

PRELIMINARY OFFICIAL STATEMENT DATED JANUARY 13, 2022

In the opinion of Dorsey & Whitney LLP, Bond Counsel, based on existing law and assuming the accuracy of certain representations and compliance with certain covenants, interest on the Bonds (i) is excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes under Section 103 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the "Code"), (ii) is not an item of tax preference for purposes of the federal alternative minimum tax imposed by Section 55 of the Code, (iii) is excluded from taxable net income of individuals, estates, and trusts for Minnesota income tax purposes, and (iv) is not an item of tax preference for Minnesota alternative minimum tax purposes. Interest on the Bonds is included, however, in net income for purposes of the Minnesota franchise tax imposed on corporations and financial institutions.

The District will not designate the Bonds as "qualified tax-exempt obligations" for purposes of Section 265(b)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986. See "TAX CONSIDERATIONS" herein.

New Issue

Rating Application Made: Moody's Investors Service, Inc.

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 75 (ST. CLAIR), MINNESOTA (Blue Earth and Waseca Counties)

(Minnesota School District Credit Enhancement Program)

\$15,000,000* GENERAL OBLIGATION SCHOOL BUILDING BONDS, SERIES 2022A

PROPOSAL OPENING: January 24, 2022, 10:00 A.M., C.T. **CONSIDERATION:** January 24, 2022, 6:30 P.M., C.T.

PURPOSE/AUTHORITY/SECURITY: The \$15,000,000* General Obligation School Building Bonds, Series 2022A (the "Bonds") are being issued pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 475, and a special election held November 2, 2021 by Independent School District No. 75 (St. Clair), Minnesota (the "District") for the purpose of financing the acquisition and betterment of school sites and facilities in the District. The Bonds will be general obligations of the District for which its full faith, credit and taxing powers are pledged. Delivery is subject to receipt of an approving legal opinion of Dorsey & Whitney LLP, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

DATE OF BONDS: February 17, 2022

MATURITY: February 1 as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount*</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount*</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount*</u>
2023	\$550,000	2030	\$715,000	2037	\$835,000
2024	570,000	2031	745,000	2038	855,000
2025	590,000	2032	760,000	2039	875,000
2026	610,000	2033	760,000	2040	900,000
2027	635,000	2034	775,000	2041	925,000
2028	660,000	2035	790,000	2042	950,000
2029	690,000	2036	810,000		

MATURITY ADJUSTMENTS: * The District reserves the right to increase or decrease the principal amount of the Bonds on the day of sale, in increments of \$5,000 each. Increases or decreases may be made in any maturity. If any principal amounts are adjusted, the purchase price proposed will be adjusted to maintain the same gross spread per \$1,000.

TERM BONDS: See "Term Bond Option" herein.

INTEREST: August 1, 2022 and semiannually thereafter.

OPTIONAL REDEMPTION: Bonds maturing on February 1, 2031 and thereafter are subject to call for prior optional redemption on February 1, 2030 and any date thereafter, at a price of par plus accrued interest.

MINIMUM PROPOSAL: \$15,000,000.

GOOD FAITH DEPOSIT: A good faith deposit in the amount of \$300,000 shall be made by the winning bidder by wire transfer of funds.

PAYING AGENT: Bond Trust Services Corporation

BOND COUNSEL: Dorsey & Whitney LLP

MUNICIPAL ADVISOR: Ehlers and Associates, Inc.

BOOK-ENTRY-ONLY: See "Book-Entry-Only System" herein (unless otherwise specified by the purchaser).

REPRESENTATIONS

No dealer, broker, salesperson or other person has been authorized by the District to give any information or to make any representation other than those contained in this Preliminary Official Statement and, if given or made, such other information or representations must not be relied upon as having been authorized by the District. ***This Preliminary Official Statement does not constitute an offer to sell or a solicitation of an offer to buy any of the Bonds in any jurisdiction to any person to whom it is unlawful to make such an offer or solicitation in such jurisdiction.***

This Preliminary Official Statement is not to be construed as a contract with the Syndicate Manager or Syndicate Members. Statements contained herein which involve estimates or matters of opinion are intended solely as such and are not to be construed as representations of fact. Ehlers and Associates, Inc. prepared this Preliminary Official Statement and any addenda thereto relying on information of the District and other sources for which there is reasonable basis for believing the information is accurate and complete.

Bond Counsel has not participated in the preparation of this Preliminary Official Statement and is not expressing any opinion as to the completeness or accuracy of the information contained therein. Compensation of Ehlers and Associates, Inc., payable entirely by the District, is contingent upon the delivery of the Bonds.

COMPLIANCE WITH S.E.C. RULE 15c2-12

Certain municipal obligations (issued in an aggregate amount over \$1,000,000) are subject to Rule 15c2-12 promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Rule").

Preliminary Official Statement: This Preliminary Official Statement was prepared for the District for dissemination to potential investors. Its primary purpose is to disclose information regarding the Bonds to prospective underwriters in the interest of receiving competitive proposals in accordance with the sale notice contained herein. Unless an addendum is posted prior to the sale, this Preliminary Official Statement shall be deemed nearly final for purposes of the Rule subject to completion, revision and amendment in a Final Official Statement as defined below.

Review Period: This Preliminary Official Statement has been distributed to prospective bidders for review. Comments or requests for the correction of omissions or inaccuracies must be submitted to Ehlers and Associates, Inc. at least two business days prior to the sale. Requests for additional information or corrections in the Preliminary Official Statement received on or before this date will not be considered a qualification of a proposal received from an underwriter. If there are any changes, corrections or additions to the Preliminary Official Statement, interested bidders will be informed by an addendum prior to the sale.

Final Official Statement: Copies of the Final Official Statement will be delivered to the underwriter (Syndicate Manager) within seven business days following the proposal acceptance.

Continuing Disclosure: Subject to certain exemptions, issues in an aggregate amount over \$1,000,000 may be required to comply with provisions of the Rule which require that underwriters obtain from the issuers of municipal securities (or other obligated party) an agreement for the benefit of the owners of the securities to provide continuing disclosure with respect to those securities. This Preliminary Official Statement describes the conditions under which the District is required to comply with the Rule.

CLOSING CERTIFICATES

Upon delivery of the Bonds, the underwriter (Syndicate Manager) will be furnished with the following items: (1) a certificate of the appropriate officials to the effect that at the time of the sale of the Bonds and all times subsequent thereto up to and including the time of the delivery of the Bonds, this Preliminary Official Statement did not and does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading; (2) a receipt signed by the appropriate officer evidencing payment for the Bonds; (3) a certificate evidencing the due execution of the Bonds, including statements that (a) no litigation of any nature is pending, or to the knowledge of signers, threatened, restraining or enjoining the issuance and delivery of the Bonds, (b) neither the corporate existence or boundaries of the District nor the title of the signers to their respective offices is being contested, and (c) no authority or proceedings for the issuance of the Bonds have been repealed, revoked or rescinded; and (4) a certificate setting forth facts and expectations of the District which indicates that the District does not expect to use the proceeds of the Bonds in a manner that would cause them to be arbitrage bonds within the meaning of Section 148 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or within the meaning of applicable Treasury Regulations.

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ST. CLAIR SCHOOL BOARD

		<u>Term Expires</u>
Jillian Cousins	Chair	January 2023
Connie Johns	Vice Chair	January 2023
Johanna Marzinske	Clerk	January 2023
Karen Hauser	Treasurer	January 2025
Sara Quast	Member	January 2025
Mick Rasmussen	Member	January 2025

ADMINISTRATION

Tim Collins, Superintendent of Schools
Kelly Zabel, Business Manager

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

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Ehlers and Associates, Inc., Municipal Advisors, Roseville, Minnesota
(Other offices located in Waukesha, Wisconsin and Denver, Colorado)

INTRODUCTORY STATEMENT

This Preliminary Official Statement contains certain information regarding Independent School District No. 75 (St. Clair), Minnesota (the "District") and the issuance of its \$15,000,000* General Obligation School Building Bonds, Series 2022A (the "Bonds"). Any descriptions or summaries of the Bonds, statutes, or documents included herein are not intended to be complete and are qualified in their entirety by reference to such statutes and documents and the form of the Bonds to be included in the resolution authorizing the issuance and sale of the Bonds ("Award Resolution") to be adopted by the School Board on January 24, 2022.

Inquiries may be directed to Ehlers and Associates, Inc. ("Ehlers" or the "Municipal Advisor"), Roseville, Minnesota, (651) 697-8500, the District's municipal advisor. A copy of this Preliminary Official Statement may be downloaded from Ehlers' web site at www.ehlers-inc.com by connecting to the Bond Sales link and following the directions at the top of the site.

THE BONDS

GENERAL

The Bonds will be issued in fully registered form as to both principal and interest in denominations of \$5,000 each or any integral multiple thereof, and will be dated, as originally issued, as of February 17, 2022. The Bonds will mature on February 1 in the years and amounts set forth on the cover of this Preliminary Official Statement. Interest will be payable on February 1 and August 1 of each year, commencing August 1, 2022, to the registered owners of the Bonds appearing of record in the bond register as of the close of business on the 15th day (whether or not a business day) of the immediately preceding month. Interest will be computed upon the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months and will be rounded pursuant to rules of the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board ("MSRB"). **The rate for any maturity may not be more than 2.00% less than the rate for any preceding maturity. (For example, if a rate of 4.50% is proposed for the 2023 maturity, then the lowest rate that may be proposed for any later maturity is 2.50%.)** All Bonds of the same maturity must bear interest from the date of issue until paid at a single, uniform rate. Each rate must be expressed in an integral multiple of 5/100 or 1/8 of 1%.

Unless otherwise specified by the purchaser, the Bonds will be registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee for The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York ("DTC"). (See "Book-Entry-Only System" herein.) As long as the Bonds are held under the book-entry system, beneficial ownership interests in the Bonds may be acquired in book-entry form only, and all payments of principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the Bonds shall be made through the facilities of DTC and its participants. If the book-entry system is terminated, principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the Bonds shall be payable as provided in the Award Resolution.

The District has selected Bond Trust Services Corporation, Roseville, Minnesota, to act as paying agent (the "Paying Agent"). Bond Trust Services Corporation and Ehlers are affiliate companies. The District will pay the charges for Paying Agent services. The District reserves the right to remove the Paying Agent and to appoint a successor.

*Preliminary, subject to change.

OPTIONAL REDEMPTION

At the option of the District, the Bonds maturing on or after February 1, 2031 shall be subject to optional redemption prior to maturity on February 1, 2030 or any date thereafter, at a price of par plus accrued interest.

Redemption may be in whole or in part of the Bonds subject to prepayment. If redemption is in part, the selection of the amounts and maturities of the Bonds to be redeemed shall be at the discretion of the District. If only part of the Bonds having a common maturity date are called for redemption, then the District or Paying Agent, if any, will notify DTC of the particular amount of such maturity to be redeemed. DTC will determine by lot the amount of each participant's interest in such maturity to be redeemed and each participant will then select by lot the beneficial ownership interest in such maturity to be redeemed.

Notice of redemption shall be sent by mail not more than 60 days and not less than 30 days prior to the date fixed for redemption to the registered owner of each Bond to be redeemed at the address shown on the registration books.

AUTHORITY; PURPOSE

The Bonds are being issued by the District pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 475, and a special election held November 2, 2021, at which voters approved a building program by a vote of 414 - 138. Proceeds of the Bonds will be used to provide funds for acquisition and betterment of school sites and facilities, including, but not limited to, various deferred capital projects including heating and ventilation systems and a classroom addition in the High School.

ESTIMATED SOURCES AND USES*

Sources			
Par Amount of Bonds	\$15,000,000		
Reoffering Premium	<u>733,200</u>		
Total Sources			\$15,733,200
Uses			
Total Underwriter's Discount (1.000%)	\$150,000		
Costs of Issuance	104,600		
Deposit to Project Construction Fund	<u>15,478,600</u>		
Total Uses			\$15,733,200

*Preliminary, subject to change.

SECURITY

The Bonds are general obligations of the District to which its full faith, credit and taxing powers are pledged. In accordance with Minnesota Statutes, the District will levy each year an amount not less than 105% of the debt service requirements on the Bonds, less estimated collections of other revenues pledged for payments on the Bonds. In the event funds on hand for payment of principal and interest are at any time insufficient, the District is required to levy additional taxes upon all taxable properties within its boundaries without limit as to rate or amount to make up any deficiency.

RATING

The District will be participating in the State of Minnesota Credit Enhancement Program ("MNCEP") for this issue and is requesting a rating from Moody's Investors Service, Inc. ("Moody's"). Moody's has a policy which assigns a minimum rating of "Aa2" to issuers participating in the MNCEP. The "Aa2" rating is based on the State of Minnesota's current "Aa1" rating from Moody's. See "STATE OF MINNESOTA CREDIT ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM FOR SCHOOL DISTRICTS" for further details.

The District does not currently have an underlying rating, however, has requested an underlying rating on this issue from Moody's. Such rating reflects only the views of such organization and explanations of the significance of such rating may be obtained from the rating agency furnishing the same. Generally, a rating agency bases its rating on the information and materials furnished to it and on investigations, studies and assumptions of its own. There is no assurance that such rating will continue for any given period of time or that it will not be revised downward or withdrawn entirely by such rating agency, if in the judgment of such rating agency circumstances so warrant. Any such downward revision or withdrawal of such rating may have an adverse effect on the market price of the Bonds.

Such rating is not to be construed as a recommendation of the rating agency to buy, sell or hold the Bonds, and the rating assigned by the rating agency should be evaluated independently. Except as may be required by the Disclosure Undertaking described under the heading "CONTINUING DISCLOSURE" neither the District nor the underwriter undertake responsibility to bring to the attention of the owner of the Bonds any proposed changes in or withdrawal of such rating or to oppose any such revision or withdrawal.

STATE OF MINNESOTA CREDIT ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM FOR SCHOOL DISTRICTS

By resolution adopted for this issue on December 20, 2021 (the "Resolution"), the District has covenanted and obligated itself to be bound by the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, Section 126C.55, which provides for payment by the State of Minnesota in the event of a potential default of a school district obligation (herein referred to as the "State Payment Law" or the "Law"). The provisions of the State Payment Law shall be binding on the District as long as any obligations of the issue remain outstanding.

Under the State Payment Law, if the District believes it may be unable to make a principal or interest payment for this issue on the due date, it must notify the Commissioner of Education as soon as possible, but not less than 15 working days prior to the due date (which notice is to specify certain information) that it intends to exercise the provisions of the Law to guarantee payment of the principal and interest when due. The District also covenants in the Resolution to deposit with the Paying Agent for the issue three business days prior to the date on which a payment is due an amount sufficient to make that payment or to notify the Commissioner of Education that it will be unable to make all or a portion of the payment.

The Law also requires the Paying Agent for this issue to notify the Commissioner of Education if it becomes aware of a potential default in the payment of principal and interest on these obligations, or if, on the day two business days prior to the payment date, there are insufficient funds to make the payment or deposit with the Paying Agent.

The Law also requires, after receipt of a notice which requests a payment pursuant to the Law, after consultation with the Paying Agent and District, and after verifying the accuracy of the information provided, the Commissioner of Education shall notify the Commissioner of Management and Budget of the potential default. The State Payment Law provides that "upon receipt of this notice . . . the commissioner of management and budget shall issue a payment and authorize the commissioner of education to pay to the paying agent for the debt obligation the specified amount on or before the date due. The amounts needed for the purposes of this subdivision are annually appropriated to the [Department of Education] from the state general fund."

The Law requires that all amounts paid by the State on behalf of any School District are required to be repaid by the District to the State with interest, either via a reduction in State aid payable to the District, or through the levy of an ad valorem tax which may be made with the approval of the Commissioner of Education.

In its Official Statement dated September 9, 2021, for General Obligation State Bonds, Series 2021A and 2021B, the State of Minnesota disclosed the following information about the State Credit Enhancement Program for School Districts.

"As of June 30, 2021, the date of this Official Statement, the total amount of principal on certificates of indebtedness and capital notes issued for equipment, certificates of participation and bonds, plus the interest on these obligations, through the year 2050, is approximately \$16,995,000,000. Based upon these currently outstanding balances now enrolled in the program, during the Current Biennium the total amount of principal and interest outstanding as of June 30, 2021 is currently estimated at \$2,500,000,000, with the maximum amount of principal and interest payable in any one month being \$975,700,000. However, more certificates of indebtedness, capital notes, certificates of participation and bonds are expected to be enrolled in the program and these amounts are expected to increase.

The State has not had to make any debt service payments on behalf of school districts or intermediate school districts under the program and does not expect to make any payments in the future. If such payments are made the State expects to recover all or substantially all of the amounts so paid pursuant to contractual agreements with the school districts and intermediate school districts."

CONTINUING DISCLOSURE

In order to assist brokers, dealers, and municipal securities dealers, in connection with their participation in the offering of the Bonds, to comply with Rule 15c2-12 promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission, pursuant to the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Rule"), the District shall agree to provide certain information to the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board (MSRB) through its Electronic Municipal Market Access (EMMA) system, or any system that may be prescribed in the future. The Rule was last amended, effective February 27, 2019, to include an expanded list of material events.

On the date of issue and delivery, the District shall execute and deliver a Continuing Disclosure Certificate, under which the District will covenant for the benefit of holders including beneficial holders, to provide electronically, or in a manner otherwise prescribed, certain financial information annually and to provide notices of the occurrence of certain events enumerated in the Rule (the "Disclosure Undertaking"). The details and terms of the Disclosure Undertaking for the District are set forth in Appendix D. Such Disclosure Undertaking will be in substantially the form attached hereto.

A failure by the District to comply with any Disclosure Undertaking will not constitute an event of default on the Bonds. However, such a failure may adversely affect the transferability and liquidity of the Bonds and their market price.

On July 25, 2018, the credit enhancement rating adjusted for the Series 2012 Bonds. The event notice was not filed timely. Except to the extent that the preceding is deemed to be material, the District believes it has not failed to comply in the previous five years in all material respects with its prior undertakings under the Rule. The District has reviewed its continuing disclosure responsibilities along with any changes to the Rule, to ensure compliance. Ehlers is currently engaged as dissemination agent for the District.

LEGAL OPINION

An opinion in substantially the form attached hereto as Appendix B will be furnished by Dorsey & Whitney LLP ("Bond Counsel"), Minneapolis, Minnesota, bond counsel to the District.

TAX CONSIDERATIONS

The following is a summary of certain U.S. federal and Minnesota income tax considerations relating to the purchase, ownership, and disposition of the Bonds. This summary is based on the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the "Code") and the Treasury Regulations promulgated thereunder, judicial decisions, and published rulings and administrative pronouncements of the Internal Revenue Service (the "IRS"), all as of the date hereof and all of which are subject to change, possibly with retroactive effect. Any such change could adversely affect the matters discussed below, including the tax exemption of interest on the Bonds. The District has not sought and will not seek any rulings from the IRS regarding the matters discussed below, and there can be no assurance the IRS or a court will not take a contrary position regarding these matters.

Prospective purchasers of Bonds should consult their own tax advisors with respect to applicable federal, state, and local tax rules, and any pending or proposed legislation or regulatory or administrative actions, relating to the Bonds based on their own particular circumstances.

This summary is for general information only and is not intended to constitute a complete analysis of all tax considerations relating to the purchase, ownership, and disposition of Bonds. It does not address the application of the alternative minimum tax or the additional tax on net investment income, nor does it address the U.S. federal estate and gift tax or any state, local, or non-U.S. tax consequences except with respect to Minnesota income tax to the extent specified herein. This summary is limited to consequences to U.S. holders that purchase the Bonds for cash at original issue and hold the Bonds as "capital assets" (generally, property held for investment).

This discussion does not address all aspects of U.S. federal income or state taxation that may be relevant to particular holders of Bonds in light of their specific circumstances or the tax considerations applicable to holders that may be subject to special income tax rules, such as holders subject to special tax accounting rules under Section 451(b) of the Code; insurance companies, brokers, dealers, or traders in stocks, securities, or currencies or notional principal contracts; foreign corporations subject to the branch profits tax; holders receiving payments in respect to the Bonds through foreign entities; and S corporations, partnerships, or other pass-through entities or investors therein.

For purposes of this discussion, the "issue price" of a maturity of Bonds is the first price at which a substantial amount of Bonds of that maturity is sold for cash to persons other than bond houses, brokers, or similar persons or organizations acting in the capacity of underwriters, placement agents, or wholesalers.

Tax Exempt Interest

In the opinion of Bond Counsel, based on existing law and assuming the accuracy of certain representations and compliance with certain covenants, interest on the Bonds (i) is excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes under Section 103 of the Code, (ii) is not an item of tax preference for purposes of the federal alternative minimum tax imposed by Section 55 of the Code, (iii) is excluded from taxable net income of individuals, estates, and trusts for Minnesota income tax purposes, and (iv) is not an item of tax preference for Minnesota alternative minimum tax purposes. Interest on the Bonds is included, however, in net income for purposes of the Minnesota franchise tax imposed on corporations and financial institutions.

The Code establishes certain requirements that must be met after the issuance of the Bonds in order that interest on the Bonds be excluded from federal gross income and from Minnesota taxable net income of individuals, estates, and trusts. These requirements include, but are not limited to, provisions regarding the use of Bond proceeds and the facilities financed or refinanced with such proceeds and restrictions on the investment of Bond proceeds and other amounts. The District has made certain representations and has covenanted to comply with certain restrictions, conditions, and requirements designed to ensure interest on the Bonds will not be included in federal gross income. Inaccuracy of these representations or noncompliance with these covenants may cause interest on the Bonds to be included in federal gross income or in Minnesota taxable net income retroactively to their date of issue. Bond Counsel has not independently verified the accuracy of these representations and will not verify the continuing compliance with these covenants. No provision has been made for redemption of or for an increase in the interest rate on the Bonds in the event that interest on the Bonds is included in federal gross income or in Minnesota taxable net income.

Original Issue Discount

Bonds may be issued at a discount from their principal amount (any such Bonds being "Discount Bonds"). The excess of the principal amount payable on Bonds of a given maturity over their issue price constitutes "original issue discount" ("OID"). OID that accrues to a holder of a Discount Bond is excluded from federal gross income and from Minnesota taxable net income of individuals, estates, and trusts to the same extent that stated interest on such Discount Bond would be so excluded. The amount of OID that accrues on a Discount Bond is added to the holder's federal and Minnesota tax bases. OID is taxable under the Minnesota franchise tax on corporations and financial institutions.

OID on a Discount Bond generally accrues pursuant to a constant-yield method that reflects semiannual compounding on dates that are determined by reference to the maturity date of the Discount Bond. The amount of OID that accrues for any particular semiannual accrual period generally is equal to the excess of (1) the product of (a) one-half of the yield on such Discount Bonds (adjusted as necessary for an initial short period) and (b) the adjusted issue price of such Discount Bonds, over (2) the amount of stated interest actually payable. For this purpose, the adjusted issue price is determined by adding to the issue price for such Discount Bonds the OID that is treated as having accrued during all prior accrual periods. If a Discount Bond is sold or otherwise disposed of between semiannual compounding dates, then the original issue discount that would have accrued for that accrual period for federal income tax purposes is allocated ratably to the days in such accrual period.

If a Discount Bond is purchased for a cost that exceeds the sum of the issue price plus accrued interest and accrued OID, the amount of OID that is deemed to accrue thereafter to the purchaser is reduced by an amount that reflects amortization of such excess over the remaining term of such Discount Bond. If the excess is greater than the amount of remaining OID, the basis reduction rules for amortizable bond premium may result in taxable gain upon sale or other disposition of the Bonds, even if the Bonds are sold, redeemed or retired for an amount equal to or less than their cost.

It is possible under certain state and local income tax laws that original issue discount on a Discount Bond may be taxable in the year of accrual and may be deemed to accrue differently than under federal law.

Market Discount

If a Bond is purchased for a cost that is less than the Bond's issue price (plus accrued original issue discount, if any), the purchaser will be treated as having purchased the Bond with market discount (unless a statutory *de minimis* rule applies). Market discount is treated as ordinary income and generally is recognized on the maturity or earlier disposition of the Bond (to the extent that the gain realized does not exceed the accrued market discount on the Bond).

Bond Premium

A holder that acquires a Bond for an amount in excess of its principal amount generally must, from time to time, reduce the holder's federal and Minnesota tax basis for the Bond. Premium generally is amortized for federal income tax purposes and Minnesota income and franchise tax purposes on the basis of a bondholder's constant yield to maturity or to certain call dates with semiannual compounding. Accordingly, holders who acquire Bonds at a premium might recognize taxable gain upon sale of the Bonds, even if such Bonds are sold for an amount equal to or less than their original cost. Amortized premium is not deductible for federal income tax purposes or for purposes of the Minnesota income tax applicable to individuals, estates, or trusts.

Related Tax Considerations

Section 86 of the Code and corresponding provisions of Minnesota law require recipients of certain social security and railroad retirement benefits to take interest on the Bonds into account in determining the taxability of such benefits.

Section 265(a) of the Code denies a deduction for interest on indebtedness incurred or continued to purchase or carry the Bonds, and Minnesota law similarly denies a deduction for such interest in the case of individuals, estates, and trusts. In the case of a financial institution, generally, no deduction is allowed under Section 265(b) of the Code for that portion of the holder's interest expense that is allocable to interest on tax-exempt obligations, such as the Bonds, unless the obligations are "qualified tax-exempt obligations". Indebtedness may be allocated to the Bonds for this purpose even though not directly traceable to the purchaser of the Bonds. The Bonds are not "qualified tax exempt obligations" for purposes of Section 265(b)(3) of the Code.

The ownership or disposition of, or the accrual or receipt of amounts treated as interest on, the Bonds, may affect a holder's federal, state, or local tax liability in some additional circumstances. The nature and extent of these other tax consequences depends upon the particular tax status of the holder and the holder's other items of income or deduction.

Sale or Other Disposition

A holder will generally recognize gain or loss on the sale, exchange, redemption, retirement, or other disposition of a Bond equal to the difference between (i) the amount realized less amounts attributable to any accrued but unpaid stated interest and (ii) the holder's adjusted tax basis in the Bond. The amount realized includes the cash and the fair market value of any property received by the holder in exchange for the Bond. A holder's adjusted tax basis in a Bond generally will be equal to the amount that the holder paid for the Bond, increased by any accrued original issue discount with respect to the Bond and reduced by the amount of any amortized bond premium on the Bond. Except to the extent attributable to market discount (which will be taxable as ordinary income to the extent not previously included in income), any gain or loss will be capital gain or loss and will be long-term capital gain or loss if the holder held the Bond for more than one year. Long-term capital gains recognized by certain non-corporate persons, including individuals, generally are taxable at a reduced rate. The deductibility of capital losses is subject to significant limitations.

Information Reporting and Backup Withholding

Payments of interest on the Bonds (including any allocable bond premium or accrued original issue discount) and proceeds from the sale or other disposition of the Bonds are expected to be reported to the IRS as required under applicable Treasury Regulations. Backup withholding will apply to these payments if the holder fails to provide an accurate taxpayer identification number and certification that it is not subject to backup withholding (generally on an IRS Form W-9) or otherwise fails to comply with the applicable backup withholding requirements. Backup withholding is not an additional tax. Any amounts withheld under the backup withholding rules may be allowed as a refund or a credit against the holder's U.S. federal income tax liability, provided that the required information is timely furnished to the IRS. Certain holders are exempt from information reporting. Potential holders should consult their own tax advisors regarding qualification for an exemption and the procedures for obtaining such an exemption.

MUNICIPAL ADVISOR

Ehlers has served as municipal advisor to the District in connection with the issuance of the Bonds. The Municipal Advisor cannot participate in the underwriting of the Bonds. The financial information included in this Preliminary Official Statement has been compiled by the Municipal Advisor. Such information does not purport to be a review, audit or certified forecast of future events and may not conform with accounting principles applicable to compilations of financial information. Ehlers is not a firm of certified public accountants. Ehlers is registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission and the MSRB as a municipal advisor. Ehlers makes no representation, warranty or guarantee regarding the accuracy or completeness of the information in this Preliminary Official Statement, and its assistance in preparing this Preliminary Official Statement should not be construed as a representation that it has independently verified such information.

MUNICIPAL ADVISOR AFFILIATED COMPANIES

Bond Trust Services Corporation ("BTSC") and Ehlers Investment Partners, LLC ("EIP") are affiliate companies of Ehlers. BTSC is chartered by the State of Minnesota and authorized in Minnesota, Wisconsin, Colorado, and Illinois to transact the business of a limited purpose trust company. BTSC provides paying agent services to debt issuers. EIP is a Registered Investment Advisor with the Securities and Exchange Commission. EIP assists issuers with the investment of bond proceeds or investing other issuer funds. This includes escrow bidding agent services. Issuers, such as the District, have retained or may retain BTSC and/or EIP to provide these services. If hired, BTSC and/or EIP would be retained by the District under an agreement separate from Ehlers.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS

The basic financial statements of the District for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021 have been audited by EideBailly LLP, Mankato, Minnesota, independent auditors (the "Auditor"). The report of the Auditor, together with the basic financial statements, component units financial statements, and notes to the financial statements are attached hereto as "APPENDIX A – FINANCIAL STATEMENTS". The Auditor has not been engaged to perform and has not performed, since the date of its report included herein, any procedures on the financial statements addressed in that report. The Auditor also has not performed any procedures relating to this Preliminary Official Statement.

RISK FACTORS

Following is a description of possible risks to holders of the Bonds without weighting as to probability. This description of risks is not intended to be all-inclusive, and there may be other risks not now perceived or listed here.

Taxes: The Bonds are general obligations of the District, the ultimate payment of which rests in the District's ability to levy and collect sufficient taxes to pay debt service should other revenue (state aids) be insufficient. In the event of delayed billing, collection or distribution of property taxes, sufficient funds may not be available to the District in time to pay debt service when due.

State Actions: Many elements of local government finance, including the issuance of debt and the levy of property taxes, are controlled by state government. Future actions of the state may affect the overall financial condition of the District, the taxable value of property within the District, and the ability of the District to levy and collect property taxes.

Future Changes in Law: Various State and federal laws, regulations and constitutional provisions apply to the District and to the Bonds. The District can give no assurance that there will not be a change in or interpretation of any such applicable laws, regulations and provisions which would have a material effect on the District or the taxing authority of the District.

Ratings; Interest Rates: In the future, the District's credit rating may be reduced or withdrawn, or interest rates for this type of obligation may rise generally, either possibility resulting in a reduction in the value of the Bonds for resale prior to maturity.

Tax Exemption: If the federal government or the State of Minnesota taxes all or a portion of the interest on municipal obligations, directly or indirectly, or if there is a change in federal or state tax policy, the value of the Bonds may fall for purposes of resale. Noncompliance following the issuance of the Bonds with certain requirements of the Code and covenants of the bond resolution may result in the inclusion of interest on the Bonds in gross income of the recipient for United States income tax purposes or in taxable net income of individuals, estates or trusts for State of Minnesota income tax purposes. No provision has been made for redemption of the Bonds, or for an increase in the interest rate on the Bonds, in the event that interest on the Bonds becomes subject to United States or State of Minnesota income taxation, retroactive to the date of issuance.

Continuing Disclosure: A failure by the District to comply with the Disclosure Undertaking for continuing disclosure (see "CONTINUING DISCLOSURE") will not constitute an event of default on the Bonds. Any such failure must be reported in accordance with the Rule and must be considered by any broker, dealer, or municipal securities dealer before recommending the purchase or sale of the Bonds in the secondary market. Such a failure may adversely affect the transferability and liquidity of the Bonds and their market price.

State Economy; State Aids: State of Minnesota cash flow problems could affect local governments and possibly increase property taxes.

Book-Entry-Only System: The timely credit of payments for principal and interest on the Bonds to the accounts of the Beneficial Owners of the Bonds may be delayed due to the customary practices, standing instructions or for other unknown reasons by DTC participants or indirect participants. Since the notice of redemption or other notices to holders of these obligations will be delivered by the District to DTC only, there may be a delay or failure by DTC, DTC participants or indirect participants to notify the Beneficial Owners of the Bonds.

Economy: A combination of economic, climatic, political or civil disruptions or terrorist actions outside of the control of the District, including loss of major taxpayers or major employers, could affect the local economy and result in reduced tax collections and/or increased demands upon local government. Real or perceived threats to the financial stability of the District may have an adverse effect on the value of the Bonds in the secondary market.

Secondary Market for the Bonds: No assurance can be given that a secondary market will develop for the purchase and sale of the Bonds or, if a secondary market exists, that such Bonds can be sold for any particular price. The underwriters are not obligated to engage in secondary market trading or to repurchase any of the Bonds at the request of the owners thereof. Prices of the Bonds as traded in the secondary market are subject to adjustment upward and downward in response to changes in the credit markets and other prevailing circumstances. No guarantee exists as to the future market value of the Bonds. Such market value could be substantially different from the original purchase price.

Bankruptcy: The rights and remedies of the holders may be limited by and are subject to the provisions of federal bankruptcy laws, to other laws, or equitable principles that may affect the enforcement of creditors' rights, to the exercise of judicial discretion in appropriate cases and to limitations on legal remedies against local governments. The opinion of Bond Counsel to be delivered with respect to the Bonds will be similarly qualified.

Cybersecurity: The District is dependent on electronic information technology systems to deliver services. These systems may contain sensitive information or support critical operational functions which may have value for unauthorized purposes. As a result, the electronic systems and networks may be targets of cyberattack. There can be no assurance that the District will not experience an information technology breach or attack with financial consequences that could have a material adverse impact.

Impact of the Spread of COVID-19: In late 2019, a novel strain of coronavirus (COVID-19) emerged in Wuhan, Hubei Province, China. COVID-19 has spread throughout the world, including to the United States, resulting in the World Health Organization proclaiming COVID-19 to be a pandemic and the declaration of a national emergency. In response to the spread of COVID-19, the United States government, state governments, local governments and private industries have taken measures to limit social interactions in an effort to limit the spread of COVID-19. The effects of the spread of COVID-19 and the government and private responses to the spread continue to rapidly evolve. COVID-19 has caused significant disruptions to the global, national and State economy. The extent to which the coronavirus impacts the District and its financial condition will depend on future developments, which are highly uncertain and cannot be predicted by the District, including the duration of the outbreak and measures taken to address the outbreak.

On March 13, 2020, Minnesota Governor Tim Walz signed Emergency Executive Order 20-01 and declared a peacetime emergency. In subsequent executive orders, the Governor extended the peacetime emergency by 30 days. On May 14, 2021, the Governor signed Executive Order 21-23 to end the statewide mask requirement and align with new Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidance on face coverings. The Minnesota Legislature ended the peacetime emergency declaration on July 1, 2021.

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (the "CARES Act") provides for federal payments from the Coronavirus Relief Fund to the State for the discrete purpose of covering expenses directly incurred as a result of COVID-19 between March 1 and December 30, 2020. On March 11, 2021, President Biden signed the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, which provides local governments an additional \$130.2 billion through the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund. These funds can be used to mitigate increased expenditures, lost revenue and economic hardship related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The foregoing is intended only as a summary of certain risk factors attendant to an investment in the Bonds. In order for potential investors to identify risk factors and make an informed investment decision, potential investors should be thoroughly familiar with this entire Preliminary Official Statement and the Appendices hereto.

VALUATIONS

OVERVIEW

All non-exempt property is subject to taxation by local taxing districts. Exempt real property includes Indian lands, public property, and educational, religious and charitable institutions. Most personal property is exempt from taxation (except investor-owned utility mains, generating plants, etc.).

The valuation of property in Minnesota consists of three elements. (1) The estimated market value is set by city or county assessors. Not less than 20% of all real properties are to be appraised by local assessors each year. (2) The taxable market value is the estimated market value adjusted by all legislative exclusions. (3) The tax capacity (taxable) value of property is determined by class rates set by the State Legislature. The tax capacity rate varies according to the classification of the property. Tax capacity represents a percent of taxable market value.

The property tax rate for a local taxing jurisdiction is determined by dividing the total tax capacity or market value of property within the jurisdiction into the dollars to be raised from the levy. State law determines whether a levy is spread on tax capacity or market value. Major classifications and the percentages by which tax capacity is determined are:

Type of Property	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21
Residential homestead ¹	First \$500,000 - 1.00% Over \$500,000 - 1.25%	First \$500,000 - 1.00% Over \$500,000 - 1.25%	First \$500,000 - 1.00% Over \$500,000 - 1.25%
Agricultural homestead ¹	First \$500,000 HGA - 1.00% Over \$500,000 HGA - 1.25% First \$1,940,000 - 0.50% ² Over \$1,940,000 - 1.00% ²	First \$500,000 HGA - 1.00% Over \$500,000 HGA - 1.25% First \$1,880,000 - 0.50% ² Over \$1,880,000 - 1.00% ²	First \$500,000 HGA - 1.00% Over \$500,000 HGA - 1.25% First \$1,900,000 - 0.50% ² Over \$1,900,000 - 1.00% ²
Agricultural non-homestead	Land - 1.00% ²	Land - 1.00% ²	Land - 1.00% ²
Seasonal recreational residential	First \$500,000 - 1.00% ³ Over \$500,000 - 1.25% ³	First \$500,000 - 1.00% ³ Over \$500,000 - 1.25% ³	First \$500,000 - 1.00% ³ Over \$500,000 - 1.25% ³
Residential non-homestead:	1 unit - 1st \$500,000 - 1.00% Over \$500,000 - 1.25% 2-3 units - 1.25% 4 or more - 1.25% Small City ⁴ - 1.25% Affordable Rental: First \$139,000 - .75% Over \$139,000 - .25%	1 unit - 1st \$500,000 - 1.00% Over \$500,000 - 1.25% 2-3 units - 1.25% 4 or more - 1.25% Small City ⁴ - 1.25% Affordable Rental: First \$150,000 - .75% Over \$150,000 - .25%	1 unit - 1st \$500,000 - 1.00% Over \$500,000 - 1.25% 2-3 units - 1.25% 4 or more - 1.25% Small City ⁴ - 1.25% Affordable Rental: First \$162,000 - .75% Over \$162,000 - .25%
Industrial/Commercial/Utility ⁵	First \$150,000 - 1.50% Over \$150,000 - 2.00%	First \$150,000 - 1.50% Over \$150,000 - 2.00%	First \$150,000 - 1.50% Over \$150,000 - 2.00%

¹ A residential property qualifies as "homestead" if it is occupied by the owner or a relative of the owner on the assessment date.

² Applies to land and buildings. Exempt from referendum market value tax.

³ Exempt from referendum market value tax.

⁴ Cities of 5,000 population or less and located entirely outside the seven-county metropolitan area and the adjacent nine-county area and whose boundaries are 15 miles or more from the boundaries of a Minnesota city with a population of over 5,000.

⁵ The estimated market value of utility property is determined by the Minnesota Department of Revenue.

CURRENT PROPERTY VALUATIONS

2020/21 Economic Market Value

\$584,645,449¹

2020/21 Assessor's Estimated Market Value

	Blue Earth County	Waseca County	Total
Real Estate	\$540,229,300	\$646,300	\$540,875,600
Personal Property	<u>9,443,600</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>9,443,600</u>
Total Valuation	<u><u>\$549,672,900</u></u>	<u><u>\$646,300</u></u>	<u><u>\$550,319,200</u></u>

2020/21 Net Tax Capacity

	Blue Earth County	Waseca County	Total
Real Estate	\$4,544,180	\$4,127	\$4,548,307
Personal Property	<u>188,378</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>188,378</u>
Net Tax Capacity	<u><u>\$4,732,558</u></u>	<u><u>\$4,127</u></u>	<u><u>\$4,736,685</u></u>

¹ According to the Minnesota Department of Revenue, the Assessor's Estimated Market Value (the "AEMV") for the District is about 94.02% of the actual selling prices of property most recently sold in the District. The sales ratio was calculated by comparing the selling prices with the AEMV. Dividing the AEMV of real estate by the sales ratio and adding the AEMV of personal property and utility, railroads and minerals, if any, results in an Economic Market Value ("EMV") for the District of \$584,645,449.

2020/21 NET TAX CAPACITY BY CLASSIFICATION

	2020/21 Net Tax Capacity	Percent of Total Net Tax Capacity
Residential homestead	\$1,680,593	35.48%
Agricultural	2,468,342	52.11%
Commercial/industrial	167,133	3.53%
Public utility	8,090	0.17%
Railroad operating property	4,656	0.10%
Non-homestead residential	215,604	4.55%
Commercial & residential seasonal/rec.	3,889	0.08%
Personal property	188,378	3.98%
Total	<u><u>\$4,736,685</u></u>	<u><u>100.00%</u></u>

TREND OF VALUATIONS

Levy Year	Assessor's Estimated Market Value	Assessor's Taxable Market Value	Net Tax Capacity¹	Taxable Net Tax Capacity²	Percent Increase/Decrease in Estimated Market Value
2016/17	\$522,953,100	\$505,237,200	\$4,298,617	\$4,298,617	-0.31%
2017/18	536,349,500	518,988,300	4,479,010	4,479,010	2.56%
2018/19	522,298,100	505,022,700	4,420,588	4,420,588	-2.62%
2019/20	554,930,700	538,193,600	4,732,649	4,732,649	6.25%
2020/21	550,319,200	533,918,300	4,736,685	4,736,685	-0.83%

¹ Net Tax Capacity includes tax increment values, if any.

² Taxable Net Tax Capacity does not include tax increment values, if any.

LARGER TAXPAYERS

Taxpayer	Type of Property	2020/21 Net Tax Capacity	Percent of District's Total Net Tax Capacity
Alliance Pipeline	Utility	\$100,416	2.12%
Individual	Agricultural	54,854	1.16%
Individual	Agricultural	46,308	0.98%
Individual	Agricultural	43,926	0.93%
Individual	Agricultural	42,081	0.89%
Kinder Morgan Cochin, LLC	Agricultural	40,814	0.86%
Individual	Agricultural	28,965	0.61%
Individual	Agricultural	28,930	0.61%
Individual	Agricultural	28,329	0.60%
Individual	Agricultural	24,554	0.52%
Total		<u><u>\$439,177</u></u>	<u><u>9.27%</u></u>

District's Total 2020/21 Net Tax Capacity \$4,736,685

Source: Current Property Valuations, Net Tax Capacity by Classification, Trend of Valuations and Larger Taxpayers have been furnished by Blue Earth and Waseca Counties.

DEBT

DIRECT DEBT¹

General Obligation Debt (see schedule following)

Total G.O. debt secured by taxes and state aids ² (includes the Bonds)*	<u>\$15,725,000</u>
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*Preliminary, subject to change.

STATE AID FOR DEBT SERVICE

The Minnesota Debt Service Equalization program provides state aid to finance a portion of the principal and interest payments on most school district bonds. Bonds and Certificates not eligible for the program include all alternative facilities bonds, facilities maintenance bonds, capital facilities bonds, OPEB bonds, building bonds with relatively short maturities, and Certificates of Participation (COPs).

Under the Debt Service Equalization Formula (the Formula) adopted by the 2001 Minnesota State Legislature, each school district is responsible for the amount of its qualifying annual debt service which is equal to 15.74% of its Adjusted Net Tax Capacity (ANTC). The District does not currently qualify for debt service equalization aid.

In addition to debt service equalization aid, some school districts will qualify for state Long Term Facilities Maintenance Aid to finance a portion of the payments on Alternative Facilities Bonds and Facilities Maintenance Bonds, pursuant to the Long Term Facilities Maintenance Revenue (LTFMR) program approved by the State in 2015. If any aid is received, it is deposited into the District's debt service fund and must be used for payments on the bonds; any payment of state aid into the debt service fund causes a reduction in the tax levy for Alternative Facilities Bonds and Facilities Maintenance Bonds. The amount of aid received in the debt service fund will vary each year, depending on a number of factors. The District does not currently qualify for Long Term Facilities Maintenance Aid in the debt service fund.

Some school districts will also receive aid for debt service payments through the state School Building Bond Agricultural Credit, which is paid to school districts to offset a portion of certain bond levies (Minn. Stat. Section 273.1387). The reimbursement percentages are 60% for taxes payable in 2022, and 70% for 2023 and thereafter. The school building bond agricultural credit applies to farmland, excluding the house, garage and one acre, and to rural vacant land and managed forest land. The amount of agricultural credit received in the debt service fund for taxes payable 2022 is approximately 28.1% of total annual debt service levies, based on the District's 2020/21 qualifying agricultural land valuation.

¹ Outstanding debt is as of the dated date of the Bonds.

² Based upon the agricultural land valuation and current statistics, the District anticipates a portion of this debt will be paid by the State of Minnesota.

Independent School District No. 75 (St. Clair), Minnesota
Schedule of Bonded Indebtedness
General Obligation Debt Secured by Taxes
(As of 02/17/2022)

		School Building Refunding Bonds Series 2010				School Building Refunding Bonds Series 2012				School Building Bonds Series 2022A			
Fiscal Year Ending	Dated Amount	Maturity	04/07/2010 \$455,000		03/14/2012 \$6,295,000		02/17/2022 \$15,000,000*		Estimated Interest	04/01		02/01	
			Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest		Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest
2022			40,000	700								725,000	7,550
2023						6,850		0	430,191	550,000	430,191	550,000	430,191
2024								570,000	428,200	570,000	428,200	570,000	428,200
2025								590,000	405,400	590,000	405,400	590,000	405,400
2026								610,000	381,800	610,000	381,800	610,000	381,800
2027								635,000	357,400	635,000	357,400	635,000	357,400
2028								660,000	332,000	660,000	332,000	660,000	332,000
2029								690,000	305,600	690,000	305,600	690,000	305,600
2030								715,000	278,000	715,000	278,000	715,000	278,000
2031								745,000	249,400	745,000	249,400	745,000	249,400
2032								760,000	234,500	760,000	234,500	760,000	234,500
2033								760,000	219,300	760,000	219,300	760,000	219,300
2034								775,000	202,200	775,000	202,200	775,000	202,200
2035								790,000	184,763	790,000	184,763	790,000	184,763
2036								810,000	165,013	810,000	165,013	810,000	165,013
2037								835,000	144,763	835,000	144,763	835,000	144,763
2038								855,000	123,888	855,000	123,888	855,000	123,888
2039								875,000	100,375	875,000	100,375	875,000	100,375
2040								900,000	76,313	900,000	76,313	900,000	76,313
2041								925,000	51,563	925,000	51,563	925,000	51,563
2042								950,000	26,125	950,000	26,125	950,000	26,125
			40,000	700	685,000	6,850	15,000,000	4,696,791				15,725,000	4,704,341
												732,550	7,550
												980,191	430,191
												998,200	428,200
												995,400	405,400
												991,800	381,800
												992,400	357,400
												992,000	332,000
												995,600	305,600
												993,000	278,000
												994,400	249,400
												994,500	234,500
												979,300	219,300
												977,200	202,200
												974,763	184,763
												975,013	165,013
												979,763	144,763
												978,888	123,888
												975,375	100,375
												976,313	76,313
												976,563	51,563
												976,125	26,125
												0	
												20,429,341	4,704,341

* Preliminary, subject to change.

BONDED DEBT LIMIT

Minnesota Statutes, Section 475.53, subdivision 4, presently limits the "net debt" of a school district to 15% of the estimated market value of all taxable property situated within its corporate limits. The estimated market value of property within a district, on which its debt limit is based, is (a) the value certified by the county auditors, or (b) this value divided by the ratio certified by the commissioner of revenue, whichever results in a higher value. The current debt limit of the District is computed as follows:

2020/21 Economic Market Value	\$584,645,449
Multiply by 15%	<u>0.15</u>
Statutory Debt Limit	\$87,696,817
Less: Long-Term Debt Outstanding Being Paid Solely from Taxes (includes the Bonds)*	<u>(15,725,000)</u>
Unused Debt Limit*	<u><u>\$71,971,817</u></u>

*Preliminary, subject to change.

OVERLAPPING DEBT¹

Taxing District	2020/21 Taxable Net Tax Capacity	% In District	Total G.O. Debt ²	District's Proportionate Share
Counties of:				
Blue Earth	\$94,427,136	5.0119%	\$17,925,000	\$898,383
Waseca	25,822,626	0.0160%	5,555,000	889
City of:				
St. Clair	423,317	100.0000%	415,000	415,000
Towns of:				
LeRay	2,020,432	34.9491%	189,801	66,334
Mankato	3,601,714	11.2635%	219,884	21,378
McPherson	1,699,823	89.1028%	130,000	<u>115,834</u>
District's Share of Total Overlapping Debt				<u><u>\$1,517,817</u></u>

¹ Overlapping debt is as of the dated date of the Bonds. Only those taxing jurisdictions with general obligation debt outstanding are included in this section. It does **not** include non-general obligation debt, self-supporting general obligation revenue debt, short-term general obligation debt, or general obligation tax/aid anticipation certificates of indebtedness.

² Outstanding debt is based on information in Official Statements obtained on EMMA and the Municipal Advisor's records.

DEBT PAYMENT HISTORY

The District has no record of default in the payment of principal and interest on its debt.

DEBT RATIOS

	G.O. Debt	Debt/Economic Market Value (\$584,645,449)	Debt/ Current Population Estimate (2,551)
Direct G.O. Debt Secured By Taxes and State Aids (includes the Bonds)*	\$15,725,000	2.69%	\$6,164.25
Less: State Agricultural Credit ¹	<u>(4,418,725)</u>		
Tax Supported General Obligation Debt*	\$11,306,275	1.93%	\$4,432.10
 District's Share of Total Overlapping Debt	 <u>\$1,517,817</u>	 <u>0.26%</u>	 <u>\$594.99</u>
 Total*	 <u><u>\$12,824,092</u></u>	 <u><u>2.19%</u></u>	 <u><u>\$5,027.09</u></u>

*Preliminary, subject to change.

FUTURE FINANCING

The District has no current plans for additional financing in the next 12 months.

LEVY LIMITS

Minnesota school district tax levies for most purposes are subject to statutory limitations. No limit, however, is placed on the debt service levy, and districts are required to levy 105% of actual principal and interest requirements to allow for delinquencies.

School districts receive a basic revenue amount per pupil unit from aid and levy proceeds in a variety of categorical state aids. They are also allowed to certify additional levies within limits for certain specified purposes. The State Department of Education and the applicable County Auditors review the levies of each school district to determine compliance with state levy limits.

¹ Based on current State law and statistics, the State of Minnesota is estimated to pay approximately 28.1% of the principal and interest of the District's general obligation bonds. Assuming this percentage continues for the life of the issue, the State's proportionate share of principal is \$4,418,725.

TAX RATES, LEVIES AND COLLECTIONS

TAX LEVIES AND COLLECTIONS

Tax Year	Net Tax Levy ¹	Total Collected Following Year	Collected to Date ²	% Collected
2016/17	\$1,423,346	\$1,412,487	\$1,423,345	100.00%
2017/18	1,289,954	1,283,949	1,289,953	100.00%
2018/19	1,345,993	1,338,664	1,345,465	99.96%
2019/20	1,333,828	1,323,516	1,328,810	99.62%
2020/21	1,386,314	In process of collection		

Property taxes are collected in two installments in Minnesota--the first by May 15 and the second by October 15.³ Mobile home taxes are collectible in full by August 31. Minnesota Statutes require that levies (taxes and special assessments) for debt service be at least 105% of the actual debt service requirements to allow for delinquencies.

The spread of COVID-19 and responses taken by the United States government, state governments, local governments and private industries have caused significant disruptions to the national and State economy. See "RISK FACTORS - Impact of the Spread of COVID-19" herein. Certain states have announced extended deadlines for payment of property taxes, although as of this date Minnesota has not taken such measures. The District cannot predict whether and how much payment of property taxes will be impacted. Any delays or reduction in the receipt of property taxes may materially adversely impact the District's finances and payment of debt obligations, including the Bonds.

¹ This reflects the Final Levy Certification of the District after all adjustments have been made.

² Collections are through November 30, 2021 for Blue Earth and through May 17, 2021 for Waseca Counties.

³ Second half tax payments on agricultural property are due on November 15th of each year.

TAX CAPACITY RATES¹

	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21
I.S.D. No. 75 (St. Clair)	22.896%	21.998%	22.927%	21.337%	21.334%
Blue Earth County	39.105%	39.990%	41.645%	42.096%	42.490%
Waseca County	59.942%	63.384%	64.337%	64.706%	66.101%
City of St. Clair	87.779%	81.073%	81.487%	83.632%	81.834%
Town of McPherson ²	9.378%	9.260%	9.509%	8.793%	9.890%
Region 9	0.167%	0.167%	0.177%	0.172%	0.177%

Referendum Market Value Rates:

I.S.D. No. 75 (St. Clair)	0.22226%	0.21289%	0.21599%	0.21794%	0.22761%
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Source: Tax Levies and Collections and Tax Capacity Rates have been furnished by Blue Earth and Waseca Counties.

¹ After reduction for state aids. Does not include the statewide general property tax against commercial/industrial, non-homestead resorts and seasonal recreational residential property.

² Representative town rate.

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EMPLOYEES

The District is governed by an elected school board and employs a staff of 98, including 46 non-licensed employees and 52 licensed employees (48 of whom are teachers). The District provides education for 766 students in grades kindergarten through twelve.

PENSIONS; UNIONS

Teachers' Retirement Association (TRA)

All teachers employed by the District are covered by defined benefit pension plans administered by the State of Minnesota Teachers Retirement Association (TRA). TRA members belong to either the Coordinated Plan or the Basic Plan. Coordinated members are covered by Social Security and Basic members are not. All new members must participate in the Coordinated Plan. These plans are established and administered in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, Chapters 354 and 356.

Public Employees' Retirement Association (PERA)

All full-time and certain part-time employees of the District (other than those covered by TRA) are covered by a defined benefit plan administered by the Public Employees' Retirement Association of Minnesota (PERA). PERA administers the General Employees Retirement Fund (GERF) which is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer retirement plan. This plan is established and administered in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, Chapters 353 and 356.

Recognized and Certified Bargaining Units

Bargaining Unit	Expiration Date of Current Contract
St. Clair Principals Association	June 30, 2021
Education MN - St. Clair	June 30, 2021
MN School Employees Association	June 30, 2023

Status of Contracts

Contracts which expired on June 30, 2021 are currently in negotiations or will begin in the near future.

POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

The District has obligations for some post-employment benefits for its employees. Accounting for these obligations is dictated by Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 75 (GASB 75). The District's most recent Financial Statements (Audit) shows a total OPEB liability of \$189,312 as of July 1, 2020. The District has been funding these obligations on a pay-as-you-go basis.

Source: The District's most recent Audit.

STUDENT BODY

The number of students enrolled for the past four years and for the current year have been as follows:

Year	Kindergarten	Grades 1-6	Grades 7-12	Total
2017/18	39	323	303	665
2018/19	37	309	312	658
2019/20	47	305	326	678
2020/21	48	302	359	709
2021/22	62	322	382	766

Enrollments for the next three years are projected to be as follows:

Year	Kindergarten	Grades 1-6	Grades 7-12	Total
2022/23	50	314	407	771
2023/24	45	314	412	771
2024/25	45	314	401	760

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

School Building	Year Constructed	Years of Additions/ Remodelings
District-wide K-12 Building	1950	1960, 1990, 1994, 1995, 2003

FUNDS ON HAND (as of December 31, 2021)

Fund	Total Cash and Investments
General	\$1,119,949
Food Service	101,333
Community Service	53,248
Debt Service	857,306
Internal Service	67,805
Total Funds on Hand	<u><u>\$2,199,641</u></u>

LITIGATION

There is no litigation threatened or pending questioning the organization or boundaries of the District or the right of any of its officers to their respective offices or in any manner questioning their rights and power to execute and deliver the Bonds or otherwise questioning the validity of the Bonds.

MUNICIPAL BANKRUPTCY

Municipalities are prohibited from filing for bankruptcy under Chapter 11 (reorganization) or Chapter 7 (liquidation) of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code (11 U.S.C. §§ 101-1532) (the "Bankruptcy Code"). Instead, the Bankruptcy Code permits municipalities to file a petition under Chapter 9 of the Bankruptcy Code, but only if certain requirements are met. These requirements include that the municipality must be "specifically authorized" under State law to file for relief under Chapter 9. For these purposes, "State law" may include, without limitation, statutes of general applicability enacted by the State legislature, special legislation applicable to a particular municipality, and/or executive orders issued by an appropriate officer of the State's executive branch.

Currently there is no statutory authority for Minnesota school districts to file for bankruptcy relief under Chapter 9 of the Bankruptcy Code.

Nevertheless, there can be no assurance (a) that State law will not change in the future while the Bonds are outstanding; or (b) even absent such a change in State law, that an executive order or other executive action could not effectively authorize the District to file for relief under Chapter 9; or (c) whether it would still be eligible for voluntary or involuntary relief under Chapters of the Bankruptcy Code other than Chapter 9 or under similar federal or state law or equitable proceeding regarding insolvency or providing for protection from creditors. Such action could impact the rights of holders of the Bonds. Such modifications could be adverse to holders of the Bonds and there could ultimately be no assurance that holders of the Bonds would be paid in full or in part on the Bonds.

SUMMARY GENERAL FUND INFORMATION

Following are summaries of the revenues and expenditures and fund balances for the District's General Fund. These summaries are not purported to be the complete audited financial statements of the District, and potential purchasers should read the included financial statements in their entirety for more complete information concerning the District. Copies of the complete statements are available upon request. Appendix A includes the District's 2021 audited financial statements.

COMBINED STATEMENT	FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30				2021-22 Adopted Budget 1)
	2018 Audited	2019 Audited	2020 Audited	2021 Audited	
Revenues					
Local property taxes	\$650,730	\$704,315	\$728,541	\$734,920	\$805,324
Other local and county revenues	324,726	301,104	242,770	252,022	201,642
Revenues from state sources	5,883,753	6,312,304	6,617,559	6,721,078	6,983,199
Revenues from federal sources	134,253	158,021	113,020	463,174	160,195
Local sales and insurance recovery	2,872	1,703	5,759	2,068	2,500
Total Revenues	\$6,996,334	\$7,477,447	\$7,707,649	\$8,173,262	\$8,152,860
Expenditures					
Current:					
Administration	\$545,529	\$572,122	\$609,541	\$638,701	\$641,700
District support services	363,450	376,609	432,442	423,274	437,785
Regular instruction	3,625,582	3,633,479	3,589,840	3,713,928	3,894,077
Vocational education instruction	74,727	47,924	42,687	49,124	33,530
Special education instruction	851,491	927,726	889,482	968,515	1,054,180
Instructional support services	266,322	242,992	247,905	386,425	187,276
Pupil support services	706,598	673,488	634,051	645,502	737,130
Sites and buildings	1,034,703	777,291	1,112,425	1,036,183	885,830
Fiscal and other fixed cost programs	36,652	39,296	47,886	51,182	53,890
Debt service	0	43,701	42,348	42,348	42,000
Total Expenditures	\$7,505,054	\$7,334,628	\$7,648,607	\$7,955,182	\$7,967,398
Excess of revenues over (under) expenditures	(\$508,720)	\$142,819	\$59,042	\$218,080	\$185,462
Other Financing Sources (Uses)					
Sale of equipment	\$100	\$1,200	\$0	\$0	\$0
Capital lease proceeds	0	120,585	0	0	0
Operating transfers in/out	0	(8,980)	(100,000)	0	0
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	\$100	\$112,805	(\$100,000)	\$0	\$0
Net changes in Fund Balances	(\$508,620)	\$255,624	(\$40,958)	\$218,080	\$185,462
General Fund Balance July 1	\$1,068,000	\$559,380	\$815,004	\$781,938	
Prior Period Adjustment	0	0	7,892	0	
Residual Equity Transfer in (out)	0	0	0	0	
General Fund Balance June 30	\$559,380	\$815,004	\$781,938	\$1,000,018	
DETAILS OF JUNE 30 FUND BALANCE					
Nonspendable	\$6,198	\$13,173	\$16,610	\$12,294	
Restricted	189,522	460,493	89,834	387,582	
Committed	71,880	66,773	0	0	
Unassigned	291,780	274,565	675,494	600,142	
Total	\$559,380	\$815,004	\$781,938	\$1,000,018	

1) The 2021-22 budget was adopted on June 21, 2021.

GENERAL INFORMATION

LOCATION

The District, with a 2010 U.S. Census population of 2,508 and a current population estimate of 2,551, and comprising an area of 74.5 acres, is located approximately 80 miles Southwest of the Minneapolis-St. Paul metropolitan area.

LARGER EMPLOYERS¹

Larger employers in the District include the following:

Firm	Type of Business/Product	Estimated No. of Employees
Minnesota Elevator, Inc.	Elevators- sales & service	210
I.S.D. No. 75 (St. Clair)	Elementary and secondary education	98
St. Clair State Bank	Bank	15
JR Bruender Construction, Inc.	General contractors	10
Wildwood Health & wellness	Health services	9
St. Clair BP	Convenience store	6
McPherson Insurance Co.	Insurance agencies and brokerages	3
Jamie Will Masonry	Masonry contractors	3
Immaculate Conception Parish	Church	2
American Legion Club Post 457	Veterans & military organizations	2

Source: *Data Axle Reference Solutions, written and telephone survey (December 2021), and the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development.*

¹ This does not purport to be a comprehensive list and is based on available data obtained through a survey of individual employers, as well as the sources identified above. Some employers do not respond to inquiries for employment data. Estimates provided are accurate as of the date noted and may not reflect changes in the number of employees resulting from the current COVID-19 pandemic. (See "Risk Factors - Impact of the Spread of COVID-19").

U.S. CENSUS DATA

Population Trend: The District

2000 U.S. Census population	2,442
2010 U.S. Census population	2,508
2020 U.S. Census Population	2,551
Percent of Change 2000 - 2010	2.70%

Income and Age Statistics

	The District	Blue Earth County	State of Minnesota	United States
2019 per capita income	\$37,504	\$29,677	\$37,625	\$34,103
2019 median household income	\$79,708	\$57,429	\$71,306	\$62,843
2019 median family income	\$94,423	\$79,167	\$89,842	\$77,263
2019 median gross rent	\$718	\$883	\$977	\$1,062
2019 median value owner occupied units	\$219,900	\$184,800	\$223,900	\$217,500
2019 median age	41.6 yrs.	31.0 yrs.	38.0 yrs.	38.1 yrs.
	State of Minnesota		United States	
District % of 2019 per capita income	99.68%		109.97%	
District % of 2019 median family income	105.10%		122.21%	

Source: 2000 and 2010 Census of Population and Housing, and 2019 American Community Survey (Based on a five-year estimate), U.S. Census Bureau (<https://data.census.gov/cedsci>).

EMPLOYMENT/UNEMPLOYMENT DATA

Rates are not compiled for individual communities within counties.

Year	<u>Average Employment</u>	<u>Average Unemployment</u>	
	Blue Earth County	Blue Earth County	State of Minnesota
2017	38,880	2.9%	3.4%
2018	39,266	2.5%	3.0%
2019	39,910	2.8%	3.2%
2020	38,883	5.0%	6.2%
2021, November	39,031	1.9%	2.2%

Source: Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development.

APPENDIX A

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Potential purchasers should read the included financial statements in their entirety for more complete information concerning the District's financial position. Such financial statements have been audited by the Auditor, to the extent and for the periods indicated thereon. The District has not requested or engaged the Auditor to perform, and the Auditor has not performed, any additional examination, assessments, procedures or evaluation with respect to such financial statements since the date thereof or with respect to this Preliminary Official Statement, nor has the District requested that the Auditor consent to the use of such financial statements in this Preliminary Official Statement. Although the inclusion of the financial statements in this Preliminary Official Statement is not intended to demonstrate the fiscal condition of the District since the date of the financial statements, in connection with the issuance of the Bonds, the District represents that there have been no material adverse change in the financial position or results of operations of the District, nor has the District incurred any material liabilities, which would make such financial statements misleading.

Copies of the complete audited financial statements for the past three years and the current budget are available upon request from Ehlers.



Financial Statements
June 30, 2021

Independent School District No. 75

St. Clair, Minnesota

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St. Clair, Minnesota
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School Board

Name	Position	Term Expires
Jillian Cousins	Chairperson	2023
Connie Johns	Vice Chair	2023
Johanna Marzinske	Clerk	2023
Karen Hauser	Treasurer	2025
Mick Rasmussen	Member	2025
Sara Quast	Member	2025
Administration		
Tim Collins	Superintendent	
Kelly Zabel	Business Manager	



Independent Auditor's Report

To the Members of the School Board
Independent School District No. 75
St. Clair, Minnesota

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 Independent School District No. 75 (the District), St. Clair, Minnesota as of and for the year ended June 30, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the 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 an opinion 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 policies 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.

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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 District, as of June 30, 2021, and the respective changes in financial position and the respective budgetary comparison for the general fund 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, schedule of changes in the District's total OPEB liability and related ratios, schedule of employer's share of net pension liability, and schedule of employer's contributions 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 District's financial statements. The introductory section, combining and individual fund schedules, Uniform Financial Accounting and Reporting Standards (UFARS) compliance table, and schedule of changes in UFARS fund balances are presented for purposes of additional analysis 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 basic financial statements of the District.

The combining and individual fund schedules, Uniform Financial Accounting and Reporting Standards compliance table, and the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards 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 information is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

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INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #75
ST. CLAIR PUBLIC SCHOOL
ST. CLAIR, MINNESOTA
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021

The introductory section has not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements, and accordingly, we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on it.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated November 30, 2021 on our consideration of the District's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements

In accordance with the Legal Compliance Audit Guide prepared by the Office of the State Auditor pursuant to Minn. Stat. §6.65, we have also issued a report dated November 30, 2021, on our consideration of the County's compliance with aspects of the provisions of the Minnesota Legal Compliance Audit Guide for Counties. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of compliance and the results of that testing, and not directed primarily toward obtaining knowledge of noncompliance. That report is an integral part of procedures performed in accordance with the Office of the State Auditor's Minnesota Legal Compliance Audit Guide for Counties in considering the County's compliance with certain regulatory requirements pursuant to Minn. Stat. §6.65.

E. Sally
Sally L. P.

Mankato, Minnesota
November 30, 2021

This section of Independent School District No. 75 – St. Clair Public Schools' annual financial report presents our discussion and analysis of the District's financial performance during the fiscal year that ended on June 30, 2021. Please read it in conjunction with the District's financial statements, which immediately follow this section.

The Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) is an element of a reporting model that is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board's (GASB) Statement No. 34 – *Basic Financial Statements – and Management's Discussion and Analysis – for State and Local Governments* issued in June, 1999. Statement No. 34 contains significant requirements that enhance financial reporting. These requirements are also designed to make annual reports easier for the public to understand and more useful to stakeholders. Specifically, Statement No. 34 establishes reporting requirements that include additional financial statements, expanded disclosure, and supplemental information, including this MD&A, which contains certain comparative information between the current fiscal year and the prior fiscal year.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Key financial highlights for the 2020-2021 fiscal year include the following:

- The District's overall fund revenues were \$9,559,735 while overall expenses were \$9,224,688.
- The District's overall fund balance increased by \$238,678.
- The District's net outstanding long-term debt decreased by \$783,994 or 49.09 percent.

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

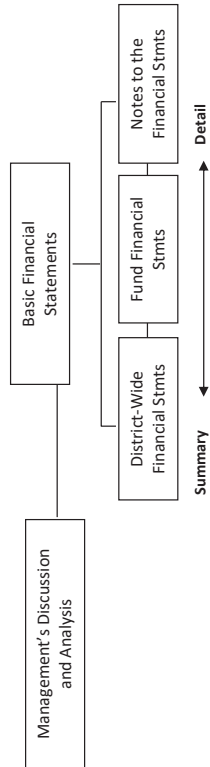
The financial section of the annual report consists of four parts – Independent Auditor's Report, required supplementary information, which includes the management's discussion and analysis (this section), the basic financial statements, and other required reports. The basic financial statements include two kinds of statements that present different views of the District:

- The first two statements are *district-wide financial statements* that provide both *short-term* and *long-term* information about the District's overall financial status.
- The remaining statements are *fund-financial statements* that focus on individual parts of the District, reporting the District's operations in more detail than the district-wide statements.
- The *governmental funds statements* tell how basic services such as regular and special education were financed in the short-term as well as what remains for future spending.

The financial statements also include notes that explain some of the information in the statements and provide more detailed data. The diagram below shows how the various parts of this annual report are arranged and relate to one another.

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

The major features of the District's financial statements, including the portion of the District's activities they cover and the types of information they contain, are summarized below. The remainder of the overview section of the MD&A highlights the structure and content of each of the statements.



Fund Financial Statements	
District Wide	
Scope	Governmental Funds The activities of the District that are not proprietary or fiduciary, such as special education and building maintenance
Required financial statements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statement of Net Position • Statement of Activities • Balance Sheet • Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances
Accounting basis and Measurement Focus	Modified accrual accounting and current financial focus
Type of Asset/Liability Information	Generally, assets expected to be used up and liabilities that come during the year or soon thereafter; no capital assets or long-term liabilities included
Type of Inflow/Outflow Information	Revenues for which cash is received during or soon after the end of the year; expenditures when goods or services have been received and the related liability is due and payable

District-wide Statements

The District-wide statements report information about the District as a whole using accounting methods similar to those used by private-sector companies. The statement of net position includes all of the District's assets, deferred outflows/inflows of resources, and liabilities. All of the current year's revenues and expenses are accounted for in the statement of activities regardless of when cash is received or paid.

The two District-wide statements report the District's net position and how they have changed. Net position – the difference between the District's assets, deferred outflows/inflows of resources, and liabilities – are one way to measure the District's financial health or position.

Over time, increases or decreases in the District's net position is an indicator of whether its financial position is improving or deteriorating, respectively.

- To assess the overall health of the District you need to consider additional non-financial factors such as changes in the District's property tax base and the condition of school buildings and other facilities.

In the District-wide financial statements the District's activities are shown in one category:

- **Governmental activities** – Most of the District's basic services are included here, such as regular and special education, transportation, administration, food services, and community education. Property taxes and state aids finance most of the activities.

Fund Financial Statements

The fund financial statements provide more detailed information about the District's funds – focusing on its most significant or "major" funds – not the District as a whole. Funds are accounting devices the District uses to keep track of specific sources of funding and spending on particular programs.

Governmental funds – Most of the District's basic services are included in governmental funds, which generally focus on (1) how cash and other financial assets that can readily be converted to cash flow in and out and (2) the balances left at year-end that are available for spending. Consequently, the governmental funds statements provide a detailed short-term view that helps you determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance the District's programs. Because this information does not encompass the additional long-term focus of the District-wide statements, we provide additional information following the governmental funds statements that explains the relationship (or difference) between them.

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #75
ST. CLAIR PUBLIC SCHOOL
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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021

**FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE DISTRICT AS A WHOLE
(DISTRICT-WIDE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS)**

Net Position

The District's net position was \$4,669,555 on June 30, 2021. This represents an increase when compared to the \$4,334,508 net position on June 30, 2020.

	Statements of Net Position June 30, 2021 and 2020	
	2021	2020
Assets		
Current assets	\$ 3,175,468	\$ 2,738,729
Capital assets	11,225,269	11,355,494
Total assets	14,400,737	14,094,223
Deferred Outflows of Resources	2,212,919	3,803,656
Liabilities		
Other liabilities	441,884	307,442
Long-term liabilities	6,055,614	6,119,253
Total liabilities	6,497,498	6,426,695
Deferred Inflows of Resources	5,446,603	7,136,676
Net Position (Deficit)	10,482,126	9,833,569
Net investment in capital assets	602,196	278,492
Restricted for specific purposes	(6,414,767)	(5,777,553)
Unrestricted		
Total net position	\$ 4,669,555	\$ 4,334,508

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INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #75
ST. CLAIR PUBLIC SCHOOL
ST. CLAIR, MINNESOTA
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
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Statements of Activities
Years Ended June 30, 2021 and 2020

	2021	2020
Revenues		
Program revenues		
Charges for service	\$ 278,593	\$ 449,400
Operating grants and contributions	823,110	1,024,101
Capital Grants and Contributions	160,629	148,724
General		
Property taxes	1,337,621	1,367,137
Aids and payments from state and other	6,777,708	5,876,842
Earnings on investments	11,765	20,478
Miscellaneous revenues	170,309	134,053
Total revenues	9,559,735	9,020,735
Expenses		
Administration	638,701	609,541
District support services	419,476	432,540
Regular instruction	4,640,674	4,421,908
Vocational instruction	49,124	42,687
Special education instruction	989,182	890,276
Community education and services	226,713	236,933
Instructional support services	392,675	254,722
Pupil support services	1,026,407	988,027
Sites and buildings	797,973	803,633
Fiscal and other fixed-cost programs	63,763	72,565
Total expenses	9,224,688	8,752,832
Change in Net Position	335,047	267,903
Net Position - Beginning	4,334,508	4,066,605
Net Position - Ending	\$ 4,669,555	\$ 4,334,508

Changes in Net Position. The District's total revenues were \$9,559,735 for the year ended June 30, 2021. Unallocated federal and state aid along with property taxes accounted for 84.89 percent of the total revenue for the year. Operating and capital grants and contributions for specific programs contributed 10.29 percent and the remaining 4.82 percent from fees charged for services and miscellaneous sources. The total cost of all programs and services was \$9,224,688. The District's expenses are predominantly related to student education and student educational support, 79.19 percent. The District's administrative activities accounted for 6.92 percent of the total costs. Total revenues were more than total expenses, increasing net position by \$335,047 from last year.

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INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #75
ST. CLAIR PUBLIC SCHOOL
ST. CLAIR, MINNESOTA
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021

General Fund

The General Fund includes the primary operations of the District in providing educational services to students from kindergarten through grade 12, including pupil transportation activities, buildings and grounds, and capital outlay projects.

The following schedule presents a summary of General Fund Revenues.

	Year Ended June 30,		Amount of	Percent
	2021	2020	Increase (Decrease)	Increase (Decrease)
Local property tax levies	\$ 734,920	\$ 728,541	\$ 6,379	0.88%
Other local and county sources	252,022	242,770	9,252	3.81%
State sources	6,721,078	6,617,559	103,519	1.56%
Federal sources	463,174	113,020	350,154	309.82%
Local sales and insurance recovery	2,068	5,759	(3,691)	-64.09%
Total General Fund revenues	\$ 8,173,262	\$ 7,707,649	\$ 465,613	6.04%

Total General Fund revenue increased by \$465,613 or 6.04 percent from the previous year. Basic general education revenue is determined by a state per student funding formula and consists of an equalized mix of property tax and state aid revenue. The mix of property tax and state aid can change significantly from year to year without any net change on revenue. Federal revenues also increased due to COVID funding.

The following schedule presents a summary of General Fund expenditures.

	Year Ended June 30,		Amount of	Percent
	2021	2020	Increase (Decrease)	Increase (Decrease)
Salaries and benefits	\$ 5,741,923	\$ 5,497,263	\$ 244,660	4.45%
Purchased services	1,270,563	1,273,593	(3,030)	-0.24%
Supplies and materials	409,110	330,404	78,706	23.82%
Capital expenditures	391,022	436,613	(45,591)	-10.44%
Other expenditures	142,564	110,734	31,830	28.74%
Total General Fund expenditures	\$ 7,955,182	\$ 7,648,607	\$ 306,575	4.01%

Total General Fund expenditures increased by \$306,575 or 4.01 percent from the previous year. The increase in salaries and benefits was due to general increases in pay per contracts and the addition of classroom aids and custodial staffing throughout the year. The increase in supplies and materials was due to additional technology purchases, curriculum materials, and sanitizing supplies. The majority of these increases were covered by federal COVID funds.

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General Fund Budgetary Highlights

The District's general fund results when compared to the final budget are:

- Actual revenues were \$391,367 *more than* budget. The revenue in excess of budget resulted primarily from the federal COVID funds that were not budgeted for.
- Actual expenditures were \$342,425 *more than* budget due to the increased technology, supplies, and staffing due to COVID-19.

Debt Service Fund

The Debt Service Fund had revenues of \$753,788 with expenditures of \$750,675, which caused an increase in fund balance of \$3,113.

Other Non-Major Funds

The Food Service Fund incurred an increase in the fund balance of \$37,242, resulting in an ending fund balance of \$61,225. The Community Service Fund incurred a decrease in the fund balance of \$19,757, decreasing fund balance to a positive fund balance of \$6,483.

CAPITAL ASSETS AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

Capital Assets:

By the end of fiscal year 2021, the District had invested \$22,788,990 in a broad range of capital assets, including school buildings, land, computer and audio-visual equipment, and other equipment for various instructional programs. Total depreciation expense for the year was \$511,930. More detailed information about capital assets can be found in the notes to the financial statements.

Capital Assets Governmental Activities June 30, 2021 and 2020		2021	2020
Land		\$ 223,114	\$ 193,598
Construction in process		200,074	-
Buildings		17,031,567	17,014,254
Improvements		821,856	819,856
Equipment		4,512,379	4,379,577
Accumulated Depreciation		(11,563,721)	(11,051,791)
Total capital assets		\$ 11,225,269	\$ 11,355,494

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Long-Term Liabilities

At year end the District had \$813,035 of long term debt consisting of bonds payable of \$725,000, related premium of \$18,528, related discount of (\$385), severance payable of \$9,154 and vacation payable of \$60,738.

The District had \$5,053,267 in net pension liability at June 30, 2021.

The District had \$189,312 in total OPEB liability at June 30, 2021.

See notes to the financial statements for additional information.

Factors Bearing on the District's Future:

- The District is dependent on the State of Minnesota for its revenue authority. Recent experience demonstrates that legislated revenue increases have not been sufficient to meet instructional needs and increased costs due to inflation. In response, the District voters approved a \$500 operating levy in the fall of 2021.
- With the existing building bond to be paid off in 2022, voters also approved a \$15-million project to improve school facilities, including educational space additions, locker room and auditorium upgrades, heating and ventilation system improvements, roof section replacements, and various other deferred maintenance projects.
- The District will continue to offer quality educational programs that encourage resident students to remain in the District as well as attract non-resident students through open enrollment. The District will continue to use a financial-planning model, along with detailed, conservative budgeting and budget-monitoring processes. The District must continue to follow enrollment trends and maintain a responsible balance between staffing and student enrollment. The District will also continue to seek out all available funding sources.
- During FY 2021, the District received federal grant funding related to the global COVID-19 pandemic under the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER) grant, the Governor's Emergency Education Relief Fund (GEER) grant, and the Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) grant. In addition, the City of St. Clair, Le Ray Township, and Blue Earth County allocated portions of their CARES Act Funding to the District. All grants were used to cover COVID-19 expenditures throughout the year. The District also received federal allocations through the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act, which may be used for allowable expenditures that span into Fiscal Year 2025.

Contacting the District's Financial Management:

This financial report is designed to provide the District's citizens, taxpayers, customers and creditors with a general overview of the District's finances and to demonstrate the District's accountability for the money it receives. If you have any questions about this report or would like additional information, contact the District Office, ISD No. 75, PO Box 99, St. Clair, MN 56080.

Independent School District No. 75
St. Clair, Minnesota
Statement of Net Position
June 30, 2021

Assets	
Cash and investments	1,276,144
Receivables	
Current property taxes	813,491
Delinquent property taxes	6,430
Accounts receivable	59,812
Due from other Minnesota School Districts	10,482
Due from Minnesota Department of Education	737,294
Due from Federal through Minnesota Department of Education	247,357
Prepaid items	12,461
Inventories	11,997
	<u>3,175,468</u>
Capital assets not being depreciated:	
Land	223,114
Construction in progress	200,074
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation:	
Land improvements	198,432
Buildings	9,930,747
Equipment	672,902
	<u>11,225,269</u>
Total Capital Assets, Net of Depreciation	14,400,737
Total Assets	2,797
Deferred Outflows of Resources	2,210,122
Other postemployment benefits	
Pension plans	
	<u>2,212,919</u>
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	2,212,919
Liabilities	
Salaries payable	46,962
Accounts payable	218,679
Interest payable	7,080
Due to other Minnesota school districts	7,337
Due to other governmental units	1,203
Payroll deductions	119,849
Unearned revenue	40,774
Noncurrent liabilities:	
Due within one year - bonds payable and related premium	
and discount, vacation payable, severance payable, and capital lease payable	813,035
Due in more than one year - total other post-employment benefits obligation	189,312
Due in more than one year - net pension liability	<u>5,053,467</u>
Total Liabilities	6,497,498
Deferred Inflows of Resources	
Unavailable revenue - property taxes	1,510,728
Other postemployment benefits	39,099
Pension plan	<u>3,896,776</u>
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	5,446,603
Net Position	
Net investment in capital assets	10,482,126
Restricted	602,196
Unrestricted	<u>(6,414,767)</u>
Total Net Position	\$ 4,669,555

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Independent School District No. 75
St. Clair, Minnesota
Statement of Activities
Year Ended June 30, 2021

	Expenses	Charges for Services	Program Revenues	Capital Grants and Contributions	Net (Expense) Revenue and Other Net Position
Governmental Activities					
Administration	\$ 638,701	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (638,701)
District support services	419,476	-	-	-	(419,476)
Regular instruction	4,680,774	128,385	801,085	160,629	(3,379,774)
Vocational instruction	49,124	-	-	-	(49,124)
Special education instruction	969,182	-	-	-	(969,182)
Community education and services	226,713	-	-	-	(226,713)
Instructional support services	392,675	150,208	22,025	-	(99,442)
Pupil support services	1,026,407	-	-	-	(1,026,407)
Sites and buildings	797,973	-	-	-	(797,973)
Fiscal and other fixed cost programs	63,763	-	-	-	(63,763)
	<u>\$ 9,224,688</u>	<u>\$ 278,593</u>	<u>\$ 823,110</u>	<u>\$ 160,629</u>	<u>(7,962,356)</u>
Total Governmental Activities					
General Revenues					
Property taxes					1,337,621
State aid not restricted to specific purposes					534,627
Federal aid not restricted to specific purposes					844,627
Earnings on investments					11,765
Miscellaneous					170,209
Sale of equipment					100
					<u>8,297,483</u>
Total General Revenues					
Change in Net Position					335,047
Net Position - Beginning					4,334,508
Net Position - Ending					<u>\$ 4,669,555</u>

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Independent School District No. 75
St. Clair, Minnesota
Balance Sheet – Governmental Funds
June 30, 2021

Assets	General	Debt Service	Total Nonmajor Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Cash and investments	\$ 764,355	\$ 439,472	\$ 72,317	\$ 1,276,144
Receivables				
Current property taxes	364,671	432,447	16,373	813,491
Delinquent property taxes	3,140	3,152	138	6,430
Accounts receivable	55,099	-	4,713	59,812
Due from other Minnesota School Districts	10,482	-	-	10,482
Due from Minnesota Department of Education	713,874	19,706	3,714	737,294
Due from Federal through Minnesota Department of Education	194,923	-	52,434	247,357
Prepaid items	12,294	-	167	12,461
Inventories	-	-	11,997	11,997
Total assets	\$ 2,118,838	\$ 894,777	\$ 161,853	\$ 3,175,468
Liabilities				
Salaries payable	\$ 36,829	\$ -	\$ 10,133	\$ 46,962
Accounts payable	211,312	-	7,367	218,679
Due to other Minnesota School Districts	7,337	-	-	7,337
Due to other governmental units	1,203	-	-	1,203
Payroll deductions	119,849	-	-	119,849
Unearned revenue	-	-	40,774	40,774
Total liabilities	376,530	-	58,274	434,804
Deferred Inflows of Resources				
Unavailable revenue - delinquent taxes	3,140	3,152	138	6,430
Unavailable revenue - property taxes	739,150	735,845	35,733	1,510,728
Total deferred inflows of resources	742,290	738,997	35,871	1,517,158
Fund Balances				
Nonspendable	12,294	-	12,164	24,458
Restricted	387,582	155,780	55,544	598,906
Unassigned	600,142	-	-	600,142
Total fund balances	1,000,018	155,780	67,708	1,223,506
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, and fund balances	\$ 2,118,838	\$ 894,777	\$ 161,853	\$ 3,175,468

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Independent School District No. 75
St. Clair, Minnesota
Reconciliation of the Balance Sheet of Governmental Funds to the Statement of Net Position
June 30, 2021

Total Fund Balances for Governmental Funds	\$ 1,223,506
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position are different because:	
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported as assets in governmental funds.	11,225,269
Some of the District's property taxes will be collected after year-end, but are not available soon enough to pay for the current period's expenditures, and therefore are reported as unavailable revenue in the funds.	6,430
Interest on long-term debt is not accrued in governmental funds, but rather is recognized as an expenditure when due.	(7,080)
Deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to pensions and OPEB are applicable to future periods and, therefore, are not reported in the governmental funds.	(1,722,956)
Long-term liabilities that pertain to governmental funds are not due and payable in the current period, and therefore are not reported as fund liabilities. All liabilities - both current and long-term - are reported in the statement of net position. Balances at year end are:	
Bonds payable, including premium and discount	\$ 743,143
Severance and vacation payable	69,892
OPEB liability	189,312
Net pension liability	5,053,267
	<u>(6,055,614)</u>
Total Net Position for Governmental Activities	<u>\$ 4,669,555</u>

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Independent School District No. 75
St. Clair, Minnesota
Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances of Governmental
Funds to the Statement of Activities
Year Ended June 30, 2021

Total Net Change in Fund Balances for Governmental Funds	\$	238,678
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:		
Capital outlays are reported in governmental funds as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense. In the current period those amounts are:		
Capital outlay		381,705
Depreciation expense		(511,930)
The governmental funds report severance costs as expenditures when paid. However, the statement of activities reports severance costs as expenditures as the employees earn the benefit. In the statement of net position, the payment of severance results in a reduction of the liability. This amount is the net effect of these differences.		5,212
In governmental funds, OPEB obligations are measured by the amount of resources used. However, in the statement of activities, an increase in an OPEB obligation is based on the amount earned by the employees during the period. The amount is the net effect of these differences.		(14,083)
Governmental funds report the effect of premiums and discounts when debt is first issued, whereas these amounts are deferred and amortized in the statement of activities. This amount is the net effect of these differences.		17,756
In the statement of activities the cost of pension benefits earned net of employee contributions is reported as pension expense. In the governmental funds, however, the contributions are reported as expense.		(544,027)
The governmental funds report repayment of bond principal as expenditures. In the statement of net position, however, repayment of principal reduces the liability.		761,026
Long-term debt interest is recognized as an expenditure in the governmental funds when it is due. In the statement of activities, however, interest expense is recognized as it accrues, regardless of when it is due.		340
Property taxes levied and due in previous fiscal years that have not been received as of the end of the current fiscal year are recorded as deferred inflows - delinquent taxes (not considered available revenues) in the governmental funds. In the statement of activities, these taxes are considered revenue in the period for which they are levied.		370
Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities	\$	<u>335,047</u>

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Independent School District No. 75
St. Clair, Minnesota
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances – Governmental Funds
Year Ended June 30, 2021

	General	Debt Service	Total Nonmajor Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Revenues				
Local property tax levies	\$ 734,920	\$ 556,733	\$ 32,055	\$ 1,323,708
Other local and county sources	252,022	-	154,771	406,793
State sources	6,721,078	197,055	28,538	6,946,671
Federal sources	463,174	-	381,447	844,621
Local sales and insurance recovery	2,068	-	27,913	29,981
Total Revenues	8,173,262	753,788	624,724	9,551,774
Expenditures				
Administration	638,701	-	-	638,701
District support services	423,274	-	-	423,274
Regular instruction	3,713,928	-	-	3,713,928
Vocational instruction	49,124	-	-	49,124
Special education instruction	968,515	-	-	968,515
Community education and services	-	-	226,713	226,713
Instructional support services	386,425	-	-	386,425
Pupil support services	645,502	-	380,626	1,026,128
Sites and buildings	1,036,183	-	-	1,036,183
Fiscal and other fixed cost programs	51,182	-	-	51,182
Debt service				
Principal	41,026	720,000	-	761,026
Interest and fiscal charges	1,322	30,675	-	31,997
Total Expenditures	7,955,182	750,675	607,339	9,313,196
Excess of Revenues Over Expenditures	218,080	3,113	17,385	238,578
Other Financing Sources				
Sale of equipment	-	-	100	100
Net Change in Fund Balances	218,080	3,113	17,485	238,678
Fund Balances - Beginning	781,938	152,667	50,223	984,828
Fund Balances - Ending	\$ 1,000,018	\$ 155,780	\$ 67,708	\$ 1,223,506

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Independent School District No. 75
St. Clair, Minnesota
Budgetary Comparison Schedule: General Fund
Year Ended June 30, 2021

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts	Variance With Final Budget
	Original	Final		
Revenues				
Local property tax levies	\$ 749,360	\$ 749,360	\$ 734,920	\$ (14,440)
Other local and county sources	203,231	203,231	252,022	48,791
State sources	6,681,735	6,681,735	6,721,078	39,343
Federal sources	144,069	144,069	463,174	319,105
Local sales and insurance recovery	3,500	3,500	2,068	(1,432)
Total Revenues	7,781,895	7,781,895	8,173,262	391,367
Expenditures				
Administration	632,434	632,434	638,701	(6,267)
District support services	407,270	407,670	423,274	(15,604)
Regular instruction	3,755,133	3,754,733	3,713,928	40,805
Vocational instruction	40,600	40,600	49,124	(8,524)
Special education instruction	925,382	925,382	968,515	(43,133)
Instructional support services	239,182	239,182	386,425	(147,243)
Pupil support services	714,966	714,966	645,502	69,464
Sites and buildings	849,450	849,450	1,036,183	(186,733)
Fiscal and other fixed cost programs	48,340	48,340	51,182	(2,842)
Debt service	-	-	41,026	(41,026)
Principal	-	-	1,322	(1,322)
Interest and fiscal charges	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	7,612,757	7,612,757	7,955,182	(342,425)
Net Change in Fund Balance	\$ 169,138	\$ 169,138	218,080	\$ 48,942
Fund Balance - Beginning			781,938	
Fund Balance - Ending			\$ 1,000,018	

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Independent School District No. 75
St. Clair, Minnesota
Statement of Net Assets – Custodial Funds
Year Ended June 30, 2021

Assets	
Accounts receivable	\$ 7,488
Total Assets	7,488
Liabilities	
Accounts payable	525
Checks in excess	6,963
Total Liabilities	7,488
Net Position	-
Restricted for section playoffs	-
Total Net Position	\$ -

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Additions	
Gifts and donations	\$ 7,488
Total Additions	7,488
Deductions	
Fees and expenses	7,488
Total Deductions	7,488
Change in Net Position	-
Net Position - Beginning	-
Net Position - Ending	\$ -

Note 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The Independent School District No. 75 (District) is a school district governed by a board elected by eligible voters of the District. The financial statements of the District have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as applied to governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The significant District accounting policies are described below.

A. Financial Reporting Entity

The financial reporting entity consists of (1) the primary government, (2) organizations for which the primary government is financially accountable, and (3) other organizations for which the primary government is not accountable, but 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 District does not have any blended or discretely presented component units.

The District is the basic level of government which has oversight responsibility and control over all activities related to the public school education in the District's area. The District receives funding from local, state, and federal government sources and must comply with the requirements of these funding source entities. However, the District is not included in any other governmental "reporting entity" as defined by the GASB pronouncements, since board members are elected by the public and have decision making authority, the authority to levy taxes, the power to designate management, the ability to significantly influence operations, and primary accountability for fiscal matters.

B. Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements (i.e., the statement of net position and the statement of activities) report information on all of the non-fiduciary activities of the primary government. The effect of inter-fund activity has been removed from these statements.

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function or segments are offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function or segment. Program revenues include (1) charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function or segment, and (2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function or segment. Taxes, intergovernmental revenues, and other items not properly included among program revenues are reported instead as general revenues.

C. Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting, and Financial Statement Presentation

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

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. With this measurement focus, only current assets and current liabilities generally are included on the balance sheet. Operating statements of these funds present increases (i.e., revenues and other financing sources) and decreases (i.e., expenditures and other financing uses) in net current assets. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be available when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the District considers most revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period, except as stated below. Expenditures are recognized in the accounting period in which the liability is incurred, if measurable, except for the following: (1) commodity inventory items are recorded when received, (2) interest and principal on long-term debt are recorded when paid, and (3) claims and judgments, group health claims, and compensated absences are recorded as expenditures when paid with expendable available financial resources. Prepaid items are recorded for approved disbursements made in advance of the year in which the item is budgeted.

Property tax revenues for all funds, which are payable by property owners in a calendar year, are recognized in the fiscal year beginning July 1 of that calendar year. State revenues are recognized in the year to which they apply according to Minnesota statutes. Federal revenues are recorded in the year in which the related expenditure is made. If the amounts of Minnesota or federal revenues cannot be reasonably estimated or realization is not assured, they are not recorded as revenue in the current year. Revenue from other school districts are generally recognized when related expenditures occur. All other revenue items are considered to be measurable and available as stated above.

The District reports unavailable revenue on its governmental fund financial statements when potential revenue does not meet both the "measurable" and "available" criteria for recognition in the current period. In subsequent periods, when both the revenue recognition criteria are met, or when the District has a legal claim to the resources, the unavailable revenue is removed from the financial statements and revenue is recognized. Unearned revenues arise when resources are received by the District before it has legal claim to them, as when property tax levies, food service revenue, or grant monies are received prior to the incurrence of qualifying expenditures. Unearned and unavailable revenue is recorded on the District's government-wide and governmental fund financial statements.

The District reports the following major governmental funds:

- *General fund* is the government's primary operating fund. It accounts for all financial resources of the general government, except those required to be accounted for in another fund. The general fund is used to account for educational activities, district instructional and student support programs, expenditures for the Superintendent, district administration, normal operations and maintenance, pupil transportation, capital expenditures, and legal school district expenditures not specifically designated to be accounted for in any other fund. The District's Student Activity Funds of \$62,823 are under board control and are reported and audited in the general fund as committed funds.
- *Debt service fund* accounts for the resources accumulated and payments made for principal and interest on long-term general obligation debt of governmental funds.

The District reports the following non-major governmental funds:

- *Food Service fund* accounts for food service revenues and expenditures.
- *Community Service fund* accounts for services provided to residents in the areas of recreation, civic activities, nonpublic pupils, adults or early childhood programs, extended day programs, or other similar services.

Additionally, the District reports the following fund types:

- *Fiduciary funds* are used to report assets held in a trustee or custodial capacity for others and therefore cannot be used to support the government's own programs.
 - *Custodial funds* are used to report fiduciary activities where the District does not have a formal trust agreement with other governmental units, employees, students or others. The District reports one custodial fund for activity related to section baseball and section track and field playoffs that are ran by the District's athletic director. The assets in this fund are for the benefit of these activities and the District does not have administrative involvement with the assets or direct the financial involvement with the assets. In addition, the assets are not derived from the District's own source revenues.

D. Assets, Liabilities, Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources, and Net Position or Fund Balance

1. Cash and Investments

Cash balances of the District's funds are combined (pooled) and invested to the extent available in various deposits and investments authorized by Minnesota State Statutes. Each fund shares in the investment earnings according to its average cash and investments balance. Cash includes amounts in demand deposits as well as short-term investments with an original maturity date within three months of the date acquired by the District. Investments include amounts in the Minnesota School District Liquid Asset Fund Plus (MSDLAF+), an external investment pool, which in accordance with GASB 79 are valued at amortized cost, which approximates fair value. GASB Statement No. 79 requires a comparison of MSDLAF+ Portfolio's investments on an amortized cost basis to fair values determined on a market value basis at least monthly.

2. Receivables

Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, some revenues are susceptible to accrual while others are not. Major revenues treated as susceptible to accrual are: property taxes, state and federal aids, and revenue from other Minnesota school districts. All receivables are reported at their gross value and, if appropriate, reduced by the estimated portion that is expected to be uncollectible.

Interest and certain receivables are recorded as revenue in the year that the interest is earned and is available to pay liabilities of the current period.

On or before September 15th of each year, the School Board certifies to the county auditor the dates that it has selected for its public hearing and for the continuation of its hearing, if necessary. If not certified by this date, the county auditor will assign the hearing date. All school districts must hold public hearings on their proposed property tax levies. Also, at this time the School Board certifies its proposed property tax levy to the county auditor for collection in the following year.

Beginning on November 29th and through December 20th of each year, the District is required by state law to hold its public hearing on its proposed budgets and proposed property tax levies for the taxes payable in the following year. On or before five business days after December 20th, the School Board certifies its final adopted property taxes payable the following year to the county auditor. If the District has not certified its final property tax by this time, its property tax will be the amount levied by it in the preceding year.

In Minnesota, counties act as collection agents for all property taxes. The County spreads all levies over taxable property. Such taxes become a lien on January 1 and are recorded as receivables by the District at that date. Real property taxes may be paid by taxpayers in two equal installments on May 15 and October 15. Agricultural land taxes may be paid on May 15 and November 15. Personal property taxes may be paid on February 28 and June 30. The County provides tax settlements to Districts three times a year, in January, June, and November.

Property tax revenue is recorded under the intact levy concept whereby taxes collectible during a calendar year are recorded as revenue in the fiscal year beginning with the year of collection. Current taxes receivable represent taxes levied in 2020 which are not payable until 2021 less amounts received before June 30, 2021. Delinquent taxes receivable represent levies collectible during 2020 and prior years. Delinquent taxes are recorded as unavailable revenue. Taxes levied for subsequent years represent current taxes receivable, which are levied in 2020, but not payable until 2021 and are not expendable by the District until the 2021-2022 school year, adjusted for the property tax shift amount.

3. Inventories, Commodities, and Prepaid Items

All inventories are expended when consumed rather than when purchased and are valued at the lower of cost or market, using the first-in first-out (FIFO) cost method. United States Department of Agriculture commodities received are recorded as revenue at the fair market value of such commodities and included in the food service fund revenue and expenditures when received. Unused commodities at year end are included in inventories of food.

Certain payments to vendors reflect costs applicable to future accounting periods and are recorded as prepaid items in both government-wide and fund financial statements.

4. Capital Assets

Capital assets, which include property, plant, and equipment, are reported in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are defined by the District as assets with an initial, individual cost of more than \$1,000 and an estimated useful life in excess of one year. Such assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost if purchased or constructed. Donated capital assets are recorded at estimated fair market value at the date of donation.

The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend assets lives are not capitalized. Major outlays for capital assets and improvements are capitalized as projects are constructed.

Property, plant, and equipment of the District are depreciated using the straight line method over the following estimated useful lives:

Assets	Years
Buildings	50
Plumbing and electrical	30
Building interior improvements, portable classrooms, and fire system	25
Heating and ventilation system, long-term admin. software, furniture and fixtures, outdoor equipment, roofing, and site improvements	20
Custodial equipment, grounds equipment, kitchen equipment, and machinery and tools	15
All other equipment, short-term admin. software, and long-term instructional software	10
Vehicles and buses	8
Carpet replacement	7
Computer hardware, copiers, short-term instructional software, and library books	5

5. Long-Term Obligations

In the government-wide financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the applicable governmental activities. In the fund financial statements, governmental fund types report the face amount of debt issued as other financing sources.

Bond premiums and discounts are deferred and amortized over the life of the bonds and issuance costs are expensed in the period incurred. In the fund financial statements, governmental fund types recognize premiums received on debt issuances as other financing sources while discounts on debt issuances are reported as other financing uses. Issuance costs, whether or not withheld from the actual debt proceeds received, are reported as debt service expenditures.

6. Compensated Absences

It is the District's policy to permit employees to accumulate earned but unused vacation and sick pay benefits. There is no liability for unpaid accumulated sick leave since the government does not have a policy to pay any amounts when employees separate from service with the government. Vacation leave is accrued as a liability and recorded as an expense of those funds as the benefits are earned by the employees. A liability for these amounts is reported as they are earned, for example, as a result of employee unused vacation at year-end.

7. Severance Benefits

The District provides for retirement severance pay. Bargaining unit employees are eligible to receive severance pay upon separation from the District. After 15 years, 20 years, and 25 years of service the severance amount shall be equal to 20%, 25%, and 30% of accrued sick leave, respectively. Employees hired after June 30, 2007, are not eligible for sick leave pay out severance benefit. The rate of pay for the sick leave pay out shall be the rate of pay that the employee was receiving at the time of severance. If an employee dies and has severance pay coming, the employees' beneficiary would receive the severance pay.

8. Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions (OPEB)

For purposes of measuring the net OPEB liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB, and OPEB expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the District's OPEB Plan and additions to/deductions from the Plan's fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by the Plan. For this purpose, the Plan recognizes benefit payments when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value, except for money market investments and participating interest-earning investment contracts that have a maturity at the time of purchase of one year or less, which are reported at cost. Additional information can be found in Note 5.

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9. Pensions

For purposes of measuring the net pension liability, deferred outflows/inflows of resources, and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the Public Employees Retirement Association (PERA) and the Teachers Retirement Association (TRA) and additions to/deductions from PERA's and TRA's fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by PERA and TRA.

TRA has a special funding situation created by direct aid contributions made by the State of Minnesota, City of Minneapolis and Minneapolis School District. The direct aid is a result of the Minneapolis Teachers Retirement Fund Association merger into TRA in 2006. A second direct aid source is from the State of Minnesota for the merger of the Duluth Teacher's Retirement Fund Association (DTRFA) in 2015. Additional information can be found in Note 5.

For this purpose, plan contributions are recognized as of employer payroll paid dates and benefit payments and refunds are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value.

10. Deferred Outflows of Resources

In addition to assets, the statement of financial 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(s) and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/ expenditure) until then.

The District has two items that qualify for reporting in this category on the government-wide statement of net position. Deferred outflows of resources related to other postemployment benefits consists of various estimate differences and contributions made to the plan subsequent to the measurement date that will be recognized as expenditures in future years. Deferred outflows of resources related to pension plans consists of various estimate differences and contributions made to the plan subsequent to the measurement date that will be recognized as expenses in future years.

11. Deferred Inflows of Resources

In addition to liabilities, the statement of financial 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.

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The District has three types of items that qualify for reporting in this category. The first item, unavailable revenue from property taxes, arises under a modified accrual basis of accounting and is reported only in the Governmental Funds Balance Sheet. Delinquent property taxes not collected within 60 days of year-end are deferred and recognized as an inflow of resources in the governmental funds in the period the amounts become available. The second item is property taxes levied for subsequent years, which represent property taxes received or reported as a receivable before the period for which the taxes are levied, and is reported as a deferred inflow of resources in both the government-wide Statement of Net Position and the Governmental Funds Balance Sheet. Property taxes levied for subsequent years are deferred and recognized as an inflow of resources in the government-wide financial statements in the year for which they are levied and in the governmental fund financial statements during the year for which they are levied, if available. The third item is deferred inflows related to pension and OPEB activity as a result of various estimate differences that will be recognized as expenses in future years, reported in the government-wide statement of net position.

12. Net Position

Net position represents the difference between (a) assets and deferred outflows of resources and (b) liabilities and deferred inflows of resources in the District's government-wide financial statements. Net investment in capital assets consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, reduced by the outstanding balances of any long-term debt attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets. Restricted net position consists of restricted assets reduced by liabilities and deferred inflows of resources related to those assets. Unrestricted net position is the net amount of assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources that are not included in the determination of net investment in capital assets or the restricted component of net position.

13. Fund Balance

In governmental fund types, the difference between assets and deferred outflows of resources less liabilities and deferred inflows of resources is called "fund balance." The District's governmental funds report the following categories of fund balance, based on the nature of any limitations requiring the use of resources for specific purposes.

- Nonspendable fund balance represents a portion of fund balance that includes amounts that cannot be spent because they are either (1) not in spendable form or (2) legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.
- Restricted fund balances represent a portion of fund balance that reflects constraints placed on the use of resources (other than nonspendable items) that are either: (1) externally imposed by creditors (such as through debt covenants), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or (2) imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.
- Committed fund balance includes amounts that can only be used for specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by formal action of the government's highest level of decision-making authority which is the School Board through an ordinance or resolution.
- Assigned fund balance represents amounts constrained by the government's intent to be used for specific purposes, but neither restricted nor committed. The School Board has delegated the authority to assign a fund balance to the Superintendent.

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- Unassigned fund balance represents residual classification for the general fund. This classification represents fund balance not assigned to other funds and not restricted, committed, or assigned to specific purposes within the general fund. The general fund should be the only fund that reports a positive unassigned fund balance amount. In other governmental funds, if expenditures incurred for specific purposes exceeded the amounts restricted, committed, or assigned to those purposes, it would be necessary to report a negative unassigned fund balance.

The District will strive to maintain a minimum unassigned general fund balance of 30 to 60 days of operating expenses. If resources from more than one fund balance classification could be spent, the District will strive to spend resources from fund balance classifications in the following order (first to last): restricted, committed, assigned, and unassigned.

E. Inter-Fund Transactions

Quasi-external transactions are accounted for as revenues, expenditures or expenses in the government-wide financial statements and fund financial statements. Transactions that constitute reimbursements to a fund for expenditures/expenses initially made from it that are properly applicable to another fund, are recorded as expenditures/expenses in the reimbursing fund and as reductions of expenditures/expenses in the fund that is reimbursed. All other inter-fund transactions, except quasi-external transactions and reimbursements, are reported as transfers. Transfers have been removed from the government-wide financial statements.

F. Property Tax Shift

The majority of district revenue is determined annually by statutory funding formulas. The total revenue allowed by these formulas is allocated between property taxes and state aids by the Legislature based on education funding priorities.

Generally, property taxes are recognized as revenue by the District in the fiscal year that begins midway through the calendar year in which the tax levy is collectible. To help balance the state budget, the Minnesota Legislature utilizes a tool referred to as the "tax shift," which periodically changes the District's recognition of property tax revenue. The tax shift advance recognizes cash collected for the subsequent year's levy as current year revenue, allowing the state to reduce the amount of aid paid to the District. The remaining portion of the taxes collectible in 2017 is recorded as deferred inflows of resources (property taxes levied for subsequent years).

Property tax levies are certified to the County Auditor in December of each year for collection from taxpayers in May and October of the following calendar year. In Minnesota, counties act as collection agents for all property taxes. The county spreads all levies over taxable property. Such taxes become a lien on property on the following January 1. The county general remits taxes to the District at periodic intervals as they are collected. A portion of the property taxes levied is paid by the State of Minnesota through various tax credits, which are included in revenue from state sources in the financial statements.

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Taxes which remain unpaid are classified as delinquent taxes receivable. Revenue from these delinquent property taxes that is not collected within 60 days of year-end is deferred in the fund financial statements because it is not known to be available to finance the operations of the District in the current year. No allowance for uncollectible taxes is considered necessary.

G. 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 amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Note 2 – Stewardship, Compliance, and Accountability

A. Budgetary Information

The District adopts an annual budget for all funds in accordance with Minnesota State Statutes. The budget is prepared on the modified accrual basis of accounting. Before July 1, the proposed budget is presented to the School Board for review. The School Board holds public hearings and a final budget must be prepared and adopted no later than one week after the School Board approves the audited financial statements and has published the final budget in the local newspaper. Annual budgets are adopted on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles for all governmental funds. All annual appropriations lapse at fiscal year end. The actual revenues, expenditures, and transfers for the year ended June 30, 2021, have been compared to the District's budget for the year where applicable. Variances in parentheses are unfavorable and indicate revenues are less than budget or expenditures are greater than budget. The budget is adopted through passage of a resolution. Any revisions that alter total expenditures of any fund must be approved by the School Board.

Budgetary control is maintained by fund, at the object of expenditure category level within each program, and in compliance with state requirements. Also inherent in this controlling function is the management philosophy that the existence of a particular item or appropriation in the approved budget does not automatically mean that it will be spent. The budget process has flexibility in that, where need has been properly demonstrated, an adjustment can be made within the department budget by the School Board. Therefore, there is a constant review process and expenditures are not approved until it has been determined that (1) adequate funds were appropriated; (2) the expenditure is still necessary; and (3) funds are available. Budgeted amounts are as originally adopted or as amended by the School Board. Budgeted expenditure appropriations lapse at year end. The School Board made several supplemental budgetary appropriations throughout the year.

B. Excess of Expenditures over Appropriations

For the year ended June 30, 2021, expenditures exceeded appropriations in the general fund by \$342,425. The over expenditures were funded by greater than anticipated revenues and available fund balance.

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Note 3 – Detailed Notes on All Funds

A. Cash and Investments

1. Cash

In accordance with Minnesota Statutes, the District maintains deposits at those depository banks authorized by the School Board. All such depositories are members of the Federal Reserve System. Minnesota Statutes require that all District deposits be protected by insurance, surety bond, or collateral. The market value of collateral pledged must equal 110 percent of the deposits not covered by insurance or bonds. Minnesota Statutes require that securities pledged as collateral be held in safekeeping by the District Treasurer or in a financial institution other than that furnishing the collateral.

Custodial Credit Risk—Deposits. Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the District's deposits may not be returned to it. The District does not have a deposit policy for custodial credit risk. As of June 30, 2021, none of the District's bank balances were exposed to custodial credit risk.

2. Investments

As of June 30, 2021, the District had an investment in the Minnesota School District Liquid Asset Fund (MSDLAF) with a fair value of \$678,076. MDSLAF is a money market account and is available to service the District's financial needs immediately. The Minnesota School District Liquid Asset Fund is an external investment pool not registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) that follows the same regulatory rules of the SEC under rule 2a7. According to GASB79, the fair value of the position in the pool is the same as the value of the pool's shares.

Custodial Credit Risk—Investments. The investments in the MSDIAF is not subject to the credit risk classifications as noted in paragraph 9 of GASB Statement No. 40 – *Deposits and Investment Risk Disclosures*. The District does not have an investment policy for custodial credit risk.

Interest Rate Risk. The District does not have a formal investment policy that limits investment maturities as a means of managing its exposure to fair value losses arising from increasing interest rates.

Credit Risk. The District may invest funds as authorized by Minnesota Statutes Section 118A.04. All funds in the MSDIAF are invested in accordance with Minnesota Statutes Section 475.66. Each Minnesota School District owns a pro-rata share of each investment which is held in the name of the Funds. The District has no investment policy that would further limit its investment choices. As of June 30, 2021, the District's MSDIAF accounts were rated AAAm by Standard and Poor's.

Concentration of Credit Risk. The District places no limit on the amount the District may invest in any one issuer. More than 5 percent of the District's investments are invested in the MSDIAF.

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The following table presents the District's deposit and investment balances at June 30, 2021:

Type	Fair Value	N/A	Investment Maturities (in Years)	1 - 5
Cash and cash equivalents				
Minnesota School				
District Liquid Asset Fund	\$ 678,076	\$ 678,076	\$ -	-
Deposits	58,400	58,400	-	-
Investments				
Certificates of Deposit	539,668	-	-	539,668
	<u>\$ 1,276,144</u>	<u>\$ 736,476</u>		<u>\$ 539,668</u>

B. Receivables

Receivables as of the year end for the District are reported on the Statement of Net Position and the Balance Sheet.

The Balance Sheet reports unavailable revenues in connection with receivables for revenues that are not considered to be available to liquidate liabilities of the current period. The Statement of Net Position and the Balance Sheet also defer revenue recognition in connection with resources that have been received, but not yet earned.

At the end of the current fiscal year, the various components of unearned revenue reported were as follows:

Prepaid food service meals (food service fund)	Available but Unearned
Kids connection fees (community service fund)	\$ 22,037
	<u>18,737</u>
	<u>\$ 40,774</u>

C. Capital Assets

Depreciation expense was charged to functions/programs of the primary government as follows:

Administration	\$ 671
Regular instruction	428,960
Special education instruction	667
Instructional support services	6,249
Pupil support services	4,282
Sites and buildings	<u>71,101</u>
Total Depreciation Expense	<u>\$ 511,930</u>

Capital asset activity for the year ended June 30, 2021, was as follows:

	Beginning Balance	Increases	Decreases	Ending Balance
Governmental Activities				
Capital Assets not being Depreciated:				
Land	\$ 193,598	\$ 29,516	\$ -	\$ 223,114
Construction in progress	-	200,074	-	200,074
Total Capital Assets not being Depreciated	193,598	229,590	-	423,188
Capital Assets being Depreciated:				
Land improvements	819,856	2,000	-	821,856
Buildings	17,014,254	17,313	-	17,031,567
Equipment	4,379,577	132,802	-	4,512,379
Total Capital Assets being Depreciated	22,213,687	152,115	-	22,365,802
Less Accumulated Depreciation for:				
Land improvements	585,370	38,054	-	623,424
Buildings	6,747,020	353,800	-	7,100,820
Equipment	3,719,401	120,076	-	3,839,477
Total Accumulated Depreciation	11,051,791	511,930	-	11,563,721
Total Capital Assets being Depreciated, net	11,161,896	(359,815)	-	10,802,081
Governmental Activities Capital Assets, net	<u>\$ 11,355,494</u>	<u>\$ (130,225)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 11,225,269</u>

The construction in progress being reported is related to projects being completed associated with an Energy Performance Agreement entered into with Apex Facility Solutions. Projects are expected to be completed in the fall of 2021. The total cost of the project is estimated to be \$344,000, with anticipated costs of \$143,800 remaining to complete the project.

D. Operating Leases

The District entered into a noncancelable five year lease agreement for copiers, beginning July 2016. Rent is paid in monthly installments of \$1,379 each month until the lease agreement is met. Total cost for the lease was \$16,551 for the year ended June 30, 2021. The District also entered into a noncancelable three year lease agreement for HP Notebooks and iPads, beginning September 2019. Rent is paid in annual installments of \$41,344. Total cost for the lease was \$41,344 for the year ended June 30, 2021. Finally, the District also entered into a noncancelable three year lease agreement for HP Notebooks and iPads, beginning September 2020. Rent is paid in annual installments of \$22,480. Total cost for the lease was \$22,480 for the year ended June 30, 2021. Lease payments were made from the general fund. The future minimum lease payments for these leases are as follows:

Year's Ending June 30,	
2022	\$ 63,824
2023	22,480
Total	<u>\$ 86,304</u>

E. Long Term Debt

General Obligation Bonds. The District issued general obligation bonds to provide funds for the improvement of major capital facilities. General obligation bonds are direct obligations and pledge the full faith and credit of the District and are paid from the debt service fund. General obligation bonds currently outstanding are as follows:

Bond Issue and Purpose	Final Maturities	Interest Rate	Principal Payments	Original Principal	Outstanding Balance
G.O. School Building Refunding Bonds of 2010	4/1/2022	3.00% to 3.50%	\$40,000 - \$45,000	\$ 455,000	\$ 45,000
G.O. School Building Refunding Bonds of 2012	4/1/2022	2.00%	\$675,000 - \$685,000	6,295,000	680,000
General Obligation Bonds Payable				<u>\$6,750,000</u>	<u>\$ 725,000</u>

Annual debt service requirements to maturity for general obligation bonds are as follows:

Years Ending June 30,	Governmental Activities	
	Principal	Interest
2022	\$ 725,000	\$ 15,100

Changes in Long-Term Debt: During the year ended June 30, 2021, the following changes occurred in liabilities reported in the government-wide financial statements:

	Balance July 1, 2020	Additions	Deletions	Balance June 30, 2021	Due Within One Year
Bonds payable					
General Obligation Bonds Payable	\$ 1,445,000	\$ -	\$ 720,000	\$ 725,000	\$ 725,000
Premium	37,055	-	18,527	18,528	18,528
Discount	(1,156)	-	(771)	(385)	(385)
Total Bonds Payable	1,480,899	-	737,756	743,143	743,143
Capital Lease Payable - direct borrowing	41,026	-	41,026	-	-
Severance Payable	10,821	-	1,667	9,154	9,154
Vacation Payable	64,283	11,447	14,992	60,738	60,738
	<u>\$ 1,597,029</u>	<u>\$ 11,447</u>	<u>\$ 795,441</u>	<u>\$ 813,035</u>	<u>\$ 813,035</u>

Legal Debt Margin. Minnesota State Statutes do not allow net debt (as defined in Minn. Stat. Para. 475.51 subd. 4) to exceed 15.0 percent of the actual market value of all taxable property within the District. The District's market value per the School Tax Report 2020 Payable 2021 was \$253,507,900.

Severance Payable. The District has five employees who have qualified for severance benefits. Severance payments are made from the general fund.

Vacation payable. The liability consists of unused vacation as of June 30, 2021. Vacation expense is recorded in the fund in which the compensated absence was earned. The vacation payable will be liquidated from the same fund from which they were earned.

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F. Fund Balance

Certain portions of fund balances are restricted based on state requirements to track special program funding, to provide for funding on certain long-term liabilities, or as required by other outside parties.

The following is a summary of fund balances as of June 30, 2021:

	General	Debt Service	Other Government Funds	Totals
Nonspendable				
Prepaid items	\$ 12,294	\$ -	\$ 167	\$ 12,461
Inventories	-	-	11,997	11,997
Total nonspendable	12,294	-	12,164	24,458
Restricted				
Student activities	62,823	-	-	62,823
Staff development	46,896	-	-	46,896
Safe schools - crime levy	9,902	-	-	9,902
Long-term facilities maintenance	265,495	-	-	265,495
Medical assistance	2,466	-	-	2,466
Debt service	-	155,780	-	155,780
Food service	-	-	49,061	49,061
Community education	-	-	3,134	3,134
Early childhood family education	-	-	1,133	1,133
School readiness	-	-	2,216	2,216
Total restricted	387,582	155,780	55,544	598,906
Unassigned	600,142	-	-	600,142
Total fund balance	\$ 1,000,018	\$ 155,780	\$ 67,708	\$ 1,223,506

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The Uniform Financial Accounting and Reporting Standards (UFARS) fund balance reporting standards are slightly different than the reporting standards under GASB Statement No. 54 - *Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions*. Below is a reconciliation between the fund balances following GASB standards and UFARS reporting standards:

	GASB Balance	Reconciling Transfer	UFARS Balance
Nonspendable			
Prepaid items	\$ 12,461	\$ -	\$ 12,461
Inventories	11,997	-	11,997
Total Nonspendable	24,458	-	24,458
Restricted			
Student activities	62,823	-	62,823
Staff development	46,896	-	46,896
Safe schools - crime levy	9,902	-	9,902
Long-term facilities maintenance	265,495	-	265,495
Medical assistance	2,466	-	2,466
Debt service	155,780	-	155,780
Food service	49,061	-	49,061
Community education	3,134	-	3,134
Early childhood family education	1,133	-	1,133
School readiness	2,216	-	2,216
Total restricted	598,906	-	598,906
Unassigned			
General	600,142	-	600,142
Total unassigned	600,142	-	600,142
Total fund balance	\$ 1,223,506	\$ -	\$ 1,223,506

Note 4 - Other Post Employment Benefits

A. Plan Description

All employees are allowed upon meeting the eligibility requirements under Minn. Stat. 471.61 subd. 2b, to participate in the District's health insurance plan after retirement. This plan is a single employer plan that covers active and retired employees. Benefit provisions are established through negotiations between the District and the union representing District employees and are renegotiated at the end of each contract period. The implicit rate subsidy is only until Medicare eligibility. The retiree health plan does not issue a publicly available financial report. Contract groups receive other post-retirement benefits as follows:

- *Superintendent, Principals, and Teachers* — Reaching age 55 with 3 years of service are allowed to access the group insurance plan.
- *All Others* — All other employees reaching age 55 with 5 years of service are allowed to access the group insurance plan.

B. Benefits Provided

The contract groups have access to other post-retirement benefits of blended medical premiums of \$662 for single and \$1,740 for family coverage. There are no subsidized post-employment medical, dental, or life insurance benefits.

C. Employees Covered by Benefit Terms

At the valuation date of July 1, 2019, the following employees were covered by the benefit terms:

Inactive employees or beneficiaries currently receiving benefit payments	1
Inactive employees entitled to but not yet receiving benefit payments	-
Active employees	92
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D. Total OPEB Liability

The District's total OPEB liability of \$189,312 was measured as of July 1, 2020, and the total OPEB liability used to calculate the total OPEB liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2019.

E. Actuarial Assumptions

The total OPEB liability in the July 1, 2019, actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement, unless otherwise specified:

Inflation	2.50 percent
Salary increases	Service graded table based on TRA or PERA participation
Discount rate	3.10 percent
Healthcare cost trend rates	6.50 percent as of July 1, 2019 grading to 5.00% over 6 years
Retiree plan participation	
Pre-65 subsidy not available:	
Paraprofessionals and MSEA employees	5.00 percent
All Others	25.00 percent
Percent of married retirees electing spouse coverage	5.00 percent

Since the plan is not funded by an irrevocable trust, the discount rate is equal to the 20-Year Municipal Bond Yield.

Mortality rates were based on the Pub-2010 Public Retirement Plans Headcount-Weighted Mortality Tables (General, Teachers) with MP-2018 Generational Improvement Scale.

The actuarial assumptions used in the July 1, 2019, valuation were based on inputs from a variety of published sources of historical and projected future financial data.

There were no changes in plan provisions or actuarial assumptions for the year ended June 30, 2021.

F. Changes in Total OPEB Liability

Balance at July 1, 2020	\$ 175,293
Changes from the Prior Year:	
Service Cost	18,846
Interest Cost	5,854
Benefit Payments	<u>(10,681)</u>
Net Change	14,019
Balance at June 30, 2021	<u>\$ 189,312</u>

G. Sensitivity of the Total OPEB Liability to Changes in Discount Rate and 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 a discount rate 1 percentage point lower and 1 percentage point higher than the current discount rate:

	1% Decrease in Discount Rate	Discount Rate	1% Increase in Discount Rate
Discount rate	2.10%	3.10%	4.10%
Total OPEB Liability	\$ 200,359	\$ 189,312	\$ 178,410

The following represents 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 healthcare cost trend rate 1 percentage point lower and 1 percentage point higher than the current healthcare cost trend rates:

	1% Decrease in Healthcare Trend Rate	Selected Healthcare Trend Rate	1% Increase in Healthcare Trend Rate
Medical trend rate	5.25%, grading to 4.00% over 5 years	6.25%, grading to 5.00% over 5 years	7.25%, grading to 6.00% over 5 years
Total OPEB Liability	\$ 167,659	\$ 189,312	\$ 214,628

H. OPEB Expense and Deferred Outflows and Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB

For the year ended June 30, 2021, the District recognized OPEB expense of \$16,880. At June 30, 2021, 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
Liability losses (gains)	\$ -	\$ 33,500
Assumption Changes	-	5,599
Employer contributions subsequent to the measurement date	2,797	-
Total	\$ 2,797	\$ 39,099

The \$2,797 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB resulting from the District's contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the total OPEB liability in the year ended June 30, 2022. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB will be recognized in OPEB expense as follows:

Years Ended June 30,	OPEB Expense Amount
2022	\$ (7,820)
2023	(7,820)
2024	(7,820)
2025	(7,820)
2026	(7,819)

Note 5 - Defined Benefit Pension Plans

Substantially all employees of the District are required by state law to belong to defined benefit, multi-employer, cost-sharing pension plans administered by the Public Employees' Retirement Association (PERA) or the Teachers' Retirement Association (TRA), both of which are administered on a state-wide basis.

For the year ended June 30, 2021, the District reported its proportionate share of deferred outflows of resources, net pension liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, and pension expense for each of the plans as follows:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Net Pension Liability	Deferred Inflows of Resources	Pension Expense (Income)
PERA	\$ 129,913	\$ 923,300	\$ 71,418	\$ 86,138
TRA	2,080,209	4,129,967	3,825,358	417,391
Total all plans	\$ 2,210,122	\$ 5,053,267	\$ 3,896,776	\$ 503,529

Disclosures relating to these plans are as follows:

1. Public Employees Retirement Association (PERA)

A. Plan Description

The District participates in the General Employees Retirement Plan, a cost-sharing multiple employer defined benefit pension plan administered by the Public Employees Retirement Association of Minnesota (PERA). PERA's defined benefit pension plans are established and administered in accordance with *Minnesota Statutes*, Chapters 353 and 356. PERA's defined benefit pension plans are tax qualified plans under Section 401 (a) of the Internal Revenue Code.

The General Employees Retirement Plan covers certain full time and part-time employees of the District, other than teachers. General Employees Plan members belong to the Coordinated Plan. Coordinated Plan members are covered by Social Security.

B. Benefits Provided

PERA provides retirement, disability, and death benefits. Benefit provisions are established by state statute and can only be modified by the state Legislature. Vested, terminated employees who are entitled to benefits, but are not receiving them yet, are bound by the provisions in effect at the time they last terminated their public service.

General Employees Plan benefits are based on a member's highest average salary for any five successive years of allowable service, age, and years of credit at termination of service. Two methods are used to compute benefits for PERA's Coordinated Plan members. Members hired prior to July 1, 1989, receive the higher of Method 1 or Method 2 formulas. Only Method 2 is used for members hired after June 30, 1989. Under Method 1, the accrual rate for Coordinated members is 1.2 percent for each of the first 10 years of service and 1.7 percent for each additional year. Under Method 2, the accrual rate for Coordinated members is 1.7 percent for all years of service. For members hired prior to July 1, 1989 a full annuity is available when age plus years of service equal 90 and normal retirement age is 65. For members hired on or after July 1, 1989, normal retirement age is the age for unreduced Social Security benefits capped at 66.

Benefit increases are provided to benefit recipients each January. The postretirement increase is equal to 50 percent of the cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) announced by the SSA, with a minimum increase of at least 1 percent and a maximum of 1.5 percent. Recipients that have been receiving the annuity or benefit for at least a full year as of the June 30 before the effective date of the increase will receive the full increase. Recipients receiving the annuity or benefit for at least one month but less than a full year as of the June 30 before the effective date of the increase will receive a reduced prorated increase. For members retiring on January 1, 2024, or later, the increase will be delayed until normal retirement age (age 65 if hired prior to July 1, 1989, or age 66 for individuals hired on or after July 1, 1989). Members retiring under Rule of 90 are exempt from the delay to normal retirement.

C. Contribution Rate

Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 353 sets the rates for employer and employee contributions. Contribution rates can only be modified by the state Legislature.

Coordinated Plan members were required to contribute 6.50 percent of their annual covered salary in fiscal year 2021 and the District was required to contribute 7.50 percent for Coordinated Plan members. The District's contributions to the General Employees Fund for the year ended June 30, 2021, were \$92,245. The District's contributions were equal to the required contributions for each year as set by state statute.

D. Pension Costs

At June 30, 2021, the District reported a liability of \$923,300 for its proportionate share of the General Employees Fund's net pension liability. The District's net pension liability reflected a reduction due to the State of Minnesota's contribution of \$16 million. The State of Minnesota is considered a non-employer contributing entity and the state's contribution meets the definition of a special funding situation. The State of Minnesota's proportionate share of the net pension liability associated with the District totaled \$28,516. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2020, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The District's proportionate share of the net pension liability was based on the District's contributions received by PERA during the measurement period for employer payroll paid dates from July 1 2019, through June 30, 2020, relative to the total employer contributions received from all of PERA's participating employers. The District's proportionate share was 0.0154 percent at the end of the measurement period and 0.0151 percent for the beginning of the period.

District's proportionate share of net pension liability	\$	923,300
State's proportionate share of the net pension liability associated with the District		28,516
Total	\$	951,816

For the year ended June 30, 2021, the District recognized pension expense of \$86,138 for its proportionate share of the General Employees Plan's pension expense. In addition, the District recognized \$2,482 as grant revenue for its proportionate share of the State of Minnesota's pension expense for the annual \$16 million contribution.

At June 30, 2021, the District reported its proportionate share of the General Employees Plan's 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 economic experience	\$ 8,280	\$ 3,493
Changes in actuarial assumptions	-	34,640
Net collective difference between projected and actual investment earnings	12,160	-
Change in proportion	17,228	33,285
Contributions paid to PERA subsequent to measurement date	92,245	-
Total	<u>\$ 129,913</u>	<u>\$ 71,418</u>

The \$92,245 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from District contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ended June 30, 2022. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Years Ended June 30,	Pension Expense Amount
2022	\$ (63,315)
2023	(14,416)
2024	21,674
2025	22,307

E. Actuarial Assumptions

The total pension liability in the June 30, 2020, actuarial valuation was determined using an individual entry-age normal actuarial cost method and the following actuarial assumptions:

Inflation	2.25% per year
Active Member Payroll Growth	3.00% per year
Investment Rate of Return	7.50% per year

Salary increases were based on a service-related table. Mortality rates for active members, retirees, survivors, and disability rates were based on Pub-2010 General Employee Mortality table for the General Employees Plan for males or females, as appropriate, with slight adjustments to fit PERA's experience. Cost of living benefit increases after retirement for retirees are assumed to be 1.25 percent per year for the General Employees Plan.

Actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2020 valuation were based on the results of actuarial experience studies. The most recent four-year experience study for the General Employees Plan was completed in 2019. The assumption changes were adopted by the Board and became effective with the July 1, 2020 actuarial valuation.

The following changes in actuarial assumptions and plan provisions occurred in 2020:

Changes in Actuarial Assumptions:

- The price inflation assumption was decreased from 2.50% to 2.25%.
- The payroll growth assumption was decreased from 3.25% to 3.00%.
- Assumed salary increase rates were changed as recommended in the June 30, 2019 experience study. The net effect is assumed rates that average 0.25% less than previous rates.
- Assumed rates of retirement were changed as recommended in the June 30, 2019 experience study. The changes result in more unreduced (normal) retirements and slightly fewer Rule of 90 and early retirements.
- Assumed rates of termination were changed as recommended in the June 30, 2019 experience study. The new rates are based on service and are generally lower than the previous rates for years 2-5 and slightly higher thereafter.
- Assumed rates of disability were changed as recommended in the June 30, 2019 experience study. The change results in fewer predicted disability retirements for males and females.
- The base mortality table for healthy annuitants and employees was changed from the RP-2014 table to the Pub-2010 General Mortality table, with adjustments. The base mortality table for disabled annuitants was changed from the RP-2014 disabled annuitant mortality table to the PUB-2010 General/Teacher disabled annuitant mortality table, with adjustments.
- The mortality improvement scale was changed from Scale MP-2018 to Scale MP-2019.
- The assumed spouse age difference was changed from two years older for females to one year older.
- The assumed number of married male new retirees electing the 100% Joint & Survivor option changed from 35% to 45%. The assumed number of married female new retirees electing the 100% Joint & Survivor option changed from 15% to 30%. The corresponding number of married new retirees electing the Life annuity option was adjusted accordingly.

Changes in Plan Provisions:

- Augmentation for current privatized members was reduced to 2.0% for the period July 1, 2020 through December 31, 2023 and 0.0% after. Augmentation was eliminated for privatizations occurring after June 30, 2020.

The State Board of Investment, which manages the investments of PERA, prepares an analysis of the reasonableness on a regular basis of the long-term expected rate of return using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future rates of return are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce an expected long-term rate of return by weighting the expected future rates of return by the target asset allocation percentages. The target allocation and best estimates of geometric real rates of return for each major asset class are summarized in the following table:

Asset Class	Target Allocations	Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return
Domestic Equity	35.50%	5.10%
International Stocks	17.50%	5.30%
Bonds (Fixed Income)	20.00%	0.75%
Alternative Assets (Private Markets)	25.00%	5.90%
Cash	2.00%	0.00%
Total	100%	

F. Discount Rate

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability in 2020 was 7.50 percent. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from plan members and employers will be made at rates set in Minnesota Statutes. Based on these assumptions, the fiduciary net position of the General Employees Fund was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

G. Pension Liability Sensitivity

The following presents the District's proportionate share of the net pension liability for all plans it participates in, calculated using the discount rate disclosed in the preceding paragraph, as well as what the District's proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate one percentage point lower and one percentage point higher than the current discount rate:

Sensitivity Analysis Net Pension Liability (Asset) at Different Discount Rates		
General Employees Fund		
1% Lower	6.50%	\$ 1,479,730
Current Discount Rate	7.50%	\$ 923,300
1% Higher	8.50%	\$ 464,290

H. Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position

Detailed information about the pension plan's fiduciary net position is available in a separately-issued PERA financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. That report may be obtained on the Internet at www.mnpera.org.

2. Teachers Retirement Association (TRA)

A. Plan Descriptions

The Teachers Retirement Association (TRA) is an administrator of a multiple employer, cost-sharing, defined benefit retirement fund. TRA administers a Basic Plan (without Social Security coverage) and a Coordinated Plan (with Social Security coverage) in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, Chapters 354 and 356. TRA is a separate statutory entity and administered by a Board of Trustees. The Board consists of four active members, one retired member and three statutory officials.

Educators employed in Minnesota's public elementary and secondary schools, charter schools, and certain other TRA-covered educational institutions maintained by the state are required to be TRA members (except those employed by St. Paul schools or Minnesota State Colleges and Universities). Educators first hired by Minnesota State may elect either TRA coverage or coverage through the Defined Contribution Plan (DCR) administered by Minnesota State.

B. Benefits Provided

TRA provides retirement benefits as well as disability benefits to members, and benefits to survivors upon death of eligible members. Benefits are established by Minnesota Statute and vest after three years of service credit. The defined retirement benefits are based on a member's highest average salary for any five consecutive years of allowable service, age, and a formula multiplier based on years of credit at termination of service.

Two methods are used to compute benefits for TRA's Coordinated and Basic Plan members. Members first employed before July 1, 1989, receive the greater of the Tier I or Tier II benefits as described.

Tier 1 Benefits

Tier I -	Step Rate Formula	Percentage
Basic	First ten years of service All years after	2.2% per year 2.7% per year
Coordinated	First ten years if service years are up to July 1, 2006 First ten years if service years are July 1, 2006 or after All other years of service if service years are up to July 1, 2006 All other years of service if service years are July 1, 2006 or after	1.2% per year 1.4% per year 1.7% per year 1.9% per year

With these provisions:

- Normal retirement age is 65 with less than 30 years of allowable service and age 62 with 30 or more years of allowable service.
- 3 percent per year early retirement reduction factor for all years under normal retirement age.
- Unreduced benefits for early retirement under a Rule-of-90 (age plus allowable service equals 90 or more).

or

Tier II Benefits

For years of service prior to July 1, 2006, a level formula of 1.7 percent per year for coordinated members and 2.7 percent per year for basic members is applied. For years of service July 1, 2006 and after, a level formula of 1.9 percent per year for Coordinated members and 2.7 percent per year for Basic members applies. Beginning July 1, 2015, the early retirement reduction factors are based on rates established under Minnesota Statute. Smaller reductions, more favorable to the member, will be applied to individuals who reach age 62 and have 30 years or more of service credit.

Members first employed after June 30, 1989, receive only the Tier II benefit calculation with a normal retirement age that is their retirement age for full Social Security retirement benefits, but not to exceed age 66.

Six different types of annuities are available to members upon retirement. The No Refund Life Plan is a lifetime annuity that ceases upon the death of the retiree – no survivor annuity is payable. A retiring member may also choose to provide survivor benefits to a designated beneficiary(ies) by selecting one of the five plans that have survivorship features. Vested members may also leave their contributions in the TRA Fund upon termination of service in order to qualify for a deferred annuity at retirement age. Any member terminating service is eligible for a refund of their employee contributions plus interest.

The benefit provisions stated apply to active plan participants. Vested, terminated employees who are entitled to benefits but not yet receiving them are bound by the plan provisions in effect at the time they last terminated their public service.

C. Contribution Rate

Per Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 354 sets the contribution rates for employees and employers. Rates for each fiscal year ended June 30, 2019, June 30, 2020 and June 30, 2021 were:

	June 30, 2019		June 30, 2020		June 30, 2021	
	Employee	Employer	Employee	Employer	Employee	Employer
Basic	11.00%	11.71%	11.00%	11.92%	11.00%	12.13%
Coordinated	7.50%	7.71%	7.50%	7.92%	7.50%	8.13%

The following is a reconciliation of employer contributions in TRA's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report "Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position" to the employer contributions used in Schedule of Employer and Non-Employer Pension Allocations.

Employer contributions reported in TRA's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position	\$	425,223,000
Add employer contributions not related to future contribution efforts		(56,000)
Deduct TRA's contributions not included in allocation		(508,000)
Total employer contributions		424,659,000
Total non-employer contributions		35,587,000
Total contributions reported in Schedule of Employer and Non-Employer Allocations	\$	460,246,000

Amounts reported in the allocation schedules may not precisely agree with financial statement amounts or actuarial valuations due to the number of decimal places used in the allocations. TRA has rounded percentage amounts to the nearest ten thousandths.

D. Actuarial Assumptions

The total pension liability in the June 30, 2020, actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Key Methods and Assumptions Used in Valuation of Total Pension Liability		
Actuarial Information	July 1, 2020	
Valuation date	June 5, 2015	
Experience study	November 6, 2017 (economic assumptions)	
Actuarial cost method	Entry Age Normal	
Actuarial assumptions:		
Investment rate of return	7.50%	
Price Inflation	2.50%	
Wage growth rate	2.85% before July 1, 2028 and 3.25% after June 30, 2028	
Projected salary increase	2.85 to 8.85% before July 1, 2028 and 3.25 to 9.25% after June 30, 2028	
Cost of living adjustment	1.00% for January 2020 through January 2023, then increasing by 0.1% each year up to 1.50% annually	
Mortality assumptions		
Pre-retirement:	RP-2014 white collar employee table, male rates set back six years and female rates set back five years. Generational projection uses the MP-2015 scale.	
Post-retirement:	RP-2014 white collar annuitant table, male rates set back three years and female rates set back three years, with further adjustments of the rates. Generational projection uses the MP-2015 scale.	
Post-disability:	RP-2014 disabled retiree mortality table, without adjustment.	

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

The target allocation and best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class are summarized in the following table:

Asset Class	Target Allocations	Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return
Domestic Equity	35.50%	5.10%
International Equity	17.50%	5.30%
Private Markets	25.00%	5.90%
Fixed Income	20.00%	0.75%
Unallocated cash	2.00%	0.00%
Total	100%	

The TRA actuary has determined the average of the expected remaining service lives of all members for fiscal year 2016 is six years. The *Difference between Expected and Actual Experience, Changes of Assumptions*, and *Changes in Proportion* use the amortization period of six years in the schedule presented. The amortization period for Net Difference between Projected and Actual Investment Earnings on Pension Plan Investments¹ is five years as required by GASB 68.

Changes in actuarial assumptions since the 2018 valuation:

- The COLA was reduced from 2.0% each January 1 to 1.0%, effective January 1, 2019. Beginning January 1, 2024, the COLA will increase 0.1% each year until reaching the ultimate rate of 1.5% in January 1, 2028.
- Beginning July 1, 2024, eligibility for the first COLA changes to normal retirement age (age 65 to 66, depending on date of birth). However, members who retire under Rule of 90 and members who are least age 62 with 30 years of service credit are exempt.
- The COLA trigger provision, which would have increase the COLA to 2.5% if the funded ratio was at least 90% for two consecutive years, was eliminated.
- Augmentation in the early retirement reduction factors is phased out over a five-year period beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2024 (this reduces early retirement benefits). Members who retire and are at least age 62 with 30 years of service are exempt.
- Augmentation on deferred benefits will be reduced to zero percent beginning July 1, 2019. Interest payable on refunds to members was reduced from 4.0% to 3.0%, effective July 1, 2018. Interest due on payments and purchases from members, employers is reduced from 8.5% to 7.5%, effective July 1, 2018.
- The employer contribution rate is increased each July 1 over the next 6 years (7.71% in 2018, 7.92% in 2019, 8.13% in 2020, 8.34% in 2021, 8.55% in 2022, and 8.75% in 2023). In addition, the employee contribution rate will increase from 7.50% to 7.75% on July 1, 2023. The state provides funding for the higher employer contribution rate through an adjustment in the school aid formula.

E. Discount Rate

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.50 percent. There was no change since the prior measurement date. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that employee contributions will be made at the fiscal year 2020 contribution rate, contributions from school districts will be made at contractually required rates (actuarially determined), and contributions from the state will be made at current statutorily required rates. Based on those assumptions, the pension plan's fiduciary net position was not projected to be depleted and, as a result, the Municipal Bond Index Rate was not used in the determination of the Single Equivalent Interest Rate (SEIR).

F. Net Pension Liability

At June 30, 2021, the District reported a liability of \$4,129,967 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2020, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The District's proportion of the net pension liability was based on the District's contributions to TRA in relation to total system contributions including direct aid from the State of Minnesota, City of Minneapolis, and Minneapolis School District. District proportionate share was 0.0559 percent at the end of the measurement period and 0.0551 percent for the beginning of the year.

The pension liability amount reflected a reduction due to direct aid provided to TRA. The amount recognized by the district as its proportionate share of the net pension liability, the direct aid, and total portion of the net pension liability that was associated with the district were as follows:

District's proportionate share of net pension liability	<u>\$ 4,129,967</u>
State's proportionate share of the net pension liability associated with the district	<u>\$ 346,191</u>

For the year ended June 30, 2021, the District recognized pension expense of \$417,391. It also recognized \$31,713 as an increase to pension expense for the support provided by direct aid.

On June 30, 2021, the District had deferred resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual economic experience	\$ 82,823	\$ 62,846
Changes in actuarial assumptions	1,436,865	3,580,245
Difference between projected and actual investment earnings	56,560	-
Change in proportion and differences between contributions made and District's proportionate share of contributions	237,476	182,267
District's contributions to TRA subsequent to the measurement date	266,485	-
Total	<u>\$ 2,080,209</u>	<u>\$ 3,825,358</u>

The \$266,485 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from District contributions to TRA subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ended June 30, 2022.

Other amounts reported as deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to TRA pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Years Ended June 30,	Pension Expense Amount
2022	\$ 42,495
2023	(1,255,704)
2024	(890,126)
2025	60,983
2026	30,718

G. Pension Liability Sensitivity

The following presents the net pension liability of TRA calculated using the discount rate of 7.50 percent, as well as what the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate this is one percentage point lower (6.50 percent) or one percentage point higher (8.50 percent) than the current rate.

	1% Decrease in Discount Rate	Discount Rate	1% Increase in Discount Rate
TRA discount rate	6.50%	7.50%	8.50%
District's proportionate share of the TRA net pension liability	\$ 6,322,936	\$ 4,129,967	\$ 2,323,072

The District's proportion of the net pension liability was based on the employer contributions to TRA in relation to TRA's total employer contributions including direct aid contributions from the State of Minnesota, City of Minneapolis and Minneapolis School District.

H. Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position

Detailed information about TRA's fiduciary net position is available in a separately issued TRA financial report. That report can be obtained at www.MinnesotaTRA.org, by writing to TRA at 60 Empire Drive, Suite 400, and St. Paul, MN, 55103-4000, or by calling (651)-296-2409 or (800)-657-3669.

Note 6 - 403(b) Plan

The District provides eligible employees future retirement benefits through the District's 403(b) Plan (the "Plan"). Employees of the District are eligible to participate in the Plan commencing on the date of their employment. Some employees are eligible to receive a match of employee contributions up to the qualifying amounts set forth in their Wage and Benefit Guidelines. Contributions are invested in tax deferred annuities hosted by a vendor the District has obtained. The District's contributions for the years ended June 30, 2021, 2020, and 2019, were \$41,750, \$40,725, and \$43,217, respectively. The related employee contributions were \$60,540, \$59,467, and \$69,072, for the years ended June 30, 2021, 2020, and 2019, respectively.

Note 7 - Other Information

A. Contingent Liabilities

The District participates in a number of federal and state programs that are either partially or fully funded by grants or aids received from these agencies or other governmental units. Such programs are subject to audit by the grantor agencies which could result in requests for reimbursement to the granting agency for expenditures that are disallowed under the terms of the grant. Based on past experience, the District believes that any disallowed costs as a result of such audits will be immaterial.

B. Affiliated Organization

The District, in conjunction with other School Districts created the Minnesota Valley Education District (MVED), an affiliated organization for the student special education. The MVED board is defined in the agreement. A member may withdraw upon written notice given to the Board. In the event of dissolution, amounts received from participants will be returned to the District. Separate financial statements of the affiliated organization may be obtained from MVED. The District had purchases from MVED of \$57,441 for the year ended June 30, 2021. The affiliated organization is in good financial health and is not anticipated to be a burden on the District.

Required Supplementary Information
June 30, 2021
Independent School District No. 75
St. Clair, Minnesota

Independent School District No. 75
St. Clair, Minnesota
Schedule of Changes in the District's Total OPEB Liability and Related Ratios
Year Ended June 30, 2021

Schedule of Total Changes in the District's OPEB Liability and Related Ratios, Last 10 Fiscal Years *

	2021	2020	2019	2018
Service cost	\$ 18,846	\$ 18,297	\$ 19,537	\$ 18,968
Interest cost	5,854	7,638	7,054	6,939
Assumption Changes	-	(7,839)	-	-
Differences between expected and actual experience	-	(46,900)	-	-
Benefit payments	(10,681)	(4,493)	(11,796)	(34,169)
Net change in total OPEB liability	14,019	(33,297)	14,795	(8,262)
Total OPEB liability - beginning	175,293	208,590	193,795	202,057
Total OPEB liability - ending	\$ 189,312	\$ 175,293	\$ 208,590	\$ 193,795
Covered payroll	\$ 4,218,326	\$ 4,095,462	\$ 4,151,712	\$ 4,030,788
District's total OPEB liability as a percentage of covered payroll	4.49%	4.28%	5.02%	4.81%

*GASB Statement No. 75 require ten years of information to be presented in this table. However, until a full 10-year trend is compiled, the District will present information for those years for which information is available.

Notes to the Schedule of Changes in the District's Total OPEB Liability and Related Ratios

Benefit Changes: None.

Assumption Changes

- For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019: none
- For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020:
 - The health care trend rates, mortality tables, and salary increase rates were updated.
 - The discount rate was changed from 3.40% to 3.10%.
- For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021: none.

Independent School District No. 75
St. Clair, Minnesota
Schedule of Employer's Contributions
Year Ended June 30, 2021

Schedule of Employer's Contributions Last 10 Fiscal Years *						
Pension Plan	Fiscal Year Ending	Statutorily Required Contribution (a)	Contributions in Relation to the Statutorily Required Contribution (b)	Contribution Deficiency (Excess) (a-b)	Covered Payroll (d)	Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll (b/d)
PERA	6/30/21	\$ 92,245	\$ 92,245	\$ -	\$ 1,229,933	7.5%
	6/30/20	\$ 80,002	\$ 80,002	-	\$ 1,126,789	7.5%
	6/30/19	\$ 79,568	\$ 79,568	-	\$ 1,060,907	7.5%
	6/30/18	\$ 82,090	\$ 82,090	-	\$ 1,094,533	7.5%
	6/30/17	\$ 77,518	\$ 77,518	-	\$ 1,033,573	7.5%
TRA	6/30/16	\$ 73,174	\$ 73,174	-	\$ 975,653	7.5%
	6/30/15	\$ 69,450	\$ 69,450	-	\$ 926,000	7.5%
	6/30/14	\$ 266,485	\$ 266,485	\$ -	\$ 3,289,938	8.1%
	6/30/13	\$ 241,236	\$ 241,236	-	\$ 3,053,620	7.9%
	6/30/12	\$ 241,237	\$ 241,237	-	\$ 3,132,948	7.7%
TRA	6/30/11	\$ 239,902	\$ 239,902	-	\$ 3,198,693	7.5%
	6/30/10	\$ 229,019	\$ 229,019	-	\$ 3,053,587	7.5%
	6/30/09	\$ 211,488	\$ 211,488	-	\$ 2,819,840	7.5%
	6/30/08	\$ 199,986	\$ 199,986	-	\$ 2,666,480	7.5%
	6/30/07	\$ 199,986	\$ 199,986	-	\$ 2,666,480	7.5%

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Independent School District No. 75
St. Clair, Minnesota
Schedule of Employer's Share of Net Pension Liability
Year Ended June 30, 2021

Schedule of Employer's Share of Net Pension Liability Last 10 Fiscal Years *									
Pension Plan	Measurement Date	Employer's Proportion of the Net Pension Liability (Asset)	Employer's Proportionate Share (Amount) of the Net Pension Liability (Asset)	State's Proportionate Share (Amount) of the Net Pension Liability Associated With District (b)	Total (d) (a+b)	Employer's Covered Payroll (c)	Employer's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset) as a Percentage of It's Covered Payroll (b/c)	Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability	
PERA	6/30/20	0.0154%	\$ 923,300	\$ 28,516	\$ 951,816	\$ 1,126,789	81.9%	79.1%	
	6/30/19	0.0151%	\$ 834,845	\$ 25,832	\$ 860,677	\$ 1,060,907	78.7%	80.2%	
	6/30/18	0.0163%	\$ 904,257	\$ 29,600	\$ 933,857	\$ 1,094,533	82.6%	79.5%	
	6/30/17	0.0160%	\$ 1,021,429	\$ 12,879	\$ 1,034,308	\$ 1,033,573	98.8%	75.9%	
	6/30/16	0.0158%	\$ 1,034,308	\$ 18,844	\$ 1,053,152	\$ 975,653	108.5%	78.2%	
TRA	6/30/15	0.0160%	\$ 829,203	N/A	\$ 829,203	\$ 926,000	89.5%	78.2%	
	6/30/14	0.0156%	\$ 732,810	N/A	\$ 732,810	\$ 820,026	89.4%	78.8%	
	6/30/13	0.0559%	\$ 4,129,967	\$ 346,191	\$ 4,476,158	\$ 3,053,620	135.2%	75.5%	
	6/30/12	0.0551%	\$ 3,132,086	\$ 310,932	\$ 3,443,018	\$ 3,132,948	112.1%	78.1%	
	6/30/11	0.0580%	\$ 3,539,896	\$ 341,999	\$ 3,981,895	\$ 3,198,693	121.3%	78.1%	
TRA	6/30/10	0.0542%	\$ 3,198,693	\$ 175,557	\$ 3,374,250	\$ 3,198,693	105.5%	76.8%	
	6/30/09	0.0542%	\$ 12,327,993	\$ 1,256,757	\$ 14,224,750	\$ 2,819,840	458.5%	44.8%	
	6/30/08	0.0525%	\$ 3,477,644	\$ 398,087	\$ 3,875,731	\$ 2,666,480	121.8%	76.8%	
	6/30/07	0.0542%	\$ 2,497,497	\$ 175,657	\$ 2,673,154	\$ 2,487,333	100.4%	81.5%	
	6/30/06	0.0542%	\$ 2,497,497	\$ 175,657	\$ 2,673,154	\$ 2,487,333	100.4%	81.5%	

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Notes to the Schedule of Employer's Share of Net Pension Liability and Schedule of Employer's Contributions

PERA

2020 Changes

Changes in Actuarial Assumptions

- The price inflation assumption was decreased from 2.50% to 2.25%.
- The payroll growth assumption was decreased from 3.25% to 3.00%.
- Assumed salary increase rates were changed as recommended in the June 30, 2019 experience study. The net effect is assumed rates that average 0.25% less than previous rates.
- Assumed rates of retirement were changed as recommended in the June 30, 2019 experience study. The changes result in more unreduced (normal) retirements and slightly fewer Rule of 90 and early retirements.
- Assumed rates of termination were changed as recommended in the June 30, 2019 experience study. The new rates are based on service and are generally lower than the previous rates for years 2-5 and slightly higher thereafter.
- Assumed rates of disability were changed as recommended in the June 30, 2019 experience study. The change results in fewer predicted disability retirements for males and females.
- The base mortality table for healthy annuitants and employees was changed from the RP-2014 table to the Pub-2010 General Mortality table, with adjustments. The base mortality table for disabled annuitants was changed from the RP-2014 disabled annuitant mortality table to the PUB-2010 General/Teacher disabled annuitant mortality table, with adjustments.
- The mortality improvement scale was changed from Scale MP-2018 to Scale MP-2019.
- The assumed spouse age difference was changed from two years older for females to one year older.
- The assumed number of married male new retirees electing the 100% Joint & Survivor option changed from 35% to 45%. The assumed number of married female new retirees electing the 100% Joint & Survivor option changed from 15% to 30%. The corresponding number of married new retirees electing the Life annuity option was adjusted accordingly.

Changes in Plan Provisions

- Augmentation for current privatized members was reduced to 2.0% for the period July 1, 2020 through December 31, 2023 and 0.0% after. Augmentation was eliminated for privatizations occurring after June 30, 2020.

2019 Changes

Changes in Actuarial Assumptions

- The mortality projection scale was changed from MP-2017 to MP-2018.

Changes in Plan Provisions

- The employer supplemental contribution was changed prospectively, decreasing from \$31.0 million to \$21.0 million per year. The State's special funding contribution was changed prospectively, requiring \$16.0 million due per year through 2031.

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2018 Changes

Changes in Actuarial Assumptions

- The mortality projection scale was changed from MP-2015 to MP-2017.
- The assumed benefit increase was changed from 1.00 percent per year through 2044 and 2.50 percent per year thereafter to 1.25 percent per year.

Changes in Plan Provisions

- The augmentation adjustment in early retirement factors is eliminated over a five-year period starting July 1, 2019, resulting in actuarial equivalence after June 30, 2024.
- Interest credited on member contributions decreased from 4.00 percent to 3.00 percent, beginning July 1, 2018.
- Deferred augmentation was changed to 0.00 percent, effective January 1, 2019. Augmentation that has already accrued for deferred members will still apply.
- Contribution stabilizer provisions were repealed.
- Postretirement benefit increases were changed from 1.00 percent per year with a provision to increase to 2.50 percent upon attainment of 90.00 percent funding ratio to 50.00 percent of the Social Security Cost of Living Adjustment, not less than 1.00 percent and not more than 1.50 percent, beginning January 1, 2019.
- For retirements on or after January 1, 2024, the first benefit increase is delayed until the retiree reaches normal retirement age; does not apply to Rule of 90 retirees, disability benefit recipients, or survivors.
- Actuarial equivalent factors were updated to reflect revised mortality and interest assumptions.

2017 Changes

Changes in Actuarial Assumptions

- The combined service annuity (CSA) loads were changed from 0.80 percent for active members and 60.00 percent for vested and non-vested deferred members. The revised CSA load are now 0.00 percent for active member liability, 15.00 percent for vested deferred member liability, and 3.00 percent for non-vested deferred member liability.
- The assumed postretirement benefit increase rate was changed for 1.00 percent per year for all years to 1.00 percent per year through 2044 and 2.50 percent per year thereafter.

Changes in Plan Provisions

- The State's contribution for the Minneapolis Employees Retirement Fund equals \$16,000,000 in 2017 and 2018, and \$6,000,000 thereafter.
- The Employer Supplemental Contribution for the Minneapolis Employees Retirement Fund changed from \$21,000,000 to \$31,000,000 in calendar years 2019 to 2031. The state's contribution changed from \$16,000,000 to \$6,000,000 in calendar years 2019 to 2031.

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2016 Changes

Changes in Actuarial Assumptions

- The assumed postretirement benefit increase rate was changed from 1.00 percent per year through 2035 and 2.50 percent per year thereafter to 1.00 percent per year for all years.
- The assumed investment return was changed from 7.90 percent to 7.50 percent. The single discount rate changed from 7.90 percent to 7.50 percent.
- Other assumptions were changed pursuant to the experience study June 30, 2015. The assumed future salary increases, payroll growth, and inflation were decreased by 0.25 percent to 3.25 percent for payroll growth and 2.50 percent for inflation.
- There have been no changes since the prior valuation.

Changes in Plan Provisions

2015 Changes

Changes in Actuarial Assumptions

- The assumed postretirement benefit increase rate was changed from 1.00 percent per year through 2030 and 2.50 percent per year thereafter to 1.00 percent per year through 2035 and 2.50 percent per year thereafter.

Changes in Plan Provisions:

- On January 1, 2015, the Minneapolis Employees Retirement Fund was merged into the General Employees Fund, which increased the total pension liability by \$1.1 billion and increase the fiduciary plan net position by \$892 million. Upon consolidation, state and employer contributions were revised; the State's contribution of \$6.0 million, which meets the special funding situation definition, was due September 2015.

TRA

2020 Changes

Changes in Actuarial Assumptions

- The COLA was reduced from 2.0% each January 1 to 1.0%, effective January 1, 2019. Beginning January 1, 2024, the COLA will increase 0.1% each year until reaching the ultimate rate of 1.5% in January 1, 2028.
- Beginning July 1, 2024, eligibility for the first COLA changes to normal retirement age (age 65 to 66, depending on date of birth). However, members who retire under Rule of 90 and members who are at least age 62 with 30 years of service credit are exempt.
- The COLA trigger provision, which would have increased the COLA to 2.5% if the funded ratio was at least 90% for two consecutive years, was eliminated.
- Augmentation in the early retirement reduction factors is phased out over a five-year period beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2024 (this reduces early retirement benefits). Members who retire and are at least age 62 with 30 years of service are exempt.
- Augmentation on deferred benefits will be reduced to zero percent beginning July 1, 2019. Interest payable on refunds to members was reduced from 4.0% to 3.0%, effective July 1, 2018. Interest due on payments and purchases from members, employers is reduced from 8.5% to 7.5%, effective July 1, 2018.
- The employer contribution rate is increased each July 1 over the next six years (7.71% in 2018, 7.92% in 2019, 8.13% in 2020, 8.34% in 2021, 8.55% in 2022, and 8.75% in 2023). In addition, the employee contribution rate will increase from 7.50% to 7.75% on July 1, 2023. The state provides funding for the higher employer contribution rate through an adjustment in the school aid formula.

2019 Changes

Changes in Actuarial Assumptions

- The COLA was reduced from 2.0% each January 1 to 1.0%, effective January 1, 2019. Beginning January 1, 2024, the COLA will increase 0.1% each year until reaching the ultimate rate of 1.5% in January 1, 2028.
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2018 Changes

Changes in Actuarial Assumptions

- The discount rate was decreased to 4.66% from 8.0%.
- The cost of living adjustment (COLA) was reduced from 2.0% each January 1 to 1.0%, effective January 1, 2019. Beginning January 1, 2024, the COLA will increase 0.1% each year until reaching the ultimate rate of 1.5% on January 1, 2028.
- Beginning July 1, 2024, eligibility for the first COLA changes to normal retirement age (age 65 to 66, depending on date of birth). However, members who retire under Rule of 90 and members who are at least age 62 with 30 years of service credit are exempt.
- The COLA trigger provision, which would have increased the COLA to 2.5% if the funded ratio was at least 90% for two consecutive years, was eliminated.
- Augmentation in the early retirement reduction factors is phased out over a five-year period beginning July 1, 2019 and ending July 1, 2024 (this reduces early retirement benefits). Members who retire and are at least age 62 with 30 years of service are exempt.
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- The employer contribution rate is increased each July 1 over the next six years (7.71% in 2018, 7.92% in 2019, 8.13% in 2020, 8.34% in 2021, 8.55% in 2022, and 8.75% in 2023). In addition, the employee contribution rate will increase from 7.50% to 7.75% on July 1, 2023. The state provides funding for the higher employer contribution rate through an adjustment in the school aid formula.

2017 Changes

Changes in Actuarial Assumptions

- The discount rate was decreased to 5.12% from 4.66%.
- The cost of living adjustment (COLA) was assumed to increase from 2.0% annually to 2.5% annually on July 1, 2045.
- The COLA was not assumed to increase to 2.5% but remain at 2.0% for all future years.
- Adjustments were made to the combined service annuity loads. The active load was reduced from 1.4% to 0.0%, the vested inactive load increased from 4.0% to 7.0% and the non-vested inactive load increased from 4.0% to 9.0%.
- The investment return assumption was changed from 8.0% to 7.5%.
- The price inflation assumption was lowered from 2.75% to 2.5%.
- The payroll growth assumption was lowered from 2.5% to 3.0%.
- The general wage growth assumption was lowered from 3.5% to 2.85% for ten years followed by 3.25% thereafter.
- The salary increase assumption was adjusted to reflect the changes in the general wage growth assumption.

2016 Changes

Changes in Actuarial Assumptions

- The discount rate was decreased to 4.66% from 8.0%.
- The COLA was not assumed to increase for funding or the GASB calculation. It remained at 2% for all future years.
- The price inflation assumption was lowered from 3% to 2.75%.
- The general wage growth and payroll growth assumptions were lowered from 3.75% to 3.5%.
- Minor changes as some durations for the merit scale of the salary increase assumption.
- The pre-retirement mortality assumption was changed to the RP 2014 white collar employee table, male rates set back six years and female rates set back five years. Generational projection uses the MP 2015 scale.
- The post-retirement mortality assumption was changed to the RP 2014 white collar annuitant table, male rates set back three years and female rates set back three years, with further adjustments of the rates. Generational projection uses the MP 2015 scale.
- The post-disability mortality assumption was changed to the RP 2014 disabled retiree mortality table, without adjustment.
- Augmentation in the early retirement reduction factors is phased out o Separate retirement assumptions for members hired before or after July 1, 1989, were created to better reflect each group's behavior in light of different requirements for retirement eligibility.
- Assumed termination rates were changed to be based solely on years of service in order to better fit the observed experience.
- A minor adjustment and simplification of the assumption regarding the election of optional form of annuity payment at retirement were made

2015 Changes

Changes of benefit terms:

- The DTRFA was merged into TRA on June 30, 2015.

Change of assumptions:

- The annual COLA for the June 30, 2015, valuation assumed 2%. The prior year valuation used 2% with an increase to 2.5% commencing in 2034. The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 8.0%. This is a decrease from the discount rate at the prior measurement date of 8.25%. Details, if necessary, can be obtained from the TRA Comprehensive Annual Financial Report

PERA's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report may be obtained on the PERA's website at www.mnpera.org for notes to the Schedule of Employer's Share of Net Pension Liability and Schedule of Employer's Contributions.

Additional financial and actuarial information can be found in TRA's GASB 67-68 report. Both reports can be obtained at www.MinnesotaTRA.org.

Supplementary Information

June 30, 2021

Independent School District No. 75

St. Clair, Minnesota



Independent School District No. 75
St. Clair, Minnesota
General Fund
Schedule of Changes in UFARS Fund Balances
June 30, 2021

	Fund Balance Beginning of Year	Net Change in Fund Balance	Fund Balance End of Year
Nondisposable	\$ 16,610	\$ (4,316)	\$ 12,294
Restricted for student activities	63,323	(500)	62,823
Restricted for scholarships	1,586	(1,586)	-
Restricted for staff development	4,547	42,349	46,896
Restricted for safe schools - crime levy	16,292	(6,390)	9,902
Restricted for long-term facilities maintenance	4,086	261,409	265,495
Restricted for medical assistance	-	2,466	2,466
Unassigned	675,494	(75,352)	600,142
	<u>\$ 781,938</u>	<u>\$ 218,080</u>	<u>\$ 1,000,018</u>

Independent School District No. 75
St. Clair, Minnesota
Combining Balance Sheet – Nonmajor Governmental Funds
June 30, 2021

	Food Service	Community Service	Total Nonmajor Funds
Assets			
Cash and investments	\$ 17,906	\$ 54,411	\$ 72,317
Receivables	-	-	-
Current property taxes	-	16,373	16,373
Delinquent property taxes	-	138	138
Accounts	-	4,713	4,713
Due from Minnesota Department of Education	1,462	2,252	3,714
Due from Federal through Minnesota Department of Education	52,434	-	52,434
Prepaid items	167	-	167
Inventories	11,997	-	11,997
Total assets	\$ 83,966	\$ 77,887	\$ 161,853
Liabilities			
Salaries payable	\$ -	\$ 10,133	\$ 10,133
Accounts payable	704	6,663	7,367
Unearned revenue	22,037	18,737	40,774
Total liabilities	22,741	35,533	58,274
Deferred Inflows of Resources			
Unavailable revenue - delinquent taxes	-	138	138
Property taxes levied for subsequent year	-	35,733	35,733
Total deferred inflows of resources	-	35,871	35,871
Fund Balances			
Nonspendable	12,164	-	12,164
Restricted	49,061	6,483	55,544
Total fund balances	61,225	6,483	67,708
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, and fund balances	\$ 83,966	\$ 77,887	\$ 161,853

Independent School District No. 75
St. Clair, Minnesota
Combining Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances – Nonmajor Governmental Funds
Year Ended June 30, 2021

	Food Service	Community Service	Total Nonmajor Funds
Revenues			
Local property tax levies	\$ -	\$ 32,055	\$ 32,055
Other local and county sources	2,560	152,211	154,771
State sources	5,848	22,690	28,538
Federal sources	381,447	-	381,447
Local sales and insurance recovery	27,913	-	27,913
Total Revenues	417,768	206,956	624,724
Expenditures			
Community education and services	-	226,713	226,713
Pupil support services	380,626	-	380,626
Total Expenditures	380,626	226,713	607,339
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	37,142	(19,757)	17,385
Other Financing Sources			
Sale of equipment	100	-	100
Net Change in Fund Balances	37,242	(19,757)	17,485
Fund Balance - Beginning	23,983	26,240	50,223
Fund Balances - Ending	\$ 61,225	\$ 6,483	\$ 67,708

Independent School District No. 75
St. Clair, Minnesota
Uniform Financial Accounting and Reporting Standards Compliance Table
Year Ended June 30, 2021

	AUDIT	UFARS	AUDIT - UFARS		AUDIT	UFARS	AUDIT - UFARS
01 GENERAL FUND				06 BUILDING CONSTRUCTION			
Total Revenue	\$9,179,262	\$8,129,266 (\$1,050,000)		Total Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Expenditures	\$7,495,182	\$7,626,184 (\$121,002)		Total Expenditures	\$0	\$0	\$0
Non-Spendable:				Non-Spendable:			
Reserve/Reserve	\$12,264	\$12,264	\$0	Reserve/Reserve	\$0	\$0	\$0
4.01 Student Activities	\$62,823	\$62,823	\$0	4.07 Capital Projects Levy	\$0	\$0	\$0
4.02 Scholarships	\$0	\$0	\$0	4.13 Project Funded by CDP	\$0	\$0	\$0
4.03 Cooperative Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	4.44 Restricted Fund Balance	\$0	\$0	\$0
4.08 Capital Projects Levy	\$0	\$0	\$0	4.63 Unassigned Fund Balance	\$0	\$0	\$0
4.13 Project Funded by CDP	\$0	\$0	\$0				
4.16 Levy Reduction	\$0	\$0	\$0	07 DEBT SERVICE			
4.17 Teenette Building Maint	\$0	\$0	\$0	Total Revenue	\$753,788	\$753,788	\$0
4.24 Operating Capital	\$0	\$0	\$0	Total Expenditures	\$750,675	\$750,675	\$0
4.34 Area Learning Center	\$0	\$0	\$0	Non-Spendable:			
4.35 Disabled Accessibility	\$0	\$0	\$0	Reserve/Reserve	\$0	\$0	\$0
4.36 Learning & Unemployment	\$0	\$0	\$0	4.26 Bond Refundings	\$0	\$0	\$0
4.37 State Approved All Program	\$0	\$0	\$0	4.61 OZAB Payments	\$0	\$0	\$0
4.38 Gifted & Talented	\$0	\$0	\$0	4.67 LTFFM	\$0	\$0	\$0
4.39 Career Development and	\$0	\$0	\$0	4.64 Restricted Fund Balance	\$165,780	\$165,780	\$0
4.41 Basic Skills Programs	\$0	\$0	\$0	Unassigned:			
4.42 Achievement and Integration	\$0	\$0	\$0	4.63 Unassigned Fund Balance	\$0	\$0	\$0
4.43 OZAB Payments	\$0	\$0	\$0				
4.52 OPEB Lab Not in Trust	\$0	\$0	\$0	08 TRUST			
4.63 Unfunded Sew & Refillment Levy	\$0	\$0	\$0	Total Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0
4.67 LTFFM	\$236,485	\$236,485	\$0	Total Expenditures	\$0	\$0	\$0
4.72 Medical Assistance	\$2,468	\$2,468	\$0	Non-Spendable:			
4.73 PPP Loan	\$0	\$0	\$0	Reserve/Reserve	\$0	\$0	\$0
4.74 EIDL Loan	\$0	\$0	\$0	4.01 Student Activities	\$0	\$0	\$0
4.64 Restricted Fund Balance	\$0	\$0	\$0	4.02 Scholarships	\$0	\$0	\$0
4.76 Payments in Lieu of Taxes	\$0	\$0	\$0	4.22 Unassigned Fund Balance (Net Assets)	\$0	\$0	\$0
4.39 C.E.C.E.E. Education	\$0	\$0	\$0				
4.40 Teacher Development and	\$0	\$0	\$0	18 CUSTODIAL			
4.44 School Readiness	\$2,216	\$2,216	\$0	Total Revenue	\$7,498	\$7,498	\$0
4.47 Adult Basic Education	\$0	\$0	\$0	Total Expenditures	\$7,498	\$7,498	\$0
4.73 PPP Loan	\$0	\$0	\$0	4.01 Student Activities	\$0	\$0	\$0
4.74 EIDL Loan	\$0	\$0	\$0	4.02 Scholarships	\$0	\$0	\$0
4.63 Unassigned Fund Balance	\$0	\$0	\$0	4.48 Achievement and Integration	\$0	\$0	\$0
				4.64 Restricted Fund Balance	\$0	\$0	\$0
02 FOOD SERVICES				20 INTERNAL SERVICE			
Total Revenue	\$417,762	\$1		Total Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Expenditures	\$380,626	\$380,626	\$0	Total Expenditures	\$0	\$0	\$0
Reserve/Reserve	\$12,164	\$12,163	\$1	4.22 Unassigned Fund Balance (Net Assets)	\$0	\$0	\$0
4.60 Non-Spendable Fund Balance	\$0	\$0	\$0				
4.32 E.C.E.E. Education	\$0	\$0	\$0	25 OPEB REVOCABLE TRUST			
4.74 EIDL Loan	\$0	\$0	\$0	Total Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0
4.63 Unassigned Fund Balance	\$49,061	\$49,060	\$1	Total Expenditures	\$0	\$0	\$0
				4.22 Unassigned Fund Balance (Net Assets)	\$0	\$0	\$0
04 COMMUNITY SERVICE				45 OPEB IRREVOCABLE TRUST			
Total Revenue	\$206,956	\$206,957 (\$1)		Total Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Expenditures	\$226,713	\$226,713	\$0	Total Expenditures	\$0	\$0	\$0
Reserve/Reserve	\$0	\$0	\$0	4.22 Unassigned Fund Balance (Net Assets)	\$0	\$0	\$0
4.60 Non-Spendable Fund Balance	\$0	\$0	\$0				
4.32 E.C.E.E. Education	\$3,134	\$3,134	\$0	47 OPEB DEBT SERVICE			
4.40 Teacher Development and	\$1,133	\$1,134	(\$1)	Total Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0
4.44 School Readiness	\$2,216	\$2,216	\$0	Total Expenditures	\$0	\$0	\$0
4.47 Adult Basic Education	\$0	\$0	\$0	4.60 Non-Spendable Fund Balance	\$0	\$0	\$0
4.73 PPP Loan	\$0	\$0	\$0	Reserve/Reserve	\$0	\$0	\$0
4.74 EIDL Loan	\$0	\$0	\$0	4.64 Restricted Fund Balance	\$0	\$0	\$0
4.63 Unassigned Fund Balance	\$0	\$0	\$0	Unassigned:			
				4.63 Unassigned Fund Balance	\$0	\$0	\$0

Independent School District No. 75
St. Clair, Minnesota
Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards
Year Ended June 30, 2021

Federal Grantor/Pass-Through Grantor/Program or Cluster Title	Federal Financial Assistance Listing/ Federal CFDA Number	Agency or Pass-Through Number	Expenditures
Department of Agriculture			
Passed through the Minnesota Department of Education			
Child Nutrition Cluster			
Noncash Assistance (Commodities):			
National School Lunch Program	10.555	01-0075-000	\$ 27,580
Cash Assistance:			
National School Lunch Program	10.553	01-0075-000	37,896
Summer Food Service Program for Children	10.555	01-0075-000	161,960
Total Child Nutrition Cluster			<u>154,011</u>
Total Department of Agriculture			<u>\$ 381,447</u>
Department of Treasury			
Passed through the Minnesota Department of Education			
COVID-19 Coronavirus Relief Fund	21.019C	01-0075-000	157,892
Passed through Local Cities and Counties			
COVID-19 Coronavirus Relief Fund	21.019C	unknown	<u>79,197</u>
Total 21.019C			<u>237,089</u>
Department of Education			
Passed through the Minnesota Department of Education			
Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies	84.010	01-0075-000	48,649
Supporting Effective Instruction State Grants	84.367	01-0075-000	11,880
COVID-19 Education Stabilization Fund	84.425C	01-0075-000	45,693
COVID-19 Education Stabilization Fund	84.425D	01-0075-000	<u>62,960</u>
Total 84.425			<u>108,633</u>
Special Education Cluster			
Special Education Grants to States	84.027	01-0075-000	50,000
Special Education Preschool Grants	84.173	01-0075-000	<u>6,903</u>
Total for Special Education Cluster			<u>56,903</u>
Total Department of Education			
Total Federal Financial Assistance			<u>\$ 844,621</u>



Note 1 - Basis of Presentation
The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards (the schedule) includes the federal grant activity of the District under programs of the federal government for the year ended June 30, 2021. The information is presented in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (Uniform Guidance). Because the schedule presents only a selected portion of the operations of the District, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position or changes in net position of the District.

Note 2 - Significant Accounting Policies
Expenditures reported in the schedule are reported on the modified 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. No federal financial assistance has been provided to a subrecipient.

Note 3 - Indirect Cost Rate
The District has not elected to use the 10% de minimis cost rate.

Note 4 - Food Distribution
Nonmonetary assistance is reported in the schedule of the fair market value of the commodities received and disbursed. As of the year ended June 30, 2021, the District had food commodities of \$11,997 in inventory.

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

To the Members of the School Board
Independent School District No. 75
St. Clair, Minnesota

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Independent School District No. 75 (the District), St. Clair, Minnesota, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District’s basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated November 30, 2021.

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

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

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting 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 financial reporting that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that have not been identified. We did identify certain deficiencies in internal control, described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as items 2021-001, 2021-002, and 2021-003, that we consider to be material weaknesses.

Compliance and Other Matters


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

Response to Findings

The District's response to the findings identified in our audit are described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. The District's responses were not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on them.

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 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 District's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.


Mankato, Minnesota
November 30, 2021



Independent Auditor's Report on Compliance for the Major Federal Program; Report on Internal Control over Compliance Required by the Uniform Guidance

To the Members of the School Board
Independent School District No. 75
St. Clair, Minnesota

Report on Compliance for the Major Federal Program

We have audited the District's compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the *OMB Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on the District's major federal program for the year ended June 30, 2021. The District's major federal program is 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 the federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of its federal awards applicable to its federal program.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the compliance for the District's major federal program 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 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 the 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 the major federal program. However, our audit does not provide a legal determination of the District's compliance.

Opinion on the Major Federal Program

In our opinion, the District complied, in all material respects, with the compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on the major federal program for the year ended June 30, 2021.


Report on Internal Control over Compliance

Management of the District is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above. In planning and performing our audit of compliance, we considered the District's internal control over compliance with the types of requirements that could have a direct and material effect on the major federal program to determine the auditing procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing an opinion on compliance for the major federal program and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the 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 a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance, such that there is a reasonable possibility that material noncompliance with a compliance requirement will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. A significant deficiency in internal control over compliance is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program that is less severe than a material weakness in internal control over compliance, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control 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 or significant deficiencies.

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.


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November 30, 2021

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Independent Auditor's Report on Minnesota Legal Compliance

To the Members of the School Board
Independent School District No. 75
St. Clair, Minnesota

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Independent School District No. 75 as of and for the year ended June 30, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated November 30, 2021.

In connection with our audit, nothing came to our attention that caused us to believe that the District failed to comply with the provisions of the contracting and bidding, deposits and investments, conflicts of interest, public indebtedness, claims and disbursements, miscellaneous provisions, and uniform financial accounting and reporting standards sections of the *Minnesota Legal Compliance Audit Guide for School Districts*, promulgated by the State Auditor pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 6.65, insofar as they relate to accounting matters. However, our audit was not directed primarily toward obtaining knowledge of such noncompliance. Accordingly, had we performed additional procedures, other matters may have come to our attention regarding the District's noncompliance with the above referenced provisions, insofar as they relate to accounting matters.

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.


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November 30, 2021

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Section I – Summary of Auditor’s Results

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Type of auditor’s report issued

Unmodified

Internal control over financial reporting:

Material weaknesses identified

Yes

Significant deficiencies identified not

considered to be material weaknesses

None Reported

Noncompliance material to financial statements noted?

No

FEDERAL AWARDS

Internal control over major programs:

Material weaknesses identified

No

Significant deficiencies identified not

considered to be material weaknesses

None Reported

Type of auditor’s report issued on compliance for major programs:

Unmodified

Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in

accordance with Uniform Guidance 2 CFR 200.516:

No

Identification of major programs:

Name of Federal Program

CFDA Number

Child Nutrition Cluster

10.553, 10.555,
10.559

Dollar threshold used to distinguish between type A

band type B programs:

\$ 750,000

Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee?

No

Section II – Financial Statement Findings

**2021-001 Segregation of Duties
Material Weakness**

Criteria: A good system of internal control contemplates an adequate segregation of duties so that no one individual handles a transaction from its inception to completion.

Condition: The District has a lack of segregation of duties in certain areas due to limited staff. The District has limited segregation of duties in many accounting and financial reporting internal control areas. The areas involved are receipts and receivables, disbursements and payables, payroll, deposits, and reconciliations of these areas.

Cause: The District does not have the economic resources to hire additional qualified accounting staff in order to segregate duties.

Effect: Inadequate segregation of duties could adversely affect the District’s ability to detect misstatements in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements in a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. School Board oversight will mitigate some of the effect.

Recommendation: While we recognize that your staff may not be large enough to permit complete segregation of duties in all respects for an effective system of internal control, the functions should be reviewed to determine if additional segregation is feasible and to improve efficiency and effectiveness of financial management of the District.

Views of Responsible Officials: Management agrees with this finding.

**2021-002 Preparation of Financial Statements, including Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards
Material Weakness**

Criteria: A good system of internal control contemplates an adequate system for internally preparing the District's financial statements including the schedule of expenditures for federal awards (SEFA).

Condition: The District does not have an internal control system designed to provide for the preparation of the financial statements and SEFA being audited. As auditors, we are requested to draft the financial statements including the SEFA, accompanying notes to the financial statements, and required supplementary budgetary comparison information.

Cause: The District does not have the economic resources to hire additional qualified accounting staff or hire professional accounting services in order to draft financial statements and SEFA.

Effect: This control deficiency could result in a misstatement to the financial statements and SEFA that would not be prevented or detected.

Recommendation: This control deficiency is not unusual in a District of your size. It is the responsibility of the management and those charged with governance to make the decision whether to accept the degree of risk associated with this condition because of cost or other considerations.

Views of Responsible Officials: There are no disagreements with this finding.

**2021-003 Material Journal Entries
Material Weakness**

Criteria: A good system of internal control contemplates an adequate system for recording and processing entries material to the financial statements.

Condition: During the course of our engagement, we proposed material audit adjustments to the trial balance that would not have been identified as a result of the District's existing internal controls.

Cause: The District does not have the economic resources to hire additional qualified accounting staff or hire professional accounting services in order to make all of the necessary year-end adjustments to the trial balance.

Effect: This control deficiency could result in a misstatement to the financial statements that would not be prevented or detected.

Recommendation: A thorough review and reconciliation of accounts in each fund should take place prior to the beginning of the audit. This review should be done at both the accounting staff and accounting supervisor levels.

Views of Responsible Officials: Management agrees with this finding.

Section III – Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs

None reported

Section IV – Minnesota Legal Compliance Findings

None reported

APPENDIX B

FORM OF LEGAL OPINION

(See following pages)



FORM OF LEGAL OPINION

Independent School District No. 75
St. Clair, Minnesota

[Original Purchaser]

Re: \$15,000,000* General Obligation School Building Bonds, Series 2022A
Independent School District No. 75 (St. Clair)
Blue Earth and Waseca Counties, Minnesota

Ladies and Gentlemen:

As Bond Counsel in connection with the authorization, issuance and sale by Independent School District No. 75 (St. Clair), Blue Earth and Waseca Counties, Minnesota, of the obligations described above, dated, as originally issued, as of February 17, 2022 (the Bonds), we have examined certified copies of certain proceedings taken, and certain affidavits and certificates furnished, by the District in the authorization, sale and issuance of the Bonds, including the form of the Bonds. As to questions of fact material to our opinion, we have assumed the authenticity of and relied upon the proceedings, affidavits and certificates furnished to us without undertaking to verify the same by independent investigation. From our examination of such proceedings, affidavits and certificates and on the basis of existing law, it is our opinion that:

1. The Bonds are valid and binding general obligations of the District, enforceable in accordance with their terms.
2. The principal of and interest on the Bonds are payable from ad valorem taxes heretofore duly levied on all taxable property in the District, but if necessary for payment thereof, additional ad valorem taxes are required by law to be levied on all such property, which taxes are not subject to any limitation as to rate or amount.
3. The resolution authorizing the issuance of the Bonds obligates the District to be bound by the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, Section 126C.55. We express no opinion as to the enforceability of the provisions of such law against the State of Minnesota in the absence of legally appropriated and available funds to pay the obligations of the State thereunder.

4. Interest on the Bonds (a) is excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes under Section 103 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the Code) and (b) is not an item of tax preference for purposes of the federal alternative minimum tax imposed by Section 55 of the Code.

5. Interest on the Bonds (a) is excluded from taxable net income of individuals, estates, and trusts for Minnesota income tax purposes and (b) is not an item of tax preference for purposes of the Minnesota alternative minimum tax imposed on individuals, estates, and trusts.

The opinions expressed in paragraphs 1, 2, and 3 above are subject, as to enforceability, to the effect of any state or federal laws relating to bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium or creditors' rights and the application of equitable principles, whether considered at law or in equity.

The opinions expressed in paragraphs 4 and 5 above are subject to the compliance by the District with certain requirements of the Code that must be satisfied subsequent to the issuance of the Bonds. Noncompliance with these requirements could result in the inclusion of interest on the Bonds in gross income for federal income tax purposes and taxable net income of individuals, estates, and trusts for Minnesota income tax purposes.

Except as stated herein, we express no opinion regarding federal, state, or other tax consequences to the owner of the Bonds. We note, however, that notwithstanding the opinion expressed in paragraph 5 above, interest on the Bonds is included in net income of corporations and financial institutions for purposes of the Minnesota franchise tax.

We have not been asked, and have not undertaken, to review the accuracy, completeness or sufficiency of any offering materials relating to the Bonds, and, accordingly, we express no opinion with respect thereto.

Dated this 17th day of February, 2022.

Very truly yours,

BOOK-ENTRY-ONLY SYSTEM

1. The Depository Trust Company ("DTC"), New York, New York, will act as securities depository for the securities (the "Securities"). The Securities will be issued as fully-registered securities registered in the name of Cede & Co. (DTC's partnership nominee) or such other name as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC. One fully-registered Security certificate will be issued for [each issue of] the Securities, [each] in the aggregate principal amount of such issue, and will be deposited with DTC. [If, however, the aggregate principal amount of [any] issue exceeds \$500 million, one certificate will be issued with respect to each \$500 million of principal amount, and an additional certificate will be issued with respect to any remaining principal amount of such issue.]
2. DTC, the world's largest securities depository, is a limited-purpose trust company organized under the New York Banking Law, a "banking organization" within the meaning of the New York Banking Law, a member of the Federal Reserve System, a "clearing corporation" within the meaning of the New York Uniform Commercial Code, and a "clearing agency" registered pursuant to the provisions of Section 17A of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. DTC holds and provides asset servicing for over 3.5 million issues of U.S. and non-U.S. equity issues, corporate and municipal debt issues, and money market instruments (from over 100 countries) that DTC's participants ("Direct Participants") deposit with DTC. DTC also facilitates the post-trade settlement among Direct Participants of sales and other securities transactions in deposited securities, through electronic computerized book-entry transfers and pledges between Direct Participants' accounts. This eliminates the need for physical movement of securities certificates. Direct Participants include both U.S. and non-U.S. securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, clearing corporations, and certain other organizations. DTC is a wholly-owned subsidiary of The Depository Trust & Clearing Corporation ("DTCC"). DTCC is the holding company for DTC, National Securities Clearing Corporation and Fixed Income Clearing Corporation, all of which are registered clearing agencies. DTCC is owned by the users of its regulated subsidiaries. Access to the DTC system is also available to others such as both U.S. and non-U.S. securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, and clearing corporations that clear through or maintain a custodial relationship with a Direct Participant, either directly or indirectly ("Indirect Participants"). DTC has a Standard & Poor's rating of AA+. The DTC Rules applicable to its Participants are on file with the Securities and Exchange Commission. More information about DTC can be found at www.dtcc.com.
3. Purchases of Securities under the DTC system must be made by or through Direct Participants, which will receive a credit for the Securities on DTC's records. The ownership interest of each actual purchaser of each Security ("Beneficial Owner") is in turn to be recorded on the Direct and Indirect Participants' records. Beneficial Owners will not receive written confirmation from DTC of their purchase. Beneficial Owners are, however, expected to receive written confirmations providing details of the transaction, as well as periodic statements of their holdings, from the Direct or Indirect Participant through which the Beneficial Owner entered into the transaction. Transfers of ownership interests in the Securities are to be accomplished by entries made on the books of Direct and Indirect Participants acting on behalf of Beneficial Owners. Beneficial Owners will not receive certificates representing their ownership interests in Securities, except in the event that use of the book-entry system for the Securities is discontinued.
4. To facilitate subsequent transfers, all Securities deposited by Direct Participants with DTC are registered in the name of DTC's partnership nominee, Cede & Co., or such other name as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC. The deposit of Securities with DTC and their registration in the name of Cede & Co. or such other DTC nominee do not effect any change in beneficial ownership. DTC has no knowledge of the actual Beneficial Owners of the Securities; DTC's records reflect only the identity of the Direct Participants to whose accounts such Securities are credited, which may or may not be the Beneficial Owners. The Direct and Indirect Participants will remain responsible for keeping account of their holdings on behalf of their customers.

5. Conveyance of notices and other communications by DTC to Direct Participants, by Direct Participants to Indirect Participants, and by Direct Participants and Indirect Participants to Beneficial Owners will be governed by arrangements among them, subject to any statutory or regulatory requirements as may be in effect from time to time. [Beneficial Owners of Securities may wish to take certain steps to augment the transmission to them of notices of significant events with respect to the Securities, such as redemptions, tenders, defaults, and proposed amendments to the Security documents. For example, Beneficial Owners of Securities may wish to ascertain that the nominee holding the Securities for their benefit has agreed to obtain and transmit notices to Beneficial Owners. In the alternative, Beneficial Owners may wish to provide their names and addresses to the registrar and request that copies of notices be provided directly to them.]
6. Redemption notices shall be sent to DTC. If less than all of the Securities within an issue are being redeemed, DTC's practice is to determine by lot the amount of the interest of each Direct Participant in such issue to be redeemed.
7. Neither DTC nor Cede & Co. (nor any other DTC nominee) will consent or vote with respect to Securities unless authorized by a Direct Participant in accordance with DTC's MMI Procedures. Under its usual procedures, DTC mails an Omnibus Proxy to District as soon as possible after the record date. The Omnibus Proxy assigns Cede & Co.'s consenting or voting rights to those Direct Participants to whose accounts Securities are credited on the record date (identified in a listing attached to the Omnibus Proxy).
8. Redemption proceeds, distributions, and dividend payments on the Securities will be made to Cede & Co., or such other nominee as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC. DTC's practice is to credit Direct Participants' accounts upon DTC's receipt of funds and corresponding detail information from the District or Agent, on payable date in accordance with their respective holdings shown on DTC's records. Payments by Participants to Beneficial Owners will be governed by standing instructions and customary practices, as is the case with securities held for the accounts of customers in bearer form or registered in "street name," and will be the responsibility of such Participant and not of DTC, Agent, or the District, subject to any statutory or regulatory requirements as may be in effect from time to time. Payment of redemption proceeds, distributions, and dividend payments to Cede & Co. (or such other nominee as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC) is the responsibility of the District or Agent, disbursement of such payments to Direct Participants will be the responsibility of DTC, and disbursement of such payments to the Beneficial Owners will be the responsibility of Direct and Indirect Participants.
9. A Beneficial Owner shall give notice to elect to have its Securities purchased or tendered, through its Participant, to [Tender/Remarketing] Agent, and shall effect delivery of such Securities by causing the Direct Participant to transfer the Participant's interest in the Securities, on DTC's records, to [Tender/Remarketing] Agent. The requirement for physical delivery of Securities in connection with an optional tender or a mandatory purchase will be deemed satisfied when the ownership rights in the Securities are transferred by Direct Participants on DTC's records and followed by a book-entry credit of tendered Securities to [Tender/Remarketing] Agent's DTC account.
10. DTC may discontinue providing its services as depository with respect to the Securities at any time by giving reasonable notice to the District or Agent. Under such circumstances, in the event that a successor depository is not obtained, Security certificates are required to be printed and delivered.
11. The District may decide to discontinue use of the system of book-entry-only transfers through DTC (or a successor securities depository). In that event, Security certificates will be printed and delivered to DTC.
12. The information in this section concerning DTC and DTC's book-entry system has been obtained from sources that the District believes to be reliable, but the District takes no responsibility for the accuracy thereof.

APPENDIX D

FORM OF CONTINUING DISCLOSURE COVENANTS (EXCERPTS FROM SALE RESOLUTION)

(See following pages)

FORM OF CONTINUING DISCLOSURE

Continuing Disclosure. (a) Purpose and Beneficiaries. To provide for the public availability of certain information relating to the Bonds and the security therefor and to permit the Purchaser and other participating underwriters in the primary offering of the Bonds to comply with amendments to Rule 15c2-12 promulgated by the SEC under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (17 C.F.R. § 240.15c2-12), relating to continuing disclosure (as in effect and interpreted from time to time, the Rule), which will enhance the marketability of the Bonds, the District hereby makes the following covenants and agreements for the benefit of the Owners (as hereinafter defined) from time to time of the outstanding Bonds. The District is the only obligated person in respect of the Bonds within the meaning of the Rule for purposes of identifying the entities in respect of which continuing disclosure must be made. If the District fails to comply with any provisions of this section, any person aggrieved thereby, including the Owners of any outstanding Bonds, may take whatever action at law or in equity may appear necessary or appropriate to enforce performance and observance of any agreement or covenant contained in this section, including an action for a writ of mandamus or specific performance. Direct, indirect, consequential and punitive damages shall not be recoverable for any default hereunder to the extent permitted by law. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, in no event shall a default under this section constitute a default under the Bonds or under any other provision of this resolution. As used in this section, Owner or Bondowner means, in respect of a Bond, the registered owner or owners thereof appearing in the bond register maintained by the Registrar or any Beneficial Owner (as hereinafter defined) thereof, if such Beneficial Owner provides to the Registrar evidence of such beneficial ownership in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Registrar. As used herein, Beneficial Owner means, in respect of a Bond, any person or entity which (a) has the power, directly or indirectly, to vote or consent with respect to, or to dispose of ownership of, such Bond (including persons or entities holding Bonds through nominees, depositories or other intermediaries), or (b) is treated as the owner of the Bond for federal income tax purposes.

(b) Information To Be Disclosed. The District will provide, in the manner set forth in subsection (c) hereof, either directly or indirectly through an agent designated by the District, the following information at the following times:

- (1) on or before twelve (12) months after the end of each fiscal year of the District, commencing with the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, the following financial information and operating data in respect of the District (the Disclosure Information):
 - (A) the audited financial statements of the District for such fiscal year, prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in accordance with the governmental accounting standards promulgated by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board or as otherwise provided under Minnesota law, as in effect from time to time, or, if and to the extent such financial statements have not been prepared in accordance with such generally accepted accounting principles for reasons beyond the reasonable control of the District, noting the discrepancies therefrom and the effect thereof, and

certified as to accuracy and completeness in all material respects by the fiscal officer of the District; and

- (B) to the extent not included in the financial statements referred to in paragraph (A) hereof, the information for such fiscal year or for the period most recently available of the type contained in the Official Statement under the headings: Current Property Valuations; Direct Debt; Tax Levies and Collections; Student Body; and Employment/ Unemployment Data, which information may be unaudited.

Notwithstanding the foregoing paragraph, if the audited financial statements are not available by the date specified, the District shall provide on or before such date unaudited financial statements in the format required for the audited financial statements as part of the Disclosure Information and, within 10 days after the receipt thereof, the District shall provide the audited financial statements. Any or all of the Disclosure Information may be incorporated by reference, if it is updated as required hereby, from other documents, including official statements, which have been submitted to the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board (the MSRB) through its Electronic Municipal Market Access System (EMMA) or the SEC. The District shall clearly identify in the Disclosure Information each document so incorporated by reference. If any part of the Disclosure Information can no longer be generated because the operations of the District have materially changed or been discontinued, such Disclosure Information need no longer be provided if the District includes in the Disclosure Information a statement to such effect; provided, however, if such operations have been replaced by other District operations in respect of which data is not included in the Disclosure Information and the District determines that certain specified data regarding such replacement operations would be a Material Fact (as defined in paragraph (2) hereof), then, from and after such determination, the Disclosure Information shall include such additional specified data regarding the replacement operations. If the Disclosure Information is changed or this section is amended as permitted by this paragraph (b)(1) or subsection (d), then the District shall include in the next Disclosure Information to be delivered hereunder, to the extent necessary, an explanation of the reasons for the amendment and the effect of any change in the type of financial information or operating data provided.

- (2) In a timely manner, not in excess of 10 business days, to the MSRB through EMMA, notice of the occurrence of any of the following events (each a “Material Fact,” as hereinafter defined):
 - (A) principal and interest payment delinquencies;
 - (B) non-payment related defaults, if material;
 - (C) unscheduled draws on debt service reserves reflecting financial difficulties;
 - (D) unscheduled draws on credit enhancements reflecting financial difficulties;
 - (E) substitution of credit or liquidity providers, or their failure to perform;
 - (F) adverse tax opinions, the issuance by the Internal Revenue Service of proposed or final determinations of taxability, Notices of Proposed Issue (IRS Form 5701-TEB), or other material notices or determinations with respect to the tax status of the Bonds or other material events affecting the tax status of the Bonds;

- (G) modifications to rights of Bond holders, if material;
- (H) Bond calls, if material and tender offers;
- (I) defeasances;
- (J) release, substitution, or sale of property securing repayment of the Bonds if material;
- (K) rating changes;
- (L) bankruptcy, insolvency, receivership, or similar event of the obligated person;
- (M) the consummation of a merger, consolidation, or acquisition involving an obligated person or the sale of all or substantially all of the assets of the obligated person, other than in the ordinary course of business, the entry into a definitive agreement to undertake such an action or the termination of a definitive agreement relating to any such actions, other than pursuant to its terms, if material;
- (N) appointment of a successor or additional trustee or the change of name of a trustee, if material;
- (O) incurrence of a financial obligation of the obligated person, if material, or agreement to covenants, events of default, remedies, priority rights, or other similar terms of a financial obligation of the obligated person, any of which affect security holders, if material; “financial obligation” means a (a) debt obligation; (b) derivative instrument entered into in connection with, or pledged as security or a source of payment for, an existing or planned debt obligation; or (c) guarantee of a debt obligation or any such derivative instrument; provided that “financial obligation” shall not include municipal securities as to which a final official statement (as defined in the Rule) has been provided to the MSRB consistent with the Rule; and
- (P) default, event of acceleration, termination event, modification of terms, or other similar events under the terms of a financial obligation of the obligated person, any of which reflect financial difficulties.

As used herein, for those events that must be reported if material, a “Material Fact” is a fact as to which a substantial likelihood exists that a reasonably prudent investor would attach importance thereto in deciding to buy, hold or sell a Bond or, if not disclosed, would significantly alter the total information otherwise available to an investor from the Official Statement, information disclosed hereunder or information generally available to the public. Notwithstanding the foregoing sentence, a Material Fact is also a fact that would be deemed material for purposes of the purchase, holding or sale of a Bond within the meaning of applicable federal securities laws, as interpreted at the time of discovery of the occurrence of the event.

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

confirming a plan of reorganization, arrangement or liquidation by a court or governmental authority having supervision or jurisdiction over substantially all of the assets or business of the obligated person.

For purposes of the events identified in paragraphs (O) and (P) above, the term “financial obligation” means (i) a debt obligation; (ii) a derivative instrument entered into in connection with, or pledged as security or a source of payment for, an existing or planned debt obligation; or (iii) a guarantee of (i) or (ii). The term “financial obligation” shall not include municipal securities as to which a final official statement has been provided to the MSRB consistent with the Rule.

- (3) In a timely manner, to the MSRB through EMMA, notice of the occurrence of any of the following events or conditions:
 - (A) the failure of the District to provide the Disclosure Information required under paragraph (b)(1) at the time specified thereunder;
 - (B) the amendment or supplementing of this section pursuant to subsection (d), together with a copy of such amendment or supplement and any explanation provided by the District under subsection (d)(2);
 - (C) the termination of the obligations of the District under this section pursuant to subsection (d);
 - (D) any change in the accounting principles pursuant to which the financial statements constituting a portion of the Disclosure Information are prepared; and
 - (E) any change in the fiscal year of the District.

(c) Manner of Disclosure.

- (1) The District agrees to make available to the MSRB through EMMA, in an electronic format as prescribed by the MSRB, the information described in subsection (b).
- (2) All documents provided to the MSRB pursuant to this subsection (c) shall be accompanied by identifying information as prescribed by the MSRB from time to time.

(d) Term; Amendments; Interpretation.

- (1) The covenants of the District in this section shall remain in effect so long as any Bonds are outstanding. Notwithstanding the preceding sentence, however, the obligations of the District under this section shall terminate and be without further effect as of any date on which the District delivers to the Registrar an opinion of Bond Counsel to the effect that, because of legislative action or final judicial or administrative actions or proceedings, the failure of the District to comply with the requirements of this section will not cause participating underwriters in the primary offering of the Bonds to be in violation of the Rule or other applicable requirements

of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or any statutes or laws successory thereto or amendatory thereof.

- (2) This section (and the form and requirements of the Disclosure Information) may be amended or supplemented by the District from time to time, without notice to (except as provided in paragraph (c)(2) hereof) or the consent of the Owners of any Bonds, by a resolution of this Board filed in the office of the recording officer of the District accompanied by an opinion of Bond Counsel, who may rely on certificates of the District and others and the opinion may be subject to customary qualifications, to the effect that: (i) such amendment or supplement (a) is made in connection with a change in circumstances that arises from a change in law or regulation or a change in the identity, nature or status of the District or the type of operations conducted by the District, or (b) is required by, or better complies with, the provisions of paragraph (b)(5) of the Rule; (ii) this section as so amended or supplemented would have complied with the requirements of paragraph (b)(5) of the Rule at the time of the primary offering of the Bonds, giving effect to any change in circumstances applicable under clause (i)(a) and assuming that the Rule as in effect and interpreted at the time of the amendment or supplement was in effect at the time of the primary offering; and (iii) such amendment or supplement does not materially impair the interests of the Bondowners under the Rule.

If the Disclosure Information is so amended, the District agrees to provide, contemporaneously with the effectiveness of such amendment, an explanation of the reasons for the amendment and the effect, if any, of the change in the type of financial information or operating data being provided hereunder.

- (3) This section is entered into to comply with the continuing disclosure provisions of the Rule and should be construed so as to satisfy the requirements of paragraph (b)(5) of the Rule.

APPENDIX E

TERMS OF PROPOSAL

\$15,000,000* GENERAL OBLIGATION SCHOOL BUILDING BONDS, SERIES 2022A INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 75 (ST. CLAIR), MINNESOTA

Proposals for the purchase of \$15,000,000* General Obligation School Building Bonds, Series 2022A (the "Bonds") of Independent School District No. 75 (St. Clair), Minnesota (the "District") will be received at the offices of Ehlers and Associates, Inc. ("Ehlers"), 3060 Centre Pointe Drive, Roseville, Minnesota 55113-1105, municipal advisors to the District, until 10:00 A.M., Central Time, and **ELECTRONIC PROPOSALS** will be received via **PARITY**, in the manner described below, until 10:00 A.M. Central Time, on January 24, 2022, at which time they will be opened, read and tabulated. The proposals will be presented to the School Board for consideration for award by resolution at a meeting to be held at 6:30 P.M., Central Time, on the same date. The proposal offering to purchase the Bonds upon the terms specified herein and most favorable to the District will be accepted unless all proposals are rejected.

PURPOSE

The Bonds are being issued pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 475, and a special election held November 2, 2021 by the District for the purpose of financing the acquisition and betterment of school sites and facilities in the District. The Bonds will be general obligations of the District for which its full faith, credit and taxing powers are pledged.

DATES AND MATURITIES

The Bonds will be dated February 17, 2022, will be issued as fully registered Bonds in the denomination of \$5,000 each, or any integral multiple thereof, and will mature on February 1 as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount*</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount*</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount*</u>
2023	\$550,000	2030	\$715,000	2037	\$835,000
2024	570,000	2031	745,000	2038	855,000
2025	590,000	2032	760,000	2039	875,000
2026	610,000	2033	760,000	2040	900,000
2027	635,000	2034	775,000	2041	925,000
2028	660,000	2035	790,000	2042	950,000
2029	690,000	2036	810,000		

ADJUSTMENT OPTION

* The District reserves the right to increase or decrease the principal amount of the Bonds on the day of sale, in increments of \$5,000 each. Increases or decreases may be made in any maturity. If any principal amounts are adjusted, the purchase price proposed will be adjusted to maintain the same gross spread per \$1,000.

TERM BOND OPTION

Proposals for the Bonds may contain a maturity schedule providing for any combination of serial bonds and term bonds, subject to mandatory redemption, so long as the amount of principal maturing or subject to mandatory redemption in each year conforms to the maturity schedule set forth above. All dates are inclusive.

INTEREST PAYMENT DATES AND RATES

Interest will be payable on February 1 and August 1 of each year, commencing August 1, 2022, to the registered owners of the Bonds appearing of record in the bond register as of the close of business on the 15th day (whether or not a business day) of the immediately preceding month. Interest will be computed upon the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months and will be rounded pursuant to rules of the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board. **The rate for any maturity may not be more than 2.00% less than the rate for any preceding maturity. (For example, if a rate of 4.50% is proposed for the 2023 maturity, then the lowest rate that may be proposed for any later maturity is 2.50%.)** All Bonds of the same maturity must bear interest from date of issue until paid at a single, uniform rate. Each rate must be expressed in an integral multiple of 5/100 or 1/8 of 1%.

BOOK-ENTRY-ONLY FORMAT

Unless otherwise specified by the purchaser, the Bonds will be designated in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee for The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York ("DTC"). DTC will act as securities depository for the Bonds, and will be responsible for maintaining a book-entry system for recording the interests of its participants and the transfers of interests between its participants. The participants will be responsible for maintaining records regarding the beneficial interests of the individual purchasers of the Bonds. So long as Cede & Co. is the registered owner of the Bonds, all payments of principal and interest will be made to the depository which, in turn, will be obligated to remit such payments to its participants for subsequent disbursement to the beneficial owners of the Bonds.

PAYING AGENT

The District has selected Bond Trust Services Corporation, Roseville, Minnesota, to act as paying agent (the "Paying Agent"). Bond Trust Services Corporation and Ehlers are affiliate companies. The District will pay the charges for Paying Agent services. The District reserves the right to remove the Paying Agent and to appoint a successor.

OPTIONAL REDEMPTION

At the option of the District, the Bonds maturing on or after February 1, 2031 shall be subject to optional redemption prior to maturity on February 1, 2030 or any date thereafter, at a price of par plus accrued interest.

Redemption may be in whole or in part of the Bonds subject to prepayment. If redemption is in part, the selection of the amounts and maturities of the Bonds to be redeemed shall be at the discretion of the District. If only part of the Bonds having a common maturity date are called for redemption, then the District or Paying Agent, if any, will notify DTC of the particular amount of such maturity to be redeemed. DTC will determine by lot the amount of each participant's interest in such maturity to be redeemed and each participant will then select by lot the beneficial ownership interest in such maturity to be redeemed.

Notice of redemption shall be sent by mail not more than 60 days and not less than 30 days prior to the date fixed for redemption to the registered owner of each Bond to be redeemed at the address shown on the registration books.

DELIVERY

On or about February 17, 2022, the Bonds will be delivered without cost to the winning bidder at DTC. On the day of closing, the District will furnish to the winning bidder the opinion of bond counsel hereinafter described, an arbitrage certification, and certificates verifying that no litigation in any manner questioning the validity of the Bonds is then pending or, to the best knowledge of officers of the District, threatened. Payment for the Bonds must be received by the District at its designated depository on the date of closing in immediately available funds.

LEGAL OPINION

An opinion in substantially the form attached hereto as Appendix B will be furnished by Dorsey & Whitney LLP ("Bond Counsel"), Minneapolis, Minnesota, bond counsel to the District.

SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS

Proposals must not be for less than \$15,000,000 plus accrued interest on the principal sum of \$15,000,000 from date of original issue of the Bonds to date of delivery. Prior to the time established above for the opening of proposals, interested parties may submit a proposal as follows:

- 1) Electronically to bondsale@ehlers-inc.com; or
- 2) Electronically via **PARITY** in accordance with this Terms of Proposal until 10:00 A.M. Central Time, but no proposal will be received after the time for receiving proposals specified above. To the extent any instructions or directions set forth in **PARITY** conflict with this Terms of Proposal, the terms of this Terms of Proposal shall control. For further information about **PARITY**, potential bidders may contact Ehlers or i-Deal LLC at 1359 Broadway, 2nd Floor, New York, New York 10018, Telephone (212) 849-5021.

Proposals must be submitted to Ehlers via one of the methods described above and must be received prior to the time established above for the opening of proposals. Each proposal must be unconditional except as to legality. Neither the District nor Ehlers shall be responsible for any failure to receive a facsimile submission.

A good faith deposit ("Deposit") in the amount of \$300,000 shall be made by the winning bidder by wire transfer of funds. Such Deposit shall be received by Ehlers no later than two hours after the proposal opening time. Wire transfer instructions will be provided to the winning bidder by Ehlers after the tabulation of proposals. The District reserves the right to award the Bonds to a winning bidder whose wire transfer is initiated but not received by such time provided that such winning bidder's federal wire reference number has been received by such time. In the event the Deposit is not received as provided above, the District may award the Bonds to the bidder submitting the next best proposal provided such bidder agrees to such award. The Deposit will be retained by the District as liquidated damages if the proposal is accepted and the Purchaser fails to comply therewith.

The District and the winning bidder who chooses to so wire the Deposit hereby agree irrevocably that Ehlers shall be the escrow holder of the Deposit wired to such account subject only to these conditions and duties: 1) All income earned thereon shall be retained by the escrow holder as payment for its expenses; 2) If the proposal is not accepted, Ehlers shall, at its expense, promptly return the Deposit amount to the winning bidder; 3) If the proposal is accepted, the Deposit shall be returned to the winning bidder at the closing; 4) Ehlers shall bear all costs of maintaining the escrow account and returning the funds to the winning bidder; 5) Ehlers shall not be an insurer of the Deposit amount and shall have no liability hereunder except if it willfully fails to perform or recklessly disregards, its duties specified herein; and 6) FDIC insurance on deposits within the escrow account shall be limited to \$250,000 per bidder.

No proposal can be withdrawn after the time set for receiving proposals unless the meeting of the District scheduled for award of the Bonds is adjourned, recessed, or continued to another date without award of the Bonds having been made.

AWARD

The Bonds will be awarded to the bidder offering the lowest interest rate to be determined on a True Interest Cost (TIC) basis. The District's computation of the interest rate of each proposal, in accordance with customary practice, will be controlling. In the event of a tie, the sale of the Bonds will be awarded by lot. The District reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and to waive any informality in any proposal.

BOND INSURANCE

If the Bonds are qualified for any bond insurance policy, the purchase of such policy shall be at the sole option and expense of the winning bidder. Any cost for such insurance policy is to be paid by the winning bidder, except that, if the District requested and received a rating on the Bonds from a rating agency, the District will pay that rating fee. Any rating agency fees not requested by the District are the responsibility of the winning bidder.

Failure of the municipal bond insurer to issue the policy after the Bonds are awarded to the winning bidder shall not constitute cause for failure or refusal by the winning bidder to accept delivery of the Bonds.

CUSIP NUMBERS

The District will assume no obligation for the assignment or printing of CUSIP numbers on the Bonds or for the correctness of any numbers printed thereon, but will permit such numbers to be printed at the expense of the winning bidder, if the winning bidder waives any delay in delivery occasioned thereby.

NON-QUALIFIED TAX-EXEMPT OBLIGATIONS

The District will NOT designate the Bonds as "qualified tax-exempt obligations" pursuant to Section 265 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, which permits financial institutions to deduct interest expenses allocable to the Bonds to the extent permitted under prior law.

CONTINUING DISCLOSURE

In order to assist the Underwriters in complying with the provisions of Rule 15c2-12 promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 the District will enter into an undertaking for the benefit of the holders of the Bonds. A description of the details and terms of the undertaking is set forth in Appendix D of the Preliminary Official Statement.

ESTABLISHMENT OF ISSUE PRICE AT TIME OF AWARD

In order to establish the issue price of the Bonds for federal income tax purposes, the District requires bidders to agree to the following, and by submitting a proposal, each bidder agrees to the following.

If a proposal is submitted by a potential underwriter, the bidder confirms that (i) the underwriters have offered or reasonably expect to offer the Bonds to the public on or before the date of the award at the offering price (the "initial offering price") for each maturity as set forth in the proposal and (ii) the bidder, if it is the winning bidder, shall require any agreement among underwriters, selling group agreement, retail distribution agreement or other agreement relating to the initial sale of the Bonds to the public to which it is a party to include provisions requiring compliance by all parties to such agreements with the provisions contained herein. For purposes hereof, Bonds with a separate CUSIP number constitute a separate "maturity", and the public does not include underwriters (including members of a selling group or retail distribution group) or persons related to underwriters.

If, however, a proposal is submitted for the bidder's own account in a capacity other than as an underwriter of the Bonds, and the bidder has no current intention to sell, reoffer, or otherwise dispose of the Bonds, the bidder shall notify the District to that effect at the time it submits its proposal and shall provide a certificate to that effect in place of the certificate otherwise required below.

If the winning bidder intends to act as an underwriter, the District shall advise the winning bidder at or prior to the time of award whether (i) the competitive sale rule or (ii) the "hold-the-offering price" rule applies.

If the District advises the Purchaser that the requirements for a competitive sale have been satisfied and that the competitive sale rule applies, the Purchaser will be required to deliver to the District at or prior to closing a certification, in a form reasonably acceptable to bond counsel, as to the reasonably expected initial offering price as of the award date.

If the District advises the Purchaser that the requirements for a competitive sale have not been satisfied and that the hold-the-offering price rule applies, the Purchaser shall (1) upon the request of the District confirm that the underwriters did not offer or sell any maturity of the Bonds to any person at a price higher than the initial offering price of that maturity during the period starting on the award date and ending on the earlier of (a) the close of the fifth business day after the sale date or (b) the date on which the underwriters have sold at least 10% of that maturity to the public at or below the initial offering price; and (2) at or prior to closing, deliver to the District a certification as to such matters, in a form reasonably acceptable to bond counsel, together with a copy of the pricing wire.

Any action taken or documentation to be received by the District pursuant hereto may be taken or received on behalf of the District by Ehlers & Associates, Inc.

Bidders should prepare their proposals on the assumption that the Bonds will be subject to the "hold-the-offering-price" rule. Any proposal submitted pursuant to the Terms of Proposal shall be considered a firm offer for the purchase of the Bonds, and Bonds submitted will not be subject to cancellation or withdrawal.

PRELIMINARY OFFICIAL STATEMENT

Bidders may obtain a copy of the Preliminary Official Statement relating to the Bonds prior to the proposal opening by request from Ehlers at www.ehlers-inc.com by connecting to the Bond Sales link. The Syndicate Manager will be provided with an electronic copy of the Final Official Statement within seven business days of the proposal acceptance. Up to 10 printed copies of the Final Official Statement will be provided upon request. Additional copies of the Final Official Statement will be available at a cost of \$10.00 per copy.

Information for bidders and proposal forms may be obtained from Ehlers at 3060 Centre Pointe Drive, Roseville, Minnesota 55113-1105, Telephone (651) 697-8500.

By Order of the School Board

Independent School District No. 75 (St. Clair), Minnesota

PROPOSAL FORM

The School Board
Independent School District No. 75 (St. Clair), Minnesota (the "District")

January 24, 2022

RE: \$15,000,000* General Obligation School Building Bonds, Series 2022A (the "Bonds")
DATED: February 17, 2022

For all or none of the above Bonds, in accordance with the Terms of Proposal and terms of the Global Book-Entry System (unless otherwise specified by the Purchaser) as stated in this Official Statement, we will pay you \$_____ (not less than \$15,000,000) plus accrued interest to date of delivery for fully registered Bonds bearing interest rates and maturing in the stated years as follows:

_____ % due	2023	_____ % due	2030	_____ % due	2037
_____ % due	2024	_____ % due	2031	_____ % due	2038
_____ % due	2025	_____ % due	2032	_____ % due	2039
_____ % due	2026	_____ % due	2033	_____ % due	2040
_____ % due	2027	_____ % due	2034	_____ % due	2041
_____ % due	2028	_____ % due	2035	_____ % due	2042
_____ % due	2029	_____ % due	2036		

* The District reserves the right to increase or decrease the principal amount of the Bonds on the day of sale, in increments of \$5,000 each. Increases or decreases may be made in any maturity. If any principal amounts are adjusted, the purchase price proposed will be adjusted to maintain the same gross spread per \$1,000.

The rate for any maturity may not be more than 2.00% less than the rate for any preceding maturity. (For example, if a rate of 4.50% is proposed for the 2023 maturity, then the lowest rate that may be proposed for any later maturity is 2.50%.) All Bonds of the same maturity must bear interest from date of issue until paid at a single, uniform rate. Each rate must be expressed in an integral multiple of 5/100 or 1/8 of 1%.

A good faith deposit ("Deposit") in the amount of \$300,000 shall be made by the winning bidder by wire transfer of funds. Such Deposit shall be received by Ehlers no later than two hours after the proposal opening time. Wire transfer instructions will be provided to the winning bidder by Ehlers after the tabulation of proposals. The District reserves the right to award the Bonds to a winning bidder whose wire transfer is initiated but not received by such time provided that such winning bidder's federal wire reference number has been received by such time. In the event the Deposit is not received as provided above, the District may award the Bonds to the bidder submitting the next best proposal provided such bidder agrees to such award. The Deposit will be retained by the District as liquidated damages if the proposal is accepted and the Purchaser fails to comply therewith. We agree to the conditions and duties of Ehlers and Associates, Inc., as escrow holder of the Deposit, pursuant to the Terms of Proposal. This proposal is for prompt acceptance and is conditional upon delivery of said Bonds to The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York, in accordance with the Terms of Proposal. Delivery is anticipated to be on or about February 17, 2022.

This proposal is subject to the District's agreement to enter into a written undertaking to provide continuing disclosure under Rule 15c2-12 promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 as described in the Preliminary Official Statement for the Bonds.

We have received and reviewed the Official Statement, and any addenda thereto, and have submitted our requests for additional information or corrections to the Final Official Statement. As Syndicate Manager, we agree to provide the District with the reoffering price of the Bonds within 24 hours of the proposal acceptance.

This proposal is a firm offer for the purchase of the Bonds identified in the Terms of Proposal, on the terms set forth in this proposal form and the Terms of Proposal, and is not subject to any conditions, except as permitted by the Terms of Proposal.

By submitting this proposal, we confirm that we are an underwriter and have an established industry reputation for underwriting new issuances of municipal bonds.
YES: ____ NO: ____.

If the competitive sale requirements are not met, we elect to use either the: ____ 10% test, or the ____ hold-the-offering-price rule to determine the issue price of the Bonds.

Account Manager: _____ By: _____
Account Members: _____

Award will be on a true interest cost basis. According to our computations (the correct computation being controlling in the award), the total dollar interest cost (including any discount or less any premium) computed from February 17, 2022 of the above proposal is \$_____ and the true interest cost (TIC) is _____%.

The foregoing offer is hereby accepted by and on behalf of the School Board of Independent School District No. 75 (St. Clair), Minnesota, on January 24, 2022.

By: _____ By: _____
Title: _____ Title: _____