

EAST SYRACUSE MINOA  
CENTRAL SCHOOL  
DISTRICT

MANAGEMENT'S  
DISCUSSION AND  
ANALYSIS

AND

BASIC FINANCIAL  
STATEMENTS

For the Year Ended  
June 30, 2020

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**Independent Auditor's Report**

Board of Education  
East Syracuse Minoa Central School District

**Report on the Financial Statements**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the East Syracuse Minoa Central School District, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2020, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the School District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

**Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements**

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

**Auditor's Responsibility**

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

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

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

**Opinions**

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the East Syracuse Minoa Central School District, as of June 30, 2020, and the respective changes in financial position, for the year then ended, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

**Other Matters**

*Required Supplementary Information*

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis and other required supplementary information, as listed in the table of contents, be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

*Other Information*

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the East Syracuse Minoa Central School District's basic financial statements. The other supplementary information on pages 50 through 52 are presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by the New York State Education Department and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* (CFR) Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards*, and is also not a required part of the financial statements. The Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards and other supplementary information are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards and other supplementary information is 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 September 28, 2020, on our consideration of the East Syracuse Minoa Central School 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 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 East Syracuse Minoa Central School District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

*D'Arcangelo + Co., LLP*

September 28, 2020

Utica, New York

**EAST SYRACUSE MINOA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
MANAGEMENT’S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2020**

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The East Syracuse Minoa Central School District’s discussion and analysis of financial performance provides an overall review of the District’s financial activities for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2020 and 2019. The intent of this discussion and analysis is to look at the District’s financial performance as a whole. This should be read in conjunction with the financial statements, which immediately follow this section.

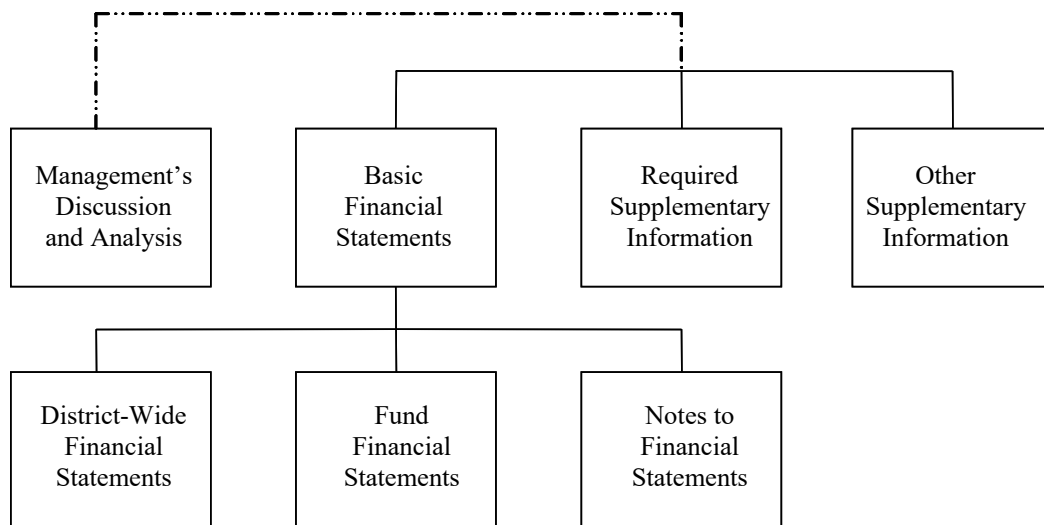
**1. FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS**

Key financial highlights for fiscal year 2020, are as follows:

- The District’s total net position, as reflected in the District-Wide Financial Statements, decreased by \$512,609 to a deficit balance of \$159,918,371 . This is due to expenses exceeding revenues on the full accrual basis of accounting.
- The District’s expenses for the year, as reflected in the District-wide financial statements, totaled \$86,496,135. Of this amount, \$1,102,304 was offset by program charges for services and \$3,696,940 by operating and capital grants. General revenues of \$81,184,282 amount to 94.4% of total revenues.
- The General Fund’s total fund balance, as reflected in the fund financial statements on pages 15 and 17, increased by \$203,264 to \$9,557,691. This was due to a surplus of revenues over expenditures based on the modified accrual basis of accounting.
- The District received \$3,696,940 in operating and capital grants to support instructional and food service programs.
- State and federal revenue increased slightly to \$30,363,314 in 2020 from \$29,338,483 in 2019.

**2. OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

This annual report consists of four parts: Management’s Discussion and Analysis (MD&A), the basic financial statements, required supplementary information, and other supplementary information. The basic financial statements consist of District-wide financial statements, fund financial statements, and notes to the financial statements. A graphic display of the relationship of these statements follows:



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**A. District-wide Financial Statements**

The District-wide financial statements are organized to provide an understanding of the fiscal performance of the District as a whole in a manner similar to a private sector business. There are two District-wide financial statements: the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities. These statements provide both an aggregate and long-term view of the District's finances.

These statements utilize the accrual basis of accounting. This basis of accounting recognizes the financial effects of events when they occur, without regard to the timing of cash flows related to the events.

The Statement of Net Position

The Statement of Net Position presents information on all of the District's assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities and deferred inflows of resources with the difference as net position. Increases or decreases in the net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the District is improving or deteriorating, respectively.

The Statement of Activities

The Statement of Activities presents information showing the change in net position during the fiscal year. All changes in net position are recorded at the time the underlying financial event occurs. Therefore, revenues and expenses are reported in the statement for some items that will result in cash flow in future fiscal periods.

**B. Fund Financial Statements**

The fund financial statements provide more detailed information about the District's funds, not the District as a whole. 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. The District also uses fund accounting to ensure compliance with finance-related legal requirements. The funds of the District are reported in the governmental funds and the fiduciary funds.

These statements utilize the modified accrual basis of accounting. This basis of accounting recognizes revenues in the period that they become measurable and available. It recognizes expenditures in the period that they become measurable, funded through available resources and payable within a current period.

Governmental Funds

Governmental funds are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as governmental activities in the District-wide financial statements. However, the governmental fund financial statements focus on shorter term inflows and outflows of spendable resources, as well as on balances of spendable resources available at the end of the fiscal year for spending in future years. Consequently, the governmental fund statements provide a detailed short-term view of the District's operations and the services it provides.

Because the focus of governmental funds is narrower than that of District-wide financial statements, it is useful to compare the information presented for governmental funds with similar information presented for governmental activities in the District-wide financial statements. By doing so, you may better understand the long-term impact of the District's near-term financing decisions. Both the governmental fund Balance Sheet and the governmental fund Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance provide a reconciliation to facilitate this comparison between governmental funds and governmental activities.

The District maintains five individual governmental funds; general fund, school lunch fund, special aid fund, debt service fund, and capital projects fund, each of which is considered to be a major fund and is presented separately in the fund financial statements.

Fiduciary Funds

Fiduciary funds are used to account for assets held by the District in its capacity as agent or trustee. All of the District's fiduciary activities are reported in a separate Statement of Fiduciary Net Position. The fiduciary activities have been excluded from the District's District-wide financial statements because the District cannot use these assets to finance its operations.

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**3. FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE DISTRICT AS A WHOLE**

**A. Net Position**

The District's total net position decreased \$512,609 during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020. A summary of the District's Statement of Net Position at June 30, 2020 and 2019, is as follows:

	2020	2019	Increase (Decrease)	Percentage Change
Current and Other Assets	\$ 24,847,188	\$ 27,849,061	\$ (3,001,873)	(10.8%)
Net Pension Asset - Proportionate Share	4,899,788	3,393,455	1,506,333	44.4%
Capital Assets, (Net of Depreciation)	<u>80,661,039</u>	<u>79,191,536</u>	<u>1,469,503</u>	1.9%
Total Assets	<u>110,408,015</u>	<u>110,434,052</u>	<u>(26,037)</u>	0.0%
 Deferred Outflows of Resources	 <u>36,976,343</u>	 <u>24,690,536</u>	 <u>12,285,807</u>	 49.8%
Current Liabilities	4,231,883	4,645,536	(413,653)	(8.9%)
Net Pension Liability - Proportionate Share	7,826,875	2,123,774	5,703,101	268.5%
Non-Current Liabilities	<u>250,152,195</u>	<u>232,471,107</u>	<u>17,681,088</u>	7.6%
Total Liabilities	<u>262,210,953</u>	<u>239,240,417</u>	<u>22,970,536</u>	9.6%
 Deferred Inflows of Resources	 <u>45,091,776</u>	 <u>55,289,933</u>	 <u>(10,198,157)</u>	 (18.4%)
Net Position				
Net Investment in Capital Assets	57,251,148	45,737,235	11,513,913	25.2%
Restricted	15,777,146	19,051,650	(3,274,504)	(17.2%)
Unrestricted (Deficit)	<u>(232,946,665)</u>	<u>(224,194,647)</u>	<u>(8,752,018)</u>	(3.9%)
Total Net Position (Deficit)	<u>\$ (159,918,371)</u>	<u>\$ (159,405,762)</u>	<u>\$ (512,609)</u>	(0.3%)

Current and other assets decreased by \$3,001,873, as compared to the prior year. This is mainly due to a decrease in cash balances in the Capital fund due to payment of capital project expenses.

Capital assets (net of depreciation) increased by \$1,469,503, as compared to the prior year. This increase is primarily due to additions exceeding the amount of depreciation. Note 6 to the Financial Statements provides additional information.

Deferred outflows of resources increased by \$12,285,807 as compared to the prior year primarily as a result of amounts provided by the actuaries for pension and OPEB.

Current liabilities decreased by \$413,653, as compared to the prior year primarily due to slight decreases in the Accounts Payable and Accrued Liabilities balances.

Non-Current liabilities increased by \$17,681,088 as compared to the prior year. This increase is primarily a result of an increase in the District's Other Post Employment Benefit accrual of \$22,571,996 offset by a decrease in bond payments totaling \$4,623,912 on the District's Serial Bonds and Energy Performance Contract. The Other Post Employment Benefits liability increased due to actuarial changes of assumptions and other inputs.

Deferred inflows of resources decreased by \$10,198,157 primarily due to the change in OPEB assumption as noted above and amounts provided by the Retirement Systems.

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The net investment in capital assets is calculated by subtracting the amount of outstanding debt used for construction from the total cost of all asset acquisitions, net of accumulated depreciation. The total cost of these acquisitions includes expenditures to purchase land, construct and improve buildings and purchase vehicles, equipment and furniture to support District operations.

The restricted portion of the net position at June 30, 2020 is \$15,777,146 which represents the amount of the District's restricted funds in the General, Capital, and Debt Service funds. See the chart on page 9 for additional details.

The unrestricted (deficit) portion of the net position at June 30, 2020, is \$232,946,665, and represents the amount by which the District's total liabilities exceeded assets, excluding restricted assets, capital assets and debt related to capital construction. Those liabilities include the District's accrual of \$221,451,461 in other post-employment benefits.

**B. Changes in Net Position**

The results of this year's operations as a whole are reported in the Statement of Activities in a programmatic format in the accompanying financial statements. In the accompanying financial statements STAR (school tax relief) revenue is included in the other tax items line. However, in this MD&A, STAR revenue has been combined with property taxes. A summary of this statement for the years ended June 30, 2020 and 2019 is as follows:

<b>Revenues</b>	2020	2019	Increase (Decrease)	Percentage Change
Program Revenues				
Charges for Services	\$ 1,102,304	\$ 1,151,872	\$ (49,568)	(4.3%)
Operating Grants and Contributions	3,628,579	3,327,081	301,498	9.1%
Capital Grants and Contributions	68,361	60,724	7,637	12.6%
General Revenues				
Property Taxes and STAR	49,633,621	48,763,283	870,338	1.8%
Nonproperty Taxes	111,300	113,436	(2,136)	(1.9%)
State and Federal Sources	30,363,314	29,338,483	1,024,831	3.5%
Other	<u>1,076,047</u>	<u>1,428,873</u>	<u>(352,826)</u>	(24.7%)
Total Revenues	<u>85,983,526</u>	<u>84,183,752</u>	<u>1,799,774</u>	2.1%
<b>Expenses</b>				
General Support	8,616,206	8,324,218	291,988	3.5%
Instruction	69,742,273	61,844,539	7,897,734	12.8%
Pupil Transportation	5,806,579	5,352,976	453,603	8.5%
Community Service	526	235	291	123.8%
Debt Service-Unallocated Interest	1,047,277	1,233,229	(185,952)	(15.1%)
Food Service Program	<u>1,283,274</u>	<u>1,249,779</u>	<u>33,495</u>	2.7%
Total Expenses	<u>86,496,135</u>	<u>78,004,976</u>	<u>8,491,159</u>	10.9%
Total Change in Net Position (Deficit)	<u>\$ (512,609)</u>	<u>\$ 6,178,776</u>	<u>\$ (6,691,385)</u>	108.3%

The District's revenues increased by \$1,799,774 in 2020 or 2.1%. The major factors that contributed to the increase were:

- Property taxes and STAR revenues increased by \$870,338.
- State and Federal sources revenue increased by \$1,024,831 mainly as a result of increases in state aid..

The District's expenditures increased by \$8,491,159 or 10.9%. This expense increased primarily due to the accounting for the OPEB and pension liabilities and expenses in the current year based on actuarial methods.

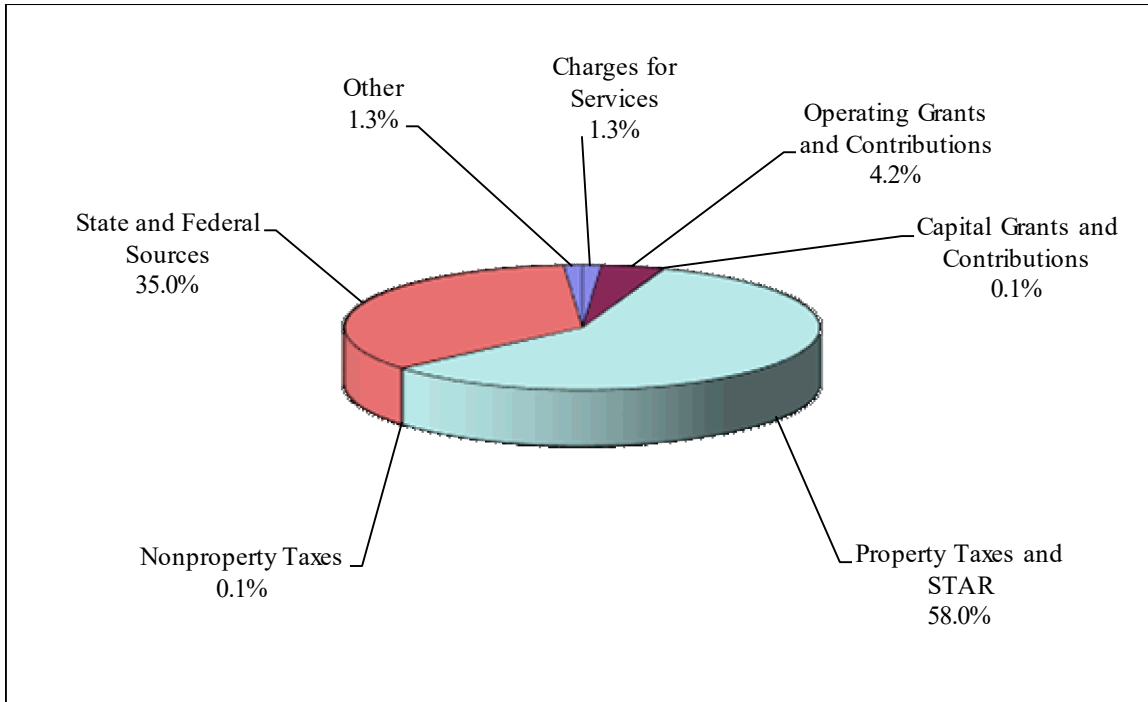


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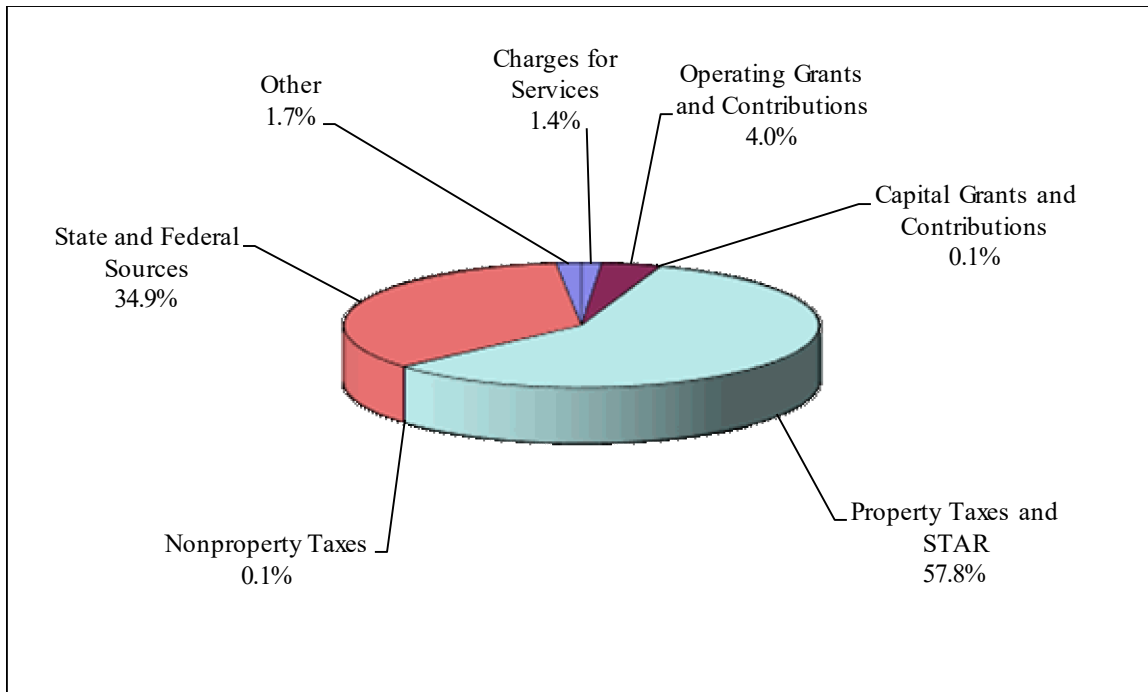
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A graphic display of the distribution of revenues for the two years follows:

**For the Year Ended June 30, 2020**



**For the Year Ended June 30, 2019**



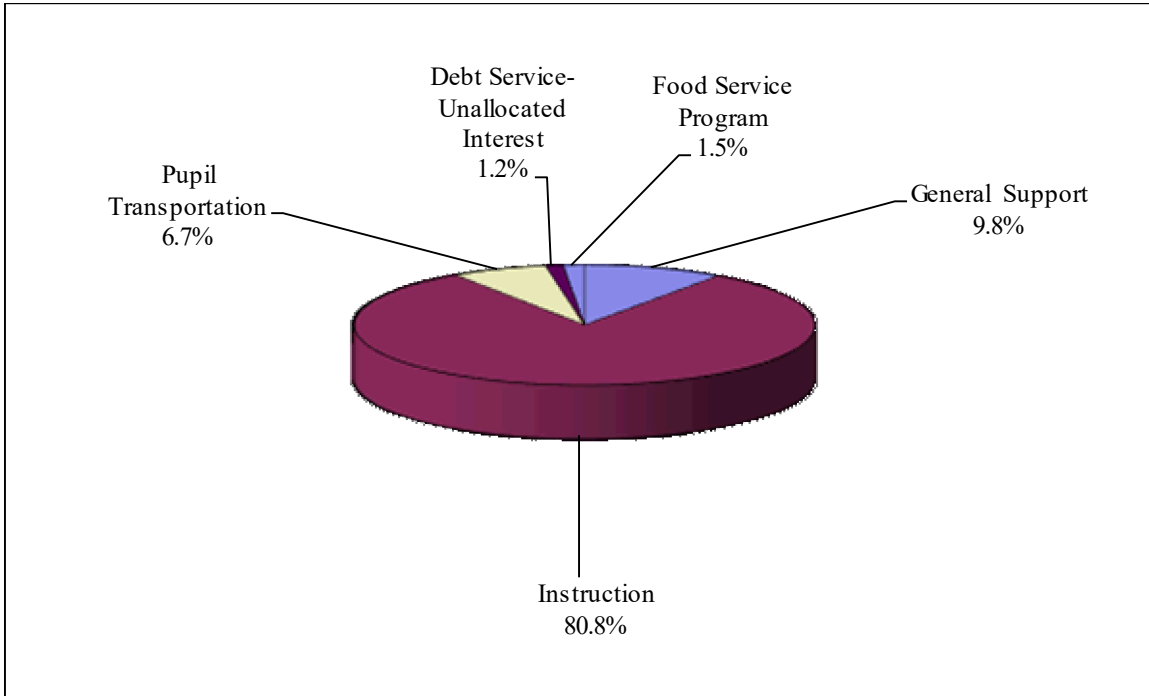
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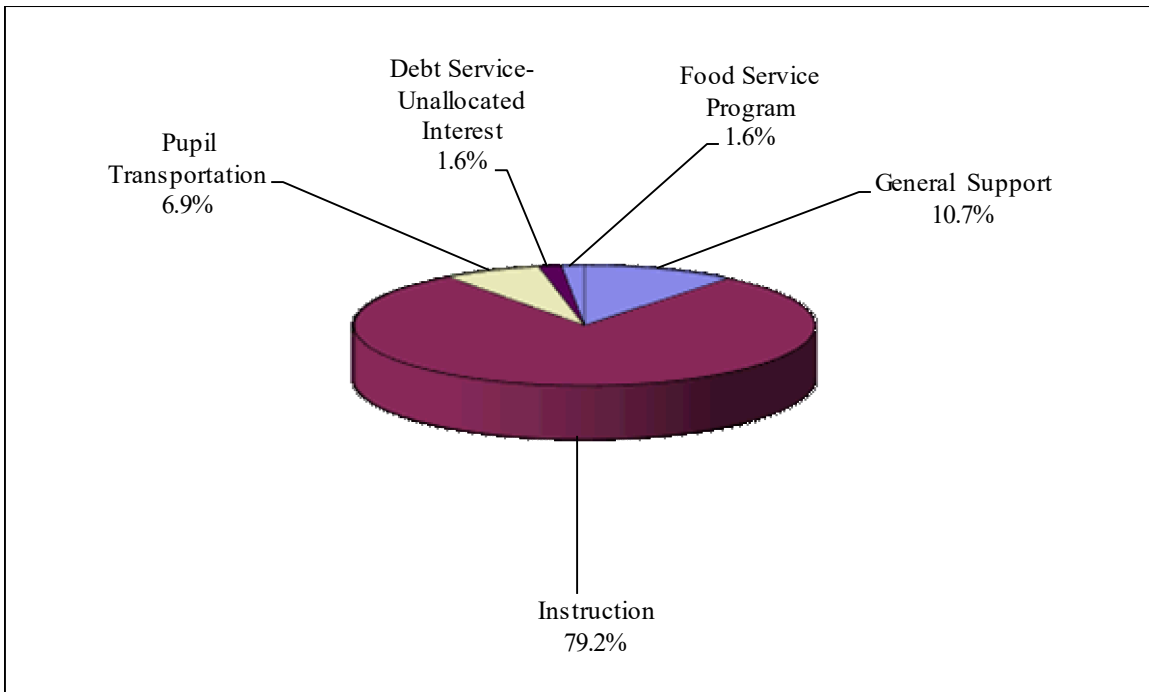
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A graphic display of the distribution of expenses for the two years follows:

**For the Year Ended June 30, 2020**



**For the Year Ended June 30, 2019**



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**4. FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE DISTRICT'S FUND BALANCES**

At June 30, 2020, the District's governmental funds reported a combined fund balance of \$20,305,323, which is a decrease of \$2,997,964 from the prior year. This decrease is mainly the result of the reduction in the Capital Fund reserve due to final expenditures for the High School Flooring Project and expenditures incurred under the new District wide Construction/Renovation project. A summary of the change in fund balance by fund is as follows:

	2020	2019	Increase (Decrease)
<b>General Fund</b>			
Restricted			
Workers' Compensation	\$ 1,233,246	\$ 1,252,070	\$ (18,824)
Unemployment Insurance	561,353	558,289	3,064
Tax Certiorari	1,539,248	1,592,641	(53,393)
Retirement Contribution-ERS	826,597	822,086	4,511
Retirement Contribution-TRS	725,087	372,724	352,363
Capital	358,618	805,869	(447,251)
Employee Benefit Liability	174,014	73,520	100,494
Total Restricted	5,418,163	5,477,199	(59,036)
Assigned			
Encumbrances	51,093	84,447	(33,354)
Appropriated for Subsequent Year's Budget	650,000	500,000	150,000
Total Assigned	701,093	584,447	116,646
Unassigned	3,438,435	3,292,781	145,654
Total General Fund	9,557,691	9,354,427	203,264
 <b>School Lunch Fund</b>			
Nonspendable	35,418	31,584	3,834
Assigned	412,368	342,825	69,543
Total School Lunch Fund	447,786	374,409	73,377
 <b>Special Aid Fund</b>			
Unassigned	(59,137)		(59,137)
Total Special Aid Fund	(59,137)		(59,137)
 <b>Debt Service Fund</b>			
Restricted	5,272,838	5,245,512	27,326
Total Debt Service Fund	5,272,838	5,245,512	27,326
 <b>Capital Projects Fund</b>			
Restricted	5,086,145	8,328,939	(3,242,794)
Total Capital Projects Fund	5,086,145	8,328,939	(3,242,794)
 Total Fund Balance - All Funds	\$ 20,305,323	\$ 23,303,287	\$ (2,997,964)

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**5. GENERAL FUND BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS**

**A. 2019-2020 Budget**

The District’s General Fund adopted budget for the year ended June 30, 2020, was \$82,319,532. This is an increase of \$2,057,231 over the prior year’s adopted budget.

The budget was funded through a combination of revenues and designated fund balance. The majority of this funding source was \$49,905,030 in estimated property taxes and STAR and State Aid in the amount of \$29,484,876.

**B. Change in General Fund’s Unassigned Fund Balance (Budget to Actual)**

The General Fund’s unassigned fund balance is the component of total fund balance that is the residual of prior years’ excess revenues over expenditures, net of transfers to reserves and designations to fund the subsequent year’s budget. It is this balance that is commonly referred to as the “fund balance”. The change in this balance demonstrated through a comparison of the actual revenues and expenditures for the year compared to budget follows:

Opening, Unassigned Fund Balance	\$ 3,292,781
Additional Appropriations	(886,642)
Revenues and Other Transfers under Budget and Appropriated Fund Balance	(361,820)
Expenditures and Encumbrances under Budget	1,985,080
Net Decrease to Restricted Funds	59,036
Appropriated for June 30, 2021 Budget	<u>(650,000)</u>
Closing, Unassigned Fund Balance	<u><u>\$ 3,438,435</u></u>

Opening, Unassigned Fund Balance

The \$3,292,781 shown in the table above is the portion of the District’s June 30, 2019, fund balance that was retained as unassigned. This was 4.0% of the District’s 2019-2020 approved operating budget.

Additional Appropriations

The District made additional appropriations for a voter authorization for bus purchases in the amount of \$799,198, an appropriation from the Tax Certiorari reserve in the amount of \$61,865 and an appropriation from the Workers Compensation Reserve in the amount of \$25,579.

Revenues and Other Financing Sources Under Budget

The 2019-2020 final budget for revenues and other financing sources was \$81,819,532. The actual revenues received for the year were \$81,457,712. The actual revenue and other financing sources over estimated or budgeted revenue was \$361,820. This variance contributes directly to the change to the unassigned portion of the General Fund, fund balance from June 30, 2019 to June 30, 2020.

Expenditures and Encumbrances Under Budget

The 2019-2020 budget for expenditures was \$83,290,621. The actual expenditures and encumbrances were \$81,305,541. The final budget was under expended by \$1,985,080, after encumbrances. This under expenditure contributes to the change to the unassigned portion of the General Fund fund balance from June 30, 2019 to June 30, 2020.

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Net Decrease to Restricted Funds

The combined decrease of \$59,036 to the General Fund restricted fund balances during the year ended June 30, 2020 is primarily the result of District using \$799,198 from the capital reserve fund to purchase the District's buses. In addition, the District used a portion of the Tax Certiorari and Workers Compensation reserves. The District also approved funding of existing reserves, in particular, \$351,947 for the capital reserve fund and \$350,000 for the TRS reserve.

Appropriated Fund Balance

The District has chosen to use \$650,000 of its available June 30, 2020, fund balance to partially fund its 2020-2021 approved operating budget.

Closing, Unassigned Fund Balance

Based upon the summary changes shown in the above table, the District will begin the 2020-2021 fiscal year with an unassigned fund balance of \$3,438,435. This is an increase of \$145,654 from the unassigned fund balance from the prior year as of June 30, 2019. This was 4.09% of the District's approved operating budget for 2020-2021.

**6. CAPITAL ASSET AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION**

**A. Capital Assets**

At June 30, 2020, the District had invested in a broad range of capital assets, including land, buildings, machinery and equipment, and licensed vehicles. The net increase in capital assets is due to capital additions exceeding depreciation for the year ended June 30, 2020. A summary of the District's capital assets, net of depreciation at June 30, 2020 and 2019, is as follows:

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>Increase (Decrease)</u>
Land	\$ 2,087,204	\$ 2,087,204	\$
Land Improvements	132,827	191,065	(58,238)
Construction in Progress	3,709,482	467,590	3,241,892
Buildings and Improvements	70,501,221	72,324,001	(1,822,780)
Machinery and Equipment	1,636,482	1,835,436	(198,954)
Licensed Vehicles	<u>2,593,823</u>	<u>2,286,240</u>	<u>307,583</u>
Capital Assets, Net	<u>\$ 80,661,039</u>	<u>\$ 79,191,536</u>	<u>\$ 1,469,503</u>

**B. Debt Administration**

At June 30, 2020, the District had total bonds payable of \$21,845,000 and an Energy Performance Contract of \$3,487,182. A summary of the outstanding bonds and Energy Performance Contract at June 30, 2020 and 2019, is as follows:

<u>Issue Date</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>(Decrease)</u>
<b>Serial Bonds</b>				
2011	2.00%-5.00%	\$ 2,055,000	\$ 3,005,000	(950,000)
2011	2.00%-5.00%	1,015,000	1,985,000	(970,000)
2016	2.00%-5.00%	15,235,000	16,255,000	(1,020,000)
2016	2.00%-5.00%	2,190,000	3,025,000	(835,000)
2017	2.00%-4.00%	<u>1,350,000</u>	<u>1,605,000</u>	<u>(255,000)</u>
		<u>\$ 21,845,000</u>	<u>\$ 25,875,000</u>	<u>\$ (4,030,000)</u>
<b>Energy Performance Contract</b>				
2009	5.33%	<u>\$ 3,487,182</u>	<u>\$ 4,081,094</u>	<u>\$ (593,912)</u>

See Independent Auditor's Report.

**EAST SYRACUSE MINOA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2020**

**(Continued)**

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

The District remains committed to a vision of preparing students to excel in a complex, interconnected, changing world. The ESM Strategic Plan continues to guide the development of the District budget in five focus areas: 1) Teaching and Learning; 2) Technology for Teaching and Learning; 3) Communication and Community Engagement; 4) Employee Engagement and Professional Development; and 5) Learning Environment Systems and Structures.

The District has settled contracts with its four largest bargaining units, and was successful in making changes in the area of health insurance for both active and retired employees that will benefit the District into the future.

The District's 2020-21 budget passed with an 78% approval rate from voters. The \$84,149,032 budget approved by the voters in an all-absentee ballot vote on June 9, 2020 reflected a 2.22% increase from the prior year.

The final 2020-21 tax levy increased by 2.3% with a levy limit of \$49.0 million. Overall, total district taxable assessments increased approximately \$41.9 million or 2.18% over the prior year. With the growth in assessments, the average school tax rate for district residents increased by 0.15%

The District also completed a seventh year of operating its student nutrition program through a Food Service Management Contract, again ending the fiscal year with a profit. The District continues to invest fund balance monies to improve Food Service program opportunities for students.

Long Range Facilities Planning remains a priority for the District. "Our Elementary Objective" is a \$49.8 million capital project that focuses on safety, learning and integrity improvements at Park Hill, Woodland, Minoa, Fremont and, to a much lesser extent, East Syracuse Elementary, which is a relatively new building. Carefully developed over more than two years, ESM District residents approved the project on Dec. 11, 2018 with 87% voter approval. Construction is underway at Fremont and Woodland, with an anticipated completion date of Summer 2020. The projects for Park Hill, Minoa, and East Syracuse Elementary are in the design phase.

**8. CONTACTING THE DISTRICT**

This financial report is designed to provide the School District's citizens, taxpayers, customers, investors, and creditors with a general overview of the School District's finances and to demonstrate the School District's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact the Business Office, at East Syracuse Minoa Schools, 407 Fremont Road, East Syracuse, NY 13057.

**EAST SYRACUSE MINOIA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**STATEMENT OF NET POSITION**  
**June 30, 2020**

<b>Assets</b>	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 5,115,149
Restricted Cash and Cash Equivalents	15,739,786
Receivables	
Due From Other Governments	3,048,188
Other Receivables	908,647
Inventory	35,418
Capital Assets (Net of Accumulated Depreciation)	80,661,039
Net Pension Asset - Proportionate Share	<u>4,899,788</u>
Total Assets	<u>110,408,015</u>
<b>Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>	
Deferred Amounts From Refunding of Debt, Net of Amortization	226,257
OPEB	15,956,213
Pensions	<u>20,793,873</u>
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	<u>36,976,343</u>
<b>Total Assets and Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>	<b><u>\$ 147,384,358</u></b>
<b>Liabilities</b>	
Accounts Payable	\$ 241,363
Accrued Liabilities	540,155
Due To	
Other Governments	23
Teachers' Retirement System	3,017,998
Employees' Retirement System	328,905
Bond Interest Payable	79,192
Unearned Revenue	24,247
Net Pension Liability - Proportionate Share	7,826,875
Noncurrent Liabilities	
Due Within One Year	
Bonds Payable	4,205,000
Energy Performance Contract	626,011
Premium on Bonds	289,913
Due in More Than One Year	
Compensated Absences	190,622
Other Postemployment Benefits	221,451,461
Energy Performance Contract	2,861,171
Premium on Bonds	2,888,017
Bonds Payable	<u>17,640,000</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>262,210,953</u>
<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>	
Deferred Amounts From Refunding of Debt, Net of Amortization	212,181
OPEB	37,754,396
Pensions	<u>7,125,199</u>
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>45,091,776</u>
<b>Total Liabilities and Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>	<b><u>307,302,729</u></b>
<b>Net Position (Deficit)</b>	
Net Investment in Capital Assets	57,251,148
Restricted	15,777,146
Unrestricted (Deficit)	<u>(232,946,665)</u>
Total Net Position (Deficit)	<u>(159,918,371)</u>
<b>Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Net Position</b>	<b><u>\$ 147,384,358</u></b>

The Accompanying Notes are an Integral Part of These Financial Statements.

**EAST SYRACUSE MINOA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES**  
**For the Year Ended June 30, 2020**

<b>Functions/Programs</b>	Expenses	Program Revenues		Net (Expense)
		Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions
				Revenue and Changes in Net Position
General Support	\$ 8,616,206	\$	\$	\$ (8,547,845)
Instruction	69,742,273	799,530	2,492,867	(66,449,876)
Pupil Transportation	5,806,579			(5,806,579)
Community Service	526			(526)
Debt Service - Unallocated Interest	1,047,277			(1,047,277)
Food Service Program	<u>1,283,274</u>	<u>302,774</u>	<u>1,135,712</u>	<u>155,212</u>
Total Functions/Programs	<u>\$ 86,496,135</u>	<u>\$ 1,102,304</u>	<u>\$ 3,628,579</u>	<u>\$ (81,696,891)</u>
 <b>General Revenues</b>				
Real Property Taxes				42,426,911
STAR and Other Real Property Tax Items				7,206,710
Nonproperty Tax Items				111,300
Use of Money and Property				316,582
Sale of Property and Compensation for Loss				27,351
State and Federal Sources				30,363,314
Miscellaneous				<u>732,114</u>
Total General Revenues				<u>81,184,282</u>
<b>Change in Net Position</b>				(512,609)
<b>Net Position (Deficit), Beginning of Year</b>				<u>(159,405,762)</u>
<b>Net Position (Deficit), End of Year</b>				<u>\$ (159,918,371)</u>

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**EAST SYRACUSE MINOA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**  
**June 30, 2020**

	General	School Lunch	Special Aid	Debt Service	Capital	Total
<b>Assets</b>						
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 4,654,860	\$ 255,155	\$ 205,134	\$	\$	\$ 5,115,149
Restricted Cash and Cash Equivalents	5,418,163			5,272,838	5,048,785	15,739,786
Receivables						
Due From Other Governments	2,063,228	157,236	827,724			3,048,188
Due From Other Funds	1,649,429					1,649,429
Other Receivables	137,059				771,588	908,647
Inventory		35,418				35,418
Total Assets	<u>\$ 13,922,739</u>	<u>\$ 447,809</u>	<u>\$ 1,032,858</u>	<u>\$ 5,272,838</u>	<u>\$ 5,820,373</u>	<u>\$ 26,496,617</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>						
Payables						
Accounts Payable	\$ 147,953		\$ 10,446		\$ 82,964	\$ 241,363
Accrued Liabilities	461,294					461,294
Due To						
Other Governments		23				23
Other Funds			998,165		651,264	1,649,429
Teachers' Retirement System	3,017,998					3,017,998
Employees' Retirement System	328,905					328,905
Unearned Revenue	408,898		83,384			492,282
Total Liabilities	<u>4,365,048</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>1,091,995</u>		<u>734,228</u>	<u>6,191,294</u>
<b>Fund Balance</b>						
Non-Spendable		35,418				35,418
Restricted	5,418,163			5,272,838	5,086,145	15,777,146
Assigned	701,093	412,368				1,113,461
Unassigned	3,438,435		(59,137)			3,379,298
Total Fund Balance	<u>9,557,691</u>	<u>447,786</u>	<u>(59,137)</u>	<u>5,272,838</u>	<u>5,086,145</u>	<u>20,305,323</u>
<b>Total Liabilities and Fund Balance</b>	<u>\$ 13,922,739</u>	<u>\$ 447,809</u>	<u>\$ 1,032,858</u>	<u>\$ 5,272,838</u>	<u>\$ 5,820,373</u>	<u>\$ 26,496,617</u>

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**EAST SYRACUSE MINOA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUND BALANCES  
TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION  
June 30, 2020**

Total Governmental Fund Balances \$ 20,305,323

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Net Assets are different because:

Revenues that do not provide current financial resources that are recognized in the Statement of net assets but not the fund financial statements.

State Aid 468,035

The cost of building and acquiring capital assets (land, buildings, equipment) financed from the governmental funds are reported as expenditures in the year they are incurred, and the assets do not appear on the balance sheet. However, the Statement of Net Position includes those capital assets among the assets of the School District as a whole, and their original costs are expensed annually over their useful lives.

Original Cost of Capital Assets 124,628,989  
Accumulated Depreciation (43,967,950)  
80,661,039

The proportionate share of long-term asset and liability associated with participation in state retirement systems are not current financial resources or obligations and are not reported in the funds.

Net Pension Liability - Proportionate Share (7,826,875)  
Net Pension Asset - Proportionate Share 4,899,788  
(2,927,087)

Deferred outflows of resources, represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then and, therefore, are not reported in the funds. Deferred outflows of resources at year-end consisted of:

Deferred Amounts From Refunding of Debt, Net of Amortization 226,257  
Deferred Outflows of Resources, Pensions 20,793,873  
Deferred Outflows of Resources, OPEB 15,956,213  
36,976,343

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 then and, therefore, are not reported in the funds. Deferred inflows of resources at year-end consisted of:

Deferred Amounts From Refunding of Debt, Net of Amortization (212,181)  
Deferred Inflows of Resources, Pensions (7,125,199)  
Deferred Inflows of Resources, OPEB (37,754,396)  
(45,091,776)

Long-term liabilities, including bonds payable and the related deferred outflows and inflows, are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported as liabilities in the funds. Long-term liabilities at year end consist of:

Retainage Payable (78,861)  
Bonds Payable (21,845,000)  
Energy Performance Contract (3,487,182)  
Bond Premium (3,177,930)  
Accrued Interest Payable (79,192)  
Other Postemployment Benefits (221,451,461)  
Compensated Absences Payable (190,622)  
(250,310,248)

Total Net Position (Deficit) \$ (159,918,371)

**EAST SYRACUSE MINOA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES**  
**GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**  
**For the Year Ended June 30, 2020**

	General	School Lunch	Special Aid	Debt Service	Capital	Total
<b>Revenues</b>						
Real Property Taxes	\$ 42,426,911	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$ 42,426,911
STAR and Other Real Property Tax Items	7,206,710					7,206,710
Nonproperty Tax Items	111,300					111,300
Charges for Services	799,530					799,530
Use of Money and Property	290,158			26,424		316,582
Sale of Property and Compensation for Loss	27,351					27,351
Miscellaneous	641,336		90,778			732,114
State Aid	29,579,154	38,396	891,609		68,361	30,577,520
Federal Aid	375,262	1,097,316	1,542,121			3,014,699
School Lunch Sales		302,774				302,774
Total Revenues	<u>81,457,712</u>	<u>1,438,486</u>	<u>2,524,508</u>	<u>26,424</u>	<u>68,361</u>	<u>85,515,491</u>
<b>Expenditures</b>						
General Support	6,824,813		81,886			6,906,699
Instruction	40,009,514		2,902,898		1,769,775	44,682,187
Pupil Transportation	4,201,039		78,664			4,279,703
Community Service	526					526
Food Service Program		1,226,264				1,226,264
Employee Benefits	23,442,342	138,845	169,397			23,750,584
Capital Outlay					1,640,478	1,640,478
Debt Service - Principal	4,623,912					4,623,912
Debt Service - Interest	1,403,102					1,403,102
Total Expenditures	<u>80,505,248</u>	<u>1,365,109</u>	<u>3,232,845</u>		<u>3,410,253</u>	<u>88,513,455</u>
Excess (Deficit) Revenues Over Expenditures	<u>952,464</u>	<u>73,377</u>	<u>(708,337)</u>	<u>26,424</u>	<u>(3,341,892)</u>	<u>(2,997,964)</u>
<b>Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>						
Transfers from Other Funds			649,200	902	100,000	750,102
Transfers to Other Funds	(749,200)				(902)	(750,102)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>(749,200)</u>		<u>649,200</u>	<u>902</u>	<u>99,098</u>	
<b>Revenues Over Expenditures and Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>						
	203,264	73,377	(59,137)	27,326	(3,242,794)	(2,997,964)
<b>Fund Balance, Beginning of Year</b>	<u>9,354,427</u>	<u>374,409</u>		<u>5,245,512</u>	<u>8,328,939</u>	<u>23,303,287</u>
<b>Fund Balance, End of Year</b>	<u>\$ 9,557,691</u>	<u>\$ 447,786</u>	<u>\$ (59,137)</u>	<u>\$ 5,272,838</u>	<u>\$ 5,086,145</u>	<u>\$ 20,305,323</u>

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**EAST SYRACUSE MINOA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND  
EXPENDITURES OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2020**

Net Changes in Fund Balance - Total Governmental Funds \$ (2,997,964)

Capital Outlays to purchase or build capital assets are reported in governmental funds as expenditures. However, for governmental activities, those costs are shown in the statement of net position and allocated over their useful lives as depreciation expense in the statement of activities. This is the amount of depreciation, loss on disposal, and capital outlays in the period.

Depreciation Expense	(2,722,373)	
Capital Outlays	<u>4,191,876</u>	1,469,503

Debt proceeds provide current financial resources to governmental funds, but issuing debt increases long-term liabilities in the statement of net position. Repayments of bond principal is an expenditure in governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the statement of net position. This is the amount of the repayments and the change in the premium.

Repayment of Debt	4,623,912	
Amortization of Bond Premium	<u>289,913</u>	4,913,825

Proceeds of debt refunding and payments to escrow agents as part of debt refunding are reported as other financing sources (uses) in the governmental funds. However, the amount of the proceeds in excess of the defeasance of old debt is deferred in the Statement of Net Position and amortized as a component of interest expense over the remaining life of the new debt. This is the amount of amortized interest expense on prior refundings:

Amortization of Deferred Amounts from Advance Refunding	45,342
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Revenues in the statement of activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the governmental funds.

Deferred State Aid	468,035
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Certain expenses in the statement of activities do not require the use of current financial resources and therefore are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds.

Change in Accrued Interest on Serial Bonds	20,570	
Change in Other Postemployment Benefits	356,174	
Change in Compensated Absences	(22,917)	
Change in Proportionate Share of Net Pension Expense	(4,686,316)	
Retainage Payable	<u>(78,861)</u>	<u>(4,411,350)</u>

Change in Net Position Governmental Activities \$ (512,609)

**EAST SYRACUSE MINOA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION**  
**June 30, 2020**

	Private Purpose Trusts	Agency
<b>Assets</b>		
Cash and Cash Equivalents - Restricted	\$ 251,373	\$ 172,203
Total Assets	\$ 251,373	\$ 172,203
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Accrued Liabilities		\$
Due to Other Funds		
Agency Liabilities		\$
Extraclassroom Activity Balances		\$ 172,203
		\$ 172,203
<b>Net Position</b>		
Restricted for Scholarships	\$ 251,373	
Total Net Position	\$ 251,373	

The Accompanying Notes are an Integral Part of These Financial Statements.

**EAST SYRACUSE MINOA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION**  
**For the Year Ended June 30, 2020**

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	Private Purpose Trusts
<b>Additions</b>	
Investment Income	\$ 1,545
Gifts and Contributions	<u>66,740</u>
Total Additions	<u>68,285</u>
<b>Deductions</b>	
Scholarships and Awards	<u>63,264</u>
<b>Change in Net Position</b>	5,021
<b>Net Position, Beginning of Year</b>	<u>246,352</u>
<b>Net Position, End of Year</b>	<u>\$ 251,373</u>

The Accompanying Notes are an Integral Part of These Financial Statements.

**EAST SYRACUSE MINOA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**For the Year Ended June 30, 2020**

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**1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The financial statements of the East Syracuse Minoa Central School District (the School District) have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) as they apply to governmental units. Those principles are prescribed by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB), which is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles.

Certain significant accounting principles and policies utilized by the School District are described below:

***Reporting Entity***

The School District is governed by the laws of New York State. The School District is an independent entity governed by an elected Board of Education consisting of 9 members. The President of the Board serves as the chief fiscal officer and the Superintendent is the chief executive officer. The Board is responsible for, and controls all, activities related to public school education within the School District. Board members have authority to make decisions, power to appoint management, and primary accountability for all fiscal members.

The reporting entity of the School District is based upon criteria set forth by GASB. The financial reporting entity consists of the primary government, organizations for which the primary government is financially accountable, and other organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationship with the primary government are such that exclusion would cause the reporting entity's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete.

The accompanying financial statements present the activities of the School District. The School District is not a component unit of another reporting entity. The decision to include a potential component unit in the School District's reporting entity is based on several criteria including legal standing, fiscal dependency, and financial accountability. Based on the application of these criteria, the following is a brief description of certain entities included in the School District's reporting entity.

***Extraclassroom Activity Funds***

The Extraclassroom Activity Funds of the School District represent funds of the students of the School District. The Board of Education exercises general oversight of these funds. The Extraclassroom Activity Funds are independent of the School District with respect to its financial transactions and the designation of student management. The School District accounts for assets held as an agent for various student organizations in an agency fund. Separate audited financial statements (cash basis) of the Extraclassroom Activity Funds can be found at the School District's administrative offices.

***Joint Venture***

The School District is a component district in the Onondaga, Cortland, and Madison Counties Board of Cooperative Education Services (BOCES). A BOCES is a voluntary, cooperative association of school districts in a geographic area that shares planning, services, and programs which provide educational and support activities. There is no authority or process by which a School District can terminate its status as a BOCES component.

BOCES' are organized under §1950 of the New York State Education Law. A BOCES' Board is considered a corporate body. Members of a BOCES' Board are nominated and elected by their component member boards in accordance with provisions of §1950 of the New York State Education Law. All BOCES' property is held by the BOCES' Board as a corporation [§1950(6)]. In addition, BOCES' Boards also are considered municipal corporations to permit them to contract with other municipalities on a cooperative basis under §119-n(a) of the New York State General Municipal Law.

A BOCES' budget is comprised of separate budgets for administrative, program, and capital costs. Each component district's share of administrative and capital cost is determined by resident public school district enrollment, as defined in the New York State Education Law, §1950(4)(b)(7). In addition, component districts pay tuition or a service fee for programs in which its students participate.

**EAST SYRACUSE MINOA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**For the Year Ended June 30, 2020**

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During the year ended June 30, 2020, the district was billed \$6,318,289 for BOCES administrative and program costs.

The District's share of BOCES aid amounts to \$2,123,670. Financial statements for the BOCES are available from the Onondaga, Cortland, and Madison BOCES' administrative office at PO Box 4754, Syracuse, New York 13221.

During the year ended June 30, 2020, the BOCES issued \$11,615,000 in Revenue Lease Bonds with the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York (DASNY). Also, during 2015, the BOCES issued \$5,890,000 in Revenue Lease Bonds with the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York (DASNY). These bonds will be repaid by the component districts of the BOCES as a lease payment included in the administrative budget of the BOCES over the term of the bonds. During 2020, principal payments of \$145,000 were made and the outstanding balance at June 30, 2020 was \$16,995,000.

***Basis of Presentation***

***(a) District-Wide Statements***

The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities present financial information about the School District's governmental activities. These statements include the financial activities of the overall government in its entirety, except those that are fiduciary. Eliminations have been made to minimize the double counting of internal transactions. Governmental activities generally are financed through taxes, State aid, intergovernmental revenues, and other exchange and nonexchange transactions. Operating grants include operating-specific and discretionary (either operating or capital) grants.

The Statement of Activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for each function of the School District's governmental activities. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with and are clearly identifiable to a particular function. Indirect expenses, principally employee benefits and depreciation expense for the year, are allocated to functional areas in proportion to the payroll expended and total expenditures, respectively, for those areas. Program revenues include charges paid by the recipients of goods or services offered by the programs, 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, including all taxes, are presented as general revenues.

***(b) Fund Financial Statements***

The fund statements provide information about the School District's funds, including fiduciary funds. Separate statements for each fund category (governmental and fiduciary) are presented. The emphasis of fund financial statements is on major governmental funds, each displayed in a separate column. All funds of the School District are displayed as major funds. The School District reports the following governmental funds:

***General Fund:*** This is the School District's primary operating fund used to account for and report all financial resources not accounted for in another fund.

***Special Revenue Funds:***

***Special Aid Fund:*** This fund accounts for and reports the proceeds of specific revenue sources, such as Federal and State grants, that are legally restricted to expenditures for specified purposes.

***School Lunch Fund:*** This fund is used to account for and report transactions of the School District's food service operations.

***Capital Projects Fund:*** This fund is used to account for and report financial resources that are restricted or assigned to expenditures for capital outlays, including the acquisition or construction of capital facilities and other capital assets.

***Debt Service Fund:*** This fund accounts for and reports financial resources that are restricted to expenditures for principal and interest. Debt service funds should be used to report resources if legally mandated.

***(c) Fiduciary Funds***

This fund is used to account for and report fiduciary activities. Fiduciary activities are those in which the School District acts as trustee or agent for resources that belong to others. These activities are not included in the District-wide financial statements, because their resources do not belong to the School District, and are not available to be used. There are two classes of fiduciary funds:



**EAST SYRACUSE MINOA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
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***Private Purpose Trust Funds:*** These funds are used to account for and report trust arrangements in which principal and income benefits annual third party awards and scholarships for students. Established criteria govern the use of the funds and members of the School District or representatives of the donors may serve on committees to determine who benefits.

***Agency Funds:*** These funds are strictly custodial in nature and do not involve the measurement of results of operations. Assets are held by the School District as agent for various student groups or extraclassroom activity funds and for payroll or employee withholding.

***Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting***

The District-wide and fiduciary fund financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded at the time liabilities are incurred, regardless of when the related cash transaction takes place. Nonexchange transactions, in which the School District gives or receives value without directly receiving or giving equal value in exchange, include property taxes, grants, 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 and donations is recognized in the fiscal year in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied.

The governmental fund statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under this method, revenues are recognized when measurable and available.

The School District considers all revenues reported in the governmental funds to be available if the revenues are collected within one year after the end of the fiscal year.

Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred, except for principal and interest on general long-term debt, claims and judgments, other postemployment benefits, and compensated absences, which are recognized as expenditures to the extent they have matured. General capital asset acquisitions are reported as expenditures in governmental funds. Proceeds of general long-term debt and acquisitions under capital leases are reported as other financing sources.

***Property Taxes***

Real property taxes are levied annually by the Board of Education and become a lien no later than September 1. Taxes are collected during the period September 1 to October 31. Uncollected real property taxes are subsequently enforced by the counties of Onondaga and Madison. The Counties pay an amount representing uncollected real property taxes transmitted to the Counties for enforcement to the School District no later than the following April 1.

***Interfund Transactions***

The operations of the School District include transactions between funds. These transactions may be temporary in nature, such as with interfund borrowings. The School District typically loans resources between funds for the purpose of providing cash flow. These interfund receivables and payables are expected to be repaid within one year. Permanent transfers of funds include the transfer of expenditures and revenues to provide financing or other services.

The amounts reported on the Statement of Net Position for due to and due from other funds represents amounts due between different fund types (governmental activities and fiduciary funds). Eliminations have been made for amounts due to and due from within the same fund type. A detailed description of the interfund transactions at year end is shown in Note 9 to the financial statements.

***Estimates***

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amount of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates. Estimates and assumptions are made in a variety of areas, including computation of encumbrances, compensated absences, other postemployment benefits, potential contingent liabilities, and useful lives of long-lived assets.

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***Cash and Cash Equivalents***

The School District's cash and cash equivalents consist of cash on hand, demand deposits, and short-term investments with original maturities of three months or less from the date of acquisition. New York State law governs the School District's investment policies. Resources must be deposited in Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) insured commercial banks or trust companies located within the State. Permissible investments include obligations of the United States Treasury, United States Agencies, repurchase agreements, and obligations of New York State or its localities.

Collateral is required for demand and time deposits and certificates of deposit not covered by FDIC insurance. Obligations that may be pledged as collateral are obligations of the United States and its agencies and obligations of the State and its municipalities and Districts.

***Receivables***

Receivables are shown gross, with uncollectible amounts recognized under the direct write-off method. No allowance for uncollectible accounts has been provided since it is believed that such allowance would not be material.

***Deferred Outflow of Resources***

In addition to assets, the Statement of Net Position will sometimes report a separate 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 and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then. The District has three items that qualify for reporting in this category. First is the deferred charge on refunding of debt reported in the District-wide Statement of Net Position. A deferred charge on refunding results from the difference in the carrying value of refunded debt and its reacquisition price. This amount is deferred and amortized over the shorter of the life of the refunded or refunding debt. The second item is related to pensions reported in the District-wide Statement of Net Position. This represents the effect of the net change in the District's proportion of the collective net pension asset or liability and difference during the measurement period between the District's contributions and its proportion share of total contributions not included in pension expense. The third item relates to OPEB reporting in the district wide Statement of Net Position. This represents the effect of the net change in the actual and expected experience.

***Inventories***

The inventories of food in the School Lunch Fund are recorded at cost on a first-in, first-out basis or, in the case of surplus food donated by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, at the Government's assigned value, which approximates market. A reserve for inventory has been recognized to indicate that this does not constitute available spendable resources.

***Capital Assets***

Capital assets are reported at actual cost for acquisitions subsequent to July 1, 2003. For assets acquired prior to July 1, 2003, estimated historical costs, based on appraisals conducted by independent third-party professionals were used. Donated assets are reported at estimated fair market value at the time received.

The School District uses capitalization thresholds of \$2,500, (the dollar value above which asset acquisitions are added to the capital asset accounts). The School District uses the straight-line method of depreciation over the following estimated useful lives of capital assets reported in the District-wide statements:

Land Improvements	20 Years
Machinery and Equipment	5-15 Years
Buildings and Improvements	50 Years
Licensed Vehicles	8 Years

***Unearned Revenue***

Unearned revenues are reported when potential revenues do not meet both the measurable and available criteria for recognition in the current period. Unearned revenues also arise when resources are received by the School District before it has legal claim to them, as when grant monies are received prior to the incidence of qualifying expenditures. In subsequent periods, when both recognition criteria are met, or when the School District has legal claim to the resources, the liability for unearned revenues is removed and revenues are recorded.

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Statute provides the authority for the School District to levy taxes to be used to finance expenditures within the first 120 days of the succeeding fiscal year. Consequently, such amounts are recognized as revenue in the subsequent fiscal year, rather than when measurable and available.

***Deferred Inflows of Resources***

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 that time. The District has three items that qualify for reporting in this category. The first arises from a deferred premium from advanced refunding of debt that is being amortized over the life of the debt. The second item is related to pensions reported in the District-wide Statement of Net Position. This represents the effect of the net change in the District's proportion of the collective net pension liability or asset and difference during the measurement periods between the District's contributions and its proportion share of total contributions to the pension systems not included in pension expense. The third item is related to OPEB reported in the district-wide Statement of Net Position. This represents the effect of the net changes of assumptions or other inputs.

***Vested Employee Benefits – Compensated Absences***

Compensated absences consist of unpaid accumulated sick leave, vacation, and sabbatical time.

The School District employees are granted vacation in varying amounts, based primarily on length of service and service position. Some earned benefits may be forfeited if not taken within varying time periods.

Sick leave eligibility and accumulation is specified in negotiated labor contracts and in individual employment contracts. Upon retirement, resignation, or death, employees may receive a payment based on unused accumulated sick leave, based on contractual provisions.

Consistent with GASB, an accrual for accumulated sick leave is included in the compensated absences liability at year end. The compensated absences liability is calculated based on the pay rates in effect at year end.

In the fund statements, only the amount of matured liabilities is accrued within the General Fund based upon expendable and available financial resources.

***Other Benefits***

Eligible School District employees participate in the New York State Employees' Retirement System and the New York State Teachers' Retirement System.

In addition to providing pension benefits, the District provides post-employment health insurance coverage and survivor benefits for retired employees and their survivors. Collective bargaining agreements determine if District employees are eligible for these benefits if they reach normal retirement age while working for the District. Health care benefits are provided through plans whose premiums are based on the benefits paid during the year. The cost of providing postemployment benefits is shared between the District and the retired employee. Other postemployment benefit costs are measured and disclosed using the accrual basis of accounting (see Note 10).

***Accrued Liabilities and Long-Term Obligations***

Payables, accrued liabilities and long-term obligations are reported in the District-wide financial statements. In the governmental funds, payables and accrued liabilities are paid in a timely manner and in full from current financial resources. Claims and judgments, and compensated absences that will be paid from governmental funds, are reported as a liability in the fund financial statements only to the extent that they are due for payment in the current year. Bonds and other long-term obligations that will be paid from governmental funds are recognized as a liability in the fund financial statements when due.

Long-term obligations represent the District's future obligations or future economic outflows. The liabilities are reported as due in one year or due in more than one year in the Statement of Net Position.

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***Equity Classifications***

***(a) District-wide Financial Statements***

In the District-wide statements there are three classes of net position:

Net Investment in Capital Assets – consists of net capital assets (cost less accumulated depreciation) reduced by outstanding balances of related debt obligations from the acquisition, construction or improvements of those assets.

Restricted Net Position – reports net position when constraints placed on the assets or deferred outflow of resources are either externally imposed by creditors (such as through debt covenants), grantors, contributors, laws or regulations of other governments or imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

Unrestricted Net Position – reports the balance of the net position that does not meet the definition of the above classifications and are deemed to be available for general use by the District.

***(b) Fund Statements***

The following classifications describe the relative strength of the spending constraints:

***Non-spendable***

This category includes amounts that cannot be spent because they are either not in spendable form or legally or contractually required to be maintained intact. This category consists of the inventories in the School Lunch Fund.

***Restricted Resources***

This category includes amounts with constraints placed on the use of resources either externally imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors or laws or regulations of other governments; or imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation. Generally, the District's policy is to use restricted resources only when appropriated by the Board of Education. When an expenditure is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net assets are available, the School District's policy concerning which to apply first varies with the intended use, and with associated legal requirements.

The School District has established the following restricted fund balances:

- ***Reserve for Employee Benefit Accrued Liability***

Employee Benefit Accrued Liability reserve (GML §6-p) is used for the payment of any accrued employee benefit due to an employee upon termination of the employee's service. This reserve fund may be established by a majority vote of the board of education and is funded by budgetary appropriations and such other reserves and funds that may be legally appropriated. The reserve is accounted for in the General Fund.

- ***Reserve for Tax Certiorari***

Tax Certiorari reserve (Education Law §3651(1-a)) is used to accumulate funds to pay judgments and claims resulting from tax certiorari proceedings. Voter approval is not required provided that the monies held do not exceed the anticipated needs of the School District. Amounts in this reserve not necessary to pay judgments and claims must be returned to the General Fund on or before the first day of the fourth fiscal year after the deposit of the monies. This reserve is accounted for in the General Fund.

- ***Reserve for Unemployment Insurance***

Unemployment Insurance reserve (GML §6-m) is used to pay the cost of reimbursement to the State Unemployment Insurance Fund for payments made to claimants where the employer has elected to use the benefit reimbursement method. The reserve may be established by Board action and is funded by budgetary appropriations and such other funds as may be legally appropriated. Within sixty days after the end of any fiscal year, excess amounts may either be transferred to another reserve or the excess applied to the appropriations of the next succeeding fiscal year's budget. If the District elects to convert to tax (contribution) basis, excess resources in the fund over the sum sufficient to pay pending claims may be transferred to any other reserve fund. The reserve is accounted for in the General Fund.

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- ***Reserve for Retirement Contribution System***

Retirement Contribution Reserve (GML §6-r) must be used for financing retirement contributions to the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System. This reserve is established by Board resolution and is funded by budgetary appropriation and such other reserves and funds that may be legally appropriated. The reserve must be accounted for separate and apart from all other funds and a detailed report of the operation and condition of the fund must be provided to the Board. This reserve is accounted for in the General Fund. Effective April 1, 2019, a Board may adopt a resolution establishing a sub-fund for contributions to the New York State Teachers' Retirement System. During a fiscal year, the Board may authorize payment into the sub-fund of up to 2% of the total covered salaries paid during the preceding fiscal year, not to exceed a total of 10%. The sub-fund is separately administered, but must comply with all the existing provisions of General Municipal Law §6-r.

- ***Reserve for Workers' Compensation***

Workers' Compensation Reserve (GML §6-j) is used to pay for compensation benefits and other expenses authorized by Article 2 of the Workers' Compensation Law and for payment of expenses of administering this self-insurance program. The reserve may be established by Board action, and is funded by budgetary appropriations and such other funds as may be legally appropriated. Within sixty days after the end of any fiscal year, excess amounts may either be transferred to another reserve or the excess applied to the appropriations of the next succeeding fiscal year's budget. The reserve is accounted for in the General Fund.

- ***Reserve for Capital Projects***

Capital reserve (Education law §3651) is used to accumulate funds to finance all or a portion of future capital projects for which bonds may be issued. The creation of a capital reserve fund requires authorization by a majority of the voters establishing the purpose of the reserve; the ultimate amount, its probable term, and the source of the funds. Expenditures may be made from the reserve only for a specific purpose further authorized by the voters. Total expenditures over the life of each capital reserve may not exceed the voter approved maximum. Funds may be transferred to other reserves only with voter approval. The reserve is accounted for in the General Fund.

- ***Capital Projects Fund***

This fund is used to account for and report the financial resources that are restricted by a voter approved proposition for acquisition, construction or major repair of capital facilities.

- ***Debt Service Fund***

This fund is used to account for and report the financial resources that are restricted to pay debt service. The funds include unused debt proceeds and interest and earnings on the temporary investment of debt proceeds. This reserve is accounted for in the Debt Service Fund.

***Unrestricted Resources***

When an expenditure is incurred for which committed, assigned, or unassigned fund balances are available, the School District considers amounts to have been spent first out of committed funds, then assigned funds, and finally unassigned funds, as needed, unless the School District has provided otherwise in its commitment or assignment actions.

- ***Committed*** – Includes amounts that can only be used for the specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by formal action of the school districts highest level of decision making authority, i.e., the Board of Education. The School District has no committed fund balances as of June 30, 2020.
- ***Assigned*** – Includes amounts that are constrained by the School District's intent to be used for specific purposes, but are neither restricted nor committed. Intent is expressed by (a) the Board of Education or (b) the designated official, such as the District's Purchasing Agent, to which the Board has delegated the authority to assign amounts to be used for specific purposes. All encumbrances, other than in the Capital Fund, are classified as Assigned Fund Balance in the applicable fund. The amount appropriated for the subsequent year's budget of the General fund is also classified as Assigned Fund Balance in the General Fund.

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- **Unassigned** – Includes all other fund balances that do not meet the definition of the above two classifications and are deemed to be available for general use by the School District. In other governmental funds, if expenditures incurred for specific purposes exceeded the amounts restricted, committed, or assigned to those purposes, it may be necessary to report a negative unassigned fund balance in the respective fund.

**(c) Reserve for Endowment and Scholarships**

This reserve is used to account for various endowment and scholarship awards. This reserve is accounted for in the fiduciary fund.

**(d) Order of Use of Fund Balance**

In circumstances where an expenditure is incurred for the purpose for which amounts are available in multiple fund balance classifications, (e.g. expenditures related to reserves) the Board will assess the current financial condition of the School District and then determine the order of application of expenditures to which the fund balance classification will be charged.

**Future Changes in Accounting Standards**

- GASB Statement No. 84 – Fiduciary Activities      Effective for the year ended June 30, 2021
- GASB Statement No. 87 – Leases                      Effective for the year ended June 30, 2022

The school district will evaluate the impact these pronouncements may have on its financial statements and will implement it as applicable and when material.

**2. EXPLANATION OF DIFFERENCES BETWEEN GOVERNMENTAL FUND STATEMENTS AND DISTRICT-WIDE STATEMENTS**

Due to the differences in the measurement focus and basis of accounting used in the governmental fund statements and the District-wide statements, certain financial transactions are treated differently. The basic financial statements contain a full reconciliation of these items. The differences result primarily from the economic resource management focus of the Statement of Activities, compared with the current financial resource management focus of the governmental funds.

***Total Fund Balances of Governmental Funds Compared To Net Position of Governmental Activities***

Total fund balances of the School District’s governmental funds differ from “net position” of governmental activities reported in the Statement of Net Position. This difference primarily results from the additional long-term economic focus of the Statement of Net Position versus the solely current financial resources focus of the governmental fund Balance Sheet.

***Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes In Fund Balance Compared To Statement of Activities***

Differences between the governmental funds Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance and the Statement of Activities fall into one of six broad categories.

**(a) Long-Term Revenue and Expenditure Differences**

Long-term revenue differences arise because governmental funds report revenues only when they are considered “available,” whereas the Statement of Activities reports revenues when earned. Differences in long-term expenses arise because governmental funds report on a modified accrual basis, whereas the accrual basis of accounting is used on the Statement of Activities.

**(b) Capital Related Differences**

Capital related differences include the difference between proceeds for the sale of capital assets reported on governmental fund statements and the gain or loss on the sale of assets as reported on the Statement of Activities, and the difference between recording an expenditure for the purchase of capital items in the governmental fund statements and depreciation expense on those items as recorded in the Statement of Activities.

**(c) Long-Term Debt Transaction Differences**

Long-term debt transaction differences occur because both interest and principal payments are recorded as expenditures in the governmental fund statements, whereas interest payments are recorded in the Statement of Activities as incurred, and principal payments are recorded as a reduction of liabilities in the Statement of Net Position.

**(d) Employee Benefit Allocation**

Expenditures for employee benefits are not allocated to a specific function on the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances based on the requirements of New York State. These costs have been allocated based on total salary for each function.

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**(e) Pension Differences**

Pension differences occur as a result of changes in the District's proportion of the collective net pension asset/liability and differences between the District's contributions and its proportionate share of the total contributions to the pension systems.

**(f) OPEB Differences**

OPEB differences occur as a result of changes in the District's total OPEB liability and differences between the District's contributions and OPEB expense.

**3. STEWARDSHIP AND COMPLIANCE**

***Fund Balance Limitations***

NYS Real Property Tax Law 1318 limits the amount of unexpended surplus funds a school district can retain to no more than 4% of the School District's budget for the General Fund for the ensuing fiscal year. Nonspendable and restricted fund balance of the General Fund are excluded from the 4% limitation. Amounts appropriated for the subsequent year and encumbrances are also excluded from the 4% limitation. At June 30, 2020 the District's unexpended surplus funds was 4.09% of the 2020-2021 budget.

***Statutory Debt Limit***

At June 30, 2020, the School District was in compliance with the statutory debt limit.

***Budgetary Procedures and Budgetary Accounting***

The School District administration prepares a proposed budget for approval by the Board of Education for the General Fund for which legal (appropriated) budgets are adopted.

Appropriations are adopted at the program line item level.

Appropriations established by the adoption of the budget constitute a limitation on expenditures (and encumbrances) which may be incurred. Appropriations lapse at the end of the fiscal year unless expended or encumbered. Encumbrances will lapse if not expended in the subsequent year. Appropriations authorized for the current year are increased by the planned use of specific reserves, and budget amendments approved the Board of Education as a result of selected new revenue sources not included in the original budget (when permitted by law). These supplemental appropriations may occur subject to legal restrictions, if the Board approves them because of a need that exists which was not determined at the time the budget was adopted. During the year ended June 30, 2020, the District made supplemental appropriations of \$61,865 for the use of the Tax Certiorari Reserve, \$25,579 for the use of the Workers Compensation Reserve and \$799,198 for the purchase of a new buses.

Budgets are adopted annually on a basis consistent with GAAP. Appropriations authorized for the year are increased by the amount of encumbrances carried forward from the prior year.

Budgets are established and used for individual capital project funds expenditures as approved by a special referendum of the District's voters. The maximum project amount authorized is based primarily upon the cost of the project, plus any requirements for external borrowings, not annual appropriations. These budgets do not lapse and are carried over to subsequent fiscal years until the completion of the projects.

***Encumbrances***

Encumbrance accounting is used for budget control and monitoring purposes and is reported as a part of the governmental funds. Under this method, purchase orders, contracts and other commitments for the expenditure of monies are recorded to reserve applicable appropriations. Outstanding encumbrances as of year-end are presented as assigned fund balance and do not represent expenditures or liabilities. These commitments will be honored in the subsequent period. Related expenditures are recognized at that time, as the liability is incurred or the commitment is paid.

**4. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS**

***Custodial Credit Risk***

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the School District's deposits may not be returned to it. While the School District does not have a specific policy for custodial credit risk, New York State statutes govern the School District's investment policies, as discussed previously in these notes. GASB directs that deposits be disclosed as exposed to custodial credit risk if they are not covered by depository insurance and the deposits are either:

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- A. Uncollateralized;
- B. Collateralized by securities held by the pledging financial institution, or
- C. Collateralized by securities held by the pledging financial institution's trust department or agent but not in the District's name.

As of June 30, 2020, the School District's bank balances totaling \$23,304,301 were fully collateralized by securities held by an agent of the pledging financial institution in the School District's name, FDIC insurance and NCUA insurance and were not exposed to custodial credit risk.

***Restricted Cash and Cash Equivalents***

Restricted cash of \$5,418,163 in the General Fund represents amounts in the following reserves: \$1,233,246 for Worker's Compensation, \$561,353 for Unemployment Insurance, \$1,539,248 for Tax Certiorari, \$174,014 for Employee Benefit Liability Reserve, \$826,597 for Retirement Contribution Reserve-ERS, \$725,087 for Retirement Contribution Reserve -TRS and \$358,618 for Capital Reserve.

Restricted cash of \$5,272,838 in the Debt Service Fund represents reserves for future debt service.

Restricted cash of \$5,048,785 in the Capital fund represents reserves for capital projects.

Restricted cash of \$423,576 in the fiduciary funds represents funds gifted to the School District for scholarships and awards to students and extracurricular funds.

**5. DUE FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS**

Due from other governments in the general fund at June 30, 2020, consisted of:

New York State – Excess Cost Aid	\$	952,892
New York State – General Aid		207,876
BOCES Aid		883,720
Medicaid		<u>18,740</u>
Total Due from Other Governments		<u>\$ 2,063,228</u>

**6. CAPITAL ASSETS**

Capital asset activity for the year ended June 30, 2020, is as follows:

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Deletions	Ending Balance
<b>Capital Assets Not Being Depreciated</b>				
Land	\$ 2,087,204	\$	\$	\$ 2,087,204
Construction in Progress	<u>467,590</u>	<u>3,241,892</u>		<u>3,709,482</u>
Total	<u>2,554,794</u>	<u>3,241,892</u>		<u>\$ 5,796,686</u>
<b>Capital Assets Being Depreciated</b>				
Land Improvements	3,052,904			3,052,904
Buildings and Improvements	103,411,693			103,411,693
Machinery and Equipment	4,552,712	50,068	24,540	4,578,240
Licensed Vehicles	<u>7,354,373</u>	<u>899,916</u>	<u>464,823</u>	<u>7,789,466</u>
Total	<u>118,371,682</u>	<u>949,984</u>	<u>489,363</u>	<u>118,832,303</u>
<b>Accumulated Depreciation</b>				
Land Improvements	2,861,839	58,238		2,920,077
Buildings and Improvements	31,087,692	1,822,780		32,910,472
Machinery and Equipment	2,717,276	249,022	24,540	2,941,758
Licensed Vehicles	<u>5,068,133</u>	<u>592,333</u>	<u>464,823</u>	<u>5,195,643</u>
Total	<u>41,734,940</u>	<u>2,722,373</u>	<u>489,363</u>	<u>43,967,950</u>
<b>Net Capital Assets Being Depreciated</b>	<u>76,636,742</u>	<u>(1,772,389)</u>		<u>74,864,353</u>
<b>Net Capital Assets</b>	<u>\$ 79,191,536</u>	<u>\$ 1,469,503</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$ 80,661,039</u>



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Depreciation expense was allocated based on estimated usage by function as follows:

<u>Function/Program</u>	
General Support	\$ 353,908
Instruction	1,851,214
Pupil Transportation	490,027
Food Service Program	<u>27,224</u>
Total Depreciation	<u>\$ 2,722,373</u>

**7. NONCURRENT LIABILITIES**

Noncurrent liability balances and activity are as follows:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deletions</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>	<u>Amounts Due Within One Year</u>
Bonds and Contract Payable					
Serial Bonds	\$ 25,875,000	\$	\$ 4,030,000	\$ 21,845,000	\$ 4,205,000
Unamortized Premium	3,467,843		289,913	3,177,930	289,913
Energy Performance Contract	<u>4,081,094</u>		<u>593,912</u>	<u>3,487,182</u>	<u>626,011</u>
Total Serial Bonds and Energy Performance Contract	<u>33,423,937</u>		<u>4,913,825</u>	<u>28,510,112</u>	<u>5,120,924</u>
Other Liabilities					
Compensated Absences	167,705	22,917		190,622	
Other Postemployment Benefit Liability	<u>198,879,465</u>	<u>27,451,795</u>	<u>4,879,799</u>	<u>221,451,461</u>	
Total Long Term Liabilities	<u>\$ 232,471,107</u>	<u>\$ 27,474,712</u>	<u>\$ 9,793,624</u>	<u>\$ 250,152,195</u>	<u>\$ 5,120,924</u>

The following is a statement of the School District's serial bonds with corresponding maturity schedules:

<u>Payable From/Description</u>	<u>Date of Original Issue</u>	<u>Original Amount</u>	<u>Date of Final Maturity</u>	<u>Interest Rate (%)</u>	<u>Outstanding Amount</u>
2011 Refunding Serial Bonds	07/11	\$ 9,350,000	12/21	2.0-5.0	\$ 2,055,000
2011 Refunding Serial Bonds	12/11	\$ 9,365,000	04/21	2.0-5.0	1,015,000
2016 Serial Bonds	06/16	\$ 18,820,000	06/31	2.0-5.0	15,235,000
2016 Refunding Serial Bonds	05/16	\$ 3,920,000	06/23	2.0-5.0	2,190,000
2017 Refunding Serial Bonds	10/18	\$ 2,125,000	05/26	2.0-4.0	<u>1,350,000</u>
Total					<u>\$ 21,845,000</u>

Principal and interest payments due on long-term debt are as follows:

<u>Fiscal Year Ending June 30,</u>	<u>Serial Bonds</u>			<u>Energy Performance Contract</u>		
	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2021	\$ 4,205,000	\$ 1,014,850	\$ 5,219,850	\$ 626,011	\$ 177,753	\$ 803,764
2022	3,340,000	819,575	4,159,575	659,845	143,919	803,764
2023	1,890,000	695,850	2,585,850	695,508	108,257	803,765
2024	1,515,000	609,450	2,124,450	733,098	70,667	803,765
2025	1,585,000	541,950	2,126,950	772,720	31,046	803,766
2026-2030	7,565,000	1,608,000	9,173,000			
2031	<u>1,745,000</u>	<u>87,250</u>	<u>1,832,250</u>			
Total	<u>\$ 21,845,000</u>	<u>\$ 5,376,925</u>	<u>\$ 27,221,925</u>	<u>\$ 3,487,182</u>	<u>\$ 531,642</u>	<u>\$ 4,018,824</u>

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Total interest for the year was as follows:

Interest Paid	\$ 1,403,102
Less: Interest Accrued in the Prior Year	(99,762)
Amortization of Deferred Amounts from Refunding	(45,342)
Amortization of Bond Premium	(289,913)
Plus: Interest Accrued in the Current Year	79,192
Total Interest Expense on Long-Term Debt	\$ 1,047,277

***Other Debt – Energy Performance Contract***

The East Syracuse-Minoa Central School District entered into an energy performance contract during the year ended June 30, 2009. The contract is defined in Section 9-102(4) of the New York State Energy Law as: “an agreement for the provision of energy services, including but not limited to electricity, heating, ventilation, cooling, steam, or hot water, in which a person agrees to install, maintain, or manage energy systems or equipment to improve the energy efficiency of, or produce energy in connection with a building or facility in exchange for a portion of the energy savings or revenues.” The contract is accounted for as a capital lease. The total net present value of the lease at June 30, 2020, is \$3,487,182.

***Prior-Year Defeasance of Debt***

In prior years, the School District defeased certain general obligation bonds by placing the proceeds of new bonds in an irrevocable trust to provide for all future debt service payments on the old bonds. Accordingly, the trust account assets and the liability for the defeased bonds are not included in the School District’s financial statements. At June 30, 2020, \$6,780,000 of bonds outstanding were considered defeased.

***Deferred Inflows of Resources***

The difference of \$1,039,818 between the reacquisition price of the new bonds and the net carrying amount of the old bonds has been reported as a deferred inflow of resources on the Statement of Net Position and is being amortized on the District-wide financial statements using the straight-line method over 8 to 10 years, the remaining time to maturity of the refunded bonds. The current-year amortization is \$100,750 and is included as a reduction to interest expense on the government-wide financial statements. The balance of the deferred amounts from the refunding of debt, net of amortization recorded on the Statement of Net Position is as follows:

Deferred Amount from Refunding of Debt	\$ 1,039,818
Less: Accumulated Amortization	(827,637)
Net Capitalized Refunding of Debt Costs	\$ 212,181

***Deferred Outflows of Resources***

The deferred loss on the advance refunding of a portion of the 2008 and 2010 Series Bonds has been deferred and recorded as a deferred outflow on the District-wide financial statements. The cost is being amortized using the straight-line method over 8 years, the remaining time to maturity of the bonds. The current year amortization is \$55,408 and is included as an addition to interest expense on the statement of activities.

Deferred Amount from Refunding of Debt	\$ 443,262
Less: Amount Recognized	(217,005)
Net Capitalized Refunding of Debt Costs	\$ 226,257

***Unamortized Premium***

The original issue premium on 2016 serial bond has been deferred and recorded as an addition to long-term liabilities on the District-side financial statements. The premium is being amortized using the straight-line method over 15 years, the remaining time to maturity of the respective bond issue. The current year amortization is \$289,913 and is included as a reduction to interest expense on the statement of activities.

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Deferred Premium from Issuance of Debt	\$	4,348,702
Less: Accumulated Amortization		<u>(1,170,772)</u>
Net Unamortized Premium	\$	<u>3,177,930</u>

***Special Provisions Affecting Remedies Upon Default***

In the event of a default in the payment of the principal of and/or interest of the Bonds, the State Comptroller is required to withhold, under certain conditions prescribed by Section 99-b of the State Finance Law, state aid and assistance to the District and to apply the amount thereof so withheld to the payment of such defaulted principal and/or interest, which requirement constitutes a covenant by the State with the holders from time to time of the Bonds.

**8. PENSION PLANS**

**A. New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System (ERS)**

***(a) Plan Description***

The School District participates in the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System (ERS). This is a cost-sharing multiple-employer public employee retirement system. The system provides retirement benefits as well as death and disability benefits.

The net position of the System is held in the New York State Common Retirement Fund (the Fund), which was established to hold all net assets and record changes in plan net position allocated to the System. The Comptroller of the State of New York serves as the trustee of the Fund and is the administrative head of the System. The Comptroller is an elected official determined in a direct statewide election and serves a four year term. Thomas P. DiNapoli has served as Comptroller since February 7, 2007. In November, 2018, he was elected for a new term commencing January 1, 2019. System benefits are established under the provisions of the New York State Retirement and Social Security Law (RSSL). Once a public employer elects to participate in the System, the election is irrevocable. The New York State Constitution provides that pension membership is a contractual relationship and plan benefits cannot be diminished or impaired. Benefits can be changed for future members only by enactment of a State statute. The School District also participates in the Public Employees' Group Life Insurance Plan (GLIP), which provides death benefits in the form of life insurance. The System maintains records and accounts, and prepares financial statements using the accrual basis of accounting. Contributions are recognized when due. Benefit payments are recognized when due and payable. Investments are recognized at fair value. The System is included in the State's financial report as a pension trust fund. That report, including information with regard to benefits provided, may be found [www.osc.state.ny.us/retire/publications/index.php](http://www.osc.state.ny.us/retire/publications/index.php) or obtained by writing to the New York State and Local Retirement at System, 110 State Street, Albany, NY 12244.

***(b) Contributions***

The System is noncontributory for employees who joined prior to July 28, 1976. For employees who joined after July 27, 1976, and prior to January 1, 2010, employees contribute 3% of their salary for the first ten years of membership. Employees who joined on or after January 1, 2010 and prior to April 1, 2012, are required to contribute 3% of their annual salary for their entire working career. Employees who joined on or after April 1, 2012 must contribute at a specific percentage of earnings (between 3 and 6%) based on their total annualized salary for their entire career. Under the authority of the RSSL, the Comptroller certifies the actuarially determined rates expressly used in computing the employers' contributions based on salaries paid during the Systems' fiscal year ending March 31. All required contributions for the NYSERS fiscal year ended March 31, 2020, were paid.

The required contributions for the current year and two preceding years were:

		<u>Amount</u>
2018	\$	1,218,255
2019	\$	1,274,458
2020	\$	1,273,408

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

At June 30, 2020, the School District reported a liability of \$7,826,875 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of March 31, 2020, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The School District's proportion of the net pension liability was based on a projection of the School District's long-term share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the projected contributions of all participating members, actuarially determined.

At June 30, 2020, the School District's proportion was 0.029557 percent, which is a decrease of 0.000417 as compared to the School District's proportion at June 30, 2019.

For the year ended June 30, 2020, the School District recognized pension expense of \$2,766,654. At June 30, 2020, the School District reported deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences Between Expected and Actual Experience	\$ 460,643	\$
Change of Assumptions	157,596	136,082
Net Difference Between Projected and Actual Earnings on Pensions Plan Investments	4,012,437	
Changes in Proportion and Differences Between Contributions and Proportionate Share of Contributions	304,219	72,463
Contributions Subsequent to the Measurement Date	328,905	
Total	\$ 5,263,800	\$ 208,545

At June 30, 2020, \$328,905 was reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from School District contributions subsequent to the measurement date. The amount will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability for the year ended June 30, 2020. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year ended March 31:

2021	\$	830,080
2022	\$	1,198,602
2023	\$	1,512,962
2024	\$	1,184,706

**(d) Actuarial Assumptions**

The total pension liability at March 31, 2020 was determined by using an actuarial valuation as of April 1, 2019, with update procedures used to roll forward the total pension liability to March 31, 2020. The actuarial valuation used the following actuarial assumptions.

Significant actuarial assumptions used in the April 1, 2019 valuation were as follows:

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Investment Rate of Return	
(Net of Investment Expense, including Inflation)	6.80%
Cost of Living Adjustments	1.30%
Salary Scale	4.20%
Decrement Tables	April 1, 2010 - March 31, 2015
	System's Experience
Inflation Rate	2.50%

Annuitant mortality rates are based on April 1, 2010 - March 31, 2015 System's experience with adjustments for mortality improvements based on MP-2018.

The actuarial assumptions used in the April 1, 2019 valuation are based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period April 1, 2010 - March 31, 2015.

The long term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a building block method in which best estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns net of 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.

Best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class included in the target asset allocation as of March 31, 2020 are summarized below.

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return
Domestic Equity	36.00%	4.05%
International Equity	14.00%	6.15%
Private Equity	10.00%	6.75%
Real Estate	10.00%	4.95%
Absolute Return Strategies	2.00%	3.25%
Opportunistic Portfolio	3.00%	4.65%
Real Assets	3.00%	5.95%
Bonds and Mortgages	17.00%	0.75%
Cash	1.00%	0.00%
Inflation-Indexed Bonds	4.00%	0.50%
	100%	

The real rate of return is net of the long-term inflation assumption of 2.50%

**(e) Discount Rate**

The discount rate used to calculate the total pension asset/liability was 6.8%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumes that contributions from plan members will be made at the current contribution rates and that contributions from employers will be made at statutorily required rates, actuarially. Based upon the assumptions, the System'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 asset/liability.

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**(f) Sensitivity of the Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to the Discount Rate Assumption**

The following presents the School District's proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 6.8 percent, as well as what the School 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 (5.8 percent) or 1-percentage-point higher (7.8 percent) than the current rate:

	1% Decrease <u>(5.8%)</u>	Current Assumption <u>(6.8%)</u>	1% Increase <u>(7.8%)</u>
Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Assets)	\$ 14,364,525	\$ 7,826,875	\$ 1,805,671

**(g) Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position**

Detailed information about the Plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued ERS financial report.

**(h) Payables to the Pension Plan**

The School District has recorded an amount due to ERS in amount of \$328,905 at June 30, 2020. This amount represents the three months of the School District's fiscal year that will be covered in the ERS 2020-2021 billing cycle and has been accrued as an expenditure in the current year.

**B. New York State Teachers' Retirement System (TRS)**

**(a) Plan Description**

The School District participates in the New York Teachers' Retirement System (TRS). This is a cost-sharing multiple-employer public employee retirement system. The system provides retirement benefits as well as death and disability benefits.

The TRS was created and exists pursuant to Article 11 of the New York State Education Law. TRS is administered by the system and governed by a ten-member board to provide these benefits to teachers employed by participating employers in the State of New York, excluding New York City. The System provides benefits to plan members and beneficiaries as authorized by the New York State Law and may be amended only by the Legislature with the Governor's approval. Benefit provisions vary depending on date of membership and membership class (6 tiers). TRS issues a publicly available financial report that contains basic financial statements and required supplementary information for the System. For additional plan information please refer to the NYSTRS Comprehensive Annual Financial Report which can be found on the TRS website located at [www.nystrs.org](http://www.nystrs.org).

**(b) Contributions**

Pursuant to Article 11 of the New York State Education Law, employers are required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate adopted annually by the Retirement Board. Tier 3 and Tier 4 members who have less than 10 years of service or membership are required by law to contribute 3% of salary to the System. Tier 5 members are required by law to contribute 3.5% of salary throughout their active membership. Tier 6 members are required by law to contribute between 3% and 6% of salary throughout their active membership in accordance with a schedule based upon salary earned. Pursuant to Article 14 and Article 15 of the Retirement and Social Security Law, those member contributions are used to help fund the benefits provided by the System. However, if a member dies or leaves covered employment with less than 5 years of credited service for Tiers 3 and 4, or 10 years of credited service for Tiers 5 and 6, the member contributions with interest calculated at 5% per annum are refunded to the employee or designated beneficiary. Eligible Tier 1 and Tier 2 members may make member contributions under certain conditions pursuant to the provisions of Article 11 of the Education Law and Article 11 of the Retirement and Social Security Law. Upon termination of membership, such accumulated member contributions are refunded. At retirement, such accumulated member contributions can be withdrawn or are paid as a life annuity.

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The required employer contributions for the current year and two preceding years were:

		Amount	
2018	\$	2,995,695	
2019	\$	3,341,525	
2020	\$	3,343,183	

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

At June 30, 2020, the School District reported an asset of \$4,899,788 for its proportionate share of the net pension asset. The net pension asset was measured as of June 30, 2019, and the total pension asset used to calculate the net pension asset was determined by an actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2018. The School District's proportion of the net pension asset was based on a projection of the School District's long-term share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the projected contributions of all participating members, actuarially determined.

At June 30, 2019, the School District's proportion was 0.188598 percent, an increase of 0.000934 from the District's proportion at June 30, 2018.

For the year ended June 30, 2020, the School District recognized a pension expense of \$6,018,340. At June 30, 2020, the School District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences Between Expected and Actual Experience	\$ 3,320,461	\$ 364,358
Changes of Assumptions	9,256,355	2,256,961
Net Difference Between Projected and Actual Earnings on Pensions Plan Investments		3,929,377
Changes in Proportion and Differences Between Contributions and Proportionate Share of Contributions	131,356	365,958
Contributions Subsequent to the Measurement Date	2,821,901	
Total	\$ 15,530,073	\$ 6,916,654

Amounts reported as deferred outflows/inflows of resources related to pensions resulting from School District contributions subsequent to the measurement date, if any, will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension asset. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year ended June 30:

2020	\$	2,178,070
2021	\$	101,994
2022	\$	2,170,035
2023	\$	1,399,042
2024	\$	118,256
Thereafter	\$	(175,879)

**(d) Actuarial Assumptions**

The total pension asset at June 30, 2019 measurement date was determined by using an actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2018, with update procedures used to roll forward the total pension asset to June 30, 2019. The actuarial valuation used the following actuarial assumptions.

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Investment Rate of Return	7.10 % compounded annually, net of pension plan investment expense, including inflation.
Salary Scale	Rates of increase differ based on service. They have been calculated based upon recent NYSTRS member experience.

Service	Rate
5	4.72%
15	3.46%
25	2.37%
35	1.90%

Projected COLAs	1.3% compounded annually.
Inflation Rate	2.20%

Annuitant mortality rates are based on plan member experience, with adjustments for mortality improvements based on the Society of Actuaries Scale MP 2018, applied on a generational basis. Active member mortality rates are based on those used in the NYS/SUNY “Development of Recommended Actuarial Assumptions Participating Agency Version” dated September 2016.

The actuarial assumptions were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2014.

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined in accordance with Actuarial Standard of Practice (ASOP) No. 27, *Selection of Economic Assumptions for Measuring Pension Obligations*. ASOP No. 27 provides guidance on the selection of an appropriate assumed investment rate of return. Consideration was given to expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) for each major asset class as well as historical investment data and plan performance.

Best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class included in the System’s target asset allocation as of the measurement date of June 30, 2019 is summarized in the following table:

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return*
Domestic equities	33.0%	5.8%
International equities	16.0%	7.8%
Global equities	4.0%	7.2%
Real estate equities	11.0%	4.6%
Private Equities	8.0%	9.9%
Domestic fixed income securities	16.0%	1.3%
Global fixed income securities	2.0%	0.9%
High-yield fixed income securities	1.0%	3.6%
Private debt	1.0%	6.5%
Real estate debt	7.0%	2.9%
Short-term	1.0%	0.3%
	<u>100.0%</u>	

\* Real rates of return are net of the long-term inflation assumption of 2.2% for 2019.



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**(e) Discount Rate**

The discount rate used to measure the pension liability (asset) was 7.10 percent. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from plan members will be made at the current member contribution rates and that contributions from school districts will be made at statutorily required rates, actuarially determined. Based on those assumptions, the System'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 asset.

**(f) Sensitivity of the Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset) to the Discount Rate Assumption**

The following presents School District's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset) calculated using the discount rate of 7.10 percent, as well as what the School District's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset) would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (6.10 percent) or 1-percentage-point higher (8.10 percent) than the current rate:

	1% Decrease <u>6.10%</u>		Current Assumption <u>7.10%</u>		1% Increase <u>8.10%</u>
Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset)	\$ 22,117,133	\$	(4,899,788)	\$	(27,563,936)

**(g) Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position**

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

**(h) Payables to the Pension Plan**

The School District has recorded an amount due to TRS in amount of \$2,821,901 (not including the employee share) in the General Fund at June 30, 2020. This amount represents contribution for the 2019-2020 fiscal year that will be made in 2020-2021 and has been accrued as an expenditure in the current year.

**9. INTERFUND TRANSACTIONS – GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**

Fund	Interfund		Interfund	
	Receivables	Payables	Revenues	Expenditures
General	\$ 1,649,429	\$	\$	\$ 749,200
Special Aid		998,165	649,200	
Debt Service			902	
Capital Fund		<u>651,264</u>	<u>100,000</u>	<u>902</u>
Total	<u>\$ 1,649,429</u>	<u>\$ 1,649,429</u>	<u>\$ 750,102</u>	<u>\$ 750,102</u>

- Interfund receivables and payables are typically liquidated within 1 year and are for cash flow purposes.
- The School District typically transfers from the General Fund to the Special Aid Fund, as a required local match for federal and state grants
- The School District transferred \$902 from the Capital Projects Fund to the Debt Service Fund for the unspent bond proceeds.
- The School District transferred a total of \$100,000 from the General Fund to the Capital Fund for the High School Flooring project.

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**10. OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS**

**(a) *Plan Description***

The School District administers a self-insured Minimum Premium Traditional Indemnity Plan to eligible retirees and dependents. The Plan provides for continuation of medical insurance benefits for certain retirees and their spouses and can be amended by action of the School District subject to applicable collective bargaining and employment agreements as follows:

- Eligibility – Employees must have at least 10 years of continuous service and retire as a member of the NYS Pension Retirement System and be eligible to collect benefits.
- Retiree Benefit – All retirees meeting the eligibility requirements and having between 10 and 14 continuous years of service are responsible for 30% of the premium for either single or family coverage. Retirees having over 15 years of continuous years of service are responsible for 0% of the premium for single coverage or 15% of the premium for family coverage. Teachers retiring with at least 15 years of service and an accrued balance of sick/personal days will be eligible for extended individual dental coverage in retirement at a cost equal to 15% of the premium. Years of coverage for the dental coverage depend on the number of sick days accrued.
- Teachers hired on/after July 1, 2016 that meet the above eligibility requirements and have at least 10 years but less than 15 years of continuous service to the District in an appointed position, are responsible for 30% of the premium for either single or family coverage. Retirees that have 15 or more years of continuous service are responsible for 10% of premium for single coverage or 15% for family coverage.
- Length of coverage: All teachers hired on/after July 1, 2017 will receive postemployment medical coverage from the District for a period of seven years after the date of retirement. The District provides lifetime medical coverage to all other retirees and their spouses.

The Plan does not issue a standalone publicly available financial report since no assets are accumulated in a trust that meets all of the criteria in GASB Statement No. 75, paragraph 4.

**(b) *Benefits Provided***

The obligations of the Plan members, employers, and other entities are established by action of the School District pursuant to applicable collective bargaining and employment agreements. The required contribution rates of the employer and the members vary depending on the applicable agreement. For the year ended June 30, 2020, the School District's Plan contributions ranged from 70% to 100% of the required annual premiums.

**(c) *Employees Covered by Benefit Terms***

	Total
Inactive employees currently receiving benefit payments	533
Inactive employees entitled to but not yet receiving benefit payments	0
Active employees	666
Total	1,199

**(d) *Total OPEB Liability***

The District's total OPEB liability of \$221,451,461 was measured as of July 1, 2019 and was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2018.

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**(e) Changes in the Net OPEB Liability**

Changes in the District's total OPEB liability were as follows:

	Total OPEB Liability
Balances, June 30, 2019	\$ 198,879,465
Changes recognized for the year:	
Service cost	6,530,709
Interest on Total OPEB Liability	7,854,949
Change in assumptions and other inputs	13,066,137
Benefit payments	(4,879,799)
Net changes	22,571,996
Balances, June 30, 2020	\$ 221,451,461

**(f) Actuarial Methods and Assumptions**

The total OPEB liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2018, using the measurement date of July 1, 2019 and rolled forward to June 30, 2020, the reporting date. The following actuarial assumptions applied to all periods in the measurement, unless otherwise specified:

**Actuarial Assumptions**

Valuation Date	July 1, 2018
Measurement Date	July 1, 2019
Reporting Date	June 30, 2020
Actuarial Cost Method	Entry Age Normal - Level Percent of Pay
Plan Type	Single Employer Defined Benefit Plan
Inflation rate	2.40%
Healthcare Cost Trend Rates	8.00 to 3.94%
Discount Rate	3.50%
Mortality - Actives	RPH-2014 Mortality Table for employees, sex distinct, with generational mortality adjusted to 2006 using scale MP-2014, and projected forward with scale MP-2018
Mortality - Retirees	RPH-2014 Mortality Table for Healthy Annuitants, sex distinct, with generational mortality adjusted to 2006 using scale MP-2014, and projected forward with scale MP-2018

The following changes in actuarial assumptions have been made since the prior measurement date:

- Changes of assumptions and other inputs reflect a change in the discount rate from 3.87% on July 1, 2018 to 3.5% percent on July 1, 2019.

**Discount Rate** – The selected discount rate of 3.5% is based on the prescribed discount interest rate methodology under GASB 75 based on an average of three 20-year bond indices (Bond Buyer-20 Bond GO Index) as of July 1, 2019.

**Cash Flows** – The cash flows into and out of the Plan are expected to be consistent with the above assumptions and Plan descriptions of participant contributions.

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**(g) Sensitivity of the total OPEB liability to changes in the discount rate**

The following presents the total OPEB liability of the District, as well as what the District's total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1 percentage point lower (2.5 percent) or 1 percentage point higher (4.5 percent) than the current discount rate:

	1% Decrease <u>2.50%</u>	Current Assumption <u>3.50%</u>	1% Increase <u>4.50%</u>
Total OPEB liability	\$ 262,878,920	\$ 221,451,461	\$ 188,489,467

**(h) Sensitivity of the total OPEB liability to changes in the healthcare cost trend rates**

The following presents the total OPEB liability of the District, as well as what the District's total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using healthcare cost trend rates that are 1 percentage point lower (7.00 declining to 2.94 percent) or 1 percentage point higher (9.00 declining to 4.94 percent) than the current healthcare cost trend rate:

	1% Decrease <u>7-2.94%</u>	Current Assumption <u>8-3.94%</u>	1% Increase <u>9-4.94%</u>
Total OPEB liability	\$ 183,275,897	\$ 221,451,461	\$ 271,319,243

Sensitivity analysis for healthcare cost inflation (trend) rate is illustrated as of end of year.

**(i) OPEB Expense and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB**

For the year ended June 30, 2020, the District recognized OPEB expense of \$4,858,837. At June 30, 2020, the District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$	\$ 17,162,280
Changes of assumptions	10,741,202	20,592,116
Contributions subsequent to the measurement date	<u>5,215,011</u>	<u></u>
Total	<u>\$ 15,956,213</u>	<u>\$ 37,754,396</u>

Contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized in the subsequent year. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB will be recognized in OPEB expense as follows:

Year ended June 30:	Amount
2021	\$ (9,526,821)
2022	(9,526,821)
2023	(7,924,921)
2024	(1,476,093)
2025	1,441,462

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**11. CONTINGENCIES**

***Risk Financing and Related Insurance***

**(a) General Information**

The East Syracuse Minoa Central School District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; injuries to employees; errors and omissions and natural disasters. These risks are covered by commercial insurance purchased from independent third parties. Settled claims from these risks have not exceeded commercial insurance coverage for the past three years.

**(b) Nonpool, Risk Retained**

The East Syracuse Minoa Central School District has chosen to establish a Risk Financing Fund for risks associated with the Workers' Compensation Plan. The Risk Financing Fund is accounted for in the General Fund where assets are set aside for claim settlements.

Liabilities of the Fund/Plan are reported when it is probable that a loss has occurred and the amount of the loss can be reasonably estimated. Liabilities do not include an amount for claims that have been incurred but not reported (IBNR) since these amounts cannot be reasonably estimated.

**(c) Pool, Non-Risk Retained**

For its employee health insurance coverage, the East Syracuse Minoa Central School District is a participant in the Cooperative Health Insurance Fund of Central New York, a public entity risk pool operated for the benefit of 28 individual governmental units located within the counties of Onondaga, Cortland, and Madison. The School District pays an annual premium to the Plan for this employee health insurance coverage. The Cooperative Health Insurance Fund of Central New York is considered a self-sustaining risk pool that will provide coverage for its members. The Cooperative Health Insurance Fund of Central New York obtains independent coverage for aggregate claims that approximate \$148 million and the East Syracuse Minoa Central School District has essentially transferred all related risk to the Cooperative Health Insurance Fund of Central New York. During the 2019-2020 school year, the School District's expenditure to the pool was \$17,201,912.

**(d) Potential Grantor Liability**

Amounts received or receivable from grantor agencies are subject to audit and adjustment by grantor agencies, principally the Federal and State governments. Any disallowed claims, including amounts already collected, may constitute a liability of the applicable funds. The amounts, if any, of expenditures which may be disallowed by the grantor cannot be determined at this time although the School District expects such amounts, if any, to be immaterial.

**(e) Construction Commitments**

The School District had various open capital projects during the year ended June 30, 2020, with a total authorization of approximately \$80 million.

At June 30, 2020, the School District had construction commitments outstanding of \$46 million, which are contingent on performance of contractors. If any contract should exceed the original contract, then the excess will be financed from the remaining bond proceeds or current appropriations as approved by the voters.

**12. FUND BALANCE**

(a) The following is a summary of the change in General Fund restricted reserve funds during the year ended June 30, 2020:

<b>Restricted</b>	Beginning Balance	Additions	(Deletions)	Ending Balance
Capital	\$ 805,869	\$ 351,947	\$ (799,198)	\$ 358,618
Employee Benefit Accrued Liability	73,520	100,494		174,014
Tax Certiorari	1,592,641	8,472	(61,865)	1,539,248
Retirement Contribution	822,086	4,511		826,597
Workers Compensation	1,252,070	6,755	(25,579)	1,233,246
Unemployment Insurance	558,289	3,064		561,353
Retirement Contribution-TRS	372,724	352,363		725,087
Total	<u>\$ 5,477,199</u>	<u>\$ 827,606</u>	<u>\$ (886,642)</u>	<u>\$ 5,418,163</u>

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(b) The following is the disaggregation of the fund balance that is reported in summary on the Governmental Fund's Balance Sheet:

	General	School Lunch	Special Aid	Debt Service	Capital	Total
<b>Nonspendable</b>	\$	\$ 35,418	\$	\$	\$	\$ 35,418
<b>Restricted</b>						
Capital Reserve	358,618					358,618
Employee Benefit Accrued Liability Reserve	174,014					174,014
Tax Certiorari Reserve	1,539,248					1,539,248
Retirement Contribution Reserve	826,597					826,597
Workers' Compensation Reserve	1,233,246					1,233,246
Unemployment Insurance Reserve	561,353					561,353
Debt Service-Principal and Interest				5,272,838		5,272,838
Capital Projects Fund					5,086,145	5,086,145
Retirement Contribution Reserve -TRS	725,087					725,087
<b>Total Restricted</b>	5,418,163			5,272,838	5,086,145	15,777,146
<b>Assigned</b>						
Encumbrances	51,093					51,093
Food Service Program		412,368				412,368
Appropriated for Subsequent Year's Budget	650,000					650,000
<b>Total Assigned</b>	701,093	412,368				1,113,461
<b>Unassigned</b>	3,438,435		(59,137)			3,379,298
<b>Total Fund Balance</b>	\$ 9,557,691	\$ 447,786	\$ (59,137)	\$ 5,272,838	\$ 5,086,145	\$ 20,305,323

**13. DEFICIT NET POSITION**

At June 30, 2020 the District Wide Statement of Net Position had an unrestricted (deficit) of \$232,946,665 and a deficit net position of \$159,918,371. The deficit is primarily the result of the implementation of GASB Statement 75, "Accounting and Financial Reporting by Employers for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions," which required the recognition of an unfunded liability of \$221,451,461 at June 30, 2020. Since New York State Laws provide no mechanism for funding the liability, the subsequent accruals are expected to increase the deficit in subsequent years.

**14. TAX ABATEMENTS**

The District is subject to tax abatements that are granted by the Onondaga County Industrial Development Agency (OCIDA). Article 18-A of the New York State Municipal Law, "New York State Industrial Development Agency Act" was enacted to provide for the creation of Industrial Development Agencies (IDA's) to facilitate economic development in specific localities, and delineate their powers and status as public benefit corporations. The legislation establishes the power of New York IDA's, including the authority to grant tax abatements and enter into agreements to require payments in lieu of taxes. Each IDA must adopt and follow a tax exemption policy with input from the effected taxing jurisdictions, however once created the IDA can independently grant abatements in conformity with their policy. The OCIDA enters into agreements to abate property tax for the purpose of increasing or retaining employment in the County.

Property abatements may be partially offset by an agreement that requires payments in lieu of taxes. These agreements specify the annual amount to be remitted by the property owner and are allocated to the effected jurisdiction based on the proportion of taxes abated. The District has chosen to disclose information about its tax abatement by purpose. It established a quantitative threshold of 10 percent of the total dollar amount of taxes abated during the year.

Abatement agreements of OCIDA resulted in a revenue impact to the District for the year ended June 30, 2020 as follows:

Purpose	Gross Tax Reduction	Payments in Lieu of Taxes	Net Revenue Reduction
Economic Development and Job Creation	\$ 2,112,520	\$ 1,511,366	\$ 703,798

The District also has an agreement with the Syracuse Airport Authority pursuant to Section 406 of the New York Real Property Tax Law. This agreement commenced in 2009 and is in perpetuity. For the year ended June 30, 2020, the District's property tax revenue was reduced by \$1,692,259 and received payment in lieu of taxes totaling \$220,000.

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**15. OPERATING LEASE**

During 2019-2020 school year, the District has entered into an agreement to lease space from Chittenango Central School District. The term of this lease is for 30 months and commenced on March 1, 2020 through August 31, 2022. This lease is subject for a renewal of two additional terms upon mutual written agreement of the parties. Tenant is responsible for insurance but landlord is responsible for all utilities needed including water, gas, oil, heat, electricity and air conditioning. Tenant is responsible for contributing towards utilities in an amount of \$650 per month during the period of March 1, 2020 through August 31, 2020 and \$2,400 per month for the period of September 1, 2020 through August 31, 2022.

During the year ended June 30, 2020, the District paid \$31,400 in rent and \$2,600 in utilities to the landlord with respect to the above lease.

The following is a schedule of the minimum lease payments:

Fiscal Year <u>Ended June 30,</u>	<u>Minimum Rent Payment</u>	<u>Minimum Utilities Payment</u>
2021	\$246,300	\$25,300
2022	\$276,720	\$28,800
2023	\$46,120	\$4,800

**16. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

On July 17, 2020, the School District issued \$994,989 in a bond anticipation note bearing a net interest rate of .875%.

Also, on September 3, 2020, the School District issued \$19,000,000 in a bond anticipation note bearing interest with a coupon rate of 2% and a net interest rate of .22%.

In addition, effective for September 1, 2020, the District has entered into an agreement to lease space from St. Matthews Church for educational purposes. The term of this lease is for 30 months, terminating on July 31, 2022. The District shall pay the lessor a maximum of \$554,511 over the term of this lease. The lease has a renewal option for one additional year upon mutual written agreement of the parties.

In July 2020, New York State Division of the Budget began approving General Support for Public Schools (GSPS) payments to school districts at 80% of the otherwise scheduled amounts. All or a portion of these withholds are currently temporary, but may be converted to permanent reductions depending on the size and timing of new unrestricted Federal aid to be received, if any. The financial statements as of June 30, 2020 have been adjusted accordingly.

**EAST SYRACUSE MINOA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE**  
**BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND**  
**For the Year Ended June 30, 2020**

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Final Budget Variance With Actual
<b>Revenues</b>				
Local Sources				
Real Property Taxes	\$ 48,117,390	\$ 42,436,009	\$ 42,426,911	\$ (9,098)
Other Real Property Tax Items	1,787,640	7,469,021	7,206,710	(262,311)
State Tax Relief Reimbursement				
Nonproperty Tax Items	90,000	90,000	111,300	21,300
Charges for Services	868,212	868,212	799,530	(68,682)
Use of Money and Property	90,000	90,000	290,158	200,158
Forfeitures				
Sale of Property and Compensation for Loss	51,500	51,500	27,351	(24,149)
Miscellaneous	610,000	610,000	641,336	31,336
Interfund Revenues				
State Aid	29,484,876	29,484,876	29,579,154	94,278
Federal Aid	200,000	200,000	375,262	175,262
Total Revenues	<u>81,299,618</u>	<u>81,299,618</u>	<u>81,457,712</u>	<u>158,094</u>
<b>Other Financing Sources</b>				
Transfers from Other Funds				
Use of Reserves	519,914	519,914		(519,914)
Appropriated Fund Balance	584,447	1,471,089		(1,471,089)
Total Revenues and Other Financing Sources	<u>\$ 82,403,979</u>	<u>\$ 83,290,621</u>	<u>81,457,712</u>	<u>\$ (1,832,909)</u>
<b>Expenditures</b>				
General Support				
Board of Education	\$ 37,030	\$ 40,021	25,825	\$ 14,196
Central Administration	321,313	321,311	313,137	8,174
Finance	640,975	626,221	599,134	27,087
Staff	567,001	569,440	502,843	66,597
Central Services	5,025,930	5,063,525	4,728,370	33,907
Special Items	618,667	660,686	655,504	5,182
Total General Support	<u>7,210,916</u>	<u>7,281,204</u>	<u>6,824,813</u>	<u>33,907</u>
Instruction				
Instruction, Administration, and Improvement	2,010,658	2,053,369	2,010,503	1,190
Teaching - Regular School	22,802,910	21,804,123	21,255,839	9,989
Programs for Children With Special Needs	10,086,483	10,732,680	10,539,403	193,277
Occupational Education	52,218	104,436	104,436	
Teaching - Special School	185,500	156,256	153,756	2,500
Instructional Media	3,548,658	3,544,298	3,497,640	50
Pupil Services	2,793,098	2,586,356	2,447,937	5,457
Total Instruction	<u>41,479,525</u>	<u>40,981,518</u>	<u>40,009,514</u>	<u>16,686</u>
Pupil Transportation	3,770,344	4,484,804	4,201,039	500
Community Services	2,475	2,475	526	283,265
Employee Benefits	23,328,705	23,697,560	23,442,342	1,949
Debt Service - Principal	4,623,912	4,623,912	4,623,912	255,218
Debt Service - Interest	1,403,102	1,403,102	1,403,102	
Total Expenditures	<u>81,818,979</u>	<u>82,474,575</u>	<u>80,505,248</u>	<u>51,093</u>
<b>Other Financing Uses</b>				
Transfers to Other Funds	585,000	816,046	749,200	66,846
Total Expenditures and Other Financing Uses	<u>\$ 82,403,979</u>	<u>\$ 83,290,621</u>	<u>81,254,448</u>	<u>\$ 51,093</u>
<b>Net Change in Fund Balance</b>			203,264	
<b>Fund Balance - Beginning of Year</b>			<u>9,354,427</u>	
<b>Fund Balance - End of Year</b>			<u>\$ 9,557,691</u>	

Notes to Required Supplementary Information

The School District administration prepares a proposed budget for approval by the Board of Education for the General Fund, the only fund with a legally adopted budget.

The budget is adopted annually on a basis consistent with GAAP. Appropriations authorized for the year are increased by the amount of encumbrances carried forward from the prior year.

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**EAST SYRACUSE MINOA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**SCHEDULES OF CHANGES IN THE DISTRICT'S TOTAL OPEB LIABILITY AND RELATED RATIOS**  
**For the Year Ended June 30, 2020**

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
Total OPEB Liability			
Service cost	\$ 6,530,709	\$ 7,087,414	\$ 9,231,766
Interest on Total OPEB Liability	7,854,949	8,239,606	7,175,392
Change in assumptions and other inputs	13,066,137	(7,810,251)	(32,724,526)
Differences between expected and actual experience		(26,644,202)	
Changes in Benefit Terms		(1,491,321)	
Benefit payments	<u>(4,879,799)</u>	<u>(4,584,639)</u>	<u>(4,272,333)</u>
Net change in total OPEB Liability	<u>22,571,996</u>	<u>(25,203,393)</u>	<u>(20,589,701)</u>
Total OPEB Liability - Beginning	<u>198,879,465</u>	<u>224,082,858</u>	<u>244,672,559</u>
Total OPEB Liability - Ending	<u>\$ 221,451,461</u>	<u>\$ 198,879,465</u>	<u>\$ 224,082,858</u>
Covered payroll	\$ 41,818,448	\$ 40,512,569	\$ 41,368,363
Total OPEB Liability as a percentage of covered payroll	530%	491%	542%

10 years of historical information will not be available upon implementation. An additional year of historical information will be added each year subsequent to the year of implementation until 10 years of historical data is available.

**Notes to Required Supplementary Information:**

The District does not currently maintain assets in an OPEB trust.

**Actuarial Assumptions**

The actuarial methods and assumptions used to calculate the total OPEB liability are described in Note 10 to the financial statements.

**Changes to Assumptions**

The discount rate changed from 3.87% to 3.50%, which is a prescribed discount rate under GASB 75, and is based on the Bond Buyer General Obligation 20-Bond Municipal Index.

**EAST SYRACUSE MINOA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**SCHEDULES OF DISTRICT'S CONTRIBUTIONS**  
**For the Year Ended June 30, 2020**

**ERS Pension Plan**  
**Last 10 Fiscal Years**

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>
Contractually Required Contribution	\$ 1,273,408	\$ 1,274,458	\$ 1,218,255	\$ 1,248,953	\$ 1,490,084	\$ 1,371,455	\$ 1,776,939	\$ 1,662,439	\$ 1,426,497	\$ 1,060,251
Contributions in Relation to the Contractually Required Contribution	<u>1,273,408</u>	<u>1,274,458</u>	<u>1,218,255</u>	<u>1,248,953</u>	<u>1,490,084</u>	<u>1,371,455</u>	<u>1,776,939</u>	<u>1,662,439</u>	<u>1,426,497</u>	<u>1,060,251</u>
Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
School District's Covered-ERS Employee Payroll	\$ 8,866,913	\$ 8,715,763	\$ 8,051,788	\$ 8,168,719	\$ 8,262,733	\$ 8,000,139	\$ 8,899,103	\$ 9,177,986	\$ 9,254,775	\$ 9,529,631
Contributions as a Percentage of Covered-Employee Payroll	14.36%	14.62%	15.13%	15.29%	18.03%	17.14%	19.97%	18.11%	15.41%	11.13%

**TRS Pension Plan**  
**Last 10 Fiscal Years**

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>
Contractually Required Contribution	\$ 3,343,183	\$ 3,341,525	\$ 2,995,695	\$ 3,402,512	\$ 3,761,274	\$ 4,885,480	\$ 4,435,156	\$ 3,261,952	\$ 3,080,332	\$ 2,407,468
Contributions in Relation to the Contractually Required Contribution	<u>3,343,183</u>	<u>3,341,525</u>	<u>2,995,695</u>	<u>3,402,512</u>	<u>3,761,274</u>	<u>4,885,480</u>	<u>4,435,156</u>	<u>3,261,952</u>	<u>3,080,332</u>	<u>2,407,468</u>
Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
School District's Covered-TRS Employee Payroll	\$ 37,733,442	\$ 31,464,454	\$ 30,568,316	\$ 29,032,546	\$ 28,365,563	\$ 27,869,253	\$ 27,293,268	\$ 27,550,270	\$ 27,725,761	\$ 27,928,863
Contributions as a Percentage of Covered-Employee Payroll	8.86%	10.62%	9.80%	11.72%	13.26%	17.53%	16.25%	11.84%	11.11%	8.62%

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**EAST SYRACUSE MINOA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**SCHEDULES OF THE DISTRICT'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET PENSION LIABILITY/ASSET**  
**For the Year Ended June 30, 2020**

**ERS Pension Plan**

	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>
District's proportion of the net pension liability	0.029557%	0.029974%	0.027599%	0.029327%	0.031015%	0.030119%	0.030119%
District's proportionate share of the net pension (liability)	\$ (7,826,875)	\$ (2,123,774)	\$ (890,751)	\$ (2,755,600)	\$ (4,978,065)	\$ (1,017,480)	\$ (1,361,018)
District's covered-employee payroll	\$ 8,866,913	\$ 8,715,763	\$ 8,051,788	\$ 8,168,719	\$ 8,262,733	\$ 8,000,139	\$ 8,899,103
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	88.27%	24.37%	11.06%	33.73%	60.25%	12.72%	15.29%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of total pension liability	86.4%	96.3%	98.2%	94.7%	90.7%	97.9%	97.2%

**TRS Pension Plan**

	<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2013</b>
District's proportion of the net pension asset/liability	0.188598%	0.187664%	0.183333%	0.181461%	0.185531%	0.184769%	0.188037%
District's proportionate share of the net pension asset (liability)	\$ 4,899,788	\$ 3,393,455	\$ 1,393,491	\$ (1,943,521)	\$ 19,270,742	\$ 20,582,120	\$ 1,237,757
District's covered-employee payroll	\$ 31,464,454	\$ 30,568,316	\$ 29,032,546	\$ 28,365,563	\$ 27,869,253	\$ 27,293,268	\$ 27,550,270
District's proportionate share of the net pension asset/(liability) as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	15.57%	11.10%	04.80%	-06.85%	69.15%	75.41%	04.54%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of total pension liability	102.20%	101.53%	100.66%	99.01%	110.46%	111.48%	100.70%

Information is presented only for the years available.

**EAST SYRACUSE MINOA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
SCHEDULES OF CHANGE FROM ORIGINAL BUDGET TO REVISED BUDGET  
AND SECTION 1318 OF REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW LIMIT CALCULATION  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2020**

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**Change from Adopted Budget to Revised Budget**

Adopted Budget	\$ 82,319,532
Add: Prior Year's Encumbrances	<u>84,447</u>
Original Budget	<u>82,403,979</u>
Add: Budget Revisions	
Appropriation of Tax Certiorari	61,865
Appropriation of Workers Compensation Reserve	25,579
Voter Authorization for Bus Purchase	<u>799,198</u>
	<u>886,642</u>
Final Budget	<u>\$ 83,290,621</u>

**Section 1318 of Real Property Tax Law Limit Calculation**

2020-21 voter-approved expenditure budget	<u>\$ 84,149,032</u>
Maximum allowed (4% of 2020-21 budget)	<u>\$ 3,365,961</u>
General Fund Fund Balance Subject to Section 1318 of Real Property Tax Law :	
Unrestricted fund balance:	
Assigned fund balance	\$ 701,093
Unassigned fund balance	<u>3,438,435</u>
Total unrestricted fund balance	<u>4,139,528</u>
Less:	
Appropriated fund balance	650,000
Encumbrances included in assigned fund balance	<u>51,093</u>
Total adjustments	<u>701,093</u>
General Fund Fund Balance Subject to Section 1318 of Real Property Tax Law	<u>\$ 3,438,435</u>
Actual percentage	4.09%

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**EAST SYRACUSE MINOA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**SCHEDULE OF PROJECT EXPENDITURES - CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND**  
**For the Year Ended June 30, 2020**

PROJECT TITLE	Original Authorization	Revised Authorization	Expenditures			Unexpended Balance	Methods of Financing				Fund Balance June 30, 2020
			Prior Years	Current Year	Total		Proceeds of Obligations	Federal and State Aid	Local Sources	Total	
Pine Grove Middle School Additions and Alterations	\$ 29,400,000	\$ 29,400,000	\$ 29,399,999	\$	\$ 29,399,999	\$ 1	\$ 23,006,831	\$ 291,370	\$ 6,102,700	\$ 29,400,901	\$ 902
Pine Grove Middle School Emergency Project	500,000	500,000	273,623		273,623	226,377			273,623	273,623	
District wide Construction/Renovation Project	49,800,000	49,800,000	467,590	3,241,892	3,709,482	46,090,518			8,795,627	8,795,627	5,086,145
Storage Building	50,000	50,000				50,000					
DASNY Project	332,100	332,100		62,445	62,445	269,655		62,445		62,445	
East Syracuse-Minoa High School Flooring	100,000	100,000		100,000	100,000				100,000	100,000	
Smart Bonds			1,413,212	5,916	1,419,128			1,419,128		1,419,128	
<b>Totals</b>	<u>\$ 80,182,100</u>	<u>\$ 80,182,100</u>	<u>\$ 31,554,424</u>	<u>\$ 3,410,253</u>	<u>\$ 34,964,677</u>	<u>\$ 46,636,551</u>	<u>\$ 23,006,831</u>	<u>\$ 1,772,943</u>	<u>\$ 15,271,950</u>	<u>\$ 40,051,724</u>	5,087,047
									Transfer to Debt Service		902
											<u>\$ 5,086,145</u>

See Independent Auditor's Report.

**EAST SYRACUSE MINOA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**NET INVESTMENT IN CAPITAL ASSETS**  
**June 30, 2020**

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Capital Assets, Net	\$ <u>80,661,039</u>
Deduct:	
Serial Bonds Payable	(21,845,000)
Bond Premium	(3,177,930)
Energy Performance Contract	(3,487,182)
Deferred Amounts from Refunding of Debt	(212,181)
Add:	
Capital Fund Fund Balance	5,086,145
Deferred Charge from Refunding of Debt	<u>226,257</u>
	<u>(23,409,891)</u>
Net Investment in Capital Assets	<u>\$ 57,251,148</u>

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**Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance With *Government Auditing Standards***

Board of Education  
East Syracuse Minoa Central School District

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of East Syracuse Minoa Central School District, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2020, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise East Syracuse Minoa Central School District's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated September 28, 2020.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered East Syracuse Minoa Central School 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 East Syracuse Minoa Central School District's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of East Syracuse Minoa Central School 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 school district'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 may exist that have not been identified.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether East Syracuse Minoa Central School 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*.

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 school district's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the school district's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

*D'Arcangelo + Co., LLP*

September 28, 2020

Utica, New York



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**Independent Auditor's Report on Compliance For Each Major Program and on Internal Control Over Compliance  
Required by The Uniform Guidance**

Board of Education  
East Syracuse Minoa Central School District

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

We have audited East Syracuse Minoa Central School District's compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the *OMB Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2020. East Syracuse Minoa Central School District's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs.

Management's Responsibility

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

Auditor's Responsibility

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

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

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

In our opinion, East Syracuse Minoa Central School 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, 2020.

Report on Internal Control Over Compliance

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

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

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

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

*D'Arcangelo + Co., LLP*

September 28, 2020

Utica, New York

**EAST SYRACUSE MINOA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2020**

<u>Federal Grantor/Pass-Through Grantor/Program Title</u>	<u>Federa CFDA Number</u>	<u>Agency or Pass-through Number</u>	<u>Total Federal Expenditures</u>	<u>Expenditures to Subrecipients</u>
<u>U.S. Department of Agriculture</u>				
(Passed Through the State Education Department of the State of New York)				
Child Nutrition Cluster				
Non-Cash Assistance				
Food Donation (Non Cash)	10.555	N/A	\$ <u>64,264</u>	
Cash Assistance				
School Breakfast Program	10.553	N/A	125,342	
National School Lunch Program	10.555	N/A	436,497	
Summer Food Service Program for Children	10.559	N/A	<u>471,213</u>	
Cash Assistance Subtotal			<u>1,033,052</u>	
Total Child Nutrition Cluster			<u>1,097,316</u>	
Total U.S. Department of Agriculture			<u>1,097,316</u>	
<u>U.S. Department of Education</u>				
(Passed Through the State Education Department of the State of New York)				
Special Education Cluster				
Special Education - Grants to States, (IDEA, Part B)	84.027	0032-20-0640	954,901	
Special Education - Preschool Grants, (IDEA Preschool)	84.173	0033-20-0640	<u>30,639</u>	
Total Special Education Cluster			985,540	
Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies	84.010	0021-19-2095	10,220	
Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies	84.010	0021-20-2095	399,351	
Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies, SIG	84.010	0011-20-3034	17,161	
Title III, Part A, English Language Acquisition Grant	84.365	0293-20-2095	8,044	
Title IV, Part A, Student Support and Academic	84.424	2041-19-2095	21,245	
Title IV, Part A, Student Support and Academic	84.424	2041-20-2095	26,994	
Improving Teacher Quality State Grants, (Title IIA)	84.367	0147-19-2095	13,715	
Improving Teacher Quality State Grants, (Title IIA)	84.367	0147-20-2095	<u>59,851</u>	
Total U.S. Department of Education			<u>1,542,121</u>	
<u>Total Federal Awards Expended</u>			<u>\$ 2,639,437</u>	

See Notes to Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards and Independent Auditor's Report.

**EAST SYRACUSE MINOA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**NOTES TO SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS**  
**For the Year Ended June 30, 2020**

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**1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

***Basis of Presentation***

The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (the Schedule) includes the federal award activity of East Syracuse Minoa Central School District, under programs of the federal government for the year ended June 30, 2020. 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 East Syracuse Minoa Central School District, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position, changes in net assets, or cash flows of East Syracuse Minoa Central School District

***Basis of Accounting***

The expenditures in the accompanying schedule are presented on an 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. Therefore, some amounts presented in this schedule may differ from amounts presented in, or used in the preparation of, the basic financial statements.

***De Minimis Indirect Cost Rate***

East Syracuse Minoa Central School District has not elected to use the 10 percent de minimis indirect cost rate as allowed under the Uniform Guidance.

***Food Donation***

Nonmonetary assistance is reported in the schedule at fair market value of the food commodities received. At June 30, 2020, the School District had food commodities totaling \$35,418 in inventory.

**EAST SYRACUSE MINOA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS - FEDERAL  
COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2020**

***Summary of Auditor's Results***

Type of Financial Statement Opinion	Unmodified
Were there any material control weakness conditions reported at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?	No
Were there any other significant deficiencies reported at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?	No
Was there any reported material noncompliance at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?	No
Were there any material internal control weakness conditions reported for major Federal programs?	No
Were there any other significant deficiencies reported for major Federal programs?	No
Type of Major Programs' Compliance Opinion	Unmodified
Are there any finding disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with § 2 CFR-200.516(a)?	No
Major Programs (list):	<u>U.S. Department of Agriculture</u>  <u>Child Nutrition Cluster</u> Non-Cash Assistance Food Donation, 10.555 School Breakfast Program, 10.553 National School Lunch Program 10.555 Summer Food Service Program 10.559
Dollar Threshold: Type A/B Programs	Type A: > \$ 750,000 Type B: all others
Low Risk Auditee?	Yes

***Findings – Financial Statement Audit***

None noted in the current year.

***Findings and Questioned Costs – Major Federal Award Programs Audit***

None noted in the current year.

**EAST SYRACUSE MINOA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
STATUS OF PRIOR YEAR'S FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS – FEDERAL COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2020**

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None.