

DATED OCTOBER 1, 2025

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

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In the opinion of Bond Counsel, under existing law (i) interest on the Bonds will be excludable from gross income of the holders thereof for purposes of federal taxation and (ii) interest on the Bonds will not be a specific item of tax preference for purposes of the federal alternative minimum tax; however, with respect to certain corporations, interest on the Bonds is taken into account in determining the annual adjusted financial statement income for the purpose of computing the alternative minimum tax imposed on corporations for tax years beginning after December 31, 2022. All subject to the qualifications described herein under the heading "Tax Exemption." The Bonds and interest thereon are exempt from income taxation and ad valorem taxation by the Commonwealth of Kentucky and political subdivisions thereof (see "Tax Exemption" herein)

\$585,000*
KNOTT COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT FINANCE CORPORATION
SCHOOL BUILDING REVENUE BONDS,
SERIES OF 2025

Dated with Delivery: OCTOBER 30, 2025

Due: as shown below

Interest on the Bonds is payable each April 1 and October 1, beginning April 1, 2026. The Bonds will mature as to principal on October 1, 2026, and thereafter as shown below. The Bonds are being issued in Book-Entry-Only Form and will be available for purchase in principal amounts of \$5,000 and integral multiples thereof.

Maturing		Interest	Reoffering	Maturing		Interest	Reoffering
1-Oct	Amount*	Rate	Yield	1-Oct	Amount*	Rate	Yield
2026	\$20,000	%	%	2036	\$25,000	%	%
2027	\$20,000	%	%	2037	\$30,000	%	%
2028	\$25,000	%	%	2038	\$30,000	%	%
2029	\$25,000	%	%	2039	\$35,000	%	%
2030	\$20,000	%	%	2040	\$40,000	%	%
2031	\$20,000	%	%	2041	\$35,000	%	%
2032	\$20,000	%	%	2042	\$35,000	%	%
2033	\$30,000	%	%	2043	\$40,000	%	%
2034	\$25,000	%	%	2044	\$45,000	%	%
2035	\$25,000	%	%	2045	\$40,000	%	%

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 Knott 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 Knott County Board of Education.

The Knott County (Kentucky) School District Finance Corporation will until October 9, 2025, at 11:00 A.M., E.D.S.T., receive competitive bids for the Bonds at the office of the Executive Director of the Kentucky School Facilities Construction Commission, 200 Mero Street - 5th Floor, Frankfort, Kentucky 40622.

***As set forth in the "Official Terms and Conditions of Bond Sale," the principal amount of Bonds sold to the successful bidder is subject to a Permitted Adjustment by increasing or decreasing the amount not to exceed \$60,000.**

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

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

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

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



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BOOK-ENTRY-ONLY-SYSTEM

REGARDING USE OF THIS OFFICIAL STATEMENT

This Official Statement does not constitute an offering of any security other than the original offering of the Knott County School District Finance Corporation School Building Revenue Bonds, Series of 2025, identified on the cover page hereof. No person has been authorized by the Corporation or the Board to give any information or to make any representation other than that contained in the Official Statement, and if given or made such other information or representation must not be relied upon as having been given or authorized. This Official Statement does not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy, and there shall not be any sale of the Bonds by any person in any jurisdiction in which it is unlawful to make such offer, solicitation or sale.

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

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

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

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**OFFICIAL STATEMENT
Relating to the Issuance of**

\$585,000*

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

**Subject to Permitted Adjustment*

INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this Official Statement, which includes the cover page and Appendices hereto, is to set forth certain information pertaining to the Knott County School District Finance Corporation (the "Corporation") School Building Revenue Bonds, Series of 2025 (the "Bonds").

The Bonds are being issued to finance improvements to Knott Central High School (the "Project").

The Bonds are revenue bonds and constitute a limited indebtedness of the Corporation. The Bonds will be secured by a lien and a pledge of the rental income derived by the Corporation from leasing the school building Projects (as hereinafter defined) to the Knott 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 Knott 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 October 30, 2025, may be obtained at the office of Steptoe & Johnson PLLC, Bond Counsel, 101 South Fifth Street, Suite 3200, Louisville, Kentucky 40202.

BOOK-ENTRY-ONLY-SYSTEM

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

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

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

DTC, the world's largest depository, is a limited-purpose trust company organized under the New York Banking Law, a "banking organization" within the meaning of the New York Banking Law, a member of the Federal Reserve System, a "clearing corporation" within the meaning of the New York Uniform Commercial Code, and a "clearing agency" registered pursuant to the provisions of Section 17A of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. DTC holds and provides asset servicing for over 3.5 million issues of U.S. and non-U.S. equity issues, corporate and municipal debt issues, and money market instruments from over 85 countries that DTC's participants ("Direct Participants") deposit with DTC. DTC also facilitates the post-trade settlement among Direct Participants of sales and other securities transactions in deposited securities, through electronic computerized book-entry

transfers and pledges between Direct Participants' accounts. This eliminates the need for physical movement of securities certificates. Direct Participants include both U.S. and non-U.S. securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, clearing corporations, and certain other organizations. DTC is a wholly-owned subsidiary of The Depository Trust & Clearing Corporation ("DTCC"). DTCC, in turn, is owned by a number of Direct Participants of DTC and Members of the National Securities Clearing Corporation, Government Securities Clearing Corporation, MBS Clearing Corporation, and Emerging Markets Clearing Corporation, (NSCC, GSCC, MBSCC, and EMCC, also subsidiaries of DTCC), as well as by the New York Stock Exchange, Inc., the American Stock Exchange LLC, and the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. Access to the DTC system is also available to others such as both U.S. and non-U.S. securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, and clearing corporations that clear through or maintain a custodial relationship with a Direct Participant, either directly or indirectly ("Indirect Participants"). DTC has a Standard & Poor's rating of AA+. The DTC Rules applicable to its Participants are on file with the Securities and Exchange Commission. More information about DTC can be found at www.dtcc.com.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

THE CORPORATION

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

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

KENTUCKY SCHOOL FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION COMMISSION

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

Pursuant to the provisions of the Act, the Regulations of the Kentucky Board of Education and the Commission, the Commission has determined that the Board is eligible for participation from the Commission in meeting the costs of construction of the Projects and has entered into a Participation Agreement with the Board whereunder the Commission agrees to pay an annual Agreed Participation equal to approximately \$43,460 to be applied to the annual debt service requirements for the Bonds herein identified each year until their retirement; provided, however, that the contractual commitment of the Commission to pay the annual Agreed Participation is limited to the biennial budget period of the Commonwealth, with the first such biennial period terminating on June 30, 2026; the right is reserved in the Commission to terminate its commitment to pay the Agreed Participation after the initial biennial period and every two years thereafter. The obligation of the Commission to make payments of the Agreed Participation shall be automatically renewed each two years for a period of two years unless the Commission shall give notice of its intention not to participate not less than sixty days prior to the end of the biennium; however, by the execution of the Participation Agreement, the Commission has expressed its present intention to continue to pay the Agreed Participation in each successive biennial budget period through October 1, 2045, but such execution does not obligate the Commission to do so.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth adopted the State's Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026. Inter alia, the Budget provides \$116,928,400 in FY 23024-25 and \$126,269,500 in FY 2025-2026 to pay debt service on existing and future bond issues. There are \$75,900,000 of the Commission's previous Offers of Assistance made during the last biennium. It authorizes \$85,000,000 in additional Offers of Assistance for the current biennium to be funded in the Budget for the biennium ending June 30, 2026.

The 2000, 2003, 2005, 2006, 2008, 2010, 2012, 2014, 2016, 2018, 2020, 2022, and 2024 Regular Sessions of the Kentucky General Assembly appropriated funds to be used for new debt service of participating school districts. The appropriations for each biennium are shown in the following table:

<u>Biennium</u>	-	<u>Appropriation</u>
2000-02		8,100,000
2002-04		9,500,000
2004-06		14,000,000
2006-08		9,000,000
2008-10		10,968,000
2010-12		12,656,200
2012-14		8,469,200
2014-16		8,764,000
2016-18		23,019,400
2018-20		7,608,000
2020-22		2,946,900
2022-24		5,305,300
<u>2024-26</u>		<u>22,280,000</u>
Total		\$142,617,000

In addition to the appropriations for new financings as shown, appropriations subsequent to that for 2000 included additional funds to continue to meet the annual debt requirements for all bond issues involving Commission participation issued in prior years.

BIENNIAL BUDGET FOR PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 2026

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

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

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

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

OUTSTANDING BONDS

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

Bond Series	Original Principal	Current Principal Outstanding	Principal Assigned to Board	Principal Assigned to Commission	Approximate Interest Rate Range	Final Maturity
2020	\$3,995,000	\$3,155,000	-	\$3,995,000	2.000% - 2.625%	2040
Totals:	\$3,995,000	\$3,155,000		\$3,995,000		

AUTHORITY

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

- i) the issuance of approximately \$585,000 of Bonds subject to a permitted adjustment of \$60,000;
- ii) the advertisement for the public sale of the Bonds;
- iii) the Official Terms and Conditions for the sale of the Bonds to the successful bidder; and,
- iv) the President and Secretary of the Corporation to execute certain documents relative to the sale and delivery of the Bonds.

THE BONDS

General

The Bonds will be dated October 30, 2025, will bear interest from that date as described herein, payable semi-annually on April 1 and October 1 of each year, commencing April 1, 2026, and will mature as to principal on October 1, 2026, and thereafter in the years and in the principal amounts as set forth on the cover page of this Official Statement.

Registration, Payment and Transfer

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

Redemption

The Bonds maturing on or after October 1, 2034, are subject to redemption at the option of the Corporation prior to their stated maturity on any date falling on or after October 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
October 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. 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 October 30, 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 October 1, 2045, the final maturity date of the Bonds. Under the lease, the Corporation has pledged the rental revenue to the payment of the Bonds.

Authorization of General Obligation Bonds

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

COMMISSION'S PARTICIPATION

The Commission has determined that the Board is eligible for annual participation equal to approximately \$43,460 from the Commission's appropriation by the Kentucky General Assembly which will be used to meet all of the debt service of the Bonds. The plan for financing the Project will require the Commission to pay 100% of the debt service of the Bonds.

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

STATE INTERCEPT

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

THE PROJECT

After payment of the Bond issuance costs, the Board plans to deposit the net Bond proceeds to finance improvements to Knott Central High School (the "Project"). The Board has reported construction bids have been let for the Project and award of the construction contract is expected prior to the sale and delivery of the Bonds. Contractors for the Project are required to furnish to the Board a one hundred percent completion bond to assure their performance of the construction contract.

ADDITIONAL PARITY BONDS

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

KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SUPERVISION

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

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

ESTIMATED BOND DEBT SERVICE

The following table shows by fiscal year the current bond payments of the Board. The plan of financing provides for the Board to meet 0% of the debt service of the Bonds.

Fiscal Year Ending June 30	Current Restricted Fund Bond Payments	----- School Building Revenue Bonds, Series 2025 ----- (100% SFCC)			Total Restricted Fund Bond Payments
		Principal Portion	Interest Portion	Total Payment	
2025					
2026			\$9,512	\$9,512	
2027		\$20,000	\$22,388	\$42,388	
2028		\$20,000	\$21,808	\$41,808	
2029		\$25,000	\$21,156	\$46,156	
2030		\$25,000	\$20,424	\$45,424	
2031		\$20,000	\$19,751	\$39,751	
2032		\$20,000	\$19,121	\$39,121	
2033		\$20,000	\$18,461	\$38,461	
2034		\$30,000	\$17,608	\$47,608	
2035		\$25,000	\$16,572	\$41,572	
2036		\$25,000	\$15,534	\$40,534	
2037		\$25,000	\$14,497	\$39,497	
2038		\$30,000	\$13,356	\$43,356	
2039		\$30,000	\$12,111	\$42,111	
2040		\$35,000	\$10,762	\$45,762	
2041		\$40,000	\$9,206	\$49,206	
2042		\$35,000	\$7,632	\$42,632	
2043		\$35,000	\$6,144	\$41,144	
2044		\$40,000	\$4,551	\$44,551	
2045		\$45,000	\$2,726	\$47,726	
2046		\$40,000	\$876	\$40,876	
TOTALS:		\$585,000	\$284,192	\$869,192	

Notes: Numbers are rounded to the nearest \$1.00

ESTIMATED USE OF BOND PROCEEDS

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

Sources:	
Par Amount of Bonds	\$585,000.00
Total Sources	\$585,000.00
Uses:	
Deposit to Construction Fund	\$558,100.00
Underwriter's Discount (2%)	11,700.00
Cost of Issuance	<u>15,200.00</u>
Total Uses	\$585,000.00

DISTRICT STUDENT POPULATION

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

Year	Average Daily Attendance	Year	Average Daily Attendance
2004-05	2,409.7	2015-16	2,054.5
2005-06	2,365.5	2016-17	2,037.1
2006-07	2,266.2	2017-18	2,004.7
2007-08	2,205.9	2018-19	1,958.5
2008-09	2,177.6	2019-20	1,908.7
2009-10	2,163.6	2020-21	1,908.7
2010-11	2,144.5	2021-22	1,994.2
2011-12	2,141.9	2022-23	1,994.2
2012-13	2,139.3	2023-24	1,918.3
2013-14	2,145.2	2024-25	1,812.3
2014-15	2,138.2		

Source: Kentucky State Department of Education.

STATE SUPPORT

Support Education Excellence in Kentucky (SEEK). In determining the cost of the program to Support Education Excellence in Kentucky (SEEK), the statewide guaranteed base funding level is computed by dividing the amount appropriated by the prior year's statewide average daily attendance. The SEEK fund is a guaranteed amount of money per pupil in each school district of Kentucky. The current SEEK allotment is \$3,866 per pupil. The \$100 capital outlay allotment per each average daily attendance is included within the guaranteed amounts. Each district's base funding from the SEEK program is adjusted for the number of at-risk students, the number and types of exceptional children in the district, and cost of transporting students from and to school in the district.

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

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

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

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

Year	Capital Outlay Allotment	Year	Capital Outlay Allotment
2004-05	240,970.0	2015-16	205,450.0
2005-06	236,550.0	2016-17	203,710.0
2006-07	226,620.0	2017-18	200,470.0
2007-08	220,590.0	2018-19	195,848.5
2008-09	217,758.0	2019-20	190,870.0
2009-10	216,357.0	2020-21	190,867.7
2010-11	214,446.0	2021-22	199,423.1
2011-12	214,193.0	2022-23	199,423.1
2012-13	213,927.0	2023-24	191,832.3
2013-14	214,521.0	2024-25	181,234.5
2014-15	213,818.0		

Source: Kentucky State Department of Education.

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

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

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

LOCAL SUPPORT

Homestead Exemption. Section 170 of the Kentucky Constitution was amended at the General Election held November 2, 1971, to exempt from property taxes \$6,500 of value of single unit residential property of taxpayers 65 years of age or older. The 1972 General Assembly amended KRS Chapter 132 to permit counties and school districts to adjust their local tax revenues lost through the application of this Homestead Exemption. The "Single Unit" qualification has been enlarged to subsequent sessions of the General Assembly to provide that such exemption shall apply to such property maintained as the permanent resident of the owner and the dollar amount has been construed to mean \$6,500 in terms of the purchasing power of the dollar in 1972. Every two years thereafter, if the cost of living index of the U.S. Department of Labor has changed as much as 1%, the maximum exemption shall be adjusted accordingly. Under the cost of living formula, the maximum was increased to \$49,100 effective January 1, 2025.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Local Tax Rates, Property Assessments and Revenue Collections

Tax Year	Combined Equivalent Rate	Total Property Assessment	Property Revenue Collections
2004-05	51.7	668,013,379	3,453,629
2005-06	47.8	819,418,622	3,916,821
2006-07	46.4	861,221,527	3,996,068
2007-08	47.8	1,034,877,845	4,946,716
2008-09	48.5	1,049,804,323	5,091,551
2009-10	48.5	1,146,458,233	5,560,322
2010-11	53.5	979,732,613	5,241,569
2011-12	64.8	1,064,612,013	6,898,686
2012-13	59.8	1,095,970,577	6,553,904
2013-14	54.1	1,046,818,390	5,663,287
2014-15	59.8	982,444,565	5,875,018
2015-16	70.6	950,521,450	6,710,681
2016-17	65.3	1,041,092,244	6,798,332
2017-18	51.2	645,962,652	3,307,329
2018-19	75.9	620,635,122	4,710,621
2019-20	83.2	623,335,442	5,186,151
2020-21	77.2	595,687,880	4,598,710
2021-22	76.0	597,617,310	4,541,892
2022-23	78.0	587,775,353	4,584,648
2023-24	78.4	636,292,211	4,988,531
2024-25	83.3	661,756,634	5,512,433

Source: Kentucky State Department of Education.

OVERLAPPING BOND INDEBTEDNESS

The following table shows any other overlapping bond indebtedness of the Knott County School District or other issuing agency within Knott County as reported by the State Local Debt Officer for the period ending June 30, 2025.

Issuer	Original Principal Amount	Amount of Bonds Redeemed	Current Principal Outstanding
County of Knott			
General Obligation	18,730,000	7,985,000	10,745,000
Water & Sewer Revenue	100,000	23,500	76,500
Flood Damage Revenue	500,000	188,875	311,125
City of Hindman			
Water & Sewer Revenue	738,000	328,000	410,000
Special Districts			
Knott County Soil & Water Cons. District	185,000	55,500	129,500
Totals:	20,253,000	8,580,875	11,672,125

Source: 2025 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	10,291,090	3,453,629	13,744,719
2005-06	9,870,119	3,916,821	13,786,940
2006-07	9,390,848	3,996,068	13,386,916
2007-08	9,323,952	4,946,716	14,270,668
2008-09	9,315,467	5,091,551	14,407,018
2009-10	8,204,434	5,560,322	13,764,756
2010-11	8,486,431	5,241,569	13,728,000
2011-12	8,817,219	6,898,686	15,715,905
2012-13	8,849,981	6,553,904	15,403,885
2013-14	9,646,493	5,663,287	15,309,780
2014-15	10,193,368	5,875,018	16,068,386
2015-16	10,163,714	6,710,681	16,874,395
2016-17	10,014,383	6,798,332	16,812,715
2017-18	11,580,417	3,307,329	14,887,746
2018-19	11,653,576	4,710,621	16,364,197
2019-20	11,473,262	5,186,151	16,659,413
2020-21	10,899,547	4,598,710	15,498,257
2021-22	11,934,189	4,541,892	16,476,081
2022-23	12,338,910	4,584,648	16,923,558
2023-24	11,567,874	4,988,531	16,556,405
2024-25	11,991,689	5,512,433	17,504,122

- (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 \$0.8330 for FY 2024-25. The equivalent tax rate" is defined as the rate which results when the income from all taxes levied by the district for school purposes is divided by the total assessed value of property plus the assessment for motor vehicles certified by the Commonwealth of Kentucky Revenue Cabinet.

State Budgeting Process

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

POTENTIAL LEGISLATION

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

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

CONTINUING DISCLOSURE; EXEMPTION

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

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

Financial information regarding the Board may be obtained from Superintendent, Knott County School District Board of Education, PO Box 869, 1156 Hindman Bypass, Hindman, Kentucky 41822, Telephone 606-785-3153.

TAX EXEMPTION; BANK QUALIFIED

Bond Counsel advises as follows:

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

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

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

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

Original Issue Premium

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

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

Original Issue Discount

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

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

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

ABSENCE OF MATERIAL LITIGATION

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

APPROVAL OF LEGALITY

Legal matters incident to the authorization and issuance of the Bonds are subject to the approving legal opinion of Steptoe & Johnson PLLC, Bond Counsel. The form of the approving legal opinion of Bond Counsel will appear on each printed Bond.

APPENDIX A

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

Demographic and Economic Data

KNOTT COUNTY, KENTUCKY

Knott County, with an estimated 2024 population of 13,729, is located within the Eastern Kentucky Coal Field Region. Hindman, the county seat had an estimated 2024 population of 663. Hindman is located approximately 208 miles southeast of Louisville, Kentucky; 158 miles northeast of Knoxville, Tennessee; and 110 miles southwest of Huntington, West Virginia.

The Economic Framework

In 2024, Knott County had a labor force of 4,694 people, with an unemployment rate of 8.10%. The top 5 job counts by occupation were as follows: Office and Administrative Support - 253 (12.54%); Education, Training/Library - 239 (11.85%); Executive, Managers, and Administrators - 197 (9.77%); Sales - 166 (8.23%); and Health Diagnosing and Treating Practitioners - 141 (6.99%).

Transportation

Major highways serving Knott County include Kentucky Routes 15, 80, 160 and 550. Nine common carrier trucking companies provide interstate and/or intrastate service to Hindman and Knott County. The nearest rail service is provided by CSX Transportation at Hazard, Kentucky, 22 miles southwest of Hindman. The nearest commercial airline service is available at Tri-Cities Airport near Bristol, Tennessee, 101 miles southeast of Hindman; at Tri-State Airport near Huntington, West Virginia, 107 miles northeast; and Blue Grass Airport near Lexington, Kentucky, 141 miles northwest. The Wendell H. Ford Regional Airport, 31 miles northwest of Hindman, maintains two runways of 5,000 and 3,200 feet.

Power and Fuel

The American Electric Power Company provides electric power to Hindman and a major portion of Knott County. A portion of northern Knott County is provided power by the Big Sandy Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation. Columbia Gas of Kentucky provides natural gas service to Hindman and parts of Knott County.

Education

The Knott County Public School System provides primary and secondary education to residents of Knott County. One nonpublic school also operates in the county. Hindman Settlement School, a privately funded institution, provides unique education and training programs to the area. Alice Lloyd College, a private four-year college, is located Pippa Passes, nine miles from Hindman. In addition, seven other colleges are located within 80 miles of Hindman. Vocational training is available locally at the Knott County Area Technology Center and at the Hazard Regional Technology Center, located 26 miles southwest of Hindman.

Transportation

Major highways serving Knott County include Kentucky Routes 1580, 160 and 550. Kentucky 550 west of Hindman, Kentucky 15, and Kentucky 90 are AAA-rated (80,000-pound gross load limit) trucking highways. Kentucky 80 is a four-lane highway throughout the county. Kentucky 550, east of Hindman, and Route 160 are AA-rated (62,000-pound gross load limit) trucking highways.

The Daniel Boone Parkway, a limited-access toll road, is accessible 18 miles west of Hindman via Kentucky 80. Access to Interstate 75 is available 77 miles west via Kentucky 80 and the Daniel Boone Parkway.

LABOR MARKET STATISTICS

The Knott County Labor Market Area includes Knott County and the adjoining Kentucky counties of Breathitt, Floyd, Letcher, Perry, Leslie, Johnson and Pike.

Population

Description	2022	2023	2024
Knott County	14,026	13,948	13,729
Hindman	683	673	663

Source: Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development.

Population Projections

Description	2030	2035	2040
Knott County	11,992	10,896	9,855

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

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Structure

The City of Hindman is governed by a mayor and six council members. The mayor is elected to a four year term, while the council members each serve two-year terms. Knott County is governed by a county judge/executive and four magistrates. Each county official serves a four-year term.

Planning and Zoning

Knott County is presently not served by a planning and zoning agency.

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 Hindman requires businesses operating within the city to obtain business licenses, with the fee ranging from \$10 to \$125 per year. An annual unloading license of \$50 is also assessed within the City.

EDUCATION

Public Schools

School Year 2023 - 2024	Knott County
Total Enrollment	2,006
Pupil-Teacher Ratio	12 - 1

Source: Kentucky Department of Education.

Vocational-Technical Training

Kentucky Tech schools are operated by the Cabinet for Workforce Development and provide secondary (Sec) and postsecondary (P/S) vocational-technical training.

The Kentucky Tech system, through its Training and Development Coordinators, will provide technical assistance and will identify and develop low-cost customized training programs and services for both established and prospective businesses. Businesses wanting to establish a customized training program should contact a Training and Development Coordinator located at the Hazard Regional Technology Center.

<u>Technical School</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Enrollment (2023-24)</u>
Belfry ATC	Belfry	802
Bell County ATC	Pineville	410
Breathitt County ATC	Jackson	357
Clay County ATC	Manchester	310
Floyd County ATC (GARTH)	Martin	265
Jackson County ATC	McKee	302
Knott County ATC	Hindman	335
Knox County ATC	Barbourville	325
Lee County ATC	Beattyville	265
Leslie County ATC	Hyden	398
Letcher County ATC	Whitesburg	456
Martin County ATC	Inez	325
Millard ATC	Millard	303
Morgan County ATC	West Liberty	478

Source: Kentucky Department of Education.

Assessment Services

Kentucky Tech Career Connections offers to business, education, and government agencies testing packages for evaluating job applicants, selecting employees for promotional consideration and developing training programs within the organization. A Career Connections Assessment Center is located at the Hazard Regional Technology Center.

Adult Education Services

Adult education programs are available to adults who want to develop new skills, improve basic skills, or earn a high school equivalency diploma. In Knott County, adult basic education and adult literacy programs are administered through the Kentucky Valley Education Cooperative.

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 a major 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.

Colleges and Universities

<u>Institution</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Undergraduate Enrollment (Fall 2025)</u>
Union College	Barbourville, KY	777
University of Pikeville	Pikeville, KY	1,141

Source: Collegeboard.org.

EXISTING INDUSTRY

Knott County has a total of 240 businesses. In 2024, the leading industries in Knott County were Health Care and Social Services, Education, Retail and Public Administration.

<u>Top Industries by Job</u>	<u>Number of Jobs</u>
Health Care and Social Services	547
Education	378
Retail	215
Public Administration	187

Source: Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development.

APPENDIX B

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

Audited Financial Statement ending June 30, 2024

**KNOTT COUNTY
SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
AND SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULES**

For the year ended June 30, 2024

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Education of the Knott County School District
Hindman, Kentucky

And the State Committee for School District Audits

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Knott County School District (District) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

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

Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States and the audit requirements prescribed by the Kentucky State Committee for School District Audits in the *Auditor Responsibilities and State Compliance Requirements* sections contained in the Kentucky Public School Districts' Audit Contract and Requirements. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the District and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the District's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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

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

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

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

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that Management's Discussion and Analysis, Schedules of the District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension and OPEB Liability and Schedule of Contributions for CERS and TRS and Medical and Life and Health Insurance Plans comparison information as listed in the table of contents be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements. The accompanying combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements and schedule of expenditures of federal awards, as required by Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards*, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements and the schedule of expenditures of federal awards are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated November 15, 2024, on our consideration of the District's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

White & Associates, PSC

Richmond, Kentucky
November 15, 2024

MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
KNOTT COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

As management of the Knott County School System (District), we offer readers of the District’s financial statements this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the District for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024. We encourage readers to consider the information presented here in conjunction with additional information found within the body of the audit.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- The ending cash balance from all funds for the District was \$ 12,267,288 compared to last year of \$12,492,079.

The General Fund (Fund 1) had \$22,882,631 in revenue, which consisted of the state program (SEEK) funding, property, unmined minerals, utilities, and motor vehicle taxes. There were \$22,933,300 in General Fund expenditures, consisting primarily of salary and benefits as well as expenditures for utilities, insurances, new vehicles, computers, instructional supplies, maintenance and transportation supplies, general supplies, contract and professional services, and other items as determined by necessity. In FY24 the year-end Unassigned Fund 1 Balance was \$9,049,900, a \$283,449 decrease from prior year.

- The Special Revenue Fund (Fund 2) was used to receipt and expend local, state and federal grant awards.

- The Capital Outlay Fund (Fund 310) and the Building Fund (Fund 320) were used primarily for bond payments. Bonds are issued as the district renovates facilities consistent with a long-range facilities plan that is established with community input and in keeping with Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) stringent compliance regulations. The District’s total principal debt decreased by \$221,670 during the current fiscal year on bond issues that existed as of July 1, 2024 the remaining funds were used for capital improvement projects such as property insurance, KSBIT Judgments on Workers Compensation and Property Liability.

- No new bond or KISTA was issued in FY 2024.

OVERVIEW OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

This discussion and analysis is 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 in addition 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.

MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
KNOTT COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

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 assets. Over time, increases or decreases in net assets 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 assets changed during the most recent fiscal year. All changes in net assets 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 principally supported by property taxes and intergovernmental revenues (governmental activities). The governmental activities of the District include instruction, support services, operation and maintenance of plant, student transportation and operation of non-instructional services. Fixed assets and related debt is also supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues.

The government-wide financial statements can be found on the table of contents of this report.

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

The basic governmental fund financial statements can be found on the table of contents 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 notes to the financial statements can be found on pages - of this report.

GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

Net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. In the case of this District, ending net position totaled \$18.95 million as of June 30, 2024.

The largest portion of the District's net assets reflects its investment in capital assets (e.g. land and improvements, buildings and improvements, vehicles, furniture and equipment and construction in progress), less any related debt used to acquire those assets that is still outstanding. The District uses these capital assets to provide services to its students; consequently, these assets are not available for future spending. Although the District's investment in its capital assets is reported net of related debt, it should be noted that the resources needed to repay this debt must be provided from other sources, since the capital assets themselves cannot be used to liquidate these liabilities.

MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
 KNOTT COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
 YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

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.

Table 1
Net Position
\$ (in Millions)

	Governmental Activities		Business-type Activities		Totals	
	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>
Current assets	\$ 13.72	\$ 13.94	\$ 0.28	\$ 0.38	\$ 14.00	\$ 14.32
Non-current assets	21.00	35.64	0.04	0.04	21.04	35.68
Total assets	<u>34.72</u>	<u>49.58</u>	<u>0.32</u>	<u>0.42</u>	<u>35.04</u>	<u>50.00</u>
Deferred outflows	6.00	4.96	0.18	0.14	6.18	5.10
Current liabilities	3.64	12.47	0.01	0.01	3.65	12.48
Non-current liabilities	20.87	15.48	0.61	0.38	21.48	15.86
Total liabilities	<u>24.51</u>	<u>27.95</u>	<u>0.62</u>	<u>0.39</u>	<u>25.13</u>	<u>28.34</u>
Deferred inflows	5.03	7.55	0.15	0.26	5.18	7.81
Net position:						
Invested in capital assets, net of debt	17.04	31.88	0.04	0.04	17.08	31.92
Restricted	1.07	0.34	-	-	1.07	0.34
Unrestricted (deficit)	(6.93)	(13.19)	(0.31)	(0.12)	(7.24)	(13.31)
Total net position	<u>\$ 11.18</u>	<u>\$ 19.03</u>	<u>\$ (0.27)</u>	<u>\$ (0.08)</u>	<u>\$ 10.91</u>	<u>\$ 18.95</u>

GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES

For fiscal year 2024, the district had an increase in net position of \$8.04 million.

SEE SCHEDULE ON NEXT PAGE

**MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
 KNOTT COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
 YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

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

	Governmental Activities		Business-Type Activities		Total School District		Total Percentage Change 2023-2024
	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	
Revenues:							
Charges for services	\$ 0.98	\$ 1.15	\$ 0.17	\$ 0.18	\$ 1.15	\$ 1.33	16%
Operating grants and contributions	26.55	21.57	2.06	2.27	28.61	23.84	-17%
Capital grants and contributions	1.98	-	-	-	1.98	-	-100%
General revenues	10.98	17.54	(0.12)	0.00	10.86	17.54	62%
Total revenue	40.49	40.26	2.11	2.45	42.60	42.71	0%
Expenses:							
Instruction	\$ 19.79	\$ 20.64	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 19.79	\$ 20.64	4%
Student	0.68	0.67	-	-	0.68	0.67	-1%
Instructional staff	0.93	0.91	-	-	0.93	0.91	-2%
District administration	0.79	0.83	-	-	0.79	0.83	5%
School administration	1.65	1.61	-	-	1.65	1.61	-2%
Business	0.73	0.79	-	-	0.73	0.79	8%
Plant operation & maintenance	7.75	3.28	-	-	7.75	3.28	-58%
Student transportation	2.12	2.51	-	-	2.12	2.51	18%
Community services operations	0.68	0.57	-	-	0.68	0.57	-16%
Food Service Operations	0.05	0.06	2.35	2.25	2.40	2.31	-4%
Depreciation/Amortization	0.59	0.53	-	0.01	0.59	0.54	-8%
Interest on long-term debt	0.20	0.01	-	-	0.20	0.01	-97%
Total Expenses	\$ 35.96	\$ 32.41	\$ 2.35	\$ 2.26	\$ 38.31	\$ 34.67	-10%
Change in net position	\$ 4.53	\$ 7.85	\$ (0.24)	\$ 0.19	\$ 4.29	\$ 8.04	88%

BUSINESS-TYPE ACTIVITIES

Increase in expenses exceeded the increase in revenues during FY24 for our proprietary fund resulting in a \$190,036 increase in net position.

CAPITAL ASSETS

At the end of fiscal 2024, the District had \$35.51 million invested in capital assets (net of depreciation), including land, buildings, buses, computers and other equipment. This amount represents a net increase (including additions and deductions) of \$14.47 million.

SEE SCHEDULE ON NEXT PAGE

MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
 KNOTT COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
 YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	Capital Assets at Year-End \$ (Net of Depreciation)					
	Governmental Activities		Business-type Activities		Totals	
	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024
Land	\$ 840,777	\$ 840,777	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 840,777	\$ 840,777
Land Improvements	84,515	68,143	-	-	84,515	68,143
Buildings	11,103,461	18,489,716	-	-	11,103,461	18,489,716
Technology Equipment	800,891	975,218	-	-	800,891	975,218
Vehicles	1,379,959	1,726,686	-	-	1,379,959	1,726,686
General Equipment	24,406	23,389	44,396	38,066	68,802	61,455
Construction in Progress	6,434,704	13,103,609	-	-	6,434,704	13,103,609
Finance Purchases	327,182	247,973	-	-	327,182	247,973
Totals	\$ 20,995,895	\$35,475,511	\$ 44,396	\$ 38,066	\$21,040,291	\$35,513,577

DEBT

Capital lease and general obligation debt decreased 359,057 from FY 2023

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

	Government Activities	
	2023	2024
General Obligation Bonds	\$ 3,499,762	\$ 3,278,092
Finance Purchase Obligations	452,013	314,626
Total Obligations	\$ 3,951,775	\$ 3,592,718

Comments on Budget Comparisons

- The general fund’s total revenues for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, including on-behalf payments, were \$22,882,631.
- General fund budget revenues compared to actual revenue varied slightly from line item to line item with the ending actual balance, being \$2,260,756 more than budgeted. This is mostly due to an increased rate of collection on property taxes and delinquent taxes.
- General fund budget expenditures compared to actual expenditures, varied from line item to line item with the ending actual balance being \$7,036,924 less than budgeted.

General Fund Revenue

The majority of revenue was derived from state funding and collection of local taxes making up 76%. Local funding accounted for 24% of total general fund revenue respectively.

MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
 KNOTT COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
 YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

The following table presents a summary of revenue and expense, for all funds, for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024.

	Fund 1	Fund 2	Fund 310	Fund 320	Fund 360	Fund 400	Fund 51
REVENUES							
Local Revenue Sources	\$ 5,380,380	\$ 460,538	\$ -	\$ 318,146	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 179,625
State Revenue Sources	17,351,886	809,997	191,832	656,362		273,777	328,764
Federal Revenue Sources	150,365	11,911,620	-	-	-	-	1,932,303
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,616
Transfers	131,369	69,447	-	-	5,783,708	29,865	-
TOTALS	\$ 23,014,000	\$ 13,251,602	\$ 191,832	\$ 974,508	\$ 5,783,708	\$ 303,642	\$ 2,444,308
EXPENDITURES							
Instruction	\$ 13,459,326	\$ 6,463,177	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Student Support Services	614,791	59,410	-	-	-	-	-
Instructional Staff Support Services	483,457	429,565	-	-	-	-	-
District Admin Support	833,147	-	-	-	-	-	-
School Admin Support	1,609,791	-	-	-	-	-	-
Business Support Services	618,734	160,674	-	-	-	-	-
Plant Operation & Management	2,765,798	515,370	-	-	-	-	-
Student Transportation	2,484,345	510,382	-	-	-	-	-
Food Service Operations	-	58,543	-	-	-	-	2,247,942
Community Services	-	570,582	-	-	-	-	-
Depreciation	-	-	-	-	-	-	6,330
Building Improvements	-	-	-	-	14,134,060	-	-
Debt Service	63,911	-	-	-	-	303,642	-
Transfers	364,150	4,483,899	191,832	974,508	-	-	-
TOTALS	\$ 23,297,450	\$ 13,251,602	\$ 191,832	\$ 974,508	\$14,134,060	\$ 303,642	\$ 2,254,272
Excess / (Deficit)	(283,450)	-	-	-	(8,350,352)	-	190,036

BUDGETARY IMPLICATIONS

In Kentucky, the public-school fiscal year is July 1-June 30; other programs, i.e. some federal 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 across major funds. The district adopted a budget with \$1,956,404 in contingency, which was 7% of total budgeted revenues across the major funds. Significant concerns which may impact future financial decisions include the continued funding of reading and math programs, textbooks, RTI, one-to-one technology initiatives, workplace ethics, and interim Assessments. In addition, declining enrollment could mean a reduction in SEEK funding. Consequently, our district is working to reduce expenditures over time to adjust to lower revenue. We will continue to carefully assess the annual budget and work to find solutions to accommodate lower enrollment and a decrease in projected revenue. Looking ahead, the most impactful budgetary implication is arguably the loss of federal funding related to COVID-19 (also known as ESSER funds). Beginning in fiscal year

MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
KNOTT COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

2025, these funds are no longer available to negate/absorb costs typically covered by the general fund or to cover large purchases outside of conducting normal business. However, we now feel more confident in the overall condition of our facilities as ESSER funds allowed us to make necessary roof replacements on multiple schools districtwide. Lastly, funding related to the SEEK transportation formula, tax rates, and changes in CERS and/or TRS contribution rates are all pertinent issues that could impact future budgets as the district continues to navigate the challenges of a post-pandemic world.

Questions regarding this report should be directed to Superintendent Gregory Conn at (606) 785-3153 or to Brianna Kidd, Finance Officer, at (606) 785-3153 or by mail to Knott County Board of Education, P.O. Box 869, Hindman, KY 41822.

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

	Primary Government		
	Governmental Activities	Business- type Activities	Total
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 11,952,584	\$ 314,704	\$ 12,267,288
Receivables	1,984,058		1,984,058
Inventories		63,950	63,950
Funded OPEB asset	166,892	8,172	175,064
Capital assets:			
Land and construction in progress	13,944,385		13,944,385
Other capital assets, net of depreciation	21,283,153	38,066	21,321,219
Net finance purchases	247,973		247,973
Total capital assets	35,475,511	38,066	35,513,577
Total assets	49,579,045	424,892	50,003,937
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Deferred outflows related to pensions	2,041,007	99,934	2,140,941
Deferred outflows related to OPEB CERS	865,824	42,394	908,218
Deferred outflows related to OPEB TRS	2,049,272		2,049,272
Total deferred outflows of resources	4,956,103	142,328	5,098,431
TOTAL ASSETS AND DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
	54,535,148	567,220	55,102,368
LIABILITIES			
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	1,710,106	5,906	1,716,012
Accrued interest payable	31,752		31,752
Unearned revenue	10,491,381		10,491,381
Long-term liabilities:			
Due within 1 year:			
Bond obligations	175,000		175,000
Finance purchase obligations	62,369		62,369
Total due within 1 year	237,369	-	237,369
Due in more than 1 year:			
Bond obligations	3,103,092		3,103,092
Finance purchase obligations	252,257		252,257
Sick leave	564,875		564,875
Net pension liability	7,756,418	379,779	8,136,197
Net OPEB liability TRS	3,804,000		3,804,000
Total due in more than 1 year	15,480,642	379,779	15,860,421
Total liabilities	27,951,250	385,685	28,336,935
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Deferred inflows related to pensions	2,076,369	101,666	2,178,035
Deferred inflows related to OPEB CERS	3,207,841	157,066	3,364,907
Deferred inflows related to OPEB TRS	2,269,000		2,269,000
Total deferred inflows of resources	7,553,210	258,732	7,811,942
NET POSITION			
Net Investment in capital assets	31,882,793	38,066	31,920,859
Restricted for:			
Student services	344,931		344,931
Unrestricted (deficit)	(13,197,036)	(115,263)	(13,312,299)
Total net position	19,030,688	(77,197)	18,953,491
TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND NET POSITION			
	\$ 54,535,148	\$ 567,220	\$ 55,102,368

See the accompanying notes to the financial statements.

Knott County School District
Statement of Activities
Year Ended June 30, 2024

Functions/Programs	Program Revenues				Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position		
	Expenses	Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	Primary Government		
					Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total
PRIMARY GOVERNMENT:							
Governmental activities:							
Instruction	\$ 20,639,403	-	\$ 21,573,181	-	\$ 933,778	-	\$ 933,778
Support services							
Student	674,201	1,152,005			477,804		477,804
Instructional staff	913,022				(913,022)		(913,022)
District administration	833,147				(833,147)		(833,147)
School administration	1,609,791				(1,609,791)		(1,609,791)
Business	779,408				(779,408)		(779,408)
Plant operation & maintenance	3,281,168				(3,281,168)		(3,281,168)
Student transportation	2,506,310				(2,506,310)		(2,506,310)
Food service operation	58,543				(58,543)		(58,543)
Community services operations	570,582				(570,582)		(570,582)
Interest on long-term debt	6,438				(6,438)		(6,438)
Depreciation*	533,518				(533,518)		(533,518)
Total governmental activities	32,405,531	1,152,005	21,573,181	-	(9,680,345)	-	(9,680,345)
Business-type activities:							
Food service operations	2,247,942	179,625	2,261,067			192,750	192,750
Depreciation	6,330					(6,330)	(6,330)
Total business-type activities	2,254,272	179,625	2,261,067	-	-	186,420	186,420
Total primary government	\$ 34,659,803	\$ 1,331,630	\$ 23,834,248	\$ -	(9,680,345)	186,420	(9,493,925)
General revenues:							
Taxes:							
Property taxes					3,953,836		3,953,836
Motor vehicle taxes					607,496		607,496
Utility taxes					896,211		896,211
State and formula grants					11,376,042		11,376,042
Other local revenue					576,897		576,897
Unrestricted investment earnings					124,624	3,616	128,240
Total general revenues					17,535,106	3,616	17,538,722
Change in net position					7,854,761	190,036	8,044,797
Net position - beginning (deficit)					11,175,927	(267,233)	10,908,694
Net position - ending (deficit)					\$ 19,030,688	\$ (77,197)	\$ 18,953,491

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

See the accompanying notes to the financial statements.

Knott County School District
Balance Sheet
Governmental Funds
June 30, 2024

	General	Special Revenue	Construction	Debt Service	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS						
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 2,459,613	\$ 8,841,622	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 651,349	\$ 11,952,584
Receivables						
Interfund	6,611,377					6,611,377
Taxes	160,653					160,653
Accounts	7					7
Intergovernmental-federal		1,823,398				1,823,398
TOTAL ASSETS	9,231,650	10,665,020	-	-	651,349	20,548,019
LIABILITIES						
Accounts payable	181,750	173,639	1,354,295		422	1,710,106
Interfund			6,611,377			6,611,377
Unearned revenue		10,491,381				10,491,381
Total liabilities	181,750	10,665,020	7,965,672	-	422	18,812,864
FUND BALANCE						
Restricted					650,927	650,927
Unassigned (deficit)	9,049,900		(7,965,672)			1,084,228
Total fund balance	9,049,900	-	(7,965,672)	-	650,927	1,735,155
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE	\$ 9,231,650	\$ 10,665,020	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 651,349	\$ 20,548,019

See the accompanying notes to the financial statements.

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

Fund balance-total governmental funds	\$	1,735,155
<p>Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position are different because:</p>		
Capital assets are not reported in this fund financial statement because they are not current financial resources, but they are reported in the statement of net position.		35,475,511
Certain assets (OPEB asset) are not receivable in the current period and are therefore not reported in the funds.		166,892
Certain liabilities (such as bonds payable, the long-term portion of accrued sick leave, accrued interest payable, other accounts payable, and net pension obligations) are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the funds		
Accrued interest payable		(31,752)
Bonds payable		(3,278,092)
Finance purchase obligations		(314,626)
Sick leave liability		(564,875)
Net OPEB liability		(3,804,000)
Net pension liability		(7,756,418)
Deferred outflows and inflows or resources related to pensions are applicable to future periods and, therefore, are not reported in the funds		
Deferred outflows related to net pensions		2,041,007
Deferred inflows related to net pensions		(2,076,369)
Deferred outflows related to OPEB		2,915,096
Deferred inflows related to OPEB		(5,476,841)
		(5,476,841)
Net position of governmental activities	\$	<u><u>19,030,688</u></u>

See the accompanying notes to the financial statements.

Knott County School District
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance
Governmental Funds
Year Ended June 30, 2024

	<u>General</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>	<u>Construction</u>	<u>Debt Service</u>	<u>Other Governmental Funds</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
REVENUES						
From local sources						
Taxes						
Property	\$ 3,635,690	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 318,146	\$ 3,953,836
Motor vehicle	607,496					607,496
Utilities	896,211					896,211
Earnings on investments	124,329	295				124,624
Other local revenue	116,654	460,243				576,897
Student activities					1,152,005	1,152,005
Intergovernmental - state	17,351,886	809,997		273,777	848,194	19,283,854
Intergovernmental - federal	150,365	11,911,620				12,061,985
Total revenues	<u>22,882,631</u>	<u>13,182,155</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>273,777</u>	<u>2,318,345</u>	<u>38,656,908</u>
EXPENDITURES						
Instruction	13,459,326	6,463,177			1,183,467	21,105,970
Support services						
Student	614,791	59,410				674,201
Instructional staff	483,457	429,565				913,022
District administration	833,147					833,147
School administration	1,609,791					1,609,791
Business	618,734	160,674				779,408
Plant operation & maintenance	2,765,798	515,370				3,281,168
Student transportation	2,484,345	510,382				2,994,727
Food service operation		58,543				58,543
Community services operations		570,582				570,582
Building improvements			14,134,060			14,134,060
Debt service	63,911			303,642		367,553
Total expenditures	<u>22,933,300</u>	<u>8,767,703</u>	<u>14,134,060</u>	<u>303,642</u>	<u>1,183,467</u>	<u>47,322,172</u>
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	(50,669)	4,414,452	(14,134,060)	(29,865)	1,134,878	(8,665,264)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)						
Operating transfers in	131,369	69,447	5,783,708	29,865		6,014,389
Operating transfers (out)	(364,150)	(4,483,899)			(1,166,340)	(6,014,389)
Total other financing sources and (uses)	<u>(232,781)</u>	<u>(4,414,452)</u>	<u>5,783,708</u>	<u>29,865</u>	<u>(1,166,340)</u>	<u>-</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	(283,450)	-	(8,350,352)	-	(31,462)	(8,665,264)
FUND BALANCE-BEGINNING	<u>9,333,350</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>384,680</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>682,389</u>	<u>10,400,419</u>
FUND BALANCE (DEFICIT)-ENDING	<u>\$ 9,049,900</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (7,965,672)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 650,927</u>	<u>\$ 1,735,155</u>

See the accompanying notes to the financial statements.

Knott County School District
**Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance of Governmental
Funds to the Statement of Activities**
Year ended June 30, 2024

Net change in fund balance-total governmental funds (deficit)	\$	(8,665,264)
<p>Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:</p>		
<p>Governmental funds report district retirement contributions as expenditures. However in the Statement of Activities, the cost of retirement benefits earned net of employee contributions is reported as pension expense or revenue.</p>		1,603,384
<p>Capital outlays are reported as expenditures in this fund financial statement because they use current financial resources, but they are presented as assets in the statement of activities and depreciated over their estimated economic lives. The difference is the amount by which capital outlays exceeds depreciation expense for the year.</p>		14,479,616
<p>The difference in the issue amount of the refunding of bond proceeds and the amount for payment to the escrow account to pay the refunded bonds is amortized over the life of the refunding issue.</p>		(206)
<p>The discount on the sale of bonds is reported as an expenditure by current financial resources but it is deferred and amortized over the life of the bond on the statement of net position.</p>		(3,330)
<p>Bond and finance purchase payments are recognized as expenditures of current financial resources in the fund financial statement but are reductions of liabilities in the statement of net position.</p>		362,387
<p>Generally, expenditures recognized in this fund financial statement are limited to only those that use current financial resources, but expenses are recognized in the statement of activities when they are incurred.</p>		
<p>Accrued interest payable</p>		2,264
<p>Noncurrent sick leave payable</p>		75,910
		78,174
Change in net position of governmental activities	\$	7,854,761

See the accompanying notes to the financial statements.

Knott County School District
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance - Budget and Actual
General Fund
Year Ended June 30, 2024

	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>		<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance with Final Budget Favorable (Unfavorable)</u>
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>		
REVENUES				
From local sources				
Taxes				
Property	\$ 2,206,000	\$ 2,206,000	\$ 3,635,690	\$ 1,429,690
Motor vehicle	400,000	400,000	607,496	207,496
Utilities	440,000	440,000	896,211	456,211
Earnings on investments	68,000	68,000	124,329	56,329
Other local revenue	24,100	24,100	116,654	92,554
Intergovernmental - state	17,403,775	17,403,775	17,351,886	(51,889)
Intergovernmental - federal	80,000	80,000	150,365	70,365
Total revenues	<u>20,621,875</u>	<u>20,621,875</u>	<u>22,882,631</u>	<u>2,260,756</u>
EXPENDITURES				
Instruction	14,839,478	14,839,478	13,459,326	1,380,152
Support services				
Student	602,767	602,767	614,791	(12,024)
Instructional staff	547,859	547,859	483,457	64,402
District administration	2,926,490	2,926,490	833,147	2,093,343
School administration	1,726,329	1,726,329	1,609,791	116,538
Business	773,758	773,758	618,734	155,024
Plant operation & maintenance	5,276,182	5,276,182	2,765,798	2,510,384
Student transportation	3,210,368	3,210,368	2,484,345	726,023
Debt service	66,993	66,993	63,911	3,082
Total expenditures	<u>29,970,224</u>	<u>29,970,224</u>	<u>22,933,300</u>	<u>7,036,924</u>
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	(9,348,349)	(9,348,349)	(50,669)	9,297,680
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Operating transfers in	55,000	55,000	131,369	76,369
Operating transfers (out)	(40,000)	(40,000)	(364,150)	(324,150)
Total other financing sources and (uses)	<u>15,000</u>	<u>15,000</u>	<u>(232,781)</u>	<u>(247,781)</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	(9,333,349)	(9,333,349)	(283,450)	9,049,899
FUND BALANCE-BEGINNING	<u>9,333,349</u>	<u>9,333,349</u>	<u>9,333,350</u>	<u>1</u>
FUND BALANCE-ENDING	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 9,049,900</u>	<u>\$ 9,049,900</u>

See the accompanying notes to the financial statements.

Knott County School District
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance - Budget and Actual
Special Revenue Fund
Year Ended June 30, 2024

	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>		<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance with Final Budget Favorable (Unfavorable)</u>
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>		
REVENUES				
From local sources				
Earnings on investments	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 295	\$ 295
Other local revenue	517,361	517,361	460,243	(57,118)
Intergovernmental - state	1,341,420	1,341,420	809,997	(531,423)
Intergovernmental - federal	3,483,088	3,483,088	11,911,620	8,428,532
Total revenues	<u>5,341,869</u>	<u>5,341,869</u>	<u>13,182,155</u>	<u>7,840,286</u>
EXPENDITURES				
Instruction	4,035,470	4,035,470	6,463,177	(2,427,707)
Support services				
Student	57,520	57,520	59,410	(1,890)
Instructional staff	488,264	488,264	429,565	58,699
Business	138,129	138,129	160,674	(22,545)
Plant operations & maintenance	38,618	38,618	515,370	(476,752)
Student transportation	-	-	510,382	(510,382)
Food service operation	20,000	20,000	58,543	(38,543)
Community services operations	598,153	598,153	570,582	27,571
Total expenditures	<u>5,376,154</u>	<u>5,376,154</u>	<u>8,767,703</u>	<u>(3,391,549)</u>
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	(34,285)	(34,285)	4,414,452	4,448,737
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Operating transfers in	73,963	73,963	69,447	(4,516)
Operating transfers (out)	(35,033)	(35,033)	(4,483,899)	(4,448,866)
Total other financing sources and (uses)	<u>38,930</u>	<u>38,930</u>	<u>(4,414,452)</u>	<u>(4,453,382)</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	4,645	4,645	-	(4,645)
FUND BALANCE-BEGINNING	-	-	-	-
FUND BALANCE-ENDING	<u>\$ 4,645</u>	<u>\$ 4,645</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (4,645)</u>

See the accompanying notes to the financial statements.

Knott County School District
Statement of Net Position
Proprietary Funds
June 30, 2024

	Enterprise Fund
	School Food Services
ASSETS	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 314,704
Inventories	63,950
Funded OPEB asset	8,172
Capital assets:	
Other capital assets, net of depreciation	38,066
Total assets	424,892
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	
Deferred outflows related to pensions	99,934
Deferred outflows related to OPEB	42,394
Total deferred outflows of resources	142,328
TOTAL ASSETS AND DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	567,220
LIABILITIES	
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	5,906
Net pension liability	379,779
Total liabilities	385,685
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	
Deferred inflows related to pensions	101,666
Deferred inflows related to OPEB	157,066
Total deferred inflows of resources	258,732
NET POSITION	
Net Investment in capital assets	38,066
Unrestricted (deficit)	(115,263)
Total net position (deficit)	(77,197)
TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND NET POSITION	\$ 567,220

See the accompanying notes to the financial statements.

Knott County School District
Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Fund Net Position
Proprietary Funds
Year Ended June 30, 2024

	Enterprise Fund
	School Food Services
OPERATING REVENUES	
Lunchroom sales	\$ 179,625
Total operating revenues	179,625
OPERATING EXPENSES	
Depreciation	6,330
Food service operations	
Employee services	802,498
Operational expenses	1,445,444
Total operating expenses	2,254,272
OPERATING INCOME (LOSS)	(2,074,647)
NONOPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)	
Federal grants	1,932,303
State grants	328,764
Earnings from investments	3,616
Total nonoperating revenues (expenses)	2,264,683
CHANGE IN NET POSITION	190,036
NET POSITION-BEGINNING (DEFICIT)	(267,233)
NET POSITION-ENDING (DEFICIT)	\$ (77,197)

See the accompanying notes to the financial statements.

Knott County School District
Statement of Cash Flows
Proprietary Funds
Year Ended June 30, 2024

	<u>Enterprise Fund</u>
	<u>School Food Services</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	
Receipts from customers	\$ 179,625
Payments to suppliers	(1,557,974)
Payments to employees	(802,498)
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	<u>(2,180,847)</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES	
Intergovernmental revenue	<u>2,261,067</u>
Net cash provided (used) by noncapital financing activities	<u>2,261,067</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES	
Interest	<u>3,616</u>
Net cash provided (used) by investing activities	<u>3,616</u>
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	83,836
CASH BALANCE-BEGINNING	<u>230,868</u>
CASH BALANCE-ENDING	<u>\$ 314,704</u>
Reconciliation of operating income (loss) to net cash provided (used) by operating activities:	
Operating income (loss)	\$ (2,074,647)
Adjustments to reconcile operating income (loss) to net cash provided (used) by operating activities:	
Depreciation	6,330
Changes in assets and liabilities:	
Accounts payable	(63)
Outflow Deferrals	38,001
Inflow Deferrals	107,977
OPEB liability	(131,367)
Pension liability	(101,503)
OPEB asset	(8,172)
Inventories	(17,403)
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	<u>\$ (2,180,847)</u>

NONCASH NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES

The district received \$71,062 of food commodities from the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

The district recognized revenues and expenses for on-behalf payments relating to fringe benefits in the amount of \$313,193 provided by state government.

See the accompanying notes to the financial statements.

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

NOTE A – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Reporting Entity

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

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

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

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

Blended Component Unit

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

Basis of Presentation

Government-wide Financial Statements – The statement of net position and the statement of activities display information about the District as a whole. These statements include the financial activities of the primary government, except for fiduciary funds. The statements distinguish between those activities of the District that are governmental and those that are considered business-type activities.

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

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

The government-wide statement of activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for each segment of the business-type activities of the District and for each function or program of the District's governmental activities. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with a service, program or department and are therefore clearly identifiable to a particular function. Program revenues include charges paid by the recipient of the goods or services offered by the program and grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program. Revenues that are not classified as program revenues are presented as general revenues of the District, with certain limited exceptions. The comparison of direct expenses with program revenues identifies the extent to which each business segment or governmental function is self-financing or draws from the general revenues of the District.

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

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

The District has the following funds:

I. Governmental Fund Types

(A) General Fund

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

(B) Special Revenue (Grant) Fund

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

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

(C) Special Revenue (District Activity) Fund

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

(D) Special Revenue (Student Activity) Fund

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

(E) Capital Project Funds

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

SEEK Capital Outlay Fund

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

Building (FSPK) Fund

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

Construction Fund

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

(F) Debt Service Fund

The Debt Service Fund is used to account for the accumulation of resources for, and the payment of, general long-term debt principal and interest and related cost; and for the payment of interest on general obligation notes payable, as required by Kentucky Law. This is a major fund of the District.

II. Proprietary Funds (Enterprise Funds)

(A) Food Service Fund

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

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

(USDA). Amounts have been recorded for in-kind contribution of commodities from the USDA. This is a major fund of the District.

Day Care Fund - The Day Care Fund is used to account for child care revenue.

The District applies all GASB pronouncements to proprietary funds.

Basis of Accounting

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

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

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

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

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

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

Cash and Cash Equivalents

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

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Inventories

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

Prepaid Assets

Payments made that will benefit periods beyond June 30, 2024, are recorded as prepaid items using the consumption method. A current asset for the prepaid amount is recorded at the time of the purchase and expenditure/expense is reported in the year in which services are consumed.

Capital Assets

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

All capital assets are capitalized at cost (or estimated historical cost) and updated for additions and retirements during the year. Donated fixed assets are recorded at their fair market values as of the date received. The District maintains a capitalization threshold of one thousand dollars with the exception of computers, digital cameras and real property for which there is no threshold. The District does not possess any infrastructure. Improvements are capitalized; the cost of, normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend an assets life are not.

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

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

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.

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

Accumulated Unpaid Sick Leave Benefits

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

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

Fund Balances

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

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

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

Net Position

The Statement of Net Position presents the reporting entity's non-fiduciary assets and liabilities, the difference between the two being reported as Net Position. Net Position are reported in three categories: 1) net investment in capital assets – consisting of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by outstanding balances for debt related to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of the assets; 2) restricted net position – resulting from constraints placed on net position

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by creditors, grantors, contributors, and other external parties, including those constraints imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation adopted by the School District; 3) unrestricted net position – those assets that do not meet the definition of restricted net position or net investment in capital assets. It is the District’s policy to first apply restricted net position and then unrestricted net position when an expense is incurred for which both restricted and unrestricted net position are available.

Property Taxes

Property Tax Revenues – Property taxes are levied each September on the assessed value listed as of the prior January 1, for all real and personal property in the county. The billings are considered due upon receipt by the taxpayer; however, the actual date is based on a period ending 30 days after the tax bill mailing. Property taxes collected are recorded as revenues in the fiscal year for which they were levied.

The property tax rates assessed for the year ended June 30, 2024, to finance the General Fund operations were \$.665 per \$100 valuation of real property, \$.665 per \$100 valuation, including exonerations, for business personal property and \$.474 per \$100 valuation for motor vehicles.

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

Operating and Non-Operating Revenues and Expenses

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

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

In-Kind

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

Contributions of Capital

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

Interfund Receivables/Payables

On fund financial statements, receivables and payables resulting from short-term 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.

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Interfund Transfers

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

Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources

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

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

Pensions

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

Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB)

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

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Bond and Related Premiums, Discounts, and Issuance Costs

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

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

Estimates

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

Budgetary Process

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

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

The District's Special Revenue Fund exceeded budgeted appropriations by \$3,391,549.

New Accounting Pronouncements

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

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

Effective in Future Years:

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

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

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

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

NOTE B – CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

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

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, a government's deposits may not be returned to it. The District's deposit policy for custodial credit risk requires compliance with the provisions of state law.

At year end the District's bank balances were collateralized by securities held by the pledging bank's trust department in the District's name and FDIC insurance. At year end, the carrying amount of the District's cash and cash equivalents was \$12,267,288. The bank balance for the same time was \$12,790,207.

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

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NOTE C – CAPITAL ASSETS

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

<u>Governmental Activities</u>	<u>July 1, 2023</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deductions</u>	<u>June 30, 2024</u>
Land-nondepreciable	\$ 840,777	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 840,777
Construction in progress- nondepreciable	6,434,704	14,134,060	7,465,156	13,103,609
Land improvements	1,882,680	-	-	1,882,680
Buildings	23,314,364	7,465,156	-	30,779,519
Technology equipment	3,711,923	390,657	-	4,102,580
Vehicles	5,202,102	488,417	-	5,690,519
General equipment	965,617	-	-	965,617
Total at historical cost	<u>\$ 42,352,167</u>	<u>\$ 22,478,289</u>	<u>\$ 7,465,156</u>	<u>\$ 57,365,300</u>
Less: Accumulated depreciation				
Land improvements	\$ 1,798,165	\$ 16,372	\$ -	\$ 1,814,537
Buildings	12,210,903	78,900	-	12,289,803
Technology equipment	2,911,032	216,330	-	3,127,362
Vehicles	3,822,142	141,690	-	3,963,832
General equipment	941,211	1,016	-	942,228
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>\$ 21,683,453</u>	<u>\$ 454,309</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 22,137,762</u>
Finance Purchases				
General equipment	\$ 396,042	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 396,042
Less: Accumulated depreciation	<u>(68,860)</u>	<u>(79,209)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(148,069)</u>
Finance Purchases-net	<u>\$ 327,182</u>	<u>\$ (79,209)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 247,973</u>
Governmental Activities				
Capital Assets-net	<u>\$ 20,995,895</u>	<u>\$ 21,944,772</u>	<u>\$ 7,465,156</u>	<u>\$ 35,475,511</u>
 <u>Business-Type Activities</u>				
	<u>July 1, 2023</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deductions</u>	<u>June 30, 2024</u>
Vehicles	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Technology equipment	10,270	-	-	10,270
General equipment	896,839	-	-	896,839
Total at historical cost	<u>\$ 907,108</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 907,108</u>
Less: Accumulated depreciation				
Vehicles	-	-	-	-
Technology equipment	10,270	-	-	10,270
General equipment	852,443	6,330	-	858,773
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>\$ 862,712</u>	<u>\$ 6,330</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 869,043</u>
Business-Type Activities				
Capital Assets-net	<u>\$ 44,396</u>	<u>\$ (6,330)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 38,066</u>

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

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NOTE D – LONG TERM DEBT OBLIGATIONS

Bonds

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

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

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

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

<u>Series</u>	<u>Bond Issue</u>	<u>Original Amount</u>	<u>Maturity Dates</u>	<u>Interest Rates</u>	<u>2023 Outstanding Balance</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Retirements</u>	<u>2024 Outstanding Balance</u>
2014R	9/1/2014	\$ 635,000	1/9/2023	2.0%	\$ 55,000	\$ -	\$ 55,000	\$ -
2020	2/5/2020	\$ 3,995,000	1/2/2040	2%-2.65%	3,500,000	-	170,000	3,330,000
					3,555,000	-	225,000	3,330,000
	Less: Discount				(55,238)	-	(3,330)	(51,908)
	Totals				\$ 3,499,762	\$ -	\$ 221,670	\$ 3,278,092

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

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

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YEAR	LOCAL		KSFCC		TOTAL		TOTAL	
	PRINCIPAL	INTEREST	PRINCIPAL	INTEREST	PRINCIPAL	INTEREST	PRINCIPAL	INTEREST
2025	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 175,000	\$ 74,894	\$ 175,000	\$ 74,894	\$ 175,000	\$ 74,894
2026	-	-	175,000	71,394	175,000	71,394	175,000	71,394
2027	-	-	185,000	67,894	185,000	67,894	185,000	67,894
2028	-	-	190,000	64,194	190,000	64,194	190,000	64,194
2029	-	-	190,000	60,394	190,000	60,394	190,000	60,394
2030-2034	-	-	1,020,000	241,933	1,020,000	241,933	1,020,000	241,933
2035-2039	-	-	1,150,000	118,818	1,150,000	118,818	1,150,000	118,818
2040	-	-	245,000	6,431	245,000	6,431	245,000	6,431
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,330,000	\$ 705,952	\$ 3,330,000	\$ 705,952	\$ 3,330,000	\$ 705,952

Finance Purchases

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

Finance Purchases	Original Amount	Maturity Dates	2023 Outstanding Balance	Additions	Retirements	2024 Outstanding Balance
KISTA 2015	\$ 672,459	3/1/2025	\$ 123,198	\$ -	\$ 60,829	\$ 62,369
KISTA 2013	402,157	3/1/2023	-	-	-	-
			123,198	-	60,829	62,369
Copier	14,251	9/17/2026	9,424	-	2,835	6,589
Copier	14,364	5/8/2025	6,643	-	2,915	3,728
Copier	15,460	12/8/2025	7,923	-	3,122	4,801
Copier	26,137	7/13/2026	16,426	-	5,217	11,209
Copier	50,724	1/14/2026	36,034	-	10,040	25,994
Copier	31,642	4/9/2028	30,586	-	5,970	24,616
Copier	35,844	4/9/2028	34,647	-	6,763	27,884
Copier	52,729	5/9/2028	51,913	-	9,948	41,965
Copier	46,538	9/13/2027	39,994	-	8,957	31,037
Copier	44,649	12/13/2027	40,479	-	8,530	31,949
Copier	63,704	9/13/2027	54,746	-	12,261	42,485
Totals	\$ 396,042		\$ 452,013	\$ -	\$ 137,387	\$ 314,626

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

Year Ended June 30,	Principal	Interest	Total Payments
2025	140,757	7,716	148,473
2026	77,117	3,959	81,076
2027	63,869	1,956	65,825
2028	32,883	392	33,275
	\$ 314,626	\$ 14,023	\$ 328,649
Total minimum payments			\$ 328,649
Less: Amount representing interest			(14,023)
Present Value of Net Minimum Payments			\$ 314,626

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

Accumulated Sick Leave

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

	2023 <u>Outstanding Balance</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Retirements</u>	2024 <u>Outstanding Balance</u>
Sick Leave	\$ 640,785	\$ -	\$ 75,910	\$ 564,875

Net Pension & OPEB Liability

The net pension liability is \$7,756,418 for governmental activities and \$379,779 for business-type activities for a total of \$8,136,197 as of June 30, 2024. (See Note E for additional information) The net OPEB liability is \$3,804,000 for governmental activities and \$0 for business-type activities for a total of \$3,804,000 as of June 30, 2024. (See Note F for additional information) A summary of activity in bond obligations and other debts is as follows:

<u>Description</u>	<u>2023 Outstanding Balance</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Retirements</u>	<u>2024 Outstanding Balance</u>	<u>Current</u>
Bonds, net of premium and discount	\$ 3,499,762	\$ -	\$ 221,670	\$ 3,278,092	\$ 175,000
Finance purchases	452,013	-	137,387	314,626	62,369
Sick leave	640,785	-	75,910	564,875	-
Net pension liability	9,712,469		1,576,272	8,136,197	-
Net OPEB liability	7,467,041	-	3,663,041	3,804,000	-
Total	\$ 21,772,070	\$ -	\$ 5,674,280	\$ 16,097,790	\$ 237,369

NOTE E – RETIREMENT PLANS

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

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Teachers Retirement System Kentucky (TRS)

Retirement Annuity Trust

Plan description

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

Benefits provisions

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

For Members on and after January 1, 2022:

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

Amount of Allowance

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

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

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

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

Disability Retirement Allowance

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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	<p>If the member has no eligible survivor, a refund of his accumulated Contributions is payable to his estate.</p>
Options	<p>In lieu of the regular Option 1, a retirement allowance payable in the Form of a life annuity with refundable balance, any member before Retirement may elect to receive a reduced allowance which is actuarially Equivalent to the full allowance, in one of the following forms:</p> <p>Option 2. A single life annuity payable during the member's lifetime with Payments for 10 years certain.</p> <p>Option 3. At the death of the member his allowance is continued throughout The life of the beneficiary.</p> <p>Option 3(a). At the death of the beneficiary designated by the member Under Option 3, the member's benefit will revert to what would have been paid had he not selected an option.</p> <p>Option 4. At the death of the member one half of his allowance is Continued throughout the life of the beneficiary.</p> <p>Option 4(a). At the death of the beneficiary designated by the member Under Option 4, the member's benefit will revert to what would have been Paid had he not selected an option.</p>
Post-Retirement Adjustments	<p>The retirement allowance of each retired member and of each beneficiary Shall be increased by 1.5% each July 1.</p>
Member Contributions	
Members before 1/1/2022	<p>9.105% of salary to the Retirement System.</p>
Members on and after 1/1/2022	<p>9% of salary to the Retirement System and an additional 2% of salary to the Supplemental benefit account. Employers also contributes 2%.</p>

Contributions

Contribution rates are established by Kentucky Revised Statutes (KRS). Employees are required to contribute 9.105% of their salaries to the system. Members after January 1, 2022 contribute 7.00% of salary to the system. The state, as a non-employer contributing entity, pays matching contributions in the amount of 13.105% of salaries for local school district employees hired before July 1, 2008 and 14.105% for those who joined thereafter. Contributions for local school district employees whose salaries are federally funded, the employer contributes 16.105% of salaries. If an employee leaves covered employment before accumulating five (5) years of credited service, accumulated employee pension contributions plus interest are refunded to the employee upon the member's request.

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

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

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State's proportionate share of the TRS net pension liability associated with the District	\$ 50,521,910
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The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2023, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2022. The District's proportion of the net pension liability was based on the actual liability of the employees and former employees relative to the total liability of the System as determined by the actuary. The District's proportion was 0.296500%.

Actuarial Methods and Assumptions

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

Valuation Date	June 30, 2022
Prior Measurement Date	June 30, 2022
Measurement Date	June 30, 2023
Reporting Date	June 30, 2024
Actuarial Cost Method	Entry age
Inflation Rate	2.5%
Single Equivalent Interest Rate Prior	7.10%
Single Equivalent Interest Rate at Measurement Date	7.10%
Municipal Bond Index Rate Prior	3.37%
Municipal Bond Index Rate at Measurement Date	3.66%
Projected Salary Increase	3.0-7.5%, including inflation
Long-Term Expected Rate of Return	7.10

Mortality rates were based on the Pub2010 (Teachers Benefit-Weighted) Mortality Table projected generationally with MP-2020 with various set-forwards, set-backs, and adjustments for each of the groups; service, retirees, contingent annuitants, disabled retirees, and active members. The actuarial assumptions used were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the 5-year period ending June 30, 2020, adopted by the board on September 20, 2021. The Municipal Bond Index Rate used for this purpose is the June average of the Bond Buyer General Obligation 20-year Municipal Bond Index.

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

Target Allocations

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a log-normal distribution analysis in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected

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returns, net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation.

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

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

Discount Rate

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

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

	1% Decrease 6.10%	Current Discount Rate 7.10%	1% Increase 8.10%
State's proportionate share of net pension liability	\$ 64,914,989	\$ 50,521,910	\$ 38,529,970

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Pension plan fiduciary net position

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

County Employees Retirement System

Non-Hazardous

Plan description

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

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

Benefits provided

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

Contributions

Funding for CERS:

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

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

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

For the year ending June 30, 2023, employers were required to contribute 26.95% of the member's salary, 22.78% pension and 4.17% for insurance. The District contributed \$840,807 to the CERS pension plan. The contribution requirements of CERS are established and may be amended by the CERS Board of Trustees.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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

At June 30, 2023, the District reported a liability for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2023 on an actuarial valuation as of that date. The District's proportion of the net pension liability, \$8,136,197 was based on contributions to CERS during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023. The District's proportion was 0.126801%.

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

The District recognized pension revenue of \$716,507 and reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions as follows.

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Differences between expected and actual		
experience	\$ 421,195	\$ 22,108
Changes of assumptions	-	745,688
Net difference between projected and actual		
earnings on pension plan investments	878,940	989,922
Changes in proportion and differences		
between District contributions and proportionate		
share of contributions	-	420,317
District contributions subsequent to the		
measurement date	<u>840,807</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>\$ 2,140,942</u>	<u>\$ 2,178,035</u>

The \$840,807 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from District contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the following year.

Deferred outflows and inflows related to differences between projected and actual earnings on plan investments are netted and amortized over a closed five year period. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions are amortized over the average service life of all members. These will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

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Year 1	\$	(508,963)
Year 2		(471,804)
Year 3		181,633
Year 4		<u>(78,766)</u>
	\$	<u><u>(877,900)</u></u>

Actuarial Valuation

KPPA’s actuary, Gabriel, Roeder, Smith & Co., completed the actuarial valuation for the calculation of the employer contribution rates for CERS and the Insurance Fund for the period ended June 30, 2023.

Summary of Actuarial Assumptions

The results of the actuarial valuation are based upon the assumptions and funding policies adopted by the Board and statutory funding requirements. The following actuarial methods and assumptions were used to determine the actuarially determined contributions effective for fiscal year ending June 30, 2023:

Valuation Date	June 30, 2021
Experience Study	July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2022
Actuarial Cost Method	Entry Age Normal
Asset Valuation Method	20% of the difference between the market value of assets and the expected actuarial value of assets recognized
Amortization Method	Level Percent of Pay
Remaining Amortization Period	30-year closed period at June 30, 2019, Gains/losses incurring After 2019 will be amortized over separate closed 20-year Amortization bases
Asset Valuation Method	Actuarial value of assets is recognized
Mortality	System-specific mortality table based on mortality experience From 2013-2018, projected with the ultimate rates from MP2014
Phase-In Provision	Mortality improvement scale using a base year of 2019 Board certified rate is phased into the actuarially determined rate In accordance with HB 362 enacted in 2018
Inflation	2.30%
Payroll Growth Rate	2.0%
Salary Increase	3.30% to 10.30%, varies by service
Investment Rate of Return	6.25%
Phase-in Provision	HB 362 enacted in 2018

Discount rate

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

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

The following presents the District’s proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 6.5%, as well as what the District’s proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (5.5%) or 1-percentage-point higher (7.5%) than the current rate:

	1% Decrease	Current Discount Rate	1% Increase
	5.50%	6.50%	7.50%
District's proportionate share of net pension liability	\$ 10,272,440	\$ 8,136,197	\$ 6,360,898

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

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

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

Pension plan fiduciary net position

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

Payables to the pension plan

There are no payables to CERS.

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NOTE F – OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB)

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

TRS – General Information about the OPEB Plans

Health Insurance Trust (Medical Insurance Fund)

Plan description

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

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

Benefits provided

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

Contributions

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

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

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

The District reported a liability of \$3,804,000 for its proportionate share of the collective net OPEB liability (NOL). The collective net OPEB liability was valued as of June 30, 2022, and the total OPEB liability used to calculate the net OPEB liability was based on a projection of the District's long-term share of contributions to the OPEB plan relative to the projected contributions of all participating employers, actuarially determined. The District's proportion was .156165%.

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

District's proportionate share of TRS net OPEB liability	\$	3,804,000
State's proportionate share of the TRS net OPEB liability associated with the District		<u>3,206,000</u>
	\$	<u><u>7,010,000</u></u>

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

	<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>
Differences between expected and actual		
experience	\$ -	\$ 1,289,000
Changes of assumptions	865,000	-
Net difference between projected and actual		
earnings on pension plan investments	71,000	-
Changes in proportion and differences		
between District contributions and proportionate		
share of contributions	829,000	980,000
District contributions subsequent to the		
measurement date	<u>284,272</u>	<u>-</u>
	\$ <u><u>2,049,272</u></u>	\$ <u><u>2,269,000</u></u>

The \$284,272 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from District contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the collective net OPEB liability for the year. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB will be recognized in the District's OPEB expense as follows:

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	Year Ended June 30,
Year 1	\$ (243,000)
Year 2	(200,000)
Year 3	69,000
Year 4	20,000
Year 5	(69,000)
Thereafter	<u>(81,000)</u>
	<u>\$ (504,000)</u>

Actuarial Methods and Assumptions

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

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

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

Target Allocations

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

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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

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

Discount Rate

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

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

To reflect these adjustments, open group projections were used and assumed an equal, pro rata reduction to the current statutory amount in the years if the health trust is projected to achieve a

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funded ratio of 100% or more. Here, the current statutory amounts are adjusted to achieve total contributions equal to the Actuarially Determined Contribution (ADC), as determined by the prior year's valuation and in accordance with the Health Trust's funding policy. As the specific methodology to be used for the adjustments has yet to be determined, there may be differences between the projected results and future experience. This may also include any changes to retiree contributions for KEHP coverage pursuant to KRS 161.675(4)(b).

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

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

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

	1% Decrease 6.10%	Current Discount Rate 7.10%	1% Increase 8.10%
District's proportionate share of net OPEB liability	\$ 4,892,000	\$ 3,804,000	\$ 2,904,000

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

	1% Decrease	Current Trend Rate	1% Increase
District's proportionate share of net OPEB liability	\$ 2,738,000	\$ 3,804,000	\$ 5,130,000

Life Insurance Trust

Plan description and benefits provided

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

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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

Contributions

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

Net OPEB Liability

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

State's proportionate share of the TRS net OPEB liability associated with the District	\$	79,000
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Actuarial Assumptions

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

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

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

The demographic actuarial assumptions for retirement, disability incidence, withdrawal, rates of plan participation, and rates of plan election used in the June 30, 2019 valuation were based on the results

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

of the most recent actuarial experience studies for the system, which covered the five year period ending June 30, 2015.

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

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

Target Allocations

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

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

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

Discount Rate

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

- Total payroll for the initial projection year consists of the payroll of the active membership present on the valuation date. In subsequent projection years, total payroll was assumed to increase annually at a rate of 2.75%.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

- The employer will contribute the actuarially determined contribution (ADC) in accordance with the Life Insurance Trust's funding policy determined by a valuation performed on a date two years prior to the beginning of the fiscal year in which the ADC applies.
- As administrative expenses were assumed to be paid in all years by the employer as they come due, they were not considered.
- Active employees do not explicitly contribute to the plan.
- Cash flows occur mid-year.

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

Revenue or Expenses for TRS OPEB plans

For the year ended June 30, 2023, the District recognized OPEB revenue in the amount of \$320,060 for support provided on-behalf of the State.

CERS – General Information about the OPEB Plans

Employees' Health Plan

Plan description

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

Benefits provided

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

Contributions

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

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

The District reported an asset of \$175,064 for its proportionate share of the collective net OPEB liability which is .0126797%.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

Deferred Inflows and Outflows of Resources, and OPEB Expense included in the Schedules of OPEB Amounts include only certain categories of deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources. These include differences between expected and actual experience, changes of assumptions and differences between projected and actual earnings on plan investments. The Schedules of OPEB Amounts do not include deferred outflow/inflows of resources for changes in the employer's proportionate share of contributions or employer contributions made subsequent to the measurement date. The total OPEB liability, net OPEB liability (NOL), and sensitivity information are based on an actuarial valuation date of June 30, 2021. The total OPEB liability was rolled forward from the valuation date to the plan's fiscal year ended June 30, 2023, using generally accepted actuarial principles.

For the year ended June 30, 2023, the District recognized OPEB revenue of \$661,881. The District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEBs from the following sources.

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 122,046	\$ 2,485,740
Changes of assumptions	344,515	240,092
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	327,626	368,255
Changes in proportion and differences between District contributions and proportionate share of contributions	5,271	270,820
District contributions subsequent to the measurement date	108,760	-
	\$ 908,218	\$ 3,364,907

The \$108,760 (includes \$57,180 Implicit Subsidy) reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from District contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the collective net OPEB liability for the following year. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB will be recognized in the District's OPEB expense as follows.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

	Year Ended June 30,
Year 1	\$ (672,759)
Year 2	(794,301)
Year 3	(590,150)
Year 4	<u>(508,239)</u>
	<u>\$ (2,565,449)</u>

Implicit Employer Subsidy for non-Medicare retirees- The fully-insured premiums KRS pays for the Kentucky Employees' Health Plan are blended rates based on the combined experience of active and retired members. Because the average cost of providing health care benefits to retirees under age 65 is higher than the average cost of providing health care benefits to active employees, there is an implicit employer subsidy for the non-Medicare eligible retirees. GASB 74 and 75 requires that the liability associated with this implicit subsidy be included in the calculation of the total OPEB liability.

Changes of Benefit Terms

None

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

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

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

Valuation Date	June 30, 2021
Actuarial Cost Method	Entry Age Normal
Asset Valuation Method	20% of the difference between the market value of assets and the expected actuarial value of assets recognized
Amortization Method	Level Percent of Pay
Amortization Period	30-year closed period at June 30, 2019, Gains/losses incurring After 2019 will be amortized over separate closed 20-year Amortization bases
Mortality	System-specific mortality table based on mortality experience From 2013-2018, projected with the ultimate rates from MP2014 Mortality improvement scale using a base year of 2019
Phase-In Provision	Board certified rate is phased into the actuarially determined rate In accordance with HB 362 enacted in 2018
Inflation	2.30%

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

Payroll Growth Rate	2.0%
Salary Increase	3.30% to 10.30%, varies by service
Investment Rate of Return	6.25%
Mortality	System-specific mortality table based on mortality experience From 2013-2018, projected with the ultimate rates from MP-2014 Mortality improvement scale using a base year of 2019.
Healthcare Trend Rates	
Pre-65	Initial trend starting at 6.3% at January 1, 2023, gradually Decreasing to an ultimate trend rate of 4.05% over a period of 13 Years. The 2022 premiums were known at the time of the Valuation and were incorporated into the liability measurement.
Post-65	Initial trend starting at 6.3% at January 1, 2023, gradually Decreasing to an ultimate trend rate of 4.05% over a period of 13 Years. The 2022 premiums were known at the time of the Valuation and were incorporated into the liability measurement.

Senate Bill 209 passed in the 2022 legislative session increased the insurance dollar contribution for members hired on or after July 1, 2003 by \$5 for each year of service each member attains over certain thresholds, depending on a member's retirement eligibility requirement. This increase in the insurance dollar contribution does not increase by 1.5% annually and is only payable for non-Medicare retirees. Additionally, it is only payable when the member's applicable insurance fund is at least 90% funded. The increase is first payable January 1, 2023. House Bill 506 adjusted the minimum required separation period before a retiree may become reemployed and continue to receive their retirement allowance from three months to one month under all circumstances.

Discount rate

Single discount rates of 5.93% were used to measure the total OPEB liability as of June 30, 2023. The single discount rates are based on the expected rate of return on OPEB plan investments of 6.5%, and a municipal bond rate of 3.86%, as reported in Fidelity Index's "20 Year Municipal GO AA Index" as of June 30, 2023. Based on the stated assumptions and the projection of cash flows as of each fiscal year ending, the plan's fiduciary net position on future contributions were projected to be sufficient to finance the future benefit payments of the current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on insurance plan investments was applied to all periods of the projected benefit payments paid from the plan. However, the cost associated with the implicit employer subsidy was not included in the calculation of the plans actuarial determined contributions, and any cost associated with the implicit subsidy will not be paid out of the plans trusts. Therefore, the municipal bond rate was applied to future expected benefit payments associated with the implicit subsidy.

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

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

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

	1% Decrease	Current Discount Rate	1% Increase
	4.93%	5.93%	6.93%
District's proportionate share of net OPEB liability	\$ 328,529	\$ (175,064)	\$ (596,762)

Health Care Trend Rate Sensitivity

The following presents the health care sensitivity rate of the District's proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 5.93%, as well as what the District's proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (4.93%) or 1-percentage-point higher (6.93%) than the current rate:

	1% Decrease	Current Trend Rate	1% Increase
District's proportionate share of net OPEB liability	\$ (561,112)	\$ (175,064)	\$ 299,159

OPEB plan fiduciary net position

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

NOTE G – COMMITMENTS

The District has committed \$14,753,984.09 for construction projects in progress.

NOTE H - CONTINGENCIES

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

NOTE I - LITIGATION

The District has no pending or threatened litigation involving amounts exceeding \$10,000 individually or in the aggregate as of June 30, 2024.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

NOTE J – INSURANCE AND RELATED ACTIVITIES

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

NOTE K – RISK MANAGEMENT

The District is exposed to various risks of loss related to illegal acts, torts, theft/damage/destruction of assets, errors and omissions, injuries to employees, and natural disasters. To obtain insurance for workers’ compensation, unemployment, errors and omission, and general liability coverage, the District purchased commercial insurance policies.

NOTE L – DEFICIT FUND AND OPERATING BALANCES

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

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Change in Net Position/ Net Change in Fund Balance</u>	<u>Fund Balance/ Net Position</u>
General Fund	(283,450)	
Construction Fund	\$ (8,350,352)	(7,965,672)
Student Activity Fund	\$ (25,450)	-
District Activity Fund	(6,012)	
Food Service Fund	\$ -	(77,197)

NOTE M - COBRA

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

NOTE N – TRANSFER OF FUNDS

The following transfers were made during the year:

<u>Type</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Operating	Food Service Fund	General Fund	Indirect Costs	\$ 52,527
Operating	General Fund	Special Revenue Fund	KETS	16,296
Operating	School Activity	District Activity	Operations	4,374
Construction	Special Revenue Fund	Construction Fund	Construction	1,550,293
Debt Service	Special Revenue Fund	Debt Service Fund	Debt Payments	63,867
Debt Service	Building Fund	Debt Service Fund	Debt Payments	329,677

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

NOTE O – ON-BEHALF PAYMENTS

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

<u>Plan/Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Kentucky Teachers Retirement System (GASB 68 &75)	\$ -
Health Insurance	2,958,578
Life Insurance	4,474
Administrative Fee	35,692
HRA/Dental/Vision	174,650
Federal Reimbursement	(353,932)
Technology	80,568
SFCC Debt Service Payments	<u>273,777</u>
Total	<u>\$ 3,173,808</u>

NOTE P – RESTRICTED FUND BALANCES

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Purpose</u>
Student Activity	320,946	School Activities
Capital Outlay	114,698	SFCC Requirements
FSPK	191,298	SFCC Requirements
District Activity	\$ 23,985	Food Service Operations

NOTE Q – SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

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

KNOTT COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
SCHEDULE OF THE DISTRICT'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET PENSION LIABILITY
CERS and TRS
For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

	Reporting Fiscal Year (Measurement Date) 2024 (2023)	Reporting Fiscal Year (Measurement Date) 2023 (2022)	Reporting Fiscal Year (Measurement Date) 2022 (2021)	Reporting Fiscal Year (Measurement Date) 2021 (2020)	Reporting Fiscal Year (Measurement Date) 2020 (2019)	Reporting Fiscal Year (Measurement Date) 2019 (2018)	Reporting Fiscal Year (Measurement Date) 2018 (2017)	Reporting Fiscal Year (Measurement Date) 2017 (2016)	Reporting Fiscal Year (Measurement Date) 2016 (2015)
COUNTY EMPLOYEE'S RETIREMENT SYSTEM (CERS):									
Districts' proportion of the net pension liability	0.12680%	0.13435%	0.13671%	0.14627%	0.14411%	0.14946%	0.15802%	0.156630%	0.15906%
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 8,136,197	\$ 9,712,469	\$ 8,716,208	\$ 11,218,711	\$ 10,135,321	\$ 9,102,265	\$ 9,249,572	\$ 7,711,979	\$ 6,838,645
State's proportionate share of the net pension liability associated with the District	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	\$ 8,136,197	\$ 9,712,469	\$ 8,716,208	\$ 11,218,711	\$ 10,135,321	\$ 9,102,265	\$ 9,249,572	\$ 7,711,979	\$ 6,838,645
District's covered-employee payroll	\$ 3,705,437	\$ 3,712,313	\$ 3,491,860	\$ 3,728,306	\$ 3,690,807	\$ 3,705,438	\$ 3,869,517	\$ 3,757,553	\$ 3,725,574
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	219.57%	261.63%	249.62%	300.91%	274.61%	245.65%	239.04%	205.24%	183.56%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	57.48%	52.42%	57.33%	47.81%	50.54%	53.54%	53.30%	59.00%	59.97%
KENTUCKY TEACHER'S RETIREMENT SYSTEM (TRS):									
Districts' proportion of the net pension liability	0.2965%	0.2675%	0.2918%	0.2885%	0.288%	0.303%	0.311%	0.319%	0.316%
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
State's proportionate share of the net pension liability associated with the District	50,521,910	45,314,139	37,977,753	40,883,174	39,709,837	39,709,837	83,505,975	94,022,449	73,453,173
Total	\$ 50,521,910	\$ 45,314,139	\$ 37,977,753	\$ 40,883,174	\$ 39,709,837	\$ 39,709,837	\$ 83,505,975	\$ 94,022,449	\$ 73,453,173
District's covered-employee payroll	\$ 10,983,190	\$ 12,324,243	\$ 11,766,070	\$ 9,139,880	\$ 10,686,578	\$ 10,983,190	\$ 11,086,694	\$ 11,321,645	\$ 11,076,722
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	0.000%	0.000%	0.000%	0.000%	0.000%	0.000%	0.000%	0.000%	0.000%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	57.68%	56.41%	65.59%	58.27%	58.80%	59.30%	39.80%	35.22%	42.29%

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

See the accompanying notes to the required supplementary information.

KNOTT COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION - SCHEDULE OF CONTRIBUTIONS
CERS and TRS
For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
COUNTY EMPLOYEE'S RETIREMENT SYSTEM (CERS):									
Contractually required contribution	\$ 840,807	\$ 955,056	\$ 972,740	\$ 813,284	\$ 863,280	\$ 754,959	\$ 681,819	\$ 719,411	\$ 640,889
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contributions	840,807	955,056	972,740	813,284	863,280	754,959	681,819	719,411	640,889
Contribution deficiency (excess)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
District's covered-employee payroll	\$ 3,680,731	\$ 3,705,437	\$ 3,712,313	\$ 3,491,860	\$ 3,728,306	\$ 3,690,837	\$ 3,705,438	\$ 3,869,517	\$ 3,757,553
District's contributions as a percentage of it's covered-employee payroll	22.84%	25.77%	26.20%	23.29%	23.15%	20.45%	18.40%	18.59%	17.06%
KENTUCKY TEACHER'S RETIREMENT SYSTEM (TRS):									
Contractually required contribution	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contributions	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Contribution deficiency (excess)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
District's covered-employee payroll	\$ 12,342,715	\$ 10,983,190	\$ 12,324,243	\$ 11,766,070	\$ 9,139,880	\$ 10,686,578	\$ 10,983,190	\$ 11,086,694	\$ 11,321,645
District's contributions as a percentage of it's covered-employee payroll	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%

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

See the accompanying notes to the required supplementary information.

KNOTT COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION – PENSION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

Teachers Retirement System (TRS)

Retirement Annuity Trust

Changes of Benefit Terms

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

Changes of assumptions

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

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

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

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

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

In the 2020 experience study, rates of withdrawal, retirement, disability, mortality, and rates of salary increases were adjusted to reflect actual experience more closely. The expectation of mortality was changed to the Pub2010 Mortality Tables (Teachers Benefit-Weighted) projected generationally with MP-2020 with various set forwards, set-backs, and adjustments for each of the groups; service retirees, contingent annuitants, disabled retirees, and actives. The assumed long-term investment rate of return was changed from 7.50 percent to 7.10 percent and the price inflation assumption was lowered from 3.00 percent to 2.50 percent. In addition, the calculation of the SEIR results in an assumption change from 7.50% to 7.10%.

Actuarial Methods and Assumptions

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

KNOTT COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION – PENSION
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

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

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

County Employee Retirement System (CERS)

Non-Hazardous

Changes of Benefit Terms

None.

Changes of assumptions

None.

Actuarial Methods and Assumptions

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

Valuation Date	June 30, 2021
Actuarial Cost Method	Entry Age Normal
Asset Valuation Method	20% of the difference between the market value of assets and the expected actuarial value of assets recognized
Amortization Method	Level Percent of Pay
Amortization Period	30-year closed period at June 30, 2019, Gains/losses incurring After 2019 will be amortized over separate closed 20-year Amortization bases
Mortality	System-specific mortality table based on mortality experience From 2013-2018, projected with the ultimate rates from MP2014
Phase-In Provision	Mortality improvement scale using a base year of 2019 Board certified rate is phased into the actuarially determined rate In accordance with HB 362 enacted in 2018
Inflation	2.30%
Payroll Growth Rate	2.0%
Salary Increase	3.30% to 10.30%, varies by service
Investment Rate of Return	6.25%

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

	Reporting Fiscal Year (Measurement Date) 2024 (2023)	Reporting Fiscal Year (Measurement Date) 2023 (2022)	Reporting Fiscal Year (Measurement Date) 2022 (2021)	Reporting Fiscal Year (Measurement Date) 2021 (2020)	Reporting Fiscal Year (Measurement Date) 2020 (2019)	Reporting Fiscal Year (Measurement Date) 2019 (2018)	Reporting Fiscal Year (Measurement Date) 2018 (2017)
MEDICAL INSURANCE PLAN							
District's proportion of the collective net OPEB liability (asset)	0.156165%	0.193981%	0.156351%	0.155258%	0.15452%	0.15795%	0.16548%
District's proportionate share of the collective net OPEB liability (asset)	\$ 3,804,000	\$ 4,816,000	\$ 3,355,000	\$ 3,918,000	\$ 4,522,000	\$ 5,480,000	\$ 5,901,000
State's proportionate share of the collective net OPEB liability (asset) associated with the District	<u>3,206,000</u>	<u>1,582,000</u>	<u>2,725,000</u>	<u>3,139,000</u>	<u>3,652,000</u>	<u>4,723,000</u>	<u>4,820,000</u>
Total	<u>\$ 7,010,000</u>	<u>\$ 6,398,000</u>	<u>\$ 6,080,000</u>	<u>\$ 7,057,000</u>	<u>\$ 8,174,000</u>	<u>\$ 10,203,000</u>	<u>\$ 10,721,000</u>
District's covered-employee payroll	\$ 10,983,190	\$ 12,324,243	\$ 11,766,070	\$ 9,139,880	\$ 10,686,578	\$ 10,983,190	\$ 11,086,694
District's proportionate share of the collective net OPEB liability (asset) as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	34.63%	39.08%	28.51%	42.87%	42.31%	49.89%	53.23%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total OPEB liability	52.97%	47.75%	39.05%	39.10%	32.60%	25.50%	21.20%
LIFE INSURANCE PLAN							
District's proportion of the collective net OPEB liability (asset)	0.00000%	0.00000%	0.00000%	0.00000%	0.00000%	0.00000%	0.00000%
District's proportionate share of the collective net OPEB liability (asset)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
State's proportionate share of the collective net OPEB liability (asset) associated with the District	<u>79,000</u>	<u>79,000</u>	<u>36,000</u>	<u>95,000</u>	<u>85,000</u>	<u>81,000</u>	<u>65,000</u>
Total	<u>\$ 79,000</u>	<u>\$ 79,000</u>	<u>\$ 36,000</u>	<u>\$ 95,000</u>	<u>\$ 85,000</u>	<u>\$ 81,000</u>	<u>\$ 65,000</u>
District's covered-employee payroll	\$ 10,983,190	\$ 12,324,243	\$ 11,766,070	\$ 9,139,880	\$ 10,686,578	\$ 10,983,190	\$ 11,086,694
District's proportionate share of the collective net OPEB liability (asset) as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total OPEB liability	76.91%	73.97%	71.57%	71.60%	73.40%	75.00%	80.00%

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

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
MEDICAL INSURANCE PLAN							
Contractually required contribution	\$ 284,272	\$ 356,212	\$ 256,686	\$ 277,540	\$ 274,196	\$ 269,102	\$ 281,381
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	<u>284,272</u>	<u>356,212</u>	<u>256,686</u>	<u>277,540</u>	<u>274,196</u>	<u>269,102</u>	<u>281,381</u>
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>-</u>						
District's covered-employee payroll	\$ 12,342,715	\$ 10,983,190	\$ 12,324,243	\$ 11,766,070	\$ 9,139,880	\$ 10,686,578	\$ 10,983,190
District's contributions as a percentage of it's covered-employee payroll	2.30%	3.24%	2.08%	2.36%	3.00%	2.52%	2.56%
LIFE INSURANCE PLAN							
Contractually required contribution	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	<u>-</u>						
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>-</u>						
District's covered-employee payroll	\$ 12,342,715	\$ 10,983,190	\$ 12,324,243	\$ 11,766,070	\$ 9,139,880	\$ 10,686,578	\$ 10,983,190
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of it's covered-employee payroll	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%

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

	Reporting Fiscal Year (Measurement Date) 2024 (2023)	Reporting Fiscal Year (Measurement Date) 2023 (2022)	Reporting Fiscal Year (Measurement Date) 2022 (2021)	Reporting Fiscal Year (Measurement Date) 2021 (2020)	Reporting Fiscal Year (Measurement Date) 2020 (2019)	Reporting Fiscal Year (Measurement Date) 2019 (2018)	Reporting Fiscal Year (Measurement Date) 2018 (2017)
HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN							
District's proportion of the collective net OPEB liability (asset)	0.126797%	0.134331%	0.136676%	0.146241%	0.14407%	0.14945%	0.15802%
District's proportionate share of the collective net OPEB liability (asset)	\$ (175,064)	\$ 2,651,041	\$ 2,616,594	\$ 3,531,275	\$ 2,423,226	\$ 2,653,438	\$ 3,176,803
State's proportionate share of the collective net OPEB liability (asset) associated with the District	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	\$ (175,064)	\$ 2,651,041	\$ 2,616,594	\$ 3,531,275	\$ 2,423,226	\$ 2,653,438	\$ 3,176,803
District's covered-employee payroll	\$ 3,705,437	\$ 3,712,313	\$ 3,491,860	\$ 3,728,306	\$ 3,690,807	\$ 3,705,438	\$ 3,869,517
District's proportionate share of the collective net OPEB liability (asset) as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	-4.72%	71.41%	74.93%	94.72%	65.66%	71.61%	82.10%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total OPEB liability	104.23%	60.95%	51.67%	51.67%	60.44%	57.62%	13.00%

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

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN							
Contractually required contribution	\$ 108,760	\$ 87,528	\$ 145,771	\$ 136,557	\$ 104,990	\$ 80,537	\$ 72,452
Contributions in relation to the contractually	<u>108,760</u>	<u>87,528</u>	<u>145,771</u>	<u>136,557</u>	<u>104,990</u>	<u>80,537</u>	<u>72,452</u>
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
District's covered-employee payroll	\$ 3,680,731	\$ 3,705,437	\$ 3,712,313	\$ 3,491,860	\$ 3,728,306	\$ 3,690,837	\$ 3,705,438
District's contributions as a percentage of it's covered-employee payroll	2.95%	2.36%	3.93%	3.91%	2.82%	2.18%	1.96%

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KNOTT COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION – OPEB
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

Teachers Retirement System (TRS)

Health Insurance Trust

Changes of Benefit Terms

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

Changes of Assumptions

None.

Actuarial Methods and Assumptions

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

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

Life Insurance Trust

Changes of Benefit Terms

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

Changes of Assumptions

None.

Actuarial Methods and Assumptions

KNOTT COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION – OPEB
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

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

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

KNOTT COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION – OPEB
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

County Employee Retirement System (CERS)

Non-Hazardous

Changes of Benefit Terms

None

Changes of assumptions

None.

Actuarial Methods and Assumptions

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

Valuation Date	June 30, 2021
Actuarial Cost Method	Entry Age Normal
Asset Valuation Method	20% of the difference between the market value of assets and the expected actuarial value of assets recognized
Amortization Method	Level Percent of Pay
Amortization Period	30-year closed period at June 30, 2019, Gains/losses incurring After 2019 will be amortized over separate closed 20-year Amortization bases
Mortality	System-specific mortality table based on mortality experience From 2013-2018, projected with the ultimate rates from MP2014 Mortality improvement scale using a base year of 2019
Phase-In Provision	Board certified rate is phased into the actuarially determined rate In accordance with HB 362 enacted in 2018
Inflation	2.30%
Payroll Growth Rate	2.0%
Salary Increase	3.30% to 10.30%, varies by service
Investment Rate of Return	6.25%
Mortality	System-specific mortality table based on mortality experience From 2013-2018, projected with the ultimate rates from MP-2014 Mortality improvement scale using a base year of 2019.
Healthcare Trend Rates	
Pre-65	Initial trend starting at 6.3% at January 1, 2023, gradually Decreasing to an ultimate trend rate of 4.05% over a period of 13 Years. The 2022 premiums were known at the time of the Valuation and were incorporated into the liability measurement.
Post-65	Initial trend starting at 6.3% at January 1, 2023, gradually Decreasing to an ultimate trend rate of 4.05% over a period of 13 Years. The 2022 premiums were known at the time of the Valuation and were incorporated into the liability measurement.

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

	Other Governmental Funds				
	Special Revenue Student Activity	Capital Outlay	FSPK Fund	Special Revenue District Activity	Total
Assets					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 321,368	\$ 114,698	\$ 191,298	\$ 23,985	\$ 651,349
Total Assets	321,368	114,698	191,298	23,985	651,349
Liabilities					
Accounts payable	422				422
Total Liabilities	422	-	-	-	422
Fund Balance					
Restricted	320,946	114,698	191,298	23,985	650,927
Fund Balances	320,946	114,698	191,298	23,985	650,927
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE	\$ 321,368	\$ 114,698	\$ 191,298	\$ 23,985	\$ 651,349

Knott County School District
Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance - Nonmajor Governmental Funds
Year ended June 30, 2024

	Other Governmental Funds				
	Special Revenue Student Activity	Capital Outlay	FSPK Fund	Special Revenue District Activity	Total
Revenues					
From local sources					
Property taxes	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 318,146	\$ -	\$ 318,146
Intergovernmental - state		191,832	656,362		848,194
Student activities	1,138,405			13,600	1,152,005
Total Revenues	1,138,405	191,832	974,508	13,600	2,318,345
Expenditures					
Instruction	1,163,855			19,612	1,183,467
Total expenditures	1,163,855	-	-	19,612	1,183,467
Excess (Deficit) of Revenues Over Expenditures	(25,450)	191,832	974,508	(6,012)	1,134,878
Other Financing Sources (Uses)					
Operating transfers (out)		(191,832)	(974,508)		(1,166,340)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	-	(191,832)	(974,508)	-	(1,166,340)
Excess (Deficit) of Revenues and Other Financing Sources Over Expenditures and Other Financing Uses	(25,450)	-	-	(6,012)	(31,462)
Fund Balance Beginning	346,396	114,698	191,298	29,997	682,389
Fund Balance Ending	\$ 320,946	\$ 114,698	\$ 191,298	\$ 23,985	\$ 650,927

KNOTT COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
COMBINING BALANCE SHEET OF SPECIAL REVENUE
STUDENT ACTIVITY FUNDS
 June 30, 2024

	<u>CORDIA HIGH SCHOOL</u>	<u>KNOTT CO CENTRAL</u>	<u>BEAVER CREEK ELEMENTARY</u>	<u>CARR CREEK ELEMENTARY</u>	<u>EMMALENA ELEMENTARY</u>	<u>HINDMAN ELEMENTARY</u>	<u>JONES FORK ELEMENTARY</u>	<u>STUDENT ACTIVITY FUND TOTALS</u>
ASSETS								
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 16,384	\$ 154,295	\$ 26,580	\$ 26,930	\$ 19,055	\$ 56,732	\$ 21,392	\$ 321,368
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>16,384</u>	<u>154,295</u>	<u>26,580</u>	<u>26,930</u>	<u>19,055</u>	<u>56,732</u>	<u>21,392</u>	<u>321,368</u>
LIABILITIES								
Accounts payable						422		422
Total liabilities	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>422</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>422</u>
FUND BALANCE								
School activities	<u>16,384</u>	<u>154,295</u>	<u>26,580</u>	<u>26,930</u>	<u>19,055</u>	<u>56,310</u>	<u>21,392</u>	<u>320,946</u>
TOTAL FUND BALANCE	<u>\$ 16,384</u>	<u>\$ 154,295</u>	<u>\$ 26,580</u>	<u>\$ 26,930</u>	<u>\$ 19,055</u>	<u>\$ 56,732</u>	<u>\$ 21,392</u>	<u>\$ 321,368</u>

KNOTT COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - SPECIAL REVENUE STUDENT ACTIVITY FUNDS
 Year Ended June 30, 2024

	<u>CORDIA HIGH SCHOOL</u>	<u>KNOTT CO CENTRAL</u>	<u>BEAVER CREEK ELEMENTARY</u>	<u>CARR CREEK ELEMENTARY</u>	<u>EMMALENA ELEMENTARY</u>	<u>HINDMAN ELEMENTARY</u>	<u>JONES FORK ELEMENTARY</u>	<u>STUDENT ACTIVITY FUND TOTALS</u>
Revenues								
Student revenues	\$ 53,508	\$ 656,574	\$ 42,383	\$ 136,388	\$ 54,355	\$ 155,301	\$ 39,895	\$ 1,138,404
Expenses								
Student activities	63,449	670,823	37,686	136,226	59,364	153,210	43,096	1,163,854
Excess (Deficit) of Revenues Over Expenses	(9,941)	(14,249)	4,697	162	(5,009)	2,091	(3,201)	(25,450)
Fund Balance-Beginning	<u>26,325</u>	<u>168,544</u>	<u>21,883</u>	<u>26,768</u>	<u>24,064</u>	<u>54,219</u>	<u>24,593</u>	<u>346,396</u>
Fund Balance-Ending	<u>\$ 16,384</u>	<u>\$ 154,295</u>	<u>\$ 26,580</u>	<u>\$ 26,930</u>	<u>\$ 19,055</u>	<u>\$ 56,310</u>	<u>\$ 21,392</u>	<u>\$ 320,946</u>

Knott County School District
Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Fund Balance - Cordia High School
Year Ended June 30, 2024

	<u>FUND BALANCE</u> <u>BEGINNING</u>	<u>REVENUES</u>	<u>EXPENSES</u>	<u>TRANSFERS</u>	<u>FUND BALANCE</u> <u>ENDING</u>
GENERAL FUND	\$ 3,055	\$ 6,275	\$ 10,410	\$ 1,824	\$ 743
ATHLETIC DUES	1,093	227	1,283	442	479
LIBRARY	4				4
INTEREST	228			(228)	-
GRADUATION	(10)	88		(78)	-
53RD ALL DISTRICT SB	-	7,610	5,707	(1,903)	-
53RD ALL DISTRICT BB	-	1,173	870		303
CHORUS	362			(362)	-
POP FUND	452		56		396
POP TEACHERS ACCT	812	3,169	3,325		656
ELE STLP	234				234
PROM	217		175		42
HS STLP	213		1		212
SPEECH	274				274
GA CONCESSIONS	471				471
BASEBALL	543	3,296	2,519		1,320
7TH & 8TH B BASKETBALL	54	294	269		79
BOYS BASKETBALL	7,664	6,790	11,933	355	2,876
ELEM VOLLEY BALL	103	1,544	1,493		154
GOLF	250			(250)	-
FFA	(169)	1,058			889
ARCHERY	-	612			612
BOYS V CHEERLEADERS	187	111	124		174
HS CROSS COUNTRY	73		1		72
ELE CHEERLEADERS	92		90		2
7TH & 8TH G BASKETBALL	15	467	348		134
GIRLS BASKETBALL	2,940	4,660	6,530	355	1,425
SOFTBALL	1,232	1,272	2,431		73
SENIOR CLASS	1		1		0
HS ACADEMICS	1,717		30		1,687
YEARBOOK	1,275		1		1,274
STUDENT COUNCIL	128				128
GEAR UP	-	329			329
FAMILY RESOURCE CEN	84	40			124
8th GRADE CLASS OF 2024	1,548	2,378	3,630		296
CLASS OF 2024		7,856	7,856		-
BEGINNING CASH	175	175	175		175
PTO	155			(155)	-
STELLA SMITH CLASS	234	797	905		126
GOLDIE HALAHAN CLASS	40		40		0
DEANNA JACOBS CLASS		304	304		-
CLAS OF 2027		400			400
MS ACADEMICS	20	508	528		(0)
K-1 CLASSROOM	4	887	699		192
PRE-K	554	1,189	1,715		28
	<u>\$ 26,325</u>	<u>\$ 53,509</u>	<u>\$ 63,449</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 16,384</u>

Knott County School District
Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Fund Balance - Knott County Central High School
Year Ended June 30, 2024

	<u>FUND BALANCE</u> <u>BEGINNING</u>	<u>REVENUES</u>	<u>EXPENSES</u>	<u>TRANSFERS</u>	<u>FUND BALANCE</u> <u>ENDING</u>
GENERAL FUND	\$ 623	\$ 2,604	\$ 7,643	\$ 4,417	\$ 1
HOMECOMING	3,789	3,470	3,188		4,071
ART	24				24
JOB SHADOW	3,139	1,812	1,243		3,708
STAFF/GENERAL	1		1		(0)
STUDENT ACTIVITIES	2,126	950	900		2,176
FMD UNIT	93	1,076	759		410
3D PRINTING	43	899	872		70
INTEREST	1,615	2,134	1,411		2,338
LOCKERS	80	325			405
CENTRAL FUND VENDING	3,068	2,000	925		4,143
CONCESSION	3,496	20,876	13,527	(8,185)	2,660
STAFF ACCOUNT	316	5,961	6,277		0
ACADEMIC TEAM	271				271
WRESTLING	-		1,000	1,000	-
WRESTLING BOOSTER	404	4,232	4,328		308
BETA CLUB	827	2,180	1,850		1,157
FCCLA	1,110		330	(780)	0
FEA	67	405	417		55
FFA	888	795	2,776	1,630	537
NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY	1,156	1,653	1,930		879
SPANISH CLUB	87				87
SPEECH CLUB	5,321	54,225	53,706		5,840
DRAMA	285		227		58
BAND	-	725	576		149
HOME ECONOMICS	906				906
SCIENCE	5,821				5,821
ATHLETICS	15,035	57,796	57,785	(1,806)	13,240
BEG CASH MONEY	-	2,000	2,000		-
BASEBALL	-		5,411	5,411	-
BASEBALL BOOSTERS	12,336	35,798	31,881	(3,238)	13,015
TOURNAMENT	752	19,365	12,161	(4,897)	3,059
BOYS BASKETBALL	-		5,120	5,120	-
BOYS BASKETBALL BOO	11,067	35,274	31,095	(5,292)	9,954
KYA	-	420	420		-
MIDDLE SCHOOL BASKETBALL	1				1
FOOTBALL	-		2,602	2,602	-
QUARTERBACK CLUB	2			(2)	0
FOOTBALL BOOSTERS	13,800	26,348	39,731	380	797
FOOTBALL MIDDLE	2,392	21,996	16,694		7,694
FLAG FOOTBALL	1,267	1,135	511	(800)	1,091
GIRLS BASKETBALL	0		3,686	3,686	0
GIRLS BASKETBALL BOO	4,776	44,528	31,799	(3,579)	13,926
CHEERLEADERS	-		3,500	3,500	-
CHEERLEADER BOOSTERS	686	12,589	11,757		1,518
SOFTBALL	2,280			(2,210)	70
SOFTBALL BOOSTERS	5,962	21,252	23,539		3,675
TENNIS	831		1		830
TENNIS BOOSTERS	6,587	4,007	6,931		3,663
TRACK	119		119		(0)
TRACK BOOSTERS	1	8,613	8,277		337
VOLLEYBALL	1,075		4,102	3,027	-
VOLLEYBALL BOOSTERS	20,865	59,349	53,091	(9,337)	17,786
CROSS COUNTRY	-		1,897	2,000	103
CROSS COUNTRY BOOSTERS	721	674	1,376		19
ATHLETIC CONTINGENCY	1,003				1,003
CLASS OF 2022	248			(247)	1
CLASS OF 2023	7,717			(7,717)	0
CLASS OF 2024	67	135,521	153,352	17,763	(1)
CLASS OF 2025	-	17,143	15,491		1,652
LIBRARY	378		253		125
PAGENT	1,878	2,450	4,328		(0)
PROJECT GRAD	7,231	9,073	6,975		9,329
SPECIAL OLYMPICS	514	240	175		579
YEARBOOK	3,235	2,695	521		5,409
HOUSE SYSTEM	1,093				1,093
CAP AND GOWN	-	97			97
BASS FISHING	385			(385)	0
BASS FISHING BOOSTERS	1,576			(1,576)	0
GOLF	870				870
GOLF BOOSTERS	335	3,186	1,943		1,578
ARCHERY	1		1,001	1,000	-
ARCHERY BOOSTERS	5,807	15,060	18,025		2,842
SOCCER BOOSTERS	-	6,793	2,537	(1,485)	2,771
DISTRICT MONEY ACCO	96	6,850	6,850		96
	<u>\$ 168,544</u>	<u>\$ 656,574</u>	<u>\$ 670,823</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 154,295</u>

Knott County School District
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
Year Ended June 30, 2024

Federal Grantor/ Pass-Through Grantor/ Program Title	Assistance Listing Number	Pass-Through Grantor's Number	Passed Through to Subrecipients	Program or Award Amount	Expenditures
US Department of Agriculture					
Passed Through State Department of Education:					
School Breakfast Program					
Fiscal Year 23	10.553	7760005 23	\$ -	\$ -	176,689
Fiscal Year 24		7760005 24	-	-	382,121
National School Lunch Program					
Fiscal Year 23	10.555	7750002 23	-	-	370,754
Fiscal Year 24		7750002 24	-	-	817,709
Summer Food Service Program for Children					
Fiscal Year 23	10.559	7740023 23	-	-	46,657
Fiscal Year 24		7740023 24	-	-	5,054
Fiscal Year 23		7690024 23	-	-	4,856
Fiscal Year 24		7690024 24	-	-	524
Fruit & Vegetable Program					
Fiscal Year 23	10.582	7720012 23	-	-	13,730
Fiscal Year 24		7720012 24	-	-	43,146
Child Nutrition Cluster Subtotal					<u>1,861,240</u>
Child & Adult Care					
Fiscal Year 23	10.558	7790021 23	-	-	18,176
Fiscal Year 24		7790021 24	-	-	46,616
Fiscal Year 23		7800016 23	-	-	892
Fiscal Year 24		7800016 24	-	-	2,208
					<u>67,892</u>
State Administrative Expenses for Child Nutrition					
Fiscal Year 23	10.560	7700001 23	-	-	4,800
Passed Through State Department of Agriculture:					
Food Donation-Commodities					
Fiscal Year 24	10.565	510.4950	-	-	71,062
Total US Department of Agriculture					<u>2,004,994</u>
US Department of Education					
Passed Through State Department of Education					
Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies					
Fiscal Year 22	84.010A	3100002 21	-	1,515,965	113,031
Fiscal Year 23		3100002 22	-	1,488,890	210,706
Fiscal Year 24		310K, KM	-	1,434,373	915,524
Fiscal Year 22		3100202 21	-	83,163	34,575
Fiscal Year 23		3100202 22	-	120,961	55,905
Fiscal Year 24		320KC	-	67361	4,764
					<u>1,334,505</u>
Special Education Grants to States					
Fiscal Year 22 IDEA-B CEIS	84.027A	3810002 21	-	105,303	13
Fiscal Year 23		3810002 22	-	651,086	233,000
Fiscal Year 24		337K	-	679,260	302,294
Fiscal Year 24		337KC	-	33,963	33,963
Special Education - Preschool Grants					
Fiscal Year 22	84.173A	3810002 21	-	66,897	87
Fiscal Year 23		3810002 22	-	68,019	36,064
Fiscal Year 24		3810002 23	-	68,521	33,670
Special Education Cluster Subtotal					<u>639,091</u>
Title IV Part A					
Fiscal Year 22	84.424A	3420002 21	-	117,403	2,051
Fiscal Year 23		3420002 22	-	115,269	63,901
Fiscal Year 24		552K, KS	-	111,624	48,614
					<u>114,566</u>
Rural Education					
Fiscal Year 23	84.358B	3140002 22	-	57,971	25,990
Title II, Improving Teacher Quality State Grants					
Fiscal Year 23	84.367A	3230002 22	-	146,332	110,235
Fiscal Year 24		3230002 23	-	139,774	368
					<u>110,603</u>
* COVID-19- ARP ESSER					
FY21 ARP Emergency Relief Fund	84.425U	4300002 21	-	11,518,007	6,548,014
ARP ESSER Funds After School Programs		473GG	-	96,691	55,409
Summer School Grants		4300007-21	-	28,992	3,809
ARP ESSER Funds Digital Learning Coach Supports Year 4		473GW	-	2,616	2,616
FY23 Educational Cooperative ARP ESSER Deeper Learning		4300007-21	-	42,375	31,013
* COVID-19- ARP ESSER Homeless Children and Youth I					
Fiscal Year 22	84.425W	4980002-21	-	61,348	38,203
Fiscal Year 24		476KM	-	35,000	8,270
Educational Stabilization Fund Subtotal					<u>6,687,334</u>
Kentucky Transition 360					
Fiscal Year 24	84.421E	EKYTR3	-	64,088	62,221
Passed through Berea College					
* Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs					
Fiscal Year 22B	84.334A	P334A1800004 23	-	1,050,128	225,574
		379KB	-	772,876	621,195
					<u>846,769</u>
Total US Department of Education					<u>9,821,079</u>
US Department of Health and Human Services					
Improving Student Health & Academics					
Fiscal Year 23	93.945	Direct	-	NA	198
Total US Department of Health and Human Services					<u>198</u>
US Department of Homeland Security					
* Disaster Grants-Public Assistance (Presidentially Declared Disasters)					
Fiscal Year 23 Flood	97.036	Direct	-	N/A	2,101,080
Total US Department of Homeland Security					<u>2,101,080</u>
Total Expenditure of Federal Awards					<u>\$ 13,927,351</u>
* Major program					

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

NOTE A – BASIS OF PRESENTATION

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

NOTE B – SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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

NOTE C – FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Nonmonetary assistance is reported in the schedule at the fair value of the commodities received and disbursed. For the year ended June 30, 2024, the District received food commodities totaling \$71,062.

NOTE D – INDIRECT COST RATE

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

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

To the Board of Education of the Knott County School District
Hindman, Kentucky

And the State Committee for School District Audits

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and the audit requirements prescribed by the Kentucky State Committee for School District Audits, in the *Auditor Responsibilities and State Compliance Requirements* sections contained in the Kentucky Public School Districts' Audit /Contract and requirements, the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Knott County School District (District), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated November 15, 2024.

Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

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

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

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

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

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

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

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

Purpose of This Report

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

White & Associates, PSC

Richmond, Kentucky

November 15, 2024

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

To the Board of Education of the Knott County School District
Hindman, Kentucky

And the State Committee for School District Audits

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We have audited Knott County School District's, (District), compliance with the types of compliance requirements identified as subject to audit in the OMB *Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of the District's major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2024. The District's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

In our opinion, the District complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2024.

Basis for Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance); and the audit requirements prescribed by the Kentucky State Committee for School District Audits in the *Auditor Responsibilities and State Compliance Requirements* sections contained in the Kentucky Public School Districts' Audit Contract and Requirements. Our responsibilities under those standards and the Uniform Guidance are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section of our report.

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

Responsibilities of Management for Compliance

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance

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

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

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

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

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

Report on Internal Control over Compliance

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

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

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

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

White & Associates, PSC

Richmond, Kentucky

November 15, 2024

KNOTT COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

There were no prior year findings.

MANAGEMENT LETTER POINTS

Knott County School District
Hindman, Kentucky

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

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

CORDIA SCHOOL

1-24

Statement of Condition: Deposits are being held for more than a day.

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

Management Response to the Recommendation: All monies collected shall be deposited on a daily basis except for: A deposit shall be made on any day in which at least \$100 is on hand to deposit. In the event that less than \$100 is on hand to deposit, smaller amounts may be held in a secure location until the earlier of when \$100 is collected or the weekly deposit is made. At a minimum, deposits shall be made on the last workday of the week, even if the deposit amount is less than \$100.

2-24

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

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

Management Response to the Recommendation: A Purchase Order shall be processed before any school activity fund purchase is initiated. The Purchase Order shall be prepared and approved by the sponsor and principal before the payment is obligated.

CORDIA SCHOOL, JONES FORK ELEMENTARY

3-24

Statement of Condition: Invoices are not being attached to checks.

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

Management's Response to the Recommendation: All checks will have an invoice attached with appropriate documentation

JONES FORK ELEMENTARY

4-24

Statement of Condition: Proof of deposit information not provided.

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

Management's Response to the Recommendation: The school treasurer shall prepare deposit slips containing the issuer's name and the amount of each check or retain a copy of all checks to be deposited. The deposit slip shall note the receipt numbers in the deposit.

5-24

Statement of Condition: The Multiple Receipt Form is not consistently being signed and dated.

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

Management's Response to the Recommendation: All Multiple Receipt Forms will be signed and dated.

EMMALENA ELEMENTARY

6-24

Statement of Condition: Invoices do not include signature of person receiving the goods/services.

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

Management Response to the Recommendation: The vendor invoice or Standard Invoice (Form F-SA-8) must have a confirmation signature of the person receiving the goods or services and will be utilized at this school.

7-24

Statement of Condition: Checks are out of sequential order.

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

Management Response to the Recommendation: Checks will be in sequential order (The check number and date paid shall be noted on the invoice, or the invoice shall be stapled to the purchase order and check stub).

HINDMAN ELEMENTARY, KNOTT CENTRAL, CARR CREEK ELEMENTARY
8-24

Statement of Condition: Advance Report Form not being utilized.

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

Management Response to the Recommendation: Cash Advances will utilize the Advance Report (Form F-SA-9). The completed form, related receipts, other support documents, and unused cash shall be returned by close of the next business day after the trip.

9-24

Statement of Condition: Proper use of the Donation Acknowledgement Form and Concessions Form not being utilized.

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

Management Response to the Recommendation: The Donation Acknowledgment Form (Form F-SA-18), shall be used when the monetary value is at least \$250 according to IRS guidelines, and state the purpose of and any restrictions on the donation received. The Sales from Concessions/Bookstore/School Store/Pencil Machine Form (Form F-SA-17) is to be used each time money is collected from these activities and turned in with the money to the school treasurer.

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

We would like to thank the Finance Officer, Brianna Kidd, and their department for their support and assistance during our audit. This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Board of Education, management, and others within the district and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

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

APPENDIX C

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

Official Terms and Conditions of Bond Sale

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**OFFICIAL
TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF BOND SALE**

\$585,000*
Knott County School District Finance Corporation
School Building Revenue Bonds, Series of 2025
Dated October 30, 2025

SALE: October 9, 2025, AT 11:00 A.M., E.D.S.T.

As published on PARITY[®], a nationally recognized electronic bidding system, the Knott County School District Finance Corporation ("Corporation") will until October 9, 2025, at the hour of 11:00 A.M., E.D.S.T., in the office of the Executive Director of the Kentucky School Facilities Construction Commission, 200 Mero Street, 5th Floor, Frankfort, KY 40622, receive competitive bids for the revenue bonds herein described. To be considered, bids must be submitted on an Official Bid Form and must be delivered to the Corporation at the address indicated on the date of sale no later than the hour indicated. Bids may be submitted manually or by facsimile or electronically via PARITY. Bids will be considered by the Corporation and may be accepted without further action by the Corporation's Board of Directors.

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

**KNOTT 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 Knott 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 improvements at Knott Central High School (the "Project") and are secured by a statutory mortgage lien upon and a pledge of the revenues from the rental of the school building Project property to the Board under the Lease on a year to year basis; the first rental period ending June 30, 2026.

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

The rental of the school building Project property from the Corporation to the Board is to be effected under a certain Lease Agreement by and between the Corporation and the Board (the "Lease"), whereunder the school building Project property is leased to the Board for the initial period ending June 30, 2026, with an option in the Board to renew the Lease each year at rentals sufficient to provide for the principal and interest requirements on the Bonds as they become due, plus the costs of insurance, maintenance, depreciation, and bond issuance and administration expenses; the Board being legally obligated only for the initial rental period and for one year at a time thereafter each time the Lease is renewed.

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

Although the Board is obligated to pay the Corporation annual rentals in the full amount of the principal and interest requirements for the Bonds for each year in which the Lease is renewed, the Board has entered into the Lease in reliance upon a

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

KENTUCKY SCHOOL FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION COMMISSION

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

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

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth adopted the State's Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026. Inter alia, the Budget provides \$116,928,400 in FY 2024-2025 and \$126,269,500 in FY 2025-2026 to pay debt service on existing and future bond issues. There are \$75,900,000 of the Commission's previous Offers of Assistance made during the last biennium. It authorizes \$85,000,000 in additional Offers of Assistance for the current biennium to be funded in the Budget for the biennium ending June 30, 2026.

ADDITIONAL PARITY BONDS

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

BOND MATURITIES, PRIOR REDEMPTION PROVISIONS AND PAYING AGENT

All such Bonds shall be in denominations in multiples of \$5,000 within the same maturity, bear interest from October 30, 2025, payable on April 1, 2026, and semi-annually thereafter and shall mature as to principal on October 1 in each of the years as follows:

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

2034	25,000	2044	45,000
2035	25,000	2045	40,000

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

The Bonds maturing on or after October 1, 2034 are subject to redemption at the option of the Corporation prior to their stated maturity on any date falling on or after October 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 April 1 and October 1 of each year, beginning April 1, 2026 (Record Date is the 15th day of month preceding interest due date).

BIDDING CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS

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

(B) Electronic bids for the Bonds must be submitted through PARITY[®] and no other provider of electronic bidding services will be accepted. Subscription to the PARITY[®] Competitive Bidding System is required in order to submit an electronic bid. The Corporation will neither confirm any subscription nor be responsible for the failure of any prospective bidders to subscribe. For the purposes of the bidding process, the time as maintained by PARITY[®] shall constitute the official time with respect to all bids whether in electronic or written form. To the extent any instructions or directions set forth in PARITY[®] conflict with the terms of the Official Terms and Conditions of Bond Sale, this Official Terms and Conditions of Sale of Bonds shall prevail. Electronic bids made through the facilities of PARITY[®] shall be deemed an offer to purchase in response to the Notice of Bond Sale and shall be binding upon the bidders as if made by signed, sealed written bids delivered to the Corporation. The Corporation shall not be responsible for any malfunction or mistake made by or as a result of the use of the electronic bidding facilities provided and maintained by PARITY[®]. The use of PARITY[®] facilities are at the sole risk of the prospective bidders. For further information regarding PARITY[®], potential bidders may contact PARITY[®], telephone (212) 404-8102. Notwithstanding the foregoing, non-electronic bids may be submitted via facsimile or by hand delivery utilizing the Official Bid Form.

(C) The minimum bid shall be not less than \$573,300 (98% of par) plus accrued interest. Interest rates shall be in multiples of 1/8 or 1/20 of 1% or both. Only one interest rate shall be permitted per Bond, and all Bonds of the same maturity shall bear the same rate. Interest rates must be on an ascending scale, in that the interest rate stipulated in any year may not be less than that stipulated for any preceding maturity. There is no limit on the number of different interest rates.

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

(E) The determination of the best purchase bid for said Bonds shall be made on the basis of all bids submitted for exactly \$585,000 principal amount of Bonds offered for sale under the terms and conditions herein specified, but the Corporation may adjust the principal amount of Bonds upward or downward by \$60,000 (the "Permitted Adjustment") which may be awarded to such best bidder may be a minimum of \$525,000 or a maximum of \$645,000. 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 \$585,000 of Bonds bid.

(F) If three (3) or more bids for the Bonds are received as a result of this competitive sale, the successful purchaser will be required to certify on or before the issue date the reasonably expected initial offering price to the public for each Maturity of the Bonds which prices are the prices for each Maturity of the Bonds used by the successful purchaser in formulating its bid to purchase the Bonds.

If less than three (3) bids for the Bonds are received as a result of this competitive sale, the successful purchaser, by submitting a bid pursuant to a published Notice of Sale, has agreed in writing that they will certify on or before the issue date (and provide reasonable supporting documentation for such Certification, such as a copy of the Pricing wire or equivalent communication) for each Maturity of the Bonds (i) the first price at which at least 10% of each Maturity of the Bonds was sold to the Public, or (ii) that they will neither offer nor sell any of the Bonds of each Maturity to any person at a price that is higher than the Initial Offering Price for such maturity during the Holding Period for such Maturity.

Bids will not be subject to cancellation or withdrawal by the bidder in the event that three bids are not received and the Issuer determines to apply the hold-the-offering-price rule.

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

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

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

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

(d)*Sale Date* means the first day on which there is a binding contract in writing for the sale of a Maturity of the Bonds. The Sale Date of the Bonds is October 9, 2025.

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

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

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

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

(J) Bids need not be accompanied by a certified or bank cashier's good faith check, BUT the successful bidder will be required to wire transfer an amount equal to 2% of the amount of the principal amount of Bonds awarded to the order of the Corporation by the close of business on the day following the award. Said good faith amount which will be forfeited as

liquidated damages in the event of a failure of the successful bidder to take delivery of such Bonds when ready. The good faith amount (without interest) will be applied to the purchase price upon delivery of the Bonds. The successful bidder shall not be required to take up and pay for said Bonds unless delivery is made within 45 days from the date the bid is accepted.

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

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

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

STATE SUPPORT OF EDUCATION

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

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

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

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

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

KRS 160.470(12)(2) provides that for fiscal years beginning July 1, 1990 each school district may levy an equivalent tax rate which will produce up to 15% of those revenues guaranteed by the SEEK program. Any increase beyond the 4% annual limitation imposed by KRS 132.017 is not subject to the recall provisions of that Section. Revenue generated by the 15% levy is to be equalized at 150% of the state-wide average per pupil equalized assessment.

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

KRS 157.620(1) also provides that in order to be eligible for participation from the Kentucky School Facilities Construction Commission for debt service on bond issues the district must levy a tax which will produce revenues equivalent to

\$.05 per \$100 of the total assessed value of all property in the district (including tangible and intangible property and motor vehicles) in addition to the minimum \$.30 levy required by KRS 160.470(12). A district having a special voted tax which is equal to or higher than the required \$.05 tax, must commit and segregate for capital purposes at least an amount equal to the required \$.05 tax. Those districts which levy the additional \$.05 tax are also eligible for participation in the Kentucky Facilities Support ("KFS") program for which funds are appropriated separately from SEEK funds and are distributed to districts in accordance with a formula taking into account outstanding debt and funds available for payment from both local and state sources under KRS 157.440(1)(b).

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

BIENNIAL BUDGET FOR PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 2026

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

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

The General Assembly recently adopted a budget for the biennial period ending June 30, 2026 which was approved and signed by the Governor. Such budget became effective beginning July 1, 2024. The Office of the State Budget Director makes available on its website monthly updates to the General Fund receipts and other Funds of the commonwealth. When published, the updates can be found at www.osbd.ky.gov.

POTENTIAL LEGISLATION

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

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

CONTINUING DISCLOSURE

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

Financial information regarding the Board may be obtained from Superintendent, Knott County Board of Education, PO Box 869, Hindman, Kentucky 41822 (606.573.4330).

TAX EXEMPTION; BANK QUALIFIED

Bond Counsel advises as follows with respect to the Bonds:

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

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

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

BOOK-ENTRY-ONLY-SYSTEM

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

DTC will act as securities depository for the Bonds. The Bonds initially will be issued as fully-registered securities registered in the name of Cede & Co. (DTC's partnership nominee). One fully-registered Bond Certificate will be issued, in the aggregate principal amount of the Bonds, and will be deposited with DTC.

DTC is a limited-purpose trust company organized under the New York Banking Law, a "banking organization" within the meaning of the New York Banking Law, a member of the Federal Reserve System, a "clearing corporation" within the meaning of the New York Uniform Commercial Code, and a "clearing agency" registered pursuant to the provisions of Section 17A of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. DTC holds securities that its participants ("Participants") deposit with DTC. DTC also facilitates the settlement among Participants of securities transactions, such as transfers and pledges, in deposited securities through electronic computerized book-entry changes in Participants' accounts, thereby eliminating the need for physical movement of securities certificates. "Direct Participants" include securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, clearing corporations, and certain other organizations. DTC is owned by a number of its Direct Participants and by the New York Stock Exchange, Inc., the American Stock Exchange, Inc., and the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. Access to the DTC system is also available to others such as securities brokers and dealers, banks, and trust companies that clear through or maintain a custodial relationship with a Direct Participant, either directly or indirectly ("Indirect Participants"). The Rules applicable to DTC and its participants are on file with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

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

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

Conveyance of notices and other communications by DTC to Direct Participants, by Direct Participants to Indirect Participants, and by Direct Participants and Indirect Participants to Beneficial Owners, will be governed by arrangements among them, subject to any statutory or regulatory requirements as may be in effect from time to time.

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

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

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

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

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

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

**KNOTT COUNTY SCHOOL
DISTRICT FINANCE CORPORATION**

**by /s/ Greg Conn
Secretary**

APPENDIX D

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

Official Bid Form

OFFICIAL BID FORM

(Bond Purchase Agreement)

The Knott County School District Finance Corporation (“Corporation” or “Issuer”), will until 11:00 A.M., E.D.S.T., on October 9, 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 888-979-5852) competitive bids for its \$585,000 School Building Revenue Bonds, Series of 2025, dated October 30, 2025; maturing October 1, 2026 through 2045 (“Bonds”).

We hereby bid for said \$585,000* principal amount of Bonds, the total sum of \$ _____ (not less than \$573,300) plus accrued interest from October 30, 2025 payable April 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 October 1 in the years as follows:

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

* Subject to Permitted Adjustment

We understand this bid may be accepted for as much as \$645,000 of Bonds or as little as \$525,000 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 October 9, 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 October 1 in accordance with the maturity schedule setting the actual size of the issue.

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

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

No certified or bank cashier's check will be required to accompany a bid, but the successful bidder shall be required to wire transfer an amount equal to 2% of the principal amount of Bonds awarded by the close of business on the date following the award. Said good faith amount will be applied (without interest) to the purchase price on delivery. Wire transfer procedures should be arranged through U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association, Louisville, Kentucky, Attn: Mr. Charles Lush, Vice President (502.797.6421).

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

If we are the successful bidder, we agree to accept and make payment for the Bonds in Federal Funds on or about October 30, 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 October 30, 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 Knott County School District Finance Corporation for \$ _____ amount of Bonds at a price of \$ _____ as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Rate</u>		<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Rate</u>	
2026	_____,000	_____	%	2036	_____,000	_____	%
2027	_____,000	_____		2037	_____,000	_____	
2028	_____,000	_____		2038	_____,000	_____	
2029	_____,000	_____		2039	_____,000	_____	
2030	_____,000	_____		2040	_____,000	_____	
2031	_____,000	_____		2041	_____,000	_____	
2032	_____,000	_____		2042	_____,000	_____	
2033	_____,000	_____		2043	_____,000	_____	
2034	_____,000	_____		2044	_____,000	_____	
2035	_____,000	_____		2045	_____,000	_____	

Dated: October 9, 2025

RSA ADVISORS, LLC
as Agent for the Knott County
School District Finance Corporation