical Insurance Fund is a cost-sharing multiple employers defined benefit plan. Changes made to the medical plan may be made by the KTRS Board of Trustees, the Kentucky Department of Employee Insurance and the General Assembly.

To be eligible for medical benefits, the member must have retired either for service or disability. The KTRS Medical Insurance Fund offers coverage to members under the age of 65 through the Kentucky Employees Health Plan administered by the Kentucky Department of Employee Insurance.

*Funding Policy* – In order to fund the post-retirement healthcare benefit, seven and one-half percent (7.50%) of the gross annual payroll of employees before July 1, 2008, is contributed. Three and three quarters percent (3.75%) is paid by member contributions and three quarters percent (.75%) from Commonwealth appropriation and three percent (3.00%) from the employer.

**8. OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS – CONTINUED**

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

At June 30, 2024, the District reported a liability (asset) of \$3,096,000 for its proportionate share of the collective net OPEB liability (asset) that reflected a reduction for state OPEB support provided to the District. The collective net OPEB liability (asset) was measured as of June 30, 2023, and the total OPEB liability (asset) used to calculate the collective net OPEB liability (asset) 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. At June 30, 2023, the District's proportion was 0.127115%.

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

District's proportionate share of the KTRS net OPEB liability (asset)	\$ 3,096,000
Commonwealth's proportionate share of the KTRS net OPEB liability (asset) associated with the District	<u>2,610,000</u>
	<u>\$ 5,706,000</u>

For the year ended June 30, 2024, the District recognized OPEB expense (credit) of \$203,013 and revenue of \$203,013 for support provided by the state. At June 30, 2024, the District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows on resources related to OPEBs from the following sources:

	<u>OPEB-KTRS MIP</u>	
	<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ -	\$ 1,049,000
Changes of assumptions	704,000	-
Net difference between projected and actual earning on pension plan investments	58,000	-
Changes in proportion and differences between District contributions and proportionate share of contributions	360,000	1,053,000
District contribution subsequent to the measurement date	<u>383,173</u>	<u>-</u>
Total	<u>\$ 1,505,173</u>	<u>\$ 2,102,000</u>

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:

*See table on next page*

**8. OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS – CONTINUED**

Year ended June 30:	
2025	\$ (382,000)
2026	(315,000)
2027	(162,000)
2028	(168,000)
Thereafter	47,000
	<u>\$ (980,000)</u>

*Actuarial assumptions* - The total OPEB liability in the June 30, 2023, actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Investment rate of return	7.10%, net of OPEB plan investment expense, including inflation
Projected salary increases	3.00-7.50%, including inflation
Inflation rate	2.50%
Real Wage Growth	0.25%
Wage Inflation	2.75%
Healthcare cost trend rates	
Under 65	6.75% for FY 2023 decreasing to an ultimate rate of 4.50% by FY 2032
Ages 65 and Older	6.75% for FY 2023 decreasing to an ultimate rate of 4.50% by FY 2032
Medicare Part B	1.55% for FY 2023 with an ultimate rate of 4.50% by FYE 2034
Municipal Bond Index Rate	3.66%
Discount Rate	7.10%
Single Equivalent Interest Rate	7.10%, net of OPEB plan investment expense, including inflation

The long-term expected rate of return on OPEB 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 OPEB 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 weighing the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation.

*Discount rate* -The discount rates used to measure the total OPEB liability (asset) 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 statutorily required rates. Based on those assumptions, the OPEB 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 OPEB plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total OPEB liability (asset).

The following table presents the District's proportionate share of the collective net OPEB liability (asset) of the System, calculated using the discount rate of 7.10%, as well as what the District's proportionate share of the collective net OPEB liability (asset) 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.

*See table on next page*

**8. OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS – CONTINUED**

	<u>1% Decrease</u>	<u>Current Discount Rate</u>	<u>1% Increase</u>
KTRS	<u>6.10%</u>	<u>7.10%</u>	<u>8.10%</u>
District's proportionate share of net OPEB liability (asset)	\$ 3,982,000	\$ 3,096,000	\$ 2,364,000

Sensitivity of the District's proportionate share of the collective net OPEB liability (asset) to changes in the healthcare cost trend rates - The following presents the District's proportionate share of the collective net OPEB liability (asset), as well as what the District's proportionate share of the collective net OPEB liability (asset) 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:

	<u>1% Decrease</u>	<u>Current Trend Rate</u>	<u>1% Increase</u>
KTRS			
District's proportionate share of net OPEB liability (asset)	\$ 2,229,000	\$ 3,096,000	\$ 4,176,000

OPEB plan fiduciary net position - Detailed information about the OPEB plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued TRS financial report.

**Life Insurance Plan**

*Plan description* - Life Insurance Plan - TRS administers a life insurance plan as provided by Kentucky Revised Statute 161.655 to eligible active and retired members. The TRS Life Insurance Benefit is a cost-sharing multiple employers defined benefit plan with a special funding situation. Changes made to the life insurance plan may be made by the TRS Board of Trustees and the General Assembly.

*Benefits provided*- TRS provides a life insurance benefit of five thousand dollars payable for members who retire based on service or disability. TRS provides a life insurance benefit of two thousand dollars payable for its active contributing members. The life insurance benefit is payable upon the death of the member to the member's estate or to a party designated by the member.

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

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

At June 30, 2024, the District did not report a liability for a proportionate share of the collective net OPEB liability (asset) for life insurance benefits because the State of Kentucky provides the OPEB support directly to TRS on behalf of the District. The amount recognized by the District as its proportionate share of the OPEB liability (asset) that was associated with the District were as follows:

District's proportionate share of the KTRS net OPEB Life Insurance Plan Liability (Asset)	\$ -
Commonwealth's proportionate share of the KTRS net OPEB Life Insurance Liability (Asset) associated with the District	<u>65,000</u>
Total	<u>\$ 65,000</u>

**8. OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS – CONTINUED**

*Actuarial assumptions* – The total OPEB liability (asset) in the June 30, 2023, actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods in the measurement:

Investment rate of return	7.10%, net of OPEB plan investment expense, including inflation
Projected salary increases	3.00-7.50%, including inflation
Inflation Rate	2.50%
Real Wage Growth	0.25%
Wage Inflation	2.75%
Municipal bond index rate	3.66%
Single equivalent interest rate	7.10%, net of OPEB plan investment expense, including inflation

The remaining actuarial assumptions (e.g. initial per capita costs, rate of plan participation, rates of plan election, etc.) used in the June 30, 2023, valuation were based on a review of recent plan experience done concurrently with the June 30, 2023, valuation.

The long-term expected rate of return on OPEB 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 OPEB 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 weighing the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation.

*Discount rate* -The discount rates used to measure the total OPEB liability (asset) for life insurance was 7.10%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that employer contributions will be made at the statutorily required rates. Based on those assumptions, the OPEB 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 OPEB plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total OPEB liability.

The following table presents the District's proportionate share of the collective net OPEB liability (asset) of the System, calculated using the discount rate of 7.10%. as well as what the District's proportionate share of the collective net OPEB liability (asset) 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.

	<u>1% Decrease</u>	<u>Current Discount Rate</u>	<u>1% Increase</u>
KTRS	6.10%	7.10%	8.10%
State's proportionate share of net			
OPEB liability (asset) - Life Insurance	\$ 93,200	\$ 65,000	\$ 14,500

OPEB plan fiduciary net position - Detailed information about the OPEB plans' fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued TRS financial report.

**General Information about the County Employees Retirement System Non-Hazardous (CERS)**

*Plan Description*- Employees whose positions do not require a degree beyond a high school diploma are provided OPEBs through the County Employees Retirement System Non-Hazardous (CERS), a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan administered by the Kentucky Retirement System, an agent of the Commonwealth of Kentucky. Under the provisions of the Kentucky Revised Statute (KRS) Section 61.645, the Board of Trustees of the Kentucky Retirement System administers CERS and has the authority to establish an amend benefit provisions.

**8. OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS – CONTINUED**

The Kentucky Retirement System issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for CERS. That report may be obtained from <http://kyret.ky.gov/>.

*Benefits Provided-* CERS provides hospital and medical insurance for eligible members receiving benefits from the pension plan. Employees are vested in the plan after five years' service. For plan purposes, employees are grouped into two groups, based on hire date. Members who reach a minimum vesting period of 10 years, and began participating on, or after, July 1, 2003, earn \$10 per month for insurance benefits at retirement for every year of earned service without regard to a maximum dollar amount. For members participating prior to July 1, 2003, are paid up to a maximum of \$13.18 per month for every year of earned service. The percentage of the maximum monthly benefit paid is based on years of service as follows:

Years of Service	Paid by Insurance Fund (%)
20+ years	100.00%
15-19 years	75.00%
10-14 years	50.00%
4-9 years	25.00%
Less than 4 years	0.00%

Contributions – Required contributions by the employee are based on the tier:

Tier 1	Participation date	Before September 1, 2008
	Contribution Percentage	0.00%
Tier 2	Participation date	September 1, 2008 - December 31, 2013
	Contribution Percentage	1%
Tier 3	Participation date	After December 31, 2013
	Contribution Percentage	1%

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

At June 30, 2024, the District reported a liability (asset) of \$(210,744) for its proportionate share of the collective net OPEB liability (asset) that reflected a reduction for state OPEB support provided to the District. The collective net OPEB liability (asset) was measured as of June 30, 2023, and the total OPEB liability (asset) used to calculate the collective net OPEB liability (asset) was based on 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. At June 30, 2023 the District's proportion was 0.152639%.

The amount recognized by the district as its proportionate share of the OPEB liability (asset), the related state support, and the total portion of the net OPEB liability (asset) that was associated with the District were as follows:

*See table on next page*

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**8. OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS – CONTINUED**

District's proportionate share of the CERS net pension net OPEB liability (asset)	\$ (210,744)
Commonwealth's proportionate share of the CERS net OPEB Liability (asset) associated with the District	<u>-</u>
Total	<u>\$ (210,744)</u>

For the year ended June 30, 2024, the District recognized OPEB expense (credit) of \$(515,765). At June 30, 2024, the District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEBs from the following sources:

	<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 146,920	\$ 2,992,349
Changes of assumptions	414,729	289,024
Net difference between projected and actual earning on pension plan investments	394,398	443,308
Changes in proportion and differences between District contributions and proportionate share of contributions	305,565	269,684
District contribution subsequent to the measurement date	-	-
Total	<u>\$ 1,261,612</u>	<u>\$ 3,994,365</u>

Of the total amount reported as deferred outflows of resources related to the OPEB, \$0 resulting from District contributions subsequent to the measurement date and before the end of the fiscal year will be included as a reduction of the collective net OPEB liability (asset) in the year ended June 30, 2024. 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>	
2024	\$ (692,051)
2025	(834,131)
2026	(669,309)
2027	(537,262)
2028	<u>-</u>
	<u>\$ (2,732,753)</u>

**8. OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS – CONTINUED**

The long-term expected rate of return on OPEB 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 OPEB 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 weighing the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation.

*Discount rate* -The discount rates used to measure the total OPEB liability (asset) for life insurance was 5.93%. 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 statutorily required rates. Based on those assumptions, the OPEB 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 OPEB plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total OPEB liability (asset).

The following table presents the District's proportionate share of the collective net OPEB liability (asset) of the System, calculated using the discount rate of 5.93%. as well as what the District's proportionate share of the collective net OPEB liability (asset) 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.

	<u>1% Decrease</u>	<u>Current Discount Rate</u>	<u>1% Increase</u>
	4.93%	5.93%	6.93%
CERS			
District's proportionate share of net OPEB liability (asset)	\$ 395,485	\$ (210,744)	\$ (718,386)

Sensitivity of the District's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability (Asset) to Changes in the Healthcare Cost Trend Rates- The following presents the District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability (asset), as well as what the District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability (asset) would be if it were calculated using healthcare cost trend rates that are 1-percentage-point lower or 1-percentage-point higher than the current rate:

	<u>1% Decrease</u>	<u>Current Trend Rate</u>	<u>1% Increase</u>
CERS			
District's proportionate share of net OPEB liability (asset)	\$ (675,470)	\$ (210,744)	\$ 360,129

OPEB Plan Fiduciary Net Position- Detailed information about the OPEB plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued CERS financial report.

#### **9. DEFERRED COMPENSATION**

The District offers its employees participation in a deferred compensation program administered by the Kentucky Public Employees' Deferred Compensation Authority. This program offers a plan authorized by Section 457(b) of the Internal Revenue Code and a plan authorized by Section 401(k) of the Internal Revenue Code. Both plans are available to all employees and permit them to defer up to 25% of their compensation (subject to limits) until future years. The District makes no contributions to these plans.

#### **10. OPERATING LEASES**

The District has no operating leases requiring disclosure as right-of-use assets as defined by FASB Accounting Standards Codification Topic 842, Leases.

#### **11. CONTINGENCIES**

*Grants* - The District receives funding from Federal, State, and Local government agencies and private contributions. These funds are to be used for designated purposes only. For government agency grants, if based on the grantor's review the funds are considered not to have been used for the intended purpose, the grantor may request a refund of funds advanced, or refuse to reimburse the District for its disbursements, and the collectability of any related receivables as of June 30, 2024, may be impaired. The amount of such future refunds and unreimbursed disbursements, if any, is not expected to be significant. Continuation of the District's grant programs is predicated upon the grantors' satisfaction that the funds provided are being spent as intended and the grantors' intent to continue their programs.

#### **12. LITIGATION**

The District is subject to legal actions in various states of litigation, the outcome of which is not determinable at this time. Management of the District and its legal counsel do not anticipate that there will be any material effect on the financial statements as a result of the cases presently in progress.

#### **13. RISK MANAGEMENT**

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, etc. Each of these risk areas is covered through the purchase of commercial insurance. Settled claims resulting from these risks have created a potential liability as discussed in the *Litigation* disclosure above.

Contributions for workers' compensation coverage are based on premium rates established in conjunction with the insurance carrier, subject to claims experience modifications and discounts.

#### **14. DEFICIT FUND BALANCES**

The Food Service Fund has a deficit net position balance of \$428,730.

#### **15. 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). There were no instances of noncompliance noted.

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**16. TRANSFER OF FUNDS**

The following transfers were made during the year:

Type	From Fund	To Fund	Purpose	Amount
Operating	General	Special Revenue	Matching	\$ 42,273
Operating	General	Debt Service	Debt Service	64,134
Operating	General	Food Service	Operating	278,431
Operating	Special Revenue	General	Indirect Cost	298,579
Operating	Special Revenue	Special Revenue	Grant Transfer	131,812
Operating	Special Revenue	Construction	Construction	4,735,951
Operating	Capital Outlay	General	Capital Funds Request	231,200
Operating	Building Fund	General	Capital Funds Request	469,164
Operating	Building Fund	Debt Service	Debt Service	1,879,830
				<u>\$ 8,131,374</u>

**17. INTERFUND RECEIVABLES AND PAYABLES**

At June 30, 2024, there were the following interfund receivables and payables:

- (1) An interfund receivable in the general fund in the amount of \$3,049,082, an interfund payable of \$2,950,857 in the special revenue fund, an interfund receivable of \$202,500 in the construction fund, and an interfund payable in the amount of \$300,725 in the food service fund.

**18. ON-BEHALF PAYMENTS**

The District receives on-behalf payments for fringe benefits from the Commonwealth of Kentucky. These amounts are included in the fund financial statements.

For the year ended June 30, 2024, total payments of \$6,523,532 were made for life insurance, health insurance, KTRS matching and administrative fees, technology and debt service by the Commonwealth of Kentucky on behalf of the District. These payments were recognized as on-behalf payments and recorded in the appropriate revenue and expense accounts on the statement of revenues, expenses and changes in fund balances. The benefit allocation per category was as follows:

Retirement contributions to the Teachers	
Retirement System of Kentucky	\$ 2,681,989
Health and Life Insurance	3,812,938
Other Less Federal	(512,555)
Technology	82,816
Debt Service	458,344
Total	<u>\$ 6,523,532</u>

**19. FUND BALANCE DESIGNATIONS**

The following funds had restricted fund balances as follows:

Fund	Amount	Purpose
Student Activity Fund	\$ 214,205	Student Activities

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**19. FUND BALANCE DESIGNATIONS-CONTINUED**

The following funds had assigned fund balances as follows:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Purpose</u>
General Fund	\$ 9,024	Purchase Obligations

**20. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

Management of the District has evaluated subsequent events through November 15, 2024, which was the date the report was available for release. No events have occurred subsequent to the date of the financial statements that would require adjustment to or disclosure in the financial statements.

**REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

**BELL COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE -**  
**BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND**  
**YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance with Final Budget Favorable (Unfavorable)
	Original	Final		
<b>Revenues</b>				
From local sources				
Taxes:				
Property	\$ 2,502,707	\$ 2,502,707	\$ 2,667,976	\$ 165,269
Motor vehicle	499,950	499,950	649,170	149,220
Utility	771,271	771,271	985,538	214,267
Other	1,519	1,519	167,424	165,905
Earnings on investments	42,285	42,285	185,032	142,747
Other local	1,067,042	1,067,042	870,324	(196,718)
Intergovernmental - State	17,105,630	17,105,630	19,888,677	2,783,047
Intergovernmental - Federal	60,078	60,078	69,528	9,450
<b>Total revenues</b>	<b>22,050,482</b>	<b>22,050,482</b>	<b>25,483,669</b>	<b>3,433,187</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>				
Current:				
Instruction	11,259,420	11,259,420	16,115,592	(4,856,172)
Student	1,053,254	1,053,254	1,066,700	(13,446)
Instructional support	869,820	869,820	1,102,239	(232,419)
District administration	4,427,457	4,427,457	2,198,821	2,228,636
School administration	1,334,818	1,334,818	1,321,524	13,294
Business operations	540,616	540,616	509,048	31,568
Plant operations and maintenance	3,571,888	3,571,888	4,391,020	(819,132)
Student transportation	3,246,653	3,246,653	1,840,061	1,406,592
Community service	-	-	-	-
Debt service	266,087	266,087	176,844	89,243
<b>Total expenditures</b>	<b>26,570,013</b>	<b>26,570,013</b>	<b>28,721,849</b>	<b>(2,151,836)</b>
Excess (deficit) of revenues over (under) expenditures	(4,519,531)	(4,519,531)	(3,238,180)	1,281,351
<b>Other financing sources (uses)</b>				
Loss compensation	-	-	-	-
Proceeds from sale of equipment	-	-	681,400	681,400
Transfers in	-	-	998,943	998,943
Transfers out	-	-	(384,838)	(384,838)
<b>Total other financing sources (uses)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,295,505</b>	<b>1,295,505</b>
<b>Net change in fund balance</b>	<b>(4,519,531)</b>	<b>(4,519,531)</b>	<b>(1,942,675)</b>	<b>2,576,856</b>
Fund balance as of June 30, 2023	4,970,327	4,970,327	4,392,546	(577,781)
<b>Fund balance as of June 30, 2024</b>	<b>\$ 450,796</b>	<b>\$ 450,796</b>	<b>\$ 2,449,871</b>	<b>\$ 1,999,075</b>

**BELL COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE -**  
**BUDGET AND ACTUAL - SPECIAL REVENUE FUND**  
**YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance with Final Budget Favorable (Unfavorable)
	Original	Final		
<b>Revenues</b>				
From local sources:				
Other local	\$ 1,509,310	\$ 1,509,310	503,161	(1,006,149)
Intergovernmental - State	3,064,759	3,064,759	1,213,147	(1,851,612)
Intergovernmental - Federal	22,942,374	22,942,374	9,198,650	(13,743,724)
Total revenues	<u>27,516,443</u>	<u>27,516,443</u>	<u>10,914,958</u>	<u>(16,601,485)</u>
<b>Expenditures</b>				
Current:				
Instruction	4,681,101	4,681,101	3,686,754	994,347
Student support services	87,555	87,555	103,272	(15,717)
Instructional support	1,549,501	1,549,501	1,347,655	201,846
School administration	(88,277)	(88,277)	96,221	(184,498)
Business support services	(26,297)	(26,297)	111,208	(137,505)
Plant operations and maintenance	221,303	221,303	(7,954)	229,257
Student transportation	23,022	23,022	167,375	(144,353)
Community service	499,228	499,228	418,170	81,058
Total expenditures	<u>6,947,136</u>	<u>6,947,136</u>	<u>5,922,701</u>	<u>1,024,435</u>
Deficit of revenues under expenditures	<u>20,569,307</u>	<u>20,569,307</u>	<u>4,992,257</u>	<u>(15,577,050)</u>
<b>Other financing sources</b>				
Transfers in	190,954	190,954	174,085	(16,869)
Transfers out	(192,205)	(192,205)	(5,166,342)	(4,974,137)
Total other financing sources	<u>(1,251)</u>	<u>(1,251)</u>	<u>(4,992,257)</u>	<u>(4,991,006)</u>
<b>Net change in fund balance</b>	<u>20,568,056</u>	<u>20,568,056</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(20,568,056)</u>
Fund balance as of June 30, 2023	-	-	-	-
<b>Fund balance as of June 30, 2024</b>	<u>\$ 20,568,056</u>	<u>\$ 20,568,056</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (20,568,056)</u>

**BELL COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**  
**BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND AND SPECIAL REVENUE FUND**  
**YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

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The District's budgetary process accounts for transactions on the modified accrual basis of accounting which is consistent with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. In accordance with state law, the District prepares a general school budget based upon the amount of revenue to be raised by local taxation, including the rate of levy, and from estimates of other Local, State, and Federal revenues. The budget contains estimated expenditures for current expenses, debt service, capital outlay, and other necessary expenses. The budget must be approved by the Board. The District must formally and publicly examine estimated revenues and expenses for the subsequent fiscal year by January 31 of each calendar year. Additionally, the District must submit a certified budget to the Kentucky Department of Education by March 15 of each calendar year, which includes the amount for certified and classified staff, based on the District's staffing policy, and the amount for the instructional supplies, materials, travel and equipment. Additionally, the District must adopt a tentative working budget for the subsequent fiscal year by May 30 of each calendar year. The budget must contain a 2% reserve but not greater than 10%. Finally, the District must adopt a final working budget and submit it to the Kentucky Department of Education by September 30 of each calendar year. The Board has the ability to amend the working budget.

The budgeted total revenues and expenditures was exceeded during the fiscal year.

**BELL COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**SCHEDULE OF THE DISTRICT'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET PENSION LIABILITY (ASSET)**  
**COUNTY EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM**  
**JUNE 30, 2024**

	District's proportion of net pension liability (asset)	District's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset)	District's covered-employee payroll	District's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset) as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability
2024	0.152644%	\$ 9,794,415	\$ 5,283,016	185.39%	57.48%
2023	0.141402%	\$ 10,221,970	\$ 4,772,282	214.19%	52.42%
2022	0.157436%	\$ 10,037,780	\$ 4,134,416	242.79%	57.33%
2021	0.154004%	\$ 11,507,944	\$ 4,192,515	274.49%	47.81%
2020	0.162358%	\$ 11,418,710	\$ 3,889,745	293.58%	50.45%
2019	0.170000%	\$ 8,750,185	\$ 4,253,206	205.73%	53.54%
2018	0.165208%	\$ 9,870,015	\$ 3,623,086	269.90%	53.30%
2017	0.170340%	\$ 8,386,673	\$ 4,067,754	206.17%	55.50%
2016	0.168940%	\$ 7,263,442	\$ 4,110,353	176.71%	59.97%
2015	0.170000%	\$ 5,390,000	\$ 3,845,262	140.17%	66.80%

BELL COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
SCHEDULE OF DISTRICT CONTRIBUTIONS  
COUNTY EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM  
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	<u>Contractually required contribution</u>	<u>Contributions in relation to contractually required contribution</u>	<u>Contribution deficiency (excess)</u>	<u>District's covered-employee payroll</u>	<u>Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll</u>
2024	\$ 1,019,622	\$ 1,019,622	\$ -	\$ 5,283,016	23.34%
2023	\$ 921,050	\$ 921,050	\$ -	\$ 4,772,262	23.40%
2022	\$ 797,942	\$ 797,942	\$ -	\$ 4,134,416	21.17%
2021	\$ 809,155	\$ 809,155	\$ -	\$ 4,192,515	19.30%
2020	\$ 750,721	\$ 750,721	\$ -	\$ 3,889,745	19.30%
2019	\$ 689,870	\$ 689,870	\$ -	\$ 4,253,206	16.22%
2018	\$ 524,623	\$ 524,622	\$ -	\$ 3,623,066	14.48%
2017	\$ 759,779	\$ 759,779	\$ -	\$ 4,067,754	18.68%
2016	\$ 696,311	\$ 696,311	\$ -	\$ 4,110,353	16.94%
2015	\$ 698,672	\$ 698,672	\$ -	\$ 3,845,262	18.17%

**BELL COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION  
COUNTY EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM - PENSION FUND  
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

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Changes of Benefit Terms

None.

Changes of Assumptions

The inflation assumption used to calculate the total pension liability increased from 2.30% to 2.50%.  
The investment return rate used to calculate the total pension liability increased from 6.25% to 6.50%.  
The single discount rate used to measure total pension liability increased from 6.25% to 6.50%.

**BELL COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**SCHEDULE OF THE DISTRICT'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET OPEB**  
**LIABILITY (ASSET) - MEDICAL INSURANCE PLAN**  
**COUNTY EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM**  
**JUNE 30, 2024**

	<u>District's proportion of net OPEB liability (asset)</u>	<u>District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability (asset)</u>	<u>District's covered- employee payroll</u>	<u>District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability (asset) as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll</u>	<u>Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total OPEB liability</u>
<b>2024</b>	0.152639%	\$ (210,744)	\$ 5,283,016	-3.99%	104.20%
<b>2023</b>	0.141377%	\$ 2,790,094	\$ 4,772,282	58.46%	60.95%
<b>2022</b>	0.158125%	\$ 3,027,224	\$ 4,134,416	73.22%	62.91%
<b>2021</b>	0.150039%	\$ 3,622,986	\$ 4,192,515	86.42%	51.67%
<b>2020</b>	0.160000%	\$ 2,770,062	\$ 3,889,745	71.21%	60.44%
<b>2019</b>	0.140000%	\$ 2,550,868	\$ 4,253,206	59.98%	57.62%
<b>2018</b>	0.165206%	\$ 3,321,206	\$ 3,623,086	91.67%	52.40%

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**BELL COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**SCHEDULE OF DISTRICT CONTRIBUTIONS - MEDICAL INSURANCE PLAN**  
**COUNTY EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM**  
**YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

	<u>Contractually required contribution</u>	<u>Contributions in relation to contractually required contribution</u>	<u>Contribution deficiency (excess)</u>	<u>District's covered-employee payroll</u>	<u>Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll</u>
<b>2024</b>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,283,016	0.00%
<b>2023</b>	\$ 161,780	\$ 161,780	\$ -	\$ 4,772,282	3.39%
<b>2022</b>	\$ 238,969	\$ 238,969	\$ -	\$ 4,134,416	5.78%
<b>2021</b>	\$ 196,798	\$ 196,798	\$ -	\$ 4,134,416	4.76%
<b>2020</b>	\$ 185,152	\$ 185,152	\$ -	\$ 3,889,745	4.76%
<b>2019</b>	\$ 223,718	\$ 223,718	\$ -	\$ 4,253,203	5.26%
<b>2018</b>	\$ 170,285	\$ 170,285	\$ -	\$ 3,623,086	4.70%

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**BELL COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION  
COUNTY EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM - MEDICAL INSURANCE PLAN  
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

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Changes of Benefit Terms

None.

Changes of Assumptions

The inflation assumption used to calculate the total pension liability increased from 2.30% to 2.50%.  
The investment return rate used to calculate the total pension liability increased from 6.25% to 6.50%.  
The single discount rate used to measure total pension liability increased from 5.70% to 5.93%.  
Healthcare Trend Rates for Pre - 65 increased from 6.20% to 6.80%.  
Healthcare Trend Rates for Post - 65 decreased from 9.00% to 8.50%.

**BELL COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**SCHEDULE OF THE STATE'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET PENSION LIABILITY (ASSET)**  
**KENTUCKY TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM**  
**JUNE 30, 2024**

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	<u>State's proportion of net pension liability (asset)</u>	<u>State's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset)</u>	<u>Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability</u>
2024	100%	\$ 41,105,568	57.68%
2023	100%	\$ 29,616,238	56.41%
2022	100%	\$ 29,499,443	65.59%
2021	100%	\$ 46,158,171	58.27%
2020	100%	\$ 41,862,009	58.80%
2019	100%	\$ 39,429,229	59.30%
2018	100%	\$ 91,015,225	39.83%
2017	100%	\$ 103,394,338	35.22%
2016	100%	\$ 83,597,163	42.49%
2015	100%	\$ 80,019,316	45.59%

**BELL COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**SCHEDULE OF STATE CONTRIBUTIONS**  
**KENTUCKY TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM**  
**YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

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	<u>Statutorily required contribution</u>	<u>Contributions in relation to the statutorily required contribution</u>	<u>Contribution deficiency (excess)</u>
2024	\$ 2,472,553	\$ 2,472,553	\$ -
2023	\$ 2,702,226	\$ 2,702,226	\$ -
2022	\$ 2,354,742	\$ 2,354,742	\$ -
2021	\$ 3,341,025	\$ 3,341,025	\$ -
2020	\$ 2,430,649	\$ 2,430,649	\$ -
2019	\$ 2,856,946	\$ 2,856,946	\$ -
2018	\$ 3,233,713	\$ 3,233,713	\$ -
2017	\$ 1,701,262	\$ 1,701,262	\$ -
2016	\$ 1,728,903	\$ 1,728,903	\$ -
2015	\$ 1,885,680	\$ 1,885,680	\$ -

**BELL COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**  
**KENTUCKY TEACHERS RETIREMENT SYSTEM**  
**YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

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Changes of Benefit Terms

None.

Changes of Assumptions

The Municipal Bond Index Rate increased from 3.37% to 3.66%.

**BELL COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT****SCHEDULE OF THE DISTRICT'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET OPEB LIABILITY (ASSET) - MEDICAL INSURANCE PLAN****KENTUCKY TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM**

JUNE 30, 2024

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	<u>District's proportion of net OPEB liability (asset)</u>	<u>District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability (asset)</u>	<u>State's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability (asset)</u>	<u>District's covered-employee payroll</u>	<u>District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability (asset) as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll</u>	<u>Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total OPEB liability</u>
2024	0.127115%	\$ 3,096,000	\$ 2,610,000	\$ 13,788,988	22.45%	52.97%
2023	0.125877%	\$ 3,125,000	\$ 1,027,000	\$ 13,752,102	22.72%	47.75%
2022	0.120000%	\$ 2,598,000	\$ 2,110,000	\$ 13,586,021	19.12%	51.74%
2021	0.174438%	\$ 4,402,000	\$ 3,526,000	\$ 12,869,168	34.21%	39.05%
2020	0.160000%	\$ 4,791,000	\$ 3,869,000	\$ 12,772,653	37.51%	32.58%
2019	0.160000%	\$ 5,405,000	\$ 4,658,000	\$ 11,715,105	46.14%	25.50%
2018	0.160000%	\$ 6,361,000	\$ 5,196,000	\$ 11,938,534	56.89%	21.18%

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**BELL COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**SCHEDULE OF DISTRICT CONTRIBUTIONS - MEDICAL INSURANCE PLAN**  
**KENTUCKY TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM**  
**JUNE 30, 2024**

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	<u>Contractually required contribution</u>	<u>Contributions in relation to contractually required contribution</u>	<u>Contribution deficiency (excess)</u>	<u>District's covered- employee payroll</u>	<u>Contributions as a percentage of covered- employee payroll</u>
<b>2024</b>	\$ 413,670	\$ 413,670	\$ -	\$ 13,788,988	2.99%
<b>2023</b>	\$ 413,475	\$ 413,475	\$ -	\$ 13,752,102	3.00%
<b>2022</b>	\$ 408,493	\$ 408,493	\$ -	\$ 13,586,021	3.00%
<b>2021</b>	\$ 386,987	\$ 386,987	\$ -	\$ 12,869,168	3.00%
<b>2020</b>	\$ 383,180	\$ 383,180	\$ -	\$ 12,772,653	3.00%
<b>2019</b>	\$ 351,453	\$ 351,453	\$ -	\$ 11,715,105	3.00%
<b>2018</b>	\$ 358,156	\$ 358,156	\$ -	\$ 11,938,534	3.00%

This schedule is presented to illustrate the requirement to show information for 10 years. More information will be added as it becomes available.

**BELL COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**  
**KENTUCKY TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM - MEDICAL INSURANCE PLAN**  
**YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

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Changes of Benefit Terms

None.

Changes of Assumptions

The Municipal Bond Index Rate increased from 3.37% to 3.66%.

Healthcare Trend Rates increased from 5.125% to 6.75%.

Healthcare Trend Rates for Medicare Part B premiums decreased from 6.97% to 1.55%.

**BELL COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**SCHEDULE OF PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THENET OPEB LIABILITY (ASSET) - LIFE INSURANCE PLAN**  
**KENTUCKY TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM**  
**JUNE 30, 2024**

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	<u>State's proportion of net OPEB liability (asset)</u>	<u>State's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability (asset)</u>	<u>Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total OBEP liability</u>
<b>2024</b>	100%	\$ 65,000	76.97%
<b>2023</b>	100%	\$ 51,000	73.97%
<b>2022</b>	100%	\$ 28,000	89.15%
<b>2021</b>	100%	\$ 107,000	71.57%
<b>2020</b>	100%	\$ 90,000	73.40%
<b>2019</b>	100%	\$ 80,000	75.00%
<b>2018</b>	100%	\$ 70,000	79.99%

This schedule is presented to illustrate the requirement to show information for 10 years. More information will be added as it becomes available.

**BELL COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**SCHEDULE OF STATE CONTRIBUTIONS - LIFE INSURANCE PLAN**  
**KENTUCKY TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM**  
**YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

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	<u>Statutorily required contribution</u>	<u>Contributions in relation to the statutorily required contribution</u>	<u>Contribution deficiency (excess)</u>
<b>2024</b>	\$ 6,423	\$ 6,423	\$ -
<b>2023</b>	\$ 3,897	\$ 3,897	\$ -
<b>2022</b>	\$ 4,298	\$ 4,298	\$ -
<b>2021</b>	\$ 5,135	\$ 5,135	\$ -
<b>2020</b>	\$ 3,801	\$ 3,801	\$ -
<b>2019</b>	\$ 2,775	\$ 2,775	\$ -
<b>2018</b>	\$ 3,056	\$ 3,056	\$ -

This schedule is presented to illustrate the requirement to show information for 10 years. More information will be added as it becomes available.

**BELL COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION  
KENTUCKY TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM - LIFE INSURANCE PLAN  
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

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Changes of Benefit Terms

None.

Changes of Assumptions

The Municipal Bond Index Rate increased from 3.37% to 3.66%.

**OTHER SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

**BELL COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**COMBINING BALANCE SHEET - NON-MAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**  
**JUNE 30, 2024**

	Student Activity Fund	SEEK Capital Outlay	Facility Support Program (FSPK) Fund	Construction Fund	Debt Service Fund	Total Non-major Governmental Funds
<b>ASSETS</b>						
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 214,205	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 214,205
Accounts Receivable	-	-	-	-	-	-
Interfund Receivable	-	-	-	202,500	-	202,500
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$ 214,205</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 202,500</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 416,705</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</b>						
<b>Liabilities:</b>						
Accounts Payable	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 202,500	\$ -	\$ 202,500
<b>Fund Balances:</b>						
Restricted	214,205	-	-	-	-	214,205
<b>Total liabilities fund balances</b>	<b>\$ 214,205</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 202,500</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 416,705</b>

**BELL COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - NON-MAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**  
**YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

	Student Activity Fund	SEEK Capital Outlay Fund	Facility Support Program (FSPK) Fund	Construction Fund	Debt Service Fund	Total Non-major Governmental Funds
<b>Revenues</b>						
From local sources:						
Property taxes	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 582,674	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 582,674
Other local	1,333,791	-	-	-	-	1,333,791
Intergovernmental - State	-	231,200	1,766,320	-	458,344	2,455,864
<b>Total revenues</b>	<b>1,333,791</b>	<b>231,200</b>	<b>2,348,994</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>458,344</b>	<b>4,372,329</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>						
Instruction	1,381,989	-	-	-	-	1,381,989
Building improvements	-	-	-	4,859,250	-	4,859,250
Debt service	-	-	-	-	2,414,814	2,414,814
	1,381,989	-	-	4,859,250	2,414,814	8,656,053
<b>Other financing sources (uses)</b>						
Transfers in	-	-	-	4,735,951	1,943,964	6,679,915
Transfers out	-	(231,200)	(2,348,994)	-	-	(2,580,194)
<b>Total other financing sources (uses)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(231,200)</b>	<b>(2,348,994)</b>	<b>4,735,951</b>	<b>1,943,964</b>	<b>4,099,721</b>
<b>Net change in fund balance</b>	<b>(48,198)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(123,299)</b>	<b>(12,506)</b>	<b>(184,003)</b>
Fund balance as of June 30, 2023	262,403	-	-	123,299	12,506	398,208
<b>Fund balance as of June 30, 2024</b>	<b>\$ 214,205</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 214,205</b>

**BELL COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES -**  
**ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE SCHOOL ACTIVITY FUNDS**  
**YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

School/ Activity Fund	Balances June 30, 2023	Receipts	Disbursements	Cash and Cash Equivalents June 30, 2024	Accounts Receivable June 30, 2024	Accounts Payable June 30, 2024	Balances June 30, 2024
Bell Central School Center	\$ 15,537	\$ 158,345	\$ 155,829	\$ 18,053	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 18,053
Frakes Central School Center	10,329	41,402	38,325	13,406	-	-	13,406
Lone Jack School Center	15,820	59,580	68,784	6,616	-	-	6,616
Page School Center	7,875	96,249	90,522	13,602	-	-	13,602
Right Fork School Center	4,297	73,277	73,977	3,597	-	-	3,597
Yellow Creek School Center	648	186,154	185,245	1,557	-	-	1,557
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$ 54,506</b>	<b>\$ 615,007</b>	<b>\$ 612,682</b>	<b>\$ 56,831</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 56,831</b>

**BELL COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES -**  
**BELL COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITY FUND**  
**YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

	Balances June 30, 2023	Receipts	Disbursements	Transfers in (out)	Cash and cash equivalents June 30, 2024	Accounts Receivable June 30, 2024	Accounts Payable June 30, 2024	Balances June 30, 2024
Vendor Commissions	\$ 69,132	\$ 45,549	\$ 101,688	\$ (9,985)	\$ 3,008	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,008
Pic-Pac Card	2,201	1	4,500	5,032	2,734	-	-	2,734
AFJROTC	4,146	3,689	6,804	-	1,031	-	-	1,031
Kitty Hawk	316	-	131	-	185	-	-	185
Instructional	1,596	1,680	975	-	2,301	-	-	2,301
Teachers Lounge	739	2,056	1,869	(550)	376	-	-	376
Prom	6,442	5,950	4,659	-	7,733	-	-	7,733
Robotics	378	-	-	-	378	-	-	378
Archery	-	1,668	574	(308)	786	-	-	786
Bass Fishing	-	755	750	-	5	-	-	5
E-Sport	-	4,461	3,365	(143)	953	-	-	953
DECCA	293	18,020	18,313	-	-	-	-	-
Technology Student	-	2,993	2,798	(195)	-	-	-	-
FCCLA	465	9,106	11,969	2,486	88	-	-	88
Student Council	2,392	443	2,132	-	703	-	-	703
PBIS	-	750	131	-	619	-	-	619
Drama Club	628	-	-	-	628	-	-	628
Football	-	36,301	42,452	6,151	-	-	-	-
Youth League Football	1,412	3,914	3,480	(280)	1,566	-	-	1,566
Football Boosters	18,302	31,362	43,484	(980)	5,200	-	-	5,200
Boys Basketball	-	6,751	10,610	3,859	-	-	-	-
Hoops Boosters	19,989	63,285	64,709	(3,437)	15,128	-	-	15,128
MS Basketball	532	1,316	1,747	-	101	-	-	101
Youth League Basketball	109	7,360	5,968	200	1,701	-	-	1,701
Sports General	3,880	27,484	20,539	(10,418)	407	-	-	407
Girls Boosters	4,236	27,083	26,893	925	5,351	-	-	5,351
Girls Basketball	-	4,553	8,398	3,845	-	-	-	-
Cheerleaders	3,172	45,533	37,755	(174)	10,776	-	-	10,776
MS Cheerleaders	-	7,033	7,033	-	-	-	-	-
Athletics	-	37,902	21,726	(16,123)	53	-	-	53
Arbiter Pay	549	560	30,401	29,292	-	-	-	-
MS Football Boosters	1,227	15,783	14,010	(145)	2,855	-	-	2,855
Agribus-FFA	8,187	8,631	8,402	-	8,416	-	-	8,416
Beta Club	-	18,192	13,573	-	4,619	-	-	4,619
National Honor Society	392	-	-	-	392	-	-	392
Academic Team	856	3,767	4,221	-	402	-	-	402
Science Olympiad	-	1,058	2,065	1,007	-	-	-	-
Future Problem Solvers	169	1,817	698	-	1,088	-	-	1,088

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**BELL COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES -**  
**BELL COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITY FUND**  
**YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

	Balances June 30, 2023	Receipts	Disbursements	Transfers in (out)	Cash and cash equivalents June 30, 2024	Accounts Receivable June 30, 2024	Accounts Payable June 30, 2024	Balances June 30, 2024
Band	-	2,188	2,118	(70)	-	-	-	-
Choir	649	4,313	4,302	-	660	-	-	660
Wrestling Boosters	-	21,568	17,134	(425)	4,009	-	-	4,009
Wrestling	-	4,525	2,829	(1,696)	-	-	-	-
Annual	1,350	2,015	55	-	3,310	-	-	3,310
Baseball	-	4,500	582	(3,918)	-	-	-	-
MS Baseball	1,994	1,374	3,296	-	72	-	-	72
District Baseball	-	4,153	1,227	(2,926)	-	-	-	-
Baseball Boosters	18,798	30,271	30,941	(472)	17,656	-	-	17,656
Softball	-	2,777	1,359	(1,418)	-	-	-	-
MS Softball	2,036	19,398	16,762	(1,260)	3,412	-	-	3,412
Softball Boosters	2,260	7,237	5,401	-	4,096	-	-	4,096
Tennis	2,453	2,504	2,500	-	2,457	-	-	2,457
Track	-	440	1,760	1,320	-	-	-	-
Track Boosters	-	4,433	4,923	490	-	-	-	-
Cross Country	-	1,120	1,764	644	-	-	-	-
Cross Ctry Boosters	1,138	7,039	5,220	(636)	2,321	-	-	2,321
Golf Boosters	2,153	2,345	3,325	-	1,173	-	-	1,173
Golf	-	2,050	3,000	950	-	-	-	-
Volleyball	-	3,750	162	(3,346)	242	-	-	242
MS Volleyball	1,998	5,760	2,518	(738)	4,502	-	-	4,502
Vball Boosters	1,247	11,078	10,129	(946)	1,250	-	-	1,250
Guidance Office	3,263	500	647	-	3,116	-	-	3,116
Soccer	-	970	225	(720)	25	-	-	25
MS Soccer	-	4,541	1,004	(198)	3,339	-	-	3,339
Soccer Boosters	798	3,235	3,734	(225)	74	-	-	74
PICTURES	1,983	748	-	-	2,731	-	-	2,731
Seniors	6,915	60,881	55,325	(283)	12,188	-	-	12,188
Senior Sponsors	1,430	-	-	-	1,430	-	-	1,430
Gear Up	41	9,601	9,600	(42)	-	-	-	-
Project Graduation	3,652	41,489	35,940	-	9,201	-	-	9,201
Youth Service Center	-	450	450	-	-	-	-	-
Angel Tree	1,530	500	1,900	-	130	-	-	130
YSC/BOE Purchases	-	2,682	8,538	5,856	-	-	-	-
Charitable Gaming	469	1,543	1,615	-	397	-	-	397
<b>Total accounts</b>	<b>\$ 207,897</b>	<b>\$ 718,784</b>	<b>\$ 769,307</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 157,374</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 157,374</b>

**SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS**

**BELL COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS**  
**YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

Federal Grantor/Pass-Through Grantor/Program Title	Federal ALN	Pass-Through Grantor's Number	Federal Expenditures
<b>Expenditures</b>			
<b>U.S. Department of Education</b>			
Passed through the Kentucky Department of Education:			
Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies	84.010	3100002-21	2,802
Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies	84.010	3100002-23	1,732,651
			<u>1,735,453</u>
<i>Special Education Cluster (IDEA)</i>			
Special Education Grants to States	84.027	3810002-22	14,137
Special Education Grants to States	84.027	3810002-23	622,335
Special Education-Grants to States (COVID-19)	84.027X	4910002-21	7,275
			<u>643,747</u>
Special Education Preschool Grants	84.173	3800002-21	96
Special Education Preschool Grants	84.173	3800002-22	670
Special Education Preschool Grants	84.173	3800002-23	13,112
Special Education Preschool Grants (COVID-19)	84.173X	4900002-21	184
			<u>14,062</u>
<i>Total Special Education Cluster</i>			<u>657,809</u>
Career and Technical Education--Basic Grants to States	84.048	3710002-23	6,829
Vocational Education - Jobs for Kentucky Graduates			30,500
			<u>37,329</u>
Rural Education	84.358	3140002-22	34,523
Rural Education	84.358	3140002-23	67,666
			<u>102,189</u>
Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs	84.334	3160002 21	160,273
Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs	84.334	3160002 22	97,372
Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs	84.334	3160002 22	742,849
			<u>1,000,494</u>
Supporting Effective Instruction State Grants	84.367	3230002-23	131,812
			<u>131,812</u>
<i>Education Stabilization Fund (COVID-19)</i>			
Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (COVID-19)	84.425D	4200002-21	329,273
American Rescue Plan - Elementary and Secondary Emergency Relief Fund (COVID-19)	84.425U	4300002-22	4,895,116
American Rescue Plan - Elementary and Secondary Emergency Relief Fund - Homeless Children and Youth I (COVID-19)	84.425W	476X	34,701
			<u>5,259,090</u>
Student Support and Academic Enrichment Program	84.424	3420002-22	41,106
Student Support and Academic Enrichment Program	84.424F	617X	92,600
			<u>133,706</u>

**BELL COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS - CONTINUED**  
**YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

Federal Grantor/Pass-Through Grantor/Program Title	Federal ALN	Pass-Through Grantor's Number	Federal Expenditures
Full Service Community Schools	84.215J	518XJ	58,358
			<u>58,358</u>
<b>Total U.S. Department of Education</b>			<u><b>9,116,240</b></u>
<u>U.S. Department of Defense</u>			
Direct Program			
ROTC	12.000	504X-4300	82,410
<b>Total U.S. Department of Defense</b>			<u><b>82,410</b></u>
<u>U.S. Department of Agriculture</u>			
Passed through the Kentucky Department of Education			
<i>Child Nutrition Cluster</i>			
School Breakfast Program	10.553	7760005-23	147,638
School Breakfast Program	10.553	7760005-24	491,534
National School Lunch Program	10.555	7750002-23	218,474
National School Lunch Program	10.555	7750002-24	994,655
National School Lunch Program	10.555	9980000-23	78,388
Summer Food Program for Children	10.559	7690024-23	5,846
Summer Food Program for Children	10.559	7740023-23	56,725
Commodities	10.555	0575002-24	110,628
<i>Total Child Nutrition Cluster</i>			<u>2,103,888</u>
Child and Adult Care Food Program	10.558	7800016-23	307
Child and Adult Care Food Program	10.558	7800016-24	734
Child and Adult Care Food Program	10.558	7790021-23	10,782
Child and Adult Care Food Program	10.558	7790021-24	31,657
			<u>43,480</u>
State Administrative Expenses for Child Nutrition	10.560	7700001-23	4,581
			<u>4,581</u>
<b>Total U.S. Department of Agriculture</b>			<u><b>2,151,949</b></u>
<b>Total federal expenditures</b>			<u><b>\$ 11,350,599</b></u>

**BELL COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**NOTES TO THE SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS**  
**YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

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**1. BASIS OF PRESENTATION**

The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (Schedule) includes the federal grant activity of the Bell County School District and is presented on the accrual basis of accounting. 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). Therefore, some amounts presented in this schedule may differ from amounts presented in, or used in the preparation of, the basic financial statements. Because this Schedule presents only a selected portion of the operations of the District, it is not intended to, and does not, present the financial position, changes in net position or cash flows of the District.

**2. IN-KIND COMMODITIES**

Nonmonetary assistance is reported in the schedule at the fair value of the commodities disbursed. The District no longer maintains a separate commodities inventory due to changes in program regulations. Commodities are included under the Child Nutrition Cluster. The valued amount of commodities received for June 30, 2024 is \$110,628.

**3. CLUSTER PROGRAMS**

The following ALN are considered cluster programs:

Special Education Cluster	
Special Education Grants to States	84,027
Special Education – Preschool Grants	84,173
Child Nutrition Cluster	
National School Lunch Program	10,555
National School Breakfast Program	10,553
Special Milk Program for Children	10,556
Summer Food Services for Children	10,559

**4. INDIRECT COST RATE**

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

**5. 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.



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**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**

Kentucky State Committee for  
School District Audits  
Members of the Board of Education  
Bell County School District  
Pineville, Kentucky

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and the audit requirements prescribed by the Kentucky State Committee for School District Audits in the *Independent Auditor's Contract*, the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Bell 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 the District's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control.

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

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the 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 the 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*. In addition, the results of our test disclosed no instances of material noncompliance with specific state statutes or regulations identified in the *Independent Auditor's Contract-State Audit Requirements*.

We noted other matters involving the internal control over financial reporting that we have reported to the management of Bell County School 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.

*Cloyd & Associates, PSC*

Cloyd & Associates, PSC  
London, Kentucky  
November 15, 2024



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

Kentucky State Committee for  
School District Audits  
Members of the Board of Education  
Bell County School District  
Pineville, Kentucky

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

***Opinion on Each Major Federal Program***

We have audited Bell 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 *Independent Auditor's Contract-State Audit 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.

*Cloyd & Associates, PSC*

Cloyd & Associates, PSC  
London, Kentucky  
November 15, 2024

**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS**

**BELL COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS**  
**YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

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**Section I – Summary of Auditor’s Results**

**Financial Statements**

Type of auditors’ report issued		Unmodified		
Internal control over financial reporting:				
Material weakness identified	_____	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No
Significant deficiencies identified that are not considered to be material weaknesses	_____	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	None reported
Noncompliance material to financial statement noted	_____	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No

**Federal Awards**

Internal control over major programs:				
Material weaknesses identified	_____	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No
Significant deficiencies identified that are not considered to be material weaknesses	_____	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	None reported
Type of auditors’ report issued on compliance for major programs		Unmodified		
Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with 2 CFR Section 200.516(a)?	_____	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No

Identification of major programs:

<u>Name of Federal Program or Cluster</u>	<u>ALN</u>
Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies	84.010
<b>Education Stabilization Fund:</b>	
COVID-19 Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund	84.425D
COVID-19 American Rescue Plan - Elementary and Secondary Emergency Relief Fund	84.425U
COVID-19 American Rescue Plan - Elementary and Secondary Emergency Relief Fund – Homeless Children and Youth I	84.425W

Dollar threshold used to distinguish between Type A and Type B program	\$750,000
Auditee qualified as low risk	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes _____ No

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**BELL COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS**  
**YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

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**Section II – Financial Statement Findings**

None

**Section III – Federal Award Findings**

None

**BELL COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS**  
**YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

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**Status of Prior Year Findings**

There were no prior year audit findings.

**MANAGEMENT LETTER COMMENTS**



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**Cloyd & Associates, PSC**

*Certified Public Accountants  
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Members of the Board of Education  
Bell County School District  
Pineville, Kentucky

In planning and performing our audit of the basic financial statements of Bell County School District for the year ended June 30, 2024, we considered the District's internal control structure to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the basic financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control structure.

If during our audit we noted matters that are opportunities for strengthening internal controls and operating efficiency we have included them on the memorandum that accompanies this letter which summarizes our comments and suggestions regarding those matters, if any. This letter does not affect our report thereon dated November 15, 2024, on the basic financial statements of Bell County School District.

Respectfully,

*Cloyd & Associates, PSC*

Cloyd & Associates, PSC  
London, Kentucky  
November 15, 2024

**Prior Year Comments – School Activity Funds**

Frakes Elementary School

1. Several instances of receipt numbers not being included on deposit slips. All deposit slips must include the receipt number.

*Similar instances identified in the current year*

2. Several instances of invoices date prior to the completed purchase order. All purchases need to be requisitioned and have proper purchase order approval before the ordering and/or payment of an invoice.

*Similar instances identified in the current year*

3. Several instances of the bank statement not being properly signed by the proper employee after opening and reviewing bank statements. The proper employee(s) need to open and review the bank statements to ensure proper controls within the activity fund.

*No instances identified in the current year*

Lone Jack Elementary School

1. Several instances of the bank statement not being properly signed by the proper employee after opening and reviewing bank statements. The proper employee(s) need to open and review the bank statements to ensure proper controls within the activity fund.

*No instances identified in the current year*

Page School Center

1. Several instances of the bank statement not being properly signed by the proper employee after opening and reviewing bank statements. The proper employee(s) need to open and review the bank statements to ensure proper controls within the activity fund.

*Similar instances identified in the current year*

Right Fork Elementary School

1. Several instances of invoices dated prior to the completed purchase order. All purchases need to be requisitioned and have proper purchase order approval before the ordering and/or payment of an invoice.

*Similar instances identified in the current year*

2. Several instances of the bank statement not being properly signed by the proper employee after opening and reviewing bank statements. The proper employee(s) need to open and review the bank statements to ensure proper controls within the activity fund.

*Similar instances identified in the current year*

3. Several instances of invoices not being properly signed by the proper employee for approval. The proper employee(s) need to sign all invoices for proper controls within the activity fund.

*Similar instances identified in the current year*

**BELL COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
MANAGEMENT LETTER COMMENTS  
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

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Bell County High School

1. Several instances of the bank statement not being properly signed by the proper employee after opening and reviewing bank statements. The proper employee(s) need to open and review the bank statements to ensure proper controls within the activity fund.

*No instances identified in the current year*

**Current Year Comments –School Activity Funds**

Bell Central Elementary School

1. Several instances of deposits not being made within 1 day of the date on the multiple receipt form. All deposits should be within 1 day of the date on the multiple receipt form.

*Management response: We will conduct a Redbook training to resolve the issues.*

Frakes Elementary School

1. Several instances of receipt numbers not being included on deposit slips. All deposit slips must include the receipt number.

*Management response: We will conduct a Redbook training to resolve the issues.*

2. Several instances of deposits not being made within 1 day of the date on the multiple receipt form. All deposits should be within 1 day of the date on the multiple receipt form.

*Management response: We will conduct a Redbook training to resolve the issues.*

3. Several instances of invoices dated prior to the completed purchase order. All purchases need to be requisitioned and have proper purchase order approval before the ordering and/or payment of an invoice.

*Management response: We will conduct a Redbook training to resolve the issues.*

4. Several instances of the bank statement not being properly dated by the proper employee after opening and reviewing bank statements. The proper employee(s) need to open and review the bank statements to ensure proper controls within the activity fund.

*Management response: We will conduct a Redbook training to resolve the issues.*

Lone Jack Elementary School

1. Several instances of the bank statement not being properly dated by the proper employee after opening and reviewing bank statements. The proper employee(s) need to open and review the bank statements to ensure proper controls within the activity fund.

*Management response: We will conduct a Redbook training to resolve the issues.*

2. Several instances of invoices not being properly signed by the proper employee after for approval. The proper employee(s) need to sign all invoices for proper controls within the activity fund.

*Management response: We will conduct a Redbook training to resolve the issues.*

3. Several instances of invoices dated prior to the completed purchase order. All purchases need to be requisitioned and have proper purchase order approval before the ordering and/or payment of an invoice.

*Management response: We will conduct a Redbook training to resolve the issues.*

Page School Center

1. Several instances of the bank statement not being properly signed by the proper employee after opening and reviewing bank statements. The proper employee(s) need to open and review the bank statements to ensure proper controls within the activity fund.

*Management response: We will conduct a Redbook training to resolve the issues.*

Right Fork Elementary School

1. Several instances of invoices dated prior to the completed purchase order. All purchases need to be requisitioned and have proper purchase order approval before the ordering and/or payment of an invoice.

*Management response: We will conduct a Redbook training to resolve the issues.*

2. Several instances of invoices not being properly signed by the proper employee after for approval. The proper employee(s) need to sign all invoices for proper controls within the activity fund.

*Management response: We will conduct a Redbook training to resolve the issues.*

3. Several instances of the bank statement not being properly signed by the proper employee after opening and reviewing bank statements. The proper employee(s) need to open and review the bank statements to ensure proper controls within the activity fund.

*Management response: We will conduct a Redbook training to resolve the issues.*

Yellow Creek Elementary School

1. Several instances of invoices date prior to the completed purchase order. All purchases need to be requisitioned and have proper purchase order approval before the ordering and/or payment of an invoice.

*Management response: We will conduct a Redbook training to resolve the issues.*

2. Several instances of invoices not being properly signed by the proper employee after for approval. The proper employee(s) need to sign all invoices for proper controls within the activity fund.

*Management response: We will conduct a Redbook training to resolve the issues.*

3. Several instances of the bank statement not being properly signed by the proper employee after opening and reviewing bank statements. The proper employee(s) need to open and review the bank statements to ensure proper controls within the activity fund.

*Management response: We will conduct a Redbook training to resolve the issues.*

## **APPENDIX C**

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

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**Continuing Disclosure Agreement**

## CONTINUING DISCLOSURE UNDERTAKING AGREEMENT

This Continuing Disclosure Undertaking Agreement ("Agreement") made and entered into as of September 18, 2025 by and between the Board of Education of Bell County, Kentucky ("Board"); the Bell County School District Finance Corporation, an agency and instrumentality of the Board ("Corporation") and the Registered and Beneficial Owners of the Bonds hereinafter identified as third-party beneficiaries to this Agreement. For the purposes of this Agreement "Beneficial Owner" means the person or entity treated as the owner of the Bonds for federal income tax purposes and "Registered Owner" means the person or entity named on the registration books of the bond registrar.

### WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the Corporation has acted as issuing agency for the Board pursuant to the provisions of Section 162.385 of the Kentucky Revised Statutes ("KRS") and the Corporation's Bond Resolution in connection with the authorization, sale and delivery of \$5,000,000 of the Corporation's School Building Revenue Bonds, Taxable Series of 2025, dated September 18, 2025 ("Bonds"), which Bonds were offered for sale under the terms and conditions of a Final Official Statement ("FOS") prepared by RSA Advisors, LLC, Lexington, Kentucky ("Municipal Advisor") and approved by the authorized representatives of the Board and the Corporation, and

WHEREAS, the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC"), pursuant to the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, has amended the provisions of SEC Rule 15c2-12 relating to financial disclosures by the issuers of municipal securities under certain circumstances ("Rule"), and

WHEREAS, it is intended by the parties to this Agreement that all terms utilized herein shall have the same meanings as defined by the Rule, and

WHEREAS, the Board is an "obligated person" as defined by the Rule and subject to the provisions of said Rule, and

WHEREAS, failure by the Board and the Corporation to observe the requirements of the Rule will inhibit the subsequent negotiation, transfer and exchange of the Bonds with a resulting diminution in the market value thereof to the detriment of the Registered and Beneficial Owners of said Bonds and the Board;

NOW, THEREFORE, in order to comply with the provisions of the Rule and in consideration of the purchase of the Bonds by the Registered and Beneficial Owners, the parties hereto agree as follows:

### 1. ANNUAL FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The Board agrees to provide the annual financial information contemplated by Rule 15c2-12(b)(5)(i) relating to the Board for its fiscal years ending June 30 of each year, commencing with the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, to (a) the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board ("MSRB"), or any successor thereto for purposes of its Rule, through the continuing disclosure service portal provided by the MSRB's Electronic Municipal Market Access ("EMMA") system as described in 1934 Act Release No. 59062, or any similar system that is acceptable to the Securities and Exchange Commission and (b) the State Information Depository ("SID"), if any (the Commonwealth of Kentucky has not established a SID as of the date of this Agreement) within nine (9) months of the close of each fiscal year.

For the purposes of the Rule "annual financial information" means financial information and operating data provided annually, of the type included in the FOS with respect to the Board in accordance with guidelines established by the National Federation of Municipal Analysts, and shall include annual audited financial statements for the Board in order that the recipients will be provided with ongoing information regarding revenues and operating expenses of the Board and the information provided in the FOS under the headings "OUTSTANDING BONDS", "BOND DEBT SERVICE", "DISTRICT STUDENT POPULATION", "LOCAL SUPPORT - Local Tax Rates, Property Assessment and Revenue Collections and SEEK Allotment". If audited financial statements are not available when the annual financial information is filed, unaudited financial statements shall be included, to be followed by audited financial statements when available.

The audited financial statements shall be prepared in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles, Generally Accepted Auditing Standards or in accordance with the appropriate sections of KRS or Kentucky Administrative Regulations.

The parties hereto agree that this Agreement is entered into among them for the benefit of those who become Registered and Beneficial Owners of the Bonds as third party beneficiaries to said Agreement.

## **2. MATERIAL EVENTS NOTICES**

Under the Rule, Section 15c2-12(b)(5)(i)(C), the following sixteen (16) events must be disclosed within ten (10) business days following the occurrence of said event to MSRB via EMMA and the SID, if any:

1. Principal/interest payment delinquency;
2. Nonpayment related default, if material;
3. Unscheduled draw on debt service reserve reflecting financial difficulties;
4. Unscheduled draw on credit enhancement reflecting financial difficulties;
5. Substitution of credit or liquidity provider, or its failure to perform;
6. Adverse tax opinions, the issuance by the IRS of proposed or final determinations of taxability, Notices of Proposed Issue (IRS Form 5701-TEB) or other material notices or determinations with respect to the tax status of the securities, or other material events affecting the tax status of the security;
7. Modifications to rights of security holders, if material;
8. Bond call, if material and tender offers;
9. Defeasance;
10. Release, substitution or sale of property securing the repayment of the security, if material;
11. Rating change;
12. Merger, consolidation, acquisition or sale of all or substantially all assets of an obligated person, other than in the ordinary course of business, and the entry into a definitive agreement to undertake such action or the termination of a definitive agreement relating to such action, other than pursuant to its terms, if material;
13. Bankruptcy, insolvency, receivership or similar event of the obligated person;
14. Successor, additional or change in trustee, if material;
15. Incurrence of a financial obligation of the obligated person, if material, or agreement to covenants, events of default, remedies, priority rights, or other similar terms of a financial obligation of the obligated person, any of which affect security holders, if material, and;
16. Default, event of acceleration, termination event, modification of terms, or other similar events under the terms of a financial obligation of the obligated person, any of which reflect financial difficulties.

For purposes of this Agreement the term "financial obligation" means:

- (A) Debt obligation;
- (B) Derivative instrument entered into in connection with, or pledged as security or a source of payment for, an existing or planned debt obligation; or
- (C) Guarantee of paragraph (A) or (B) above.

Notice of said material events shall be given to the entities identified in this Section by the Board on a timely basis (within ten (10) business days of the occurrence). Notwithstanding the foregoing, the provisions of the documents under which the Bonds are authorized and issued do not provide for a debt service reserve, credit enhancements or credit or liquidity providers.

In accordance with Rule Section 15c2-12(b)(5)(i)(D), the Board agrees that in the event of a failure to provide the Annual Financial Information required under Section 1 of this Agreement, it will notify MSRB via EMMA of such failure in a timely manner.

The Finance Officer of the Board shall be the responsible person for filing the annual financial information and/or notices of the events set forth above within the time prescribed in this Agreement. The Board shall cause the Finance Officer to institute an internal tickler system as a reminder of the obligations set forth herein. By December 1 of each fiscal year and each 30 days thereafter the Finance Officer will contact the auditor for the Board to determine when the audited financial statements will be finalized. The Finance Officer will impress upon the auditor the necessity of having such audited financial report on or before September 15. Within 5 days of receipt of such audited financial report the finance officer will cause the annual financial information to be filed as required by this Agreement.

### **3. SPECIAL REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION**

Upon the request of any Registered or Beneficial Owner of the Bonds or the original purchaser of the Bonds or any subsequent broker-dealer buying or selling said Bonds on the secondary market ("Underwriters"), the Board shall cause financial information or operating data regarding the conduct of the affairs of the Board to be made available on a timely basis following such request.

### **4. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

The Board and the Corporation hereby disclaim any liability for monetary damages for any breach of the commitments set forth in this Agreement and remedies for any breach of the Board's continuing disclosure undertaking shall be limited to an action for specific performance or mandamus in a court of competent jurisdiction in Kentucky following notice and an opportunity to cure such a breach.

### **5. FINAL OFFICIAL STATEMENT**

That the Final Official Statement prepared by the Municipal Advisor and approved by the authorized representatives of the Board and the Corporation is hereby incorporated in this Agreement as fully as if copied herein and the "annual financial information" required under Section 1 hereof shall in summary form update the specific information set forth in said FOS.

### **6. DURATION OF THE AGREEMENT**

This Agreement shall be in effect so long as any of the Bonds remain outstanding and unpaid; provided, however, that the right is reserved in the Board to delegate its responsibilities under the Agreement to a competent agent or trustee, or to adjust the format of the presentation of annual financial information so long as the intent and purpose of the Rule to present adequate and accurate financial information regarding the Board is served.

**7. AMENDMENT; WAIVER**

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, the Board may amend this Agreement, and any provision of this Agreement may be waived, provided that the following conditions are satisfied:

(a) If the amendment or waiver relates to the provisions of Section 1, it may only be made in connection with a change in circumstances that arises from a change in legal requirements, change in law, or change in the identity, nature or status of an obligated person with respect to the Bonds, or the type of business conducted;

(b) The undertaking, as amended or taking into account such waiver, would, in the opinion of nationally recognized bond counsel, have complied with the requirements of the Rule at the time of the original issuance of the Bonds, after taking into account any amendments or interpretations of the Rule, as well as any change in circumstances; and

(c) The amendment or waiver either (i) is approved by the holders of the Bonds in the same manner as provided in the Bond Resolution for amendments to the Bond Resolution with the consent of holders, or (ii) does not, in the opinion of nationally recognized bond counsel, materially impair the interests of the Registered Owners or Beneficial Owners of the Bonds.

In the event of any amendment or waiver of a provision of this Agreement, the Board shall describe such amendment or waiver in the next Annual Report, and shall include, as applicable, a narrative explanation of the reason for the amendment or waiver and its impact on the type (or in the case of a change of accounting principles, on the presentation) of financial information or operating data being presented by the Board. In addition, if the amendment relates to the accounting principles to be followed in preparing financial statements, (i) notice of such change shall be given in the same manner as for a material event under Section 15c2-12(b)(5)(i)(C) of the Rule, and (ii) the Annual Report for the year in which the change is made should present a comparison (in narrative form and also, if feasible, in quantitative form) between the financial statements as prepared on the basis of the new accounting principles and those prepared on the basis of the former accounting principles.

**8. DEFAULT**

In the event of a failure of the Board to comply with any provision of this Agreement, the Corporation may and, at the request of any Underwriter or any Registered Owner or Beneficial Owner of Bonds, shall take such actions as may be necessary and appropriate, including seeking mandamus or specific performance by court order, to cause the Board to comply with its obligations under this Agreement. A default under this Agreement shall not be deemed an event of default under the Bond Resolution, and the sole remedy under this Agreement in the event of any failure of the Board to comply with this Agreement shall be an action to compel performance.

In witness whereof the parties hereto have executed this Agreement as of the date first above written.

**BOARD OF EDUCATION OF BELL COUNTY, KENTUCKY**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chairperson

Attest:

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Secretary

**BELL COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT FINANCE CORPORATION**

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President

Attest:

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Secretary

## **APPENDIX D**

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

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**Official Terms and Conditions of Bond Sale**

**OFFICIAL  
TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF BOND SALE**

**\$5,000,000\***

**Bell County School District Finance Corporation  
School Building Revenue Bonds, Taxable Series of 2025  
Dated September 18, 2025**

**SALE: August 28, 2025 AT 11:00 A.M., E.D.S.T.**

As published on PARITY®, a nationally recognized electronic bidding system, the Bell County School District Finance Corporation ("Corporation") will until August 28, 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 \$500,000.

**BELL 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 Bell 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 the Page School Center and Bell County High School, Central Elementary School and the Bus Garage (collectively, 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 properties to the Board under the Lease on a year to year basis; the first rental period ending June 30, 2026; provided, however, said lien and pledge are on a second lien basis 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 "Prior Lien 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 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, the Board has agreed so long as the Bonds remain outstanding, and in conformance with the intent and purpose of 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 to the Corporation the right to notify and request the Kentucky Department of Education to withhold from the Board a sufficient portion of any undisbursed funds then held, set aside, or allocated to the Board and to request said Department or Commissioner of Education to transfer the required amount thereof to the Paying Agent for the payment of such rentals.

### **ADDITIONAL PARITY BONDS**

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 September 18, 2025, payable on March 1, 2026, and semi annually thereafter and shall mature as to principal on September 1 in each of the years as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount*</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount*</u>
2026	\$ 40,000	2036	\$315,000
2027	40,000	2037	330,000
2028	45,000	2038	350,000
2029	50,000	2039	365,000
2030	50,000	2040	385,000
2031	50,000	2041	410,000
2032	50,000	2042	430,000
2033	55,000	2043	455,000
2034	285,000	2044	485,000
2035	300,000	2045	510,000

\*Subject to a Permitted Adjustment of the amount of Bonds awarded of up to \$500,000 which may be applied in any or all maturities.

The Bonds maturing on or after September 1, 2034 are subject to redemption at the option of the Corporation prior to their stated maturity on any date falling on or after September 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 March 1 and September 1 of each year, beginning March 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](http://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 \$4,900,000 (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 determination of the best purchase bid for said Bonds shall be made on the basis of all bids submitted for exactly \$5,000,000 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 \$500,000 (the "Permitted Adjustment") which may be awarded to such best bidder may be a minimum of \$4,500,000 or a maximum of \$5,500,000. 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 \$5,000,000 of Bonds bid.

(E) 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 August 28, 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).

(F) 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 September 1 in accordance with the maturity schedule setting the actual size of the issue.

(G) 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.

(H) 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.

(I) Bids need not be accompanied by a certified or bank cashier's good faith check, BUT the successful bidder will be required to wire transfer 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.

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

(K) 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 interest thereon being subject to Federal income taxation and the principal and interest not being subject to 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 MATTERS.

(L) 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 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](http://www.osbd.ky.gov).

### **CONTINUING DISCLOSURE**

As a result of the Board and issuing agencies acting on behalf of the Board offering for public sale municipal securities in excess of \$1,000,000, the Corporation and the Board will enter into a written agreement for the benefit of all parties who may become Registered or Beneficial Owners of the Bonds whereunder said Corporation and Board will agree to comply with the provisions of the Municipal Securities Disclosure Rules set forth in Securities and Exchange Commission Rule 15c2-12 by filing annual financial statements and material events notices with the Electronic Municipal Market Access (EMMA) System maintained by the Municipal Securities Rule Making Board.

Financial information regarding the Board may be obtained from Superintendent, Bell County Board of Education, 211 Virginia Avenue, Pineville, Kentucky 40977 (606.337.7051).

### **TAX MATTERS**

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 includable from the gross income of the recipient thereof for Federal income tax purposes under existing law.

## 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.

**BELL COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
FINANCE CORPORATION**

by /Brian Crawford  
Secretary

**APPENDIX E**

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

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**Official Bid Form**

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

The Bell County School District Finance Corporation ("Corporation" or "Issuer"), will until 11:00 A.M., E.D.S.T., on August 28, 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 \$5,000,000 School Building Revenue Bonds, Taxable Series of 2025, dated September 18, 2025; maturing September 1, 2026 through 2045 ("Bonds").

We hereby bid for said \$5,000,000\* principal amount of Bonds, the total sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (not less than \$4,900,000) plus accrued interest from September 18, 2025 payable March 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 September 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	\$ 40,000	_____ %	2036	\$315,000	_____ %
2027	40,000	_____ %	2037	330,000	_____ %
2028	45,000	_____ %	2038	350,000	_____ %
2029	50,000	_____ %	2039	365,000	_____ %
2030	50,000	_____ %	2040	385,000	_____ %
2031	50,000	_____ %	2041	410,000	_____ %
2032	50,000	_____ %	2042	430,000	_____ %
2033	55,000	_____ %	2043	455,000	_____ %
2034	285,000	_____ %	2044	485,000	_____ %
2035	300,000	_____ %	2045	510,000	_____ %

\* Subject to Permitted Adjustment

We understand this bid may be accepted for as much as \$5,500,000 of Bonds or as little as \$4,500,000 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 August 28, 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 September 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 (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 September 18, 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 September 18, 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 Bell 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	_____%
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2031	_____,000	_____%	2041	_____,000	_____%
2032	_____,000	_____%	2042	_____,000	_____%
2033	_____,000	_____%	2043	_____,000	_____%
2034	_____,000	_____%	2044	_____,000	_____%
2035	_____,000	_____%	2045	_____,000	_____%

Dated: August 28, 2025

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