

**CRIPPLE CREEK - VICTOR SCHOOL  
DISTRICT RE-1**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
With Independent Auditors' Report**

**Year Ended June 30, 2023**

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Board of Education  
Cripple Creek - Victor School District RE-1

### Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

#### *Opinions*

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Cripple Creek - Victor School District RE-1, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023 and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Cripple Creek - Victor School District RE-1's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Cripple Creek - Victor School District RE-1, as of June 30, 2023 and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### *Basis for Opinions*

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Cripple Creek - Victor School District RE-1 and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

#### *Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements*

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

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Cripple Creek - Victor School District RE-1's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

## ***Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements***

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

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

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Cripple Creek - Victor School District RE-1's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Cripple Creek - Victor School District RE-1's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

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

## ***Required Supplementary Information***

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

### ***Supplementary Information***

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Cripple Creek - Victor School District RE-1's basic financial statements. The accompanying combining and individual fund statements and schedules and the schedule of expenditures of federal awards, as required by Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards*, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the combining and individual fund statements and schedules and the schedule of expenditures of federal awards are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

### ***Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards***

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated February 29, 2024 on our consideration of the Cripple Creek - Victor School District RE-1'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 Cripple Creek - Victor School District RE-1'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 Cripple Creek - Victor School District RE-1's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

*Hoelting & Company Inc.*

Colorado Springs, Colorado  
February 29, 2024

## **MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (MD&A)**

**June 30, 2023**

The discussion and analysis of Cripple Creek - Victor School District RE-1's (the "District") financial performance provides an overall review of the district's financial activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023. The intent of this discussion and analysis is to look at the District's financial performance as a whole. Readers should also review the financial statements, financial statement footnotes, budgetary comparison schedules and additional supplementary information to broaden their understanding of the District's financial performance.

### **Financial Highlights**

The district's budget increased due to an influx of grants received for pandemic recovery and the receipt of grants to build the Career and Technical Education Construction Trades building. All revenues from pandemic related grants were used to offset the cost of salary and benefits to retain staff in this rural area, increase mental health services available to staff and students, and for increased costs for cleanliness and safety. The District gets limited or no state funding due to the EAV and depends on a healthy fund balance to be able to continue to operate on its budget of property taxes. The District budgets sufficient contingencies greater than required by law to cover any unanticipated operational needs. However, increasing costs for salary and benefits, safety and security and the maintenance of the buildings are concerns for the district and how in the future these will be able to continue to be funded with the decrease expected in revenues due to the ongoing effects of the 2020 pandemic.

### **Using the Basic Financial Statements**

The basic financial statements consist of the Management Discussion and Analysis (this section) and a series of financial statements and notes to those statements. These statements are organized so that the reader can first understand the District as an entire operating entity. The statements then proceed to provide an increasingly detailed look at specific financial activities.

The first two statements are government-wide financial statements - the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities. Both provide long and short-term information about the District's overall financial status.

The remaining statements are fund financial statements that focus on individual parts of the District's operations in more detail. The governmental fund statements tell how general District services were financed in the short term as well as what remains for future spending. Fiduciary fund statements provide information about financial relationships where the District acts solely as a trustee or agent for the benefit of others to whom the resources in question belong.

The financial statements also include notes that explain some of the information in the financial statements and provide more detailed data.

## Financial Analysis of the District as a Whole

Fiscal Year 2022-2023 was the ninth year the District's Governmental net position reflected the implementation of GASB Statement No. 68, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions. This statement establishes standards of accounting and financial reporting for defined benefit pensions and defined contribution pensions provided to the employees of state and local governmental employers through pension plans that are administered through trusts or equivalent arrangements. GASB Statement No. 75, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions (OPES), was effective as of July 1, 2017. This statement establishes standards of accounting and financial reporting for defined benefit Health Care Trust Funds.

Most of the district's net position is invested in capital assets (buildings, land, and equipment). The remaining net position is a combination of restricted and unrestricted amounts. The restricted balances are primarily amounts legally restricted for TABOR emergencies and for debt repayment.

### **Government-Wide Financial Statements**

The government-wide statements report information about the District as a whole using accounting methods similar to those used by private businesses. The statements of net position include all of the government's assets 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 government-wide statements report the District's net position and how they have changed. The change in net position is important because it tells the reader that for the School District as a whole, the financial position of the School District has improved or diminished. The causes of this change may be the result of various factors, some financial, some not. Non-financial factors include facility conditions and required educational programs.

In the Statement of Net Position, the District has governmental Activities:

**Governmental Activities** - The majority of the District's programs and services are reported here including instruction, support services, operations and maintenance of plant, pupil transportation and extracurricular activities.

A condensed summary of the District's Net Position is as follows:

**Condensed Statement of Net Position**

	<b>2023</b>		<b>2022</b>
	<b>Governmental Activities</b>		<b>Governmental Activities</b>
Current Assets	10,466,756		8,739,637
Non-Depreciable Assets	1,915,046		9,000
Depreciable Assets	23,067,784		22,731,148
Accumulated Depreciation	(11,050,752)		(10,466,382)
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>24,398,834</b>		<b>21,013,403</b>
Deferred Charge on Refunding	132,235		185,127
Deferred Pension & OPEB Outflows	2,374,579		2,080,769
<b>Total Deferred Outflows</b>	<b>2,506,814</b>		<b>2,265,896</b>
Current Liabilities	1,789,759		1,057,832
Long-term Liabilities	5,092,258		3,493,309
Net Pension & OPEB Liabilities	9,853,777		6,892,242
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>16,735,794</b>		<b>11,443,383</b>
Deferred Pension and OPEB Inflows	843,041		3,184,420
<b>Total Deferred Inflows</b>	<b>843,041</b>		<b>3,184,420</b>
Net Investment in Capital Assets	9,414,203		8,965,584
Restricted Net Position	2,135,159		2,102,651
Unrestricted Net Position	(2,222,549)		(2,416,739)
<b>Total Net Position</b>	<b>9,326,813</b>		<b>8,651,496</b>

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A condensed Statement of Activities is as follows:

**Condensed Statement of Activities**

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>Governmental Activities</b>	<b>Governmental Activities</b>
<b>Program Revenues</b>		
Charges for Services	124,992	108,508
Operating Grants	4,570,078	3,820,396
<b>Total Program Revenues</b>	<b>4,695,070</b>	<b>3,928,904</b>
<b>General Revenue</b>		
Taxes	6,658,203	5,742,036
State equalization	194,334	-
Grants and Contributions not restricted to specific programs	2,382	2,264
Investment Income	145,518	17,004
Miscellaneous	74,215	363,797
<b>Total General Revenues</b>	<b>7,074,652</b>	<b>6,125,101</b>
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>11,769,722</b>	<b>10,054,005</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Instruction	4,732,442	3,633,531
Supporting Services	4,837,511	1,761,874
Facilities acquisition & Construction	289,836	24,191
Community Services	671,025	647,390
Interest & Fiscal Charges	151,855	126,541
Food Service	411,736	343,133
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>11,094,405</b>	<b>6,536,660</b>
<b>Change in Net Position</b>	<b>675,317</b>	<b>3,517,345</b>
<b>Net Position - July 1</b>	<b>8,651,496</b>	<b>5,134,151</b>
<b>Net Position - Ending June 30</b>	<b>9,326,813</b>	<b>8,651,496</b>

**Reporting the District's Most Significant Funds**

The analysis of the District's major funds begins on page 48 of the audit report. Fund financial reports provide detailed information about the School District's major funds. The District's major funds are the General, Head Start, Bond Redemption, and Capital Reserve Funds.

**Governmental Funds.** Most of District's activities are reported in the governmental funds, which focus on how money flows into and out of those funds and the balances left at year-end available for spending in future periods. These funds are reported using an accounting method called modified accrual accounting, which measures cash and all other financial assets that can readily be converted to cash. The governmental fund statements provide a detailed short- term view of the District's general government operations and the basic services it provides. Governmental fund information helps you determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance educational programs. The relationship between governmental activities (reported in the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities) and governmental funds is reconciled in the financial statements of the Governmental Funds.

**Fiduciary Funds.** Fiduciary funds are not reflected in the government-wide financial statement because the resources of those funds are not available to support the District's own programs. The accounting used for fiduciary funds is much like that used for proprietary funds.

### **Fund Financial Statements**

As of June 30, 2023 the District's governmental funds reported a combined fund balance of \$7,407,117 which is an decrease of \$315,657 from the June 30, 2022 balance. The following is additional information by fund which contributed to the change.

General Fund equity increased from 2022 to 2023 by \$371,836. The increase is attributable the additional expenditures made to building upgrades and the investment in the new Career and Technical Program. The district will be watching this fund closely in the coming years to make sure our fiduciary responsibilities are met.

Federal Grants Fund continues to receive grant monies and expenditures match the monies received.

The Community Child Care Partnership Grant which is part of Head Start was in its seventh year of operation and as such the expenses were similar to the previous year's expenses. The district partnered with Community Partnership to oversee the programming requirements and the fiscal integrity of the programs. Head Start Fund equity remained constant as this operation is designed to operate on a breakeven basis.

The Debt Service Fund continues to pay down debt in this fund as the district refunded bonds within the last few years and is lowering the number of years the district pays on these bonds.

The Food Service Fund continues to receive transfers from the general fund to offset the cost of operations. The District is committed to ensuring all students are given access to nutritious, healthy meals daily.

## Capital Assets

As of June 30, 2023, the District had a net of \$13,932,078 invested in a broad range of capital assets, including buildings and improvements, transportation and other equipment. A summary of the District's Capital Assets is as follows:

Governmental Activities	Balance 2022	Additions	Decreases	Balance 2023
<b>Capital Assets not Being depreciated</b>				
Construction in Progress	9,000	1,906,046		1,915,046
<b>Capital Assets Being depreciated/amortized</b>				
Buildings and Improvements	20,532,389	17,051	(83,795)	20,465,645
Transportation Equipment	2,198,759	476,328	(72,948)	2,602,139
<b>Total Capital Assets</b>	<b>22,731,148</b>	<b>493,379</b>	<b>(156,743)</b>	<b>23,067,784</b>
<b>Less Accumulated Depreciation/Amortization</b>				
Buildings and Improvements	(8,943,066)	(437,745)	4,190	(9,376,621)
Transportation Equipment	(1,523,316)	(223,763)	72,948	(1,674,131)
<b>Total Accumulated Depreciation/Amortization</b>	<b>(10,466,382)</b>	<b>(661,508)</b>	<b>77,138</b>	<b>(11,050,752)</b>
<b>Total Capital Assets Being Depreciated/Amortized</b>	<b>12,264,766</b>	<b>(168,129)</b>	<b>(79,605)</b>	<b>12,017,032</b>
<b>Net Capital Assets</b>	<b>12,273,766</b>	<b>1,737,917</b>	<b>(79,605)</b>	<b>13,932,078</b>

## Debt Administration

As of June 30, 2023, the District had total outstanding long-term obligations as follows:

	Balance 06/30/22	Additions	Deletions	Balance 06/30/23
General Obligation Bonds	3,235,000		(895,000)	2,340,000
Deferred Amounts Bond Premium	168,750		(48,215)	120,535
<b>Total General Obligation Bonds Payable</b>	<b>3,403,750</b>		<b>(943,215)</b>	<b>2,460,535</b>
Compensated Absences: Leave Liability	104,537	205,616	-	310,153
Leases	89,559		(50,380)	39,179
Loans	-	2,592,544	-	2,592,544
Net Pension/OPEB Liability	6,892,242	4,212,119	(1,250,584)	9,853,777
<b>Total Long-term Obligations</b>	<b>10,490,088</b>	<b>7,010,279</b>	<b>(2,244,179)</b>	<b>15,256,188</b>

## **General Fund Budget**

The Board of Education adopts the District's preliminary budget in June of each year. Changes are made mid-year after student enrollment is finalized. The adoption of supplemental budgets is allowed throughout the year when unanticipated additional revenues are received. The majority of changes to the General Fund budget are in the area of salary and benefits due to staff changes. The Federal Grant Fund budget is revised as final allocations become known. Program funding is based upon student enrollment on October 1st of each year. This per pupil funding is a combination of Property Tax, State Equalization and Specific Ownership Tax.

## **Economic Factors and Next Year's Budget**

The District saw a decrease in pupil enrollment this year due to the economic downturn seen across the country, state and local community. The District is hopeful this will change back to an increase with the growth of the career and technology program option for students with a competency-based education system made possible by the District's passage of a 1% sales tax initiative. The Board of Education and District Administration feel it is important to maintain and continue a strong, stable budget. Beginning fund balances in the General and Capital Reserve Funds need to be increased to ensure two things: 1) sufficient operating capital; and 2) allow enough of a reserve to allow upkeep and maintenance of buildings and grounds. Bond funds have been conservatively invested through UMB. The Board of Education and District Administration are diligent in their efforts to embrace creative budgeting ideas. Both believe that by providing excellence in education in a safe environment that is conducive to learning; the District will benefit from increased student enrollment and continued community support.

## **Requests for Information**

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the Cripple Creek - Victor School District RE-1's finances for all those with an interest in the government's finances. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional financial information should be addressed to the Director of Business Services, P O Box 897, Cripple Creek, Colorado 80813-0897.

## **BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**CRIPPLE CREEK - VICTOR SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1**  
**STATEMENT OF NET POSITION**  
**JUNE 30, 2023**

	<b>Governmental Activities</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Cash and investments	\$ 1,073,994
Restricted cash and investments	2,250,744
Cash with County Treasurer	4,259,145
Taxes receivable	1,109,234
Intergovernmental receivables	1,735,942
Other receivables	35,156
Inventories and prepaid expenses	2,541
Capital assets, not being depreciated	1,915,046
Capital assets being depreciated	<u>12,017,032</u>
Total assets	<u>24,398,834</u>
<b>DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>	
Deferred charge on refunding	132,235
Deferred pension outflows	2,274,913
Deferred OPEB outflows	<u>99,666</u>
Total deferred outflows of resources	<u>2,506,814</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>	
Accrued salaries and benefits	880,052
Compensated absences	310,153
Unearned revenue	539,466
Accrued interest	60,088
Long-term liabilities	
Due within one year	1,023,667
Due in more than one year	4,068,591
Net pension liability	9,529,103
Net OPEB liability	<u>324,674</u>
Total liabilities	<u>16,735,794</u>
<b>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>	
Deferred pension inflows	722,813
Deferred OPEB inflows	<u>120,228</u>
Total deferred inflows of resources	<u>843,041</u>
<b>NET POSITION</b>	
Net investment in capital assets	9,414,203
Restricted for:	
Emergency reserve (TABOR)	195,000
Debt service	1,771,131
Other purposes	169,028
Unrestricted	<u>(2,222,549)</u>
Total net position	<u>\$ 9,326,813</u>

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

**CRIPPLE CREEK - VICTOR SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1**  
**STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

<b>Functions/Programs</b>	<b>Program Revenue</b>				<b>Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position</b>	
	<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Charges for Services</b>	<b>Operating Grants and Contributions</b>	<b>Capital Grants and Contributions</b>	<b>Governmental Activities</b>	
Governmental activities:						
Instruction	\$ 4,732,442	\$ 73,081	\$ 4,313,781	\$ -	\$ (345,580)	
Supporting services	4,837,511	47,804	19,320	-	(4,770,387)	
Food service operations	411,736	4,107	236,977	-	(170,652)	
Community services	671,025	-	-	-	(671,025)	
Facilities acquisition	289,836	-	-	-	(289,836)	
Interest on long-term debt	151,855	-	-	-	(151,855)	
	<u>\$ 11,094,405</u>	<u>\$ 124,992</u>	<u>\$ 4,570,078</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>(6,399,335)</u>	
Total primary government						
General revenues:						
Property taxes					6,117,497	
Specific ownership taxes					540,706	
State equalization					194,334	
Grants and contributions not restricted to specific programs					2,382	
Unrestricted investment earnings					145,518	
Miscellaneous					74,215	
					<u>7,074,652</u>	
Total general revenues						
Change in net position					675,317	
Net position - beginning (deficit)					<u>8,651,496</u>	
Net position - ending (deficit)					<u>\$ 9,326,813</u>	

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

**CRIPPLE CREEK - VICTOR SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1**  
**BALANCE SHEET**  
**GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**  
**JUNE 30, 2023**

	<b>General Fund</b>	<b>Head Start Fund</b>	<b>Bond Redemption Fund</b>	<b>Capital Reserve Fund</b>	<b>Total Nonmajor Funds</b>	<b>Total Governmental Funds</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>						
Cash and investments	\$ 546,708	\$ 320,605	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 206,681	\$ 1,073,994
Restricted cash and investments	-	-	988,584	1,262,160	-	2,250,744
Cash with County Treasurer	3,482,594	-	776,551	-	-	4,259,145
Taxes receivable	868,976	-	240,259	-	-	1,109,235
Intergovernmental receivables	1,474,753	124,762	-	-	136,427	1,735,942
Other receivables	-	-	-	35,000	156	35,156
Due from other funds	678,258	16,663	-	-	102,130	797,051
Inventories and prepaids	-	-	-	-	2,541	2,541
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$ 7,051,289</b>	<b>\$ 462,030</b>	<b>\$ 2,005,394</b>	<b>\$ 1,297,160</b>	<b>\$ 447,935</b>	<b>\$ 11,263,808</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>						
Accrued salaries and benefits	\$ 696,559	\$ 108,127	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 75,367	\$ 880,053
Due to other funds	118,793	611	877	555,205	121,565	797,051
Unearned revenue	6,024	353,292	-	-	180,150	539,466
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>821,376</b>	<b>462,030</b>	<b>877</b>	<b>555,205</b>	<b>377,082</b>	<b>2,216,570</b>
<b>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>						
Unavailable revenue-property taxes	839,700	-	233,386	-	-	1,073,086
Unavailable revenue-grants	567,035	-	-	-	-	567,035
<b>Total deferred inflows of resources</b>	<b>1,406,735</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>233,386</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,640,121</b>
<b>FUND BALANCES</b>						
Nonspendable for:						
Inventories and prepaid expenses	-	-	-	-	2,541	2,541
Restricted for:						
Emergency reserve (TABOR)	195,000	-	-	-	-	195,000
Debt service	-	-	1,771,131	-	-	1,771,131
Preschool	169,028	-	-	-	-	169,028
Committed for:						
Pupil Activities	-	-	-	-	197,979	197,979
Assigned for:						
Capital projects	-	-	-	741,955	-	741,955
Unassigned	4,459,150	-	-	-	(129,667)	4,329,483
<b>Total fund balances</b>	<b>4,823,178</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,771,131</b>	<b>741,955</b>	<b>70,853</b>	<b>7,407,117</b>
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, and fund balances	\$ 7,051,289	\$ 462,030	\$ 2,005,394	\$ 1,297,160	\$ 447,935	\$ 11,263,808

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

**CRIPPLE CREEK - VICTOR SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1**  
**RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET TO THE**  
**STATEMENT OF NET POSITION**  
**JUNE 30, 2023**

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position are different because:

Total fund balance - governmental funds	\$ 7,407,117
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.	
Capital assets, not being depreciated	\$ 1,915,046
Capital assets, net of depreciation	<u>12,017,032</u>
Property tax receivable is not available to pay current period expenditures and, therefore, is not reported in the funds.	
	1,073,086
Revenues in the statement of activities that do not provide financial resources are not reported as revenues in the funds.	567,035
Long-term liabilities and related items are not due and payable in the current year and, therefore, are not reported in government funds:	
Deferred charges on refunding	\$ 132,235
Net pension liabilities	(9,529,103)
Pension outflows	2,274,913
Pension inflows	(722,813)
Net OPEB liabilities	(324,674)
OPEB outflows	99,666
OPEB inflows	(120,228)
Accrued interest	(60,088)
Compensated absences	(310,153)
Leases payable	(39,179)
Loans payable	(2,592,544)
Unamortized premium on bonds	(120,535)
Bonds payable	<u>(2,340,000)</u>
Net position of governmental activities in the statement of net position	<u>\$ 9,326,813</u>

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

**CRIPPLE CREEK - VICTOR SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1**  
**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES**  
**GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

	<b>General Fund</b>	<b>Head Start Fund</b>	<b>Bond Redemption Fund</b>	<b>Capital Reserve Fund</b>	<b>Total Nonmajor Funds</b>	<b>Total Governmental Funds</b>
<b>REVENUES</b>						
Local sources	\$ 4,844,253	\$ 15,870	\$ 1,016,968	\$ 129,642	\$ 131,173	\$ 6,137,906
State sources	1,334,500	-	-	-	1,285	1,335,785
Federal sources	937,331	1,305,029	-	147,000	660,541	3,049,901
Total revenues	7,116,084	1,320,899	1,016,968	276,642	792,999	10,523,592
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>						
Instruction	3,638,753	357,385	-	1,832,252	272,001	6,100,391
Supporting services	3,936,567	403,164	-	156,876	165,370	4,661,977
Food service operations	482	-	-	-	411,255	411,737
Community services	109,763	560,350	-	-	84,052	754,165
Facilities acquisition and construction	-	-	-	414,761	-	414,761
Debt service	58,683	-	988,879	41,200	-	1,088,762
Total expenditures	7,744,248	1,320,899	988,879	2,445,089	932,678	13,431,793
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	(628,164)	-	28,089	(2,168,447)	(139,679)	(2,908,201)
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>						
Capital financing	1,000,000	-	-	1,592,544	-	2,592,544
Total other financing sources (uses)	1,000,000	-	-	1,592,544	-	2,592,544
Net change in fund balances	371,836	-	28,089	(575,903)	(139,679)	(315,657)
Fund balances - beginning	4,451,342	-	1,743,042	1,317,858	210,532	7,722,774
Fund balances - ending	\$ 4,823,178	\$ -	\$ 1,771,131	\$ 741,955	\$ 70,853	\$ 7,407,117

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

**CRIPPLE CREEK - VICTOR SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1**  
**RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND**  
**CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:

Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds:	\$ (315,657)
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Governmental funds report capital outlays 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.

Capital outlays	\$ 2,399,425
Depreciation	<u>(661,508)</u>
	1,737,917

In the statement of activities, the disposition of capital assets generates a gain or loss and is reported as such. The gain or loss on disposition is not a current financial resource or use and, thus, is not reported in the funds.

(79,605)

Revenues in the statement of activities that do not provide financial resources are not reported as revenues in the funds.

Grants	567,035
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Governmental funds do not present property tax revenues that are not available to pay current obligations. In contrast, such revenues are reported in the statement of activities when earned.

1,000,837

The issuance of long-term debt provides current financial resources to governmental funds, while the repayment of the principal of long-term debt consumes the current financial resources of the governmental funds. Also, governmental funds report the effect of premiums, discounts, and similar items 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 in the treatment of long-term debt and related items.

Repayment of principal	\$ 895,000
Lease principal	50,380
Proceeds from issuance of debt	<u>(2,592,544)</u>
	(1,647,164)

Governmental funds measure compensated absences by the amount of financial resources used, whereas these expenses are reported in the statement of activities based on the amounts incurred during the year.

(205,616)

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

Pension expenses	\$ (364,248)
OPEB expenses	37,902
Interest expense	(51,407)
Amortization of debt premiums and deferred amounts on refunding	<u>(4,677)</u>
	(382,430)

Change in net position of governmental activities	\$ 675,317
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**CRIPPLE CREEK - VICTOR SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1**  
**STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION**  
**FIDUCIARY FUND**  
**JUNE 30, 2023**

	<b>Private- Purpose Trust Fund</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Cash and investments	\$ 5,302
Total assets	<u><u>\$ 5,302</u></u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>	
Accounts payable	\$ -
Total liabilities	<u><u>-</u></u>
<b>NET POSITION</b>	
Held in trust for individuals	
Expendable	<u><u>5,302</u></u>
Total net position	<u><u>\$ 5,302</u></u>

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

**CRIPPLE CREEK - VICTOR SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1**  
**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION**  
**FIDUCIARY FUND**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE, 30 2023**

	<b>Private- Purpose Trust Fund</b>
<b>ADDITIONS</b>	
Investment income	\$ _____ -
Total additions	_____ -
<b>DEDUCTIONS</b>	
Scholarship awards	_____ -
Total deductions	_____ -
Change in net position	-
Net position - beginning	5,302
Net position - ending	\$ 5,302

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## **NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**CRIPPLE CREEK - VICTOR SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**JUNE 30, 2023**

**NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The financial statements of Cripple Creek - Victor School District RE-1 (the District) have been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is responsible for establishing GAAP for state and local governments through its pronouncements (Statements and Interpretations). The more significant accounting policies established in GAAP and used by the District are discussed below.

*A. REPORTING ENTITY*

The was organized by a vote of qualified electorate in 1959, under the provisions of the Colorado School Organization Act of 1957. The legislative power of the School District is vested in the Board of Education, consisting of five members elected at large for staggered four-year terms. The Board of Education provides educational services to 313.0 FTE students.

The School District serves an area approximately two hundred and sixty six square miles. It encompasses the southwest area of Teller County Colorado.

The accompanying financial statements present the government and its component units, entities for which the government is considered to be financially accountable. Blended component units are, in substance, part of the primary government's operations, even though they are legally separate entities. Thus, blended component units are appropriately presented as funds of the primary government. Each discretely presented component unit is reported in a separate column in the government-wide financial statements to emphasize that it is both legally and substantively separate from the government.

Based on the application of these criteria, the District does not include additional organizations within its reporting entity.

*B. GOVERNMENT-WIDE AND FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENT PRESENTATION*

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 and its component units. Any fiduciary activities are reported only in the fund financial statements. *Governmental activities* are supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues. The *primary government* is reported separately from certain legally separate *component units* for which the primary government is financially accountable.

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which direct expenses of given functions 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 students or other service users 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. All taxes, including those dedicated for specific purposes, and other internally dedicated resources are reported as *general revenues* rather than as program revenues.

**CRIPPLE CREEK - VICTOR SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**JUNE 30, 2023**

**NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

While separate government-wide and fund financial statements are presented, they are interrelated. The governmental activities column incorporates data from governmental funds and internal service funds. Separate financial statements are provided for governmental funds, proprietary funds, and fiduciary funds, even though the latter are excluded from the government-wide financial statements. As a general rule, the effect of interfund activity has been eliminated from the government-wide financial statements. Exceptions to this general rule are charges for interfund services provided and used, the elimination of which would distort the direct costs and program revenues reported for the various functions.

The emphasis of fund financial statements is on major funds. Major individual funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements. All remaining governmental funds are aggregated and reported as non-major funds.

The District reports the following major governmental funds:

The *General Fund* is the District'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 *Head Start Fund* is used to record financial transactions for grants received for the District's federal Head Start Program.

The *Bond Redemption Fund* accounts for the accumulation of resources restricted for the servicing of the District's general obligation bonds.

*Capital Project Funds* account for the proceeds, construction and acquisition of capital assets.

The *Capital Reserve Fund* accounts for the purposes and limitations specified by Section 22-45-103(1)(c), C.R.S., including the acquisition of sites, buildings, equipment and vehicles.

Additionally, the District reports the following fund types:

*Special Revenue Funds* account for revenue sources that are legally restricted to expenditure for specific purposes.

The *Food Service Fund* accounts for transactions related to food service operations. It also accounts for USDA school breakfast/lunch money.

The *Governmental Designated-Purpose Grants Fund* is used to record financial transactions for grants received for designated programs funded by federal, state or local governments.

The *Student Activity Fund* is used to account for the revenues and expenditures related to school sponsored student intrascholastic and interscholastic athletic and other related activities. The fund receives subsidies from the General Fund.

**CRIPPLE CREEK - VICTOR SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**JUNE 30, 2023**

**NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

*Fiduciary Funds* account for assets held by the District in a trustee capacity or as an agent on behalf of individuals or private organizations.

The *Private-Purpose Trust Fund* reports trust arrangements under which the principal and income benefit scholarship recipients and are not used as part of operations of the District.

During the course of operations, the government has activity between funds for various purposes. Any residual balances outstanding at year end are reported as due from/to other funds and advances to/from other funds. While these balances are reported in fund financial statements, certain eliminations are made in the preparation of the government-wide financial statements. Balances between the funds included in governmental activities (i.e., the governmental and internal service funds) are eliminated so that only the net amount is included as internal balances in the governmental activities column.

Further, certain activity occurs during the year involving transfers of resources between funds. In fund financial statements these amounts are reported at gross amounts as transfers in/out. While reported in fund financial statements, certain eliminations are made in the preparation of the government-wide financial statements. Transfers between the funds included in governmental activities are eliminated so that only the net amount is included as transfers in the governmental activities column.

**C. MEASUREMENT FOCUS AND BASIS OF ACCOUNTING**

The accounting and financial reporting treatment is determined by the applicable measurement focus and basis of accounting. Measurement focus indicates the type of resources being measured such as *current financial resources* or *economic resources*. The basis of accounting indicates the timing of transactions or events for recognition in the financial statements.

The government-wide, and fiduciary fund financial statements are reported using the *economic resources measurement focus* and the *accrual basis of accounting*. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of the 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.

The governmental fund financial statements are reported using the *current financial resources measurement focus* and the *modified accrual basis* of accounting. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be *available* when they are collectible within the period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current fiscal period. For this purpose, the government considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period. Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, debt service expenditures, as well as expenditures related to compensated absences and claims and judgments, are recorded only when payment is due. General capital asset acquisitions, including entering into contracts giving the District the right to use leased assets, are reported as expenditures in governmental funds. Issuance of long-term debt and acquisitions under leases are reported as other financing sources.

**CRIPPLE CREEK - VICTOR SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**JUNE 30, 2023**

**NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

Property taxes, interest, and charges for services associated with the current fiscal period are all considered to be susceptible to accrual and so have been recognized as revenues of the current fiscal period. Specific ownership taxes collected and held by the county at year-end on behalf of the District are also recognized as revenue. Expenditure-driven grants are recognized as revenue when the qualifying expenditures have been incurred and all other eligibility requirements have been met, and the amount is received during the period or within the availability period for this revenue source (within 60 days of year-end). All other revenue items are considered to be measurable and available only when cash is received by the District.

***D. ASSETS, LIABILITIES, DEFERRED OUTFLOWS/INFLOWS OF RESOURCES, AND NET POSITION/FUND BALANCE***

*Cash and cash equivalents*

The District pools cash resources of its various funds in order to facilitate the management of cash. Cash applicable to a particular fund is readily identifiable. The balance in the cash account is available to meet current operating requirements. Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand and in the bank and short-term investments with original maturities of three months or less from the date of acquisition.

*Investments*

Investments with a maturity of less than one year when purchased, non-negotiable certificates of deposit, and other nonparticipating investments are stated at cost or amortized cost. Investments with a maturity greater than one year when purchased are stated at fair value. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an investment in an orderly transaction at year end.

Local government investment pools in Colorado must be organized under Colorado Revised Statutes, which allows certain types of governments within the state to pool their funds for investment purposes. Investments in such pools are reported at net asset value.

*Receivables*

All receivables are reported at their gross values and, where appropriate, are reduced by the estimated portion that is expected to be uncollectible.

*Inventories and prepaid items*

Inventories are recorded as expenditures/expenses when consumed rather than when purchased. General warehouse inventory is valued at cost using the first-in/first-out (FIFO) method. Food Service inventory is stated at cost using the weighted average method except for commodities. USDA donated food commodities are valued at estimated acquisition value at the date of receipt.

Certain payments to vendors reflect costs applicable to future accounting periods and are recorded as prepaid items in both the government-wide and fund financial statements. The cost of prepaid items is recorded as expenditures/expenses when consumed rather than when purchased.

**CRIPPLE CREEK - VICTOR SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**JUNE 30, 2023**

**NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

*Capital assets*

Capital assets include tangible and intangible assets that are reported in the governmental activities column in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets, except for lease assets, are defined by the District as assets with an initial, individual cost of more than \$5,000 and an estimated useful life in excess of two years. For lease assets, only those intangible lease assets that cost more than \$50,000 are reported as capital assets.

As the District constructs or acquires capital assets each period they are capitalized and reported at historical cost (except for intangible right-to-use lease assets, the measurement of which is discussed in Note 1 D. *Leases* below). The reported value excludes normal maintenance and repairs, which are amounts spent in relation to capital assets that do not increase the asset's capacity or efficiency or increase its estimated useful life. Donated capital assets are recorded at acquisition value at the date of donation. Acquisition value is the price that would be paid to acquire an asset with equivalent service potential on the date of the donation. Intangible assets follow the same capitalization policies as tangible capital assets and are reported with tangible assets in the appropriate capital asset class.

Land and construction in progress are not depreciated. The other tangible and intangible assets of the District are depreciated/amortized using the straight-line method over the following estimated useful lives:

Buildings and improvements	15-45 years
Equipment and vehicles	5-15 years

*Accrued Salaries and Benefits*

Salaries and benefits of teachers and other contracted personnel are paid over a twelve-month period, but are earned during a school year of approximately nine months. The salaries and benefits earned, but unpaid, are reported as a liability in the respective funds and have been fully funded as of the fiscal year end.

*Unearned Revenue*

Unearned revenue includes resources received by the District before the related revenue can be recognized because the earnings process is not complete.

*Deferred outflows/inflows 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.

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.

**CRIPPLE CREEK - VICTOR SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**JUNE 30, 2023**

**NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

*Leases*

Lessee: The District is a lessee for noncancelable leases of vehicles and equipment. The District recognizes a lease liability and an intangible right-to-use lease assets in the government-wide financial statements. The District recognizes lease liabilities with an initial, individual value of \$50,000 or more.

At the commencement of a lease, the District initially measures the lease liability at the present value of payments expected to be made during the lease term. Subsequently, the lease liability is reduced by the principal portion of lease payments made. The lease asset is initially measured as the initial amount of the lease liability, adjusted for lease payments made at or before the lease commencement date, plus certain initial direct costs. Subsequently, the lease asset is amortized on a straight-line basis over its useful life.

Key estimates and judgments related to leases include how the District determines (1) the discount rate it uses to discount the expected lease payments to present value, (2) lease term, and (3) lease payments.

- The District uses the interest rate charged by the lessor as the discount rate. When the interest rate charged by the lessor is not provided, the District generally uses its estimated incremental borrowing rate as the discount rate for leases.
- The lease term includes the noncancelable period of the lease. Lease payments included in the measurement of the lease liability are composed of fixed payments and purchase option price that the District is reasonably certain to exercise.

The District monitors changes in circumstances that would require a remeasurement of its lease and will remeasure the lease asset and liability if certain changes occur that are expected to significantly affect the amount of the lease liability.

Lease assets are reported with other capital assets and lease liabilities are reported with long-term debt on the statement of net position.

*Long-term liabilities*

In the government-wide financial statements long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the applicable governmental activities statement of net position. Bond premiums and discounts are deferred and amortized over the life of the debt using the straight-line method. Bonds payable are reported net of the applicable premium or discount.

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

**CRIPPLE CREEK - VICTOR SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**JUNE 30, 2023**

**NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

*Pensions*

Cripple Creek - Victor School District RE-1 participates in the School Division Trust Fund (SCHDTF), a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan administered by the Public Employees' Retirement Association of Colorado (PERA). The net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position (FNP) and additions to/deductions from the FNP of the SCHDTF have been determined using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. For this purpose, benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value.

*Other Post Employment Benefit (OPEB) Plan*

Cripple Creek - Victor School District RE-1 participates in the Health Care Trust Fund (HCTF), a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit OPEB fund administered by the Public Employees' Retirement Association of Colorado ("PERA"). The net OPEB liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB, OPEB expense, information about the fiduciary net position (FNP) and additions to/deductions from the FNP of the HCTF have been determined using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. For this purpose, benefits paid on behalf of health care participants are recognized when due and/or payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value.

*Net position*

For government-wide reporting the difference between assets and deferred outflows of resources less liabilities and deferred inflows of resources is called net position. Net position is comprised of three components: net investment in capital assets, restricted, and unrestricted.

*Net investment in capital assets* consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation/amortization and reduced by outstanding balances of bonds, notes, and other debt that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets. Deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets or related debt are included in this component of net position.

*Restricted* net position consists of restricted assets reduced by liabilities and deferred inflows of resources related to those assets. Assets are reported as restricted when constraints are placed on asset use either by external parties or by law through constitutional provision or enabling legislation.

*Unrestricted* net position is the net amount of the assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources that does not meet the definition of the two preceding categories.

**CRIPPLE CREEK - VICTOR SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**JUNE 30, 2023**

**NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

Sometimes the District will fund outlays for a particular purpose from both restricted (e.g., restricted bond or grant proceeds) and unrestricted resources. In order to calculate the amounts to report as restricted net position and unrestricted net position in the government-wide and proprietary fund financial statements, a flow assumption must be made about the order in which the resources are considered to be applied. It is the District's policy to consider restricted net position to have been depleted before unrestricted net position is applied.

*Fund balance classification*

The governmental fund financial statements present fund balances based on classifications that comprise a hierarchy that is based primarily on the extent to which the District is bound to honor constraints on the specific purposes for which amounts in the respective governmental funds can be spent. The classifications available to be used in the governmental fund financial statements are as follows:

**Nonspendable** – This classification includes amounts that cannot be spent because they are either (a) not in spendable form or (b) are legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.

**Restricted** – This classification includes amounts for which constraints have been placed on the use of the resources either (a) externally imposed by creditors (such as through a debt covenant), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments, or (b) imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

**Committed** – This classification includes amounts that can be used only for specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by formal resolution of the Board of Education. These amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the Board of Education removes or changes the specified use by taking the same type of action that was used when the funds were initially committed. This classification also includes contractual obligations to the extent that existing resources have been specifically committed for use in satisfying those contractual requirements.

**Assigned** – This classification includes amounts that are constrained by the District's intent to be used for a specific purpose but are neither restricted nor committed. This intent can be expressed by the Board of Education or through the Board of Education delegating this responsibility to management through the budgetary process. This classification also includes the remaining positive fund balance for any governmental funds except for the General Fund.

**Unassigned** – This classification includes the residual fund balance for the General Fund. The unassigned classification also includes negative residual fund balance of any other governmental fund that cannot be eliminated by offsetting of Assigned fund balance amounts.

The District would typically use Restricted fund balances first, followed by Committed resources, and then Assigned resources, as appropriate opportunities arise, but reserves the right to selectively spend Unassigned resources first to defer the use of these other classified funds.

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**NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

***E. REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES/EXPENSES***

*Property Taxes*

Property taxes for the current year are certified in arrears to the County by December 15, and attach as an enforceable lien on property the following January 1. Property taxes are payable in full by April 30, or are payable in two equal installments due February 28 and June 15. The County Treasurer bills and collects the District's property tax. District property tax revenues are recognized when levied to the extent they result in current receivables.

The District is permitted to levy taxes on the assessed valuation for general governmental services and for the payment of principal and interest on long-term debt. The tax rate for the year ended December 31, 2023 is 11.214 mills for general operating expenses and 2.669 mills for the payment of long-term debt. The District's assessed valuation for the collection year 2021 is \$369,288,700.

*Specific Ownership Taxes*

Specific ownership taxes are collected by the county for motor vehicle and other personal property registered in the District's assessment area. The tax receipts collected by the county are remitted to the District in the subsequent month and are considered unrestricted intergovernmental revenues. Specific ownership taxes are recorded as revenue when collected by the county.

*Compensated Absences*

Accumulated discretionary days are reimbursed upon voluntary termination of employment if the employee has been employed with the District for at least five consecutive years. Discretionary days are not reimbursed to any individual terminated by the District.

The current portion of this liability represents the amounts that would be liquidated with expendable available financial resources and would be recorded in the General Fund. The current portion is not material. Therefore, a liability of these benefits has not been reflected in these statements.

***F. ESTIMATES***

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

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**NOTE 2 – STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY**

*Budgetary Information*

Budgets are required by State law for all funds, except fiduciary funds. The Superintendent submits a proposed budget to the Board of Education for the fiscal year commencing the following July 1. The budget includes proposed expenditures and the means of financing them. It also includes a statement describing the major objectives of the educational program to be undertaken by the District and the manner in which the budget proposes to fulfill such objectives. Public hearings are conducted by the Board of Education to obtain public comments.

On or before June 30, the budget is adopted by formal resolution. After the adoption of the budget, the board may review and change the budget at any time prior to January 31 of the fiscal year for which the budget was adopted. After January 31, the board may not review or change the budget except where money for a specific purpose from other than ad valorem taxes becomes available which could not have been reasonable foreseen at the time of the adoption of the budget. Expenditures may not legally exceed appropriations at the fund level. Authorization to transfer budgeted amounts between line items within any fund rests with the Superintendent. Revisions that alter the total expenditures in any fund must be approved by the Board of Education. Appropriations are based on total funds expected to be available in each budget year, including beginning fund balances as established by the Board of Education.

Budgets for all fund types are adopted on a basis consistent with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP). GAAP-basis accounting requires that expenditures of salaries and related benefits be recorded in the fiscal year earned. Thus, the District budgets for all accrued salaries and related benefits earned but unpaid at June 30. Budgeted amounts reported in the accompanying financial statements are as originally adopted and as amended by the Superintendent and/or Board of Education throughout the year. All appropriations lapse at the end of each fiscal year.

*Excess of Expenditures over Appropriations*

For the year ended June 30, 2023, expenditures exceeded appropriations in the General Fund, Capital Reserve Fund, Food Service Fund, Student Activity Fund, and Designated Purpose Grants Fund by \$890,945, \$295,089, \$132,109, \$36,574, and \$104,170, respectively. These over-expenditures were funded by other financing sources and/or greater than anticipated revenues.

*Deficit Fund Equity*

At June 30, 2023, the Food Service Fund has a deficit net position balance of \$127,126 due to an increase in expenditures during the year. This deficit will be eliminated through a budgeted transfer from the General Fund during the 2023/2024 fiscal year.

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**NOTE 3 – DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS**

A summary of deposits and investments as of June 30, 2023 is as follows:

Deposits	\$ 1,894,330
Investments	<u>1,430,408</u>
 Total	 <u>\$ 3,324,738</u>

Deposits and investments are reported in the financial statements as follows:

Cash and investments	\$ 1,073,994
Restricted cash and investments	<u>2,250,744</u>
 Total	 <u>\$ 3,324,738</u>

*Cash deposits with financial institutions*

Custodial Credit Risk—deposits: Custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of a bank failure, the District's deposits might not be recovered. The Colorado Public Deposit Protection Act (PDPA) requires that all units of local government deposit cash in eligible public depositories. Eligibility is determined by state regulations. Amounts on deposit in excess of federal insurance levels must be collateralized by eligible collateral as determined by the PDPA. PDPA allows the financial institution to create a single collateral pool for all public funds held. The pool is to be maintained by another institution or held in trust for all the uninsured public deposits as a group. The market value of the collateral must be at least equal to 102% of the uninsured deposits.

The carrying amount of the District's deposits at June 30, 2023 was \$1,894,330 and the bank balances were \$2,071,374. Of the bank balances, \$695,660 were covered by federal deposit insurance, and the remaining balance was uninsured but collateralized in accordance with the provisions of the PDPA.

*Investments*

The District is authorized by Colorado statutes to invest in the following:

- Obligations of the United States and certain U.S. government agencies' securities;
- Certain international agencies' securities;
- General obligation and revenue bonds of U.S. local government entities;
- Bankers' acceptances of certain banks;
- Certain commercial paper;
- Local government investment pools;
- Written repurchase agreements collateralized by certain authorized securities;
- Certain money market fund;
- Guaranteed investment contracts.

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**NOTE 3 – DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)**

At June 30, 2023 the District's investment balances were as follows:

<u>Investment Type</u>	<u>Year-end Balance</u>	<u>Measurement</u>	<u>Maturity</u>	<u>Standard &amp; Poor's Rating</u>
ColoTrust	<u>\$ 1,430,408</u>	Net asset value	Less than 90 days	AAAm

*Local Government Investment Pools.* The Colorado Local Government Liquid Asset Trust (ColoTrust) is an investment vehicle established for local government entities in Colorado to pool surplus funds. The State Securities Commissioner administers and enforces the requirements of creating and operating the pools, which operate in conformity with the Securities and Exchange Commission's Rule 2a-7 as promulgated under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, which includes the maintenance of each share equal in value to \$1.00. Investments are limited to those allowed by state statutes. A designated custodial bank provides safekeeping and depository services in connection with the direct investment and withdrawal functions. The custodians' internal records identify the investments owned by the participating governments. There are no unfunded commitments, the redemption frequency is daily and there is no redemption notice period.

Interest Rate Risk – Interest rate risk is the risk that changes in the market interest rates will adversely affect the fair value of an investment. As a means of managing its exposure to interest rate risk, the District has a board approved investment policy that limits investment maturities to five years or less. Colorado revised statute 24-75-601 also limits investment maturities to five years or less.

Credit Risk – Credit risk is the risk that an issuer of an investment will not fulfill its obligations to the holder of the investment. Credit risk is measured by the assignment of a rating by a nationally recognized statistical rating organization. State law and District policy limit investments to those described above.

Concentration of Credit Risk – Concentration of credit risk is the risk of loss that may be caused by the District's investment in a single issuer. The District places no limit on the amount it may invest in any one issuer. More than 20 percent of the District's investments are in ColoTrust. These investments are 100.0% of the District's total investments.

In accordance with state law, the District has designated UMB as the third party custodian for the bond redemption fund. Funds held at June 30, 2023 total \$988,584 and are included with the ColoTrust investments above.

*Fair value of investments.* The District measures and records its investments using fair value measurement guidelines established by generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). These guidelines recognize a three-tiered fair value hierarchy as follows:

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

District investments measured at net asset value or amortized cost fall under the existing exemptions to fair value measurement.

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**NOTE 4 – INTERFUND RECEIVABLES, PAYABLES, AND TRANSFERS**

*Receivables and Payables*

Interfund receivables and payables are created in conjunction with the District's pooled cash and investment portfolios. Balances are routinely cleared as a matter of practice.

The composition of interfund balances as of June 30, 2023, is as follows:

	<u>Due From Other Funds</u>	<u>Due To Other Funds</u>
General Fund	\$ 678,258	\$ 118,793
Head Start Fund	16,663	611
Bond Redemption Fund	-	877
Capital Reserve Fund	-	555,205
Nonmajor Funds	<u>102,130</u>	<u>121,565</u>
Total	<u><u>\$ 797,051</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 797,051</u></u>

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**NOTE 5 - CAPITAL ASSETS**

Capital asset activity for the year ended June 30, 2023 was as follows:

	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Increases</u>	<u>Decreases</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
<i>Governmental activities</i>				
Capital assets not being depreciated:				
Construction in progress	\$ 9,000	1,906,046	-	\$ 1,915,046
Total capital assets not being depreciated	<u>9,000</u>	<u>1,906,046</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,915,046</u>
 Capital assets being depreciated:				
Buildings and improvements	20,532,389	17,051	(83,795)	20,465,645
Equipment and vehicles	<u>2,061,219</u>	<u>476,328</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,537,547</u>
Total capital assets being depreciated	<u>22,593,608</u>	<u>493,379</u>	<u>(83,795)</u>	<u>23,003,192</u>
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Buildings and improvements	(8,943,066)	(437,745)	4,190	(9,376,621)
Equipment and vehicles	<u>(1,473,924)</u>	<u>(174,371)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,648,295)</u>
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>(10,416,990)</u>	<u>(612,116)</u>	<u>4,190</u>	<u>(11,024,916)</u>
Total capital assets being depreciated, net	<u>12,176,618</u>	<u>(118,737)</u>	<u>(79,605)</u>	<u>11,978,276</u>
Lease assets being amortized:				
Equipment and vehicles	137,540	-	(72,948)	64,592
Total lease assets being amortized	<u>137,540</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(72,948)</u>	<u>64,592</u>
Less accumulated amortization for:				
Equipment and vehicles	(49,392)	(49,392)	72,948	(25,836)
Total accumulated amortization	<u>(49,392)</u>	<u>(49,392)</u>	<u>72,948</u>	<u>(25,836)</u>
Total lease assets being amortized, net	<u>88,148</u>	<u>(49,392)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>38,756</u>
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation/amortization	<u>12,264,766</u>	<u>(168,129)</u>	<u>(79,605)</u>	<u>12,017,032</u>
Total governmental activities capital assets	<u>\$ 12,273,766</u>	<u>\$ 1,737,917</u>	<u>\$ (79,605)</u>	<u>\$ 13,932,078</u>

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

*Governmental Activities*

Instruction	<u>\$ 661,508</u>
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**NOTE 6 – LEASES**

*District as lessee*

The District, as a lessee, has entered into lease agreements for equipment and vehicles with lease terms ranging from 3 to 5 years. The total costs of these right-to-use lease assets are recorded as \$64,592, less accumulated amortization of \$25,836. The District has determined that as of June 30, 2023, there is no loss associated with an impairment of the right-to-use lease asset.

The future lease payments under lease agreements as of June 30, 2023 are as follows:

<u>Fiscal Year</u> <u>Ending June 30</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2024	\$ 13,667	\$ 1,959	\$ 15,626
2025	14,350	1,276	15,626
2026	<u>11,162</u>	<u>557</u>	<u>11,719</u>
Total	<u>\$ 39,179</u>	<u>\$ 3,792</u>	<u>\$ 42,971</u>

**NOTE 7 – LONG-TERM LIABILITIES**

*General Obligation Bonds*

The District issues general obligation bonds to provide funds for the acquisition and construction of major capital facilities. General obligation bonds have been issued for governmental activities. General obligation bonds are direct obligations and pledge the full faith and credit of the District.

General Obligation bonds outstanding at June 30, 2023 are as follows:

	<u>Original Borrowing</u>	<u>Interest Rates</u>	<u>Final Maturity</u>	<u>Outstanding at Year-end</u>
<i>Governmental Activities</i>				
G.O. Refunding bonds 2014	\$ 6,560,000	2.00% - 5.00%	2026	<u>\$ 2,340,000</u>

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

<u>Fiscal Year</u> <u>Ending June 30</u>	<u>Governmental Activities</u>	
	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>
2024	\$ 915,000	\$ 63,600
2025	950,000	33,250
2026	<u>475,000</u>	<u>8,313</u>
Total	<u>\$ 2,340,000</u>	<u>\$ 105,163</u>

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**NOTE 7 – LONG-TERM LIABILITIES (CONTINUED)**

*Legal Debt Margin*

Assessed valuation	<u>\$ 369,288,700</u>
Debt limit – 20% of assessed valuation	73,857,740
General obligation debt	<u>(2,340,000)</u>
	<u><u>\$ 71,517,740</u></u>

*Notes Payable*

The District has entered into notes and related financing arrangements as follows:

	<u>Original Borrowing</u>	<u>Interest Rates</u>	<u>Final Maturity</u>	<u>Outstanding at Year-end</u>
<i>Governmental Activities</i>				
Zions Bancorporation 2023 Loan	\$1,000,000	4.84%	2033	\$ 1,000,000
Farmers Bank and Trust 2023 Loan	\$1,592,544	4.93%	2042	<u>1,592,544</u>
Total				<u><u>\$ 2,592,544</u></u>

Annual debt service requirements to maturity for loans are as follows:

<u>Fiscal Year Ending June 30</u>	<u>Governmental Activities</u>		
	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	
2024	\$ 95,000	\$ 123,423	
2025	95,000	122,315	
2026	95,000	117,716	
2027	128,144	113,118	
2028	139,803	106,886	
2029-2033	839,658	421,448	
2034-2039	587,076	244,195	
2040-2042	<u>612,863</u>	<u>70,496</u>	
Total	<u><u>\$ 2,592,544</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 1,319,597</u></u>	

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**NOTE 7 – LONG-TERM LIABILITIES (CONTINUED)**

*Changes in Long-Term Liabilities*

Changes in the District's long-term liabilities for the year ended June 30, 2023, are as follows:

	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deductions</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>	<b>Amount Due Within One year</b>
<i>Governmental Activities</i>					
General obligation bonds	\$ 3,235,000	\$ -	\$ (895,000)	\$ 2,340,000	\$ 915,000
Premiums	168,750	-	(48,215)	120,535	-
Total bonds payable	3,403,750	-	(943,215)	2,460,535	915,000
Loans	-	2,592,544	-	2,592,544	95,000
Leases	89,559	-	(50,380)	39,179	13,667
Compensated absences	104,537	205,616	-	310,153	-
Net pension liability	6,574,182	4,144,111	(1,189,190)	9,529,103	-
Net OPEB liability	318,060	68,008	(61,394)	324,674	-
<i>Total Governmental Activities</i>	<u>\$ 10,490,088</u>	<u>\$ 7,010,279</u>	<u>\$ (2,244,179)</u>	<u>\$ 15,256,188</u>	<u>\$ 1,023,667</u>

General obligation bonds are liquidated in the debt service fund. Leases are liquidated in the general fund. Approximately 90% of compensated absences, net pension liabilities, and net OPEB liabilities are normally liquidated in the general fund, with remaining amounts liquidated in other governmental funds.

**NOTE 8 – DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN**

*General Information about the Pension Plan*

*Plan description.* Eligible employees of the Cripple Creek - Victor School District RE-1 are provided with pensions through the SCHDTF—a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan administered by PERA. Plan benefits are specified in Title 24, Article 51 of the Colorado Revised Statutes (C.R.S.), administrative rules set forth at 8 C.C.R. 1502-1, and applicable provisions of the federal Internal Revenue Code. Colorado State law provisions may be amended from time to time by the Colorado General Assembly. PERA issues a publicly available annual comprehensive financial report (ACFR) that can be obtained at [www.copera.org/investments/pera-financial-reports](http://www.copera.org/investments/pera-financial-reports).

*Benefits provided as of December 31, 2022.* PERA provides retirement, disability, and survivor benefits. Retirement benefits are determined by the amount of service credit earned and/or purchased, highest average salary, the benefit structure(s) under which the member retires, the benefit option selected at retirement, and age at retirement. Retirement eligibility is specified in tables set forth at C.R.S. § 24-51-602, 604, 1713, and 1714.

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**NOTE 8 – DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN (CONTINUED)**

The lifetime retirement benefit for all eligible retiring employees under the PERA benefit structure is the greater of the:

- Highest average salary multiplied by 2.5% and then multiplied by years of service credit.
- The value of the retiring employee's member contribution account plus a 100% match on eligible amounts as of the retirement date. This amount is then annuitized into a monthly benefit based on life expectancy and other actuarial factors.

In all cases the service retirement benefit is limited to 100% of highest average salary and also cannot exceed the maximum benefit allowed by federal Internal Revenue Code.

Members may elect to withdraw their member contribution accounts upon termination of employment with all PERA employers; waiving rights to any lifetime retirement benefits earned. If eligible, the member may receive a match of either 50% or 100% on eligible amounts depending on when contributions were remitted to PERA, the date employment was terminated, whether 5 years of service credit has been obtained and the benefit structure under which contributions were made.

Upon meeting certain criteria, benefit recipients who elect to receive a lifetime retirement benefit generally receive post-retirement cost-of-living adjustments, referred to as annual increases in the C.R.S. Subject to the automatic adjustment provision (AAP) under C.R.S. § 24-51-413, eligible benefit recipients under the PERA benefit structure who began membership before January 1, 2007, and all eligible benefit recipients of the DPS benefit structure will receive the maximum annual increase (AI) or AI cap of 1.00% unless adjusted by the AAP. Eligible benefit recipients under the PERA benefit structure who began membership on or after January 1, 2007, will receive the lesser of an annual increase of the 1.00% AI cap or the average increase of the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers for the prior calendar year, not to exceed a determined increase that would exhaust 10% of PERA's Annual Increase Reserve (AIR) for the SCHDTF. The AAP may raise or lower the aforementioned AI cap by up to 0.25% based on the parameters specified in C.R.S. § 24-51-413.

Disability benefits are available for eligible employees once they reach five years of earned service credit and are determined to meet the definition of disability. The disability benefit amount is based on the lifetime retirement benefit formula(s) shown above considering a minimum 20 years of service credit, if deemed disabled.

Survivor benefits are determined by several factors, which include the amount of earned service credit, highest average salary of the deceased, the benefit structure(s) under which service credit was obtained, and the qualified survivor(s) who will receive the benefits.

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**NOTE 8 – DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN (CONTINUED)**

*Contributions provisions as of June 30, 2023:* Eligible employees of, Cripple Creek - Victor School District RE-1 and the State are required to contribute to the SCHDTF at a rate set by Colorado statute. The contribution requirements for the SCHDTF are established under C.R.S. § 24-51-401, *et seq.* and § 24-51-413. Eligible employees are required to contribute 11.00% of their PERA-includable salary during the period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023. Employer contribution requirements are summarized in the table below:

	July 1, 2022 Through June 30, 2023
Employer contribution rate	11.40%
Amount of employer contribution apportioned to the Health Care Trust Fund as specified in C.R.S. § 24-51-208(1)(f)	(1.02)%
Amount apportioned to the SCHDTF	10.38%
Amortization Equalization Disbursement (AED) as specified in C.R.S. § 24-51-411	4.50%
Supplemental Amortization Equalization Disbursement (SAED) as specified in C.R.S. § 24-51-411	5.50%
Total employer contribution rate to the SCHDTF	20.38%

\*\*Contribution rates for the SCHDTF are expressed as a percentage of salary as defined in C.R.S. § 24-51-101(42).

Employer contributions are recognized by the SCHDTF in the period in which the compensation becomes payable to the member and the Cripple Creek - Victor School District RE-1 is statutorily committed to pay the contributions to the SCHDTF. Employer contributions recognized by the SCHDTF from Cripple Creek - Victor School District RE-1 were \$840,643 for the year ended June 30, 2023.

For purposes of GASB 68 paragraph 15, a circumstance exists in which a nonemployer contributing entity is legally responsible for making contributions to the SCHDTF and is considered to meet the definition of a special funding situation. As specified in C.R.S. § 24-51-414, the State is required to contribute \$225 million (actual dollars) direct distribution each year to PERA starting on July 1, 2018. A portion of the direct distribution payment is allocated to the SCHDTF based on the proportionate amount of annual payroll of the SCHDTF to the total annual payroll of the SCHDTF, State Division Trust Fund, Judicial Division Trust Fund, and Denver Public Schools Division Trust Fund. House Bill (HB) 22-1029, instructed the State treasurer to issue an additional direct distribution to PERA in the amount of \$380 million (actual dollars), upon enactment. The July 1, 2023, payment is reduced by \$190 million (actual dollars) to \$35 million (actual dollars). The July 1, 2024, payment will not be reduced due to PERA's negative investment return in 2022. Senate Bill (SB) 23-056, enacted June 2, 2023, requires an additional direct distribution of approximately \$14.5 million (actual dollars), for a total of approximately \$49.5 million (actual dollars) to be contributed July 1, 2023.

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

The net pension liability for the SCHDTF was measured as of December 31, 2022, and the total pension liability (TPL) used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of December 31, 2021. Standard update procedures were used to roll-forward the TPL to December 31, 2022. The Cripple Creek - Victor School District RE-1 proportion of the net pension liability was based on Cripple Creek - Victor School District RE-1 contributions to the SCHDTF for the calendar year 2022 relative to the total contributions of participating employers and the State as a nonemployer contributing entity.

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**NOTE 8 – DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN (CONTINUED)**

At June 30, 2023, the Cripple Creek - Victor School District RE-1 reported a liability of \$9,529,103 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability that reflected an increase for support from the State as a nonemployer contributing entity. The amount recognized by the Cripple Creek - Victor School District RE-1 as its proportionate share of the net pension liability, the related support from the State as a nonemployer contributing entity, and the total portion of the net pension liability that was associated with Cripple Creek - Victor School District RE-1 were as follows:

Cripple Creek - Victor School District RE-1 proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 9,529,103
The State's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a nonemployer contributing entity associated with the Cripple Creek - Victor School District RE-1	2,776,876
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 12,305,979</b>

At December 31, 2022, the Cripple Creek - Victor School District RE-1 proportion was 0.0523304946%, which was a decrease of 0.0041615197% from its proportion measured as of December 31, 2021.

For the year ended June 30, 2023, the Cripple Creek - Victor School District RE-1 recognized pension expense of \$364,248 and revenue of \$326,544 for support from the State as a nonemployer contributing entity. At June 30, 2023, the Cripple Creek - Victor School District RE-1 reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>
Difference between expected and actual experience	\$ 90,183	\$ -
Changes of assumptions or other inputs	168,791	-
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	1,280,110	-
Changes in proportion and differences between contributions recognized and proportionate share of contributions	318,338	722,813
Contributions subsequent to the measurement date	417,491	N/A
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$ 2,274,913</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 722,813</u></b>

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**NOTE 8 – DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN (CONTINUED)**

\$417,491 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions, resulting from contributions subsequent to the measurement date, will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ended June 30, 2024. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year ended June 30:	
2024	\$ 33,203
2025	(48,683)
2026	405,506
2027	744,583
2028	-
Thereafter	-

*Actuarial assumptions.* The TPL in the December 31, 2021 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial cost method, actuarial assumptions and other inputs:

Actuarial cost method	Entry age
Price inflation	2.30%
Real wage growth	0.70%
Wage inflation	3.00%
Salary increases, including wage inflation	3.40% – 11.00%
Long-term investment rate of return, net of pension plan investment expenses, including price inflation	7.25%
Discount rate	7.25%
Post-retirement benefit increases:	
PERA benefit structure hired prior to 1/1/07; and DPS benefit structure (compounded annually)	1.00%
PERA benefit structure hired after 12/31/06 <sup>1</sup>	Financed by the AIR

<sup>1</sup> Post-retirement benefit increases are provided by the AIR, accounted separately within each Division Trust Fund, and subject to moneys being available; therefore, liabilities related to increases for members of these benefit tiers can never exceed available assets.

The mortality tables described below are generational mortality tables developed on a benefit-weighted basis.

Pre-retirement mortality assumptions were based upon the PubT-2010 Employee Table with generational projection using scale MP-2019.

Post-retirement non-disabled mortality assumptions were based upon the PubT-2010 Healthy Retiree Table, adjusted as follows:

- Males: 112% of the rates prior to age 80 and 94% of the rates for ages 80 and older, with generational projection using scale MP-2019.
- Females: 83% of the rates prior to age 80 and 106% of the rates for ages 80 and older, with generational projection using scale MP-2019.

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Post-retirement non-disabled beneficiary mortality assumptions were based upon the Pub-2010 Contingent Survivor Table, adjusted as follows:

- Males: 97% of the rates for all ages, with generational projection using scale MP-2019.
- Females: 105% of the rates for all ages, with generational projection using scale MP-2019.

Disabled mortality assumptions were based upon the PubNS-2010 Disabled Retiree Table using 99% of the rates for all ages with generational projection using scale MP-2019.

The actuarial assumptions used in the December 31, 2021, valuation were based on the results of the 2020 experience analysis for the period January 1, 2016, through December 31, 2019, and were reviewed and adopted by the PERA Board at their November 20, 2020, meeting.

The long-term expected return on plan assets is reviewed as part of regular experience studies prepared at least every five years for PERA. The most recent analyses were outlined in the Experience Study report dated October 28, 2020.

Several factors are considered in evaluating the long-term rate of return assumption, including long-term historical data, estimates inherent in current market data, and a log-normal distribution analysis in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected return, net of investment expense and inflation) were developed for each major asset class. These ranges were combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentages and then adding expected inflation.

The PERA Board first adopted the 7.25% long-term expected rate of return as of November 18, 2016. Following an asset/liability study, the Board reaffirmed the assumed rate of return at the Board's November 15, 2019, meeting, to be effective January 1, 2020. As of the most recent reaffirmation of the long-term rate of return, the target asset allocation, and best estimates of geometric real rates of return for each major asset class are summarized in the table as follows:

Asset Class	Target Allocation	30 Year Expected Geometric Real Rate of Return
Global Equity	54.00%	5.60%
Fixed Income	23.00%	1.30%
Private Equity	8.50%	7.10%
Real Estate	8.50%	4.40%
Alternatives	6.00%	4.70%
Total	100.00%	

Note: In setting the long-term expected rate of return, projections employed to model future returns provide a range of expected long-term returns that, including expected inflation, ultimately support a long-term expected nominal rate of return assumption of 7.25%.

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*Discount rate.* The discount rate used to measure the TPL was 7.25%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate applied the actuarial cost method and assumptions shown above. In addition, the following methods and assumptions were used in the projection of cash flows:

- Total covered payroll for the initial projection year consists of the covered payroll of the active membership present on the valuation date and the covered payroll of future plan members assumed to be hired during the year. In subsequent projection years, total covered payroll was assumed to increase annually at a rate of 3.00%.
- Employee contributions were assumed to be made at the member contribution rates in effect for each year, including the scheduled increases in SB 18-200 and required adjustments resulting from the 2018 and 2020 AAP assessments. Employee contributions for future plan members were used to reduce the estimated amount of total service costs for future plan members.
- Employer contributions were assumed to be made at rates equal to the fixed statutory rates specified in law for each year, including the scheduled increase in SB 18-200 and required adjustments resulting from the 2018 and 2020 AAP assessments. Employer contributions also include current and estimated future AED and SAED, until the actuarial value funding ratio reaches 103%, at which point the AED and SAED will each drop 0.50% every year until they are zero. Additionally, estimated employer contributions reflect reductions for the funding of the AIR and retiree health care benefits. For future plan members, employer contributions were further reduced by the estimated amount of total service costs for future plan members not financed by their member contributions.
- As specified in law, the State, as a nonemployer contributing entity, will provide an annual direct distribution of \$225 million (actual dollars), commencing July 1, 2018, that is proportioned between the State, School, Judicial, and DPS Division Trust Funds based upon the covered payroll of each Division. The annual direct distribution ceases when all Division Trust Funds are fully funded.
- HB 22-1029, effective upon enactment in 2022, required the State treasurer to issue, in addition to the regularly scheduled \$225 million (actual dollars) direct distribution, a warrant to PERA in the amount of \$380 million (actual dollars). The July 1, 2023, direct distribution is reduced by \$190 million (actual dollars) to \$35 million (actual dollars). The July 1, 2024, direct distribution will not be reduced from \$225 million (actual dollars) due to PERA's negative investment return in 2022.
- Employer contributions and the amount of total service costs for future plan members were based upon a process to estimate future actuarially determined contributions assuming an analogous future plan member growth rate.
- The AIR balance was excluded from the initial FNP, as, per statute, AIR amounts cannot be used to pay benefits until transferred to either the retirement benefits reserve or the survivor benefits reserve, as appropriate. AIR transfers to the FNP and the subsequent AIR benefit payments were estimated and included in the projections.
- Benefit payments and contributions were assumed to be made at the middle of the year.

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Based on the above assumptions and methods, the SCHDTF's FNP was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return of 7.25% on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the TPL. The discount rate determination does not use the municipal bond index rate, and therefore, the discount rate is 7.25%. There was no change in the discount rate from the prior measurement date.

*Sensitivity of the Cripple Creek - Victor School District RE-1 proportionate share of the net pension liability to changes in the discount rate.* The following presents the proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 7.25%, as well as what the proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower (6.25%) or one percentage point higher (8.25%) than the current rate:

	1% Decrease (6.25%)	Current Discount Rate (7.25%)	1% Increase (8.25%)
Proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 12,470,319	\$ 9,529,103	\$ 7,072,888

*Pension plan fiduciary net position.* Detailed information about the SCHDTF's FNP is available in PERA's ACFR which can be obtained at [www.copera.org/investments/pera-financial-reports](http://www.copera.org/investments/pera-financial-reports).

**NOTE 9 – DEFINED BENEFIT OTHERPOST EMPLOYMENT BENEFIT (OPEB) PLAN**

*General Information about the OPEB Plan*

*Plan description.* Eligible employees of the Cripple Creek - Victor School District RE-1 are provided with OPEB through the HCTF—a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit OPEB plan administered by PERA. The HCTF is established under Title 24, Article 51, Part 12 of the Colorado Revised Statutes (C.R.S.), as amended, and sets forth a framework that grants authority to the PERA Board to contract, self-insure, and authorize disbursements necessary in order to carry out the purposes of the PERACare program, including the administration of the premium subsidies. Colorado State law provisions may be amended by the Colorado General Assembly. PERA issues a publicly available annual comprehensive financial report (ACFR) that can be obtained at [www.copera.org/investments/pera-financial-reports](http://www.copera.org/investments/pera-financial-reports).

*Benefits provided.* The HCTF provides a health care premium subsidy to eligible participating PERA benefit recipients and retirees who choose to enroll in one of the PERA health care plans, however, the subsidy is not available if only enrolled in the dental and/or vision plan(s). The health care premium subsidy is based upon the benefit structure under which the member retires and the member's years of service credit. For members who retire having service credit with employers in the Denver Public Schools (DPS) Division and one or more of the other four Divisions (State, School, Local Government and Judicial), the premium subsidy is allocated between the HCTF and the Denver Public Schools Health Care Trust Fund (DPS HCTF). The basis for the amount of the premium subsidy funded by each trust fund is the percentage of the member contribution account balance from each division as it relates to the total member contribution account balance from which the retirement benefit is paid.

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C.R.S. § 24-51-1202 *et seq.* specifies the eligibility for enrollment in the health care plans offered by PERA and the amount of the premium subsidy. The law governing a benefit recipient's eligibility for the subsidy and the amount of the subsidy differs slightly depending under which benefit structure the benefits are calculated. All benefit recipients under the PERA benefit structure and all retirees under the DPS benefit structure are eligible for a premium subsidy, if enrolled in a health care plan under PERACare. Upon the death of a DPS benefit structure retiree, no further subsidy is paid.

Enrollment in the PERACare health benefits program is voluntary and is available to benefit recipients and their eligible dependents, certain surviving spouses, and divorced spouses and guardians, among others. Eligible benefit recipients may enroll into the program upon retirement, upon the occurrence of certain life events, or on an annual basis during an open enrollment period.

*PERA Benefit Structure*

The maximum service-based premium subsidy is \$230 per month for benefit recipients who are under 65 years of age and who are not entitled to Medicare; the maximum service-based subsidy is \$115 per month for benefit recipients who are 65 years of age or older or who are under 65 years of age and entitled to Medicare. The maximum service-based subsidy, in each case, is for benefit recipients with retirement benefits based on 20 or more years of service credit. There is a 5% reduction in the subsidy for each year less than 20. The benefit recipient pays the remaining portion of the premium to the extent the subsidy does not cover the entire amount.

For benefit recipients who have not participated in Social Security and who are not otherwise eligible for premium-free Medicare Part A for hospital-related services, C.R.S. § 24-51-1206(4) provides an additional subsidy. According to the statute, PERA cannot charge premiums to benefit recipients without Medicare Part A that are greater than premiums charged to benefit recipients with Part A for the same plan option, coverage level, and service credit. Currently, for each individual PERACare enrollee, the total premium for Medicare coverage is determined assuming plan participants have both Medicare Part A and Part B and the difference in premium cost is paid by the HCTF or the DPS HCTF on behalf of benefit recipients not covered by Medicare Part A.

For retirees who have not participated in Social Security and who are not otherwise eligible for premium-free Medicare Part A for hospital-related services, the HCTF or the DPS HCTF pays an alternate service-based premium subsidy. Each individual retiree meeting these conditions receives the maximum \$230 per month subsidy reduced appropriately for service less than 20 years, as described above. Retirees who do not have Medicare Part A pay the difference between the total premium and the monthly subsidy.

*Contributions.* Pursuant to Title 24, Article 51, Section 208(1) (f) of the C.R.S., as amended, certain contributions are apportioned to the HCTF. PERA-affiliated employers of the State, School, Local Government, and Judicial Divisions are required to contribute at a rate of 1.02% of PERA-includable salary into the HCTF.

Employer contributions are recognized by the HCTF in the period in which the compensation becomes payable to the member and the Cripple Creek - Victor School District RE-1 is statutorily committed to pay the contributions. Employer contributions recognized by the HCTF from Cripple Creek - Victor School District RE-1 were \$42,075 for the year ended June 30, 2023.

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

At June 30, 2023, the Cripple Creek - Victor School District RE-1 reported a liability of \$324,674 for its proportionate share of the net OPEB liability. The net OPEB liability for the HCTF was measured as of December 31, 2022, and the total OPEB liability (TOL) used to calculate the net OPEB liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of December 31, 2021. Standard update procedures were used to roll-forward the TOL to December 31, 2022. The Cripple Creek - Victor School District RE-1 proportion of the net OPEB liability was based on Cripple Creek - Victor School District RE-1 contributions to the HCTF for the calendar year 2022 relative to the total contributions of participating employers to the HCTF.

At December 31, 2022, the Cripple Creek - Victor School District RE-1 proportion was 0.0397651207%, which was an increase of 0.0028802184% from its proportion measured as of December 31, 2021.

For the year ended June 30, 2023, the Cripple Creek - Victor School District RE-1 recognized OPEB expense of \$(37,902). At June 30, 2023, the Cripple Creek - Victor School District RE-1 reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

	<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>
Difference between expected and actual experience	\$ 42	\$ 78,517
Changes of assumptions or other inputs	5,218	35,834
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on OPEB plan investments	19,830	-
Changes in proportion and differences between contributions recognized and proportionate share of contributions	53,680	5,877
Contributions subsequent to the measurement date	20,896	N/A
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 99,666</b>	<b>\$ 120,228</b>

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\$20,896 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB, resulting from contributions subsequent to the measurement date, will be recognized as a reduction of the net OPEB liability in the year ended June 30, 2024. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB will be recognized in OPEB expense as follows:

Year ended June 30:	
2024	\$ (22,301)
2025	(20,992)
2026	(2,298)
2027	7,213
2028	(2,434)
Thereafter	(646)

*Actuarial assumptions.* The TOL in the December 31, 2021 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial cost method, actuarial assumptions and other inputs:

Actuarial cost method	Entry age
Price inflation	2.30%
Real wage growth	0.70%
Wage inflation	3.00%
Salary increases, including wage inflation	3.40% - 11.00%
Long-term investment rate of return, net of OPEB plan investment expenses, including price inflation	7.25%
Discount rate	7.25%
Health care cost trend rates	
PERA benefit structure:	
Service-based premium subsidy	0.00%
PERACare Medicare plans	6.50% in 2022, gradually decreasing to 4.50% in 2030
Medicare Part A premiums	3.75% in 2022, gradually increasing to 4.50% in 2029
DPS benefit structure:	
Service-based premium subsidy	0.00%
PERACare Medicare plans	N/A
Medicare Part A premiums	N/A

The TOL for the HCTF, as of the December 31, 2022, measurement date, was adjusted to reflect the disaffiliation, allowable under C.R.S. § 24-51-313, of Tri-County Health Department (TriCounty Health), effective December 31, 2022. As of the close of the 2022 fiscal year, no disaffiliation payment associated with Tri-County Health was received, and therefore no disaffiliation dollars were reflected in the FNP as of the December 31, 2022, measurement date.

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Beginning January 1, 2022, the per capita health care costs are developed by plan option; based on 2022 premium rates for the UnitedHealthcare Medicare Advantage Prescription Drug (MAPD) PPO plan #1, the UnitedHealthcare MAPD PPO plan #2, and the Kaiser Permanente MAPD HMO plan. Actuarial morbidity factors are then applied to estimate individual retiree and spouse costs by age, gender, and health care cost trend. This approach applies for all members and is adjusted accordingly for those not eligible for premium-free Medicare Part A for the PERA benefit structure.

**Age-Related Morbidity Assumptions**

Participant Age	Annual Increase (Male)	Annual Increase (Female)
65-69	3.0%	1.5%
70	2.9%	1.6%
71	1.6%	1.4%
72	1.4%	1.5%
73	1.5%	1.6%
74	1.5%	1.5%
75	1.5%	1.4%
76	1.5%	1.5%
77	1.5%	1.5%
78	1.5%	1.6%
79	1.5%	1.5%
80	1.4%	1.5%
81 and older	0.0%	0.0%

Sample Age	MAPD PPO #1 with Medicare Part A		MAPD PPO #2 with Medicare Part A		MAPD HMO (Kaiser) with Medicare Part A	
	Retiree/Spouse		Retiree/Spouse		Retiree/Spouse	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
65	\$1,704	\$1,450	\$583	\$496	\$1,923	\$1,634
70	\$1,976	\$1,561	\$676	\$534	\$2,229	\$1,761
75	\$2,128	\$1,681	\$728	\$575	\$2,401	\$1,896

Sample Age	MAPD PPO #1 without Medicare Part A		MAPD PPO #2 without Medicare Part A		MAPD HMO (Kaiser) without Medicare Part A	
	Retiree/Spouse		Retiree/Spouse		Retiree/Spouse	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
65	\$6,514	\$5,542	\$4,227	\$3,596	\$6,752	\$5,739
70	\$7,553	\$5,966	\$4,901	\$3,872	\$7,826	\$6,185
75	\$8,134	\$6,425	\$5,278	\$4,169	\$8,433	\$6,657

The 2022 Medicare Part A premium is \$499 (actual dollars) per month.

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All costs are subject to the health care cost trend rates, as discussed below.

Health care cost trend rates reflect the change in per capita health costs over time due to factors such as medical inflation, utilization, plan design, and technology improvements. For the PERA benefit structure, health care cost trend rates are needed to project the future costs associated with providing benefits to those PERACare enrollees not eligible for premium-free Medicare Part A.

Health care cost trend rates for the PERA benefit structure are based on published annual health care inflation surveys in conjunction with actual plan experience (if credible), building block models and industry methods developed by health plan actuaries and administrators. In addition, projected trends for the Federal Hospital Insurance Trust Fund (Medicare Part A premiums) provided by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services are referenced in the development of these rates. Effective December 31, 2021, the health care cost trend rates for Medicare Part A premiums were revised to reflect the current expectation of future increases in rates of inflation applicable to Medicare Part A premiums.

The PERA benefit structure health care cost trend rates that were used to measure the TOL are summarized in the table below:

Year	PERACare Medicare Plans	Medicare Part A Premiums
2022	6.50%	3.75%
2023	6.25%	4.00%
2024	6.00%	4.00%
2025	5.75%	4.00%
2026	5.50%	4.25%
2027	5.25%	4.25%
2028	5.00%	4.25%
2029	4.75%	4.50%
2030+	4.50%	4.50%

Mortality assumptions used in the December 31, 2021, valuation for the determination of the total pension liability for each of the Division Trust Funds as shown below, reflect generational mortality and were applied, as applicable, in the determination of the TOL for the HCTF, but developed using a headcount-weighted basis. Affiliated employers of the State, School, Local Government and Judicial Divisions participate in the HCTF.

Pre-retirement mortality assumptions for the School Division were based upon the PubT-2010 Employee Table with generational projection using scale MP-2019.

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Post-retirement non-disabled mortality assumptions for the School Division were based upon the PubT-2010 Healthy Retiree Table, adjusted as follows:

- Males: 112% of the rates prior to age 80 and 94% of the rates for ages 80 and older, with generational projection using scale MP-2019.
- Females: 83% of the rates prior to age 80 and 106% of the rates for ages 80 and older, with generational projection using scale MP-2019.

Post-retirement non-disabled beneficiary mortality assumptions were based upon the Pub-2010 Contingent Survivor Table, adjusted as follows:

- Males: 97% of the rates for all ages, with generational projection using scale MP-2019.
- Females: 105% of the rates for all ages, with generational projection using scale MP-2019.

Disabled mortality assumptions for members other than State Troopers were based upon the PubNS-2010 Disabled Retiree Table using 99% of the rates for all ages with generational projection using scale MP-2019.

The following health care costs assumptions were updated and used in the roll-forward calculation for the HCTF:

- Per capita health care costs in effect as of the December 31, 2021, valuation date for those PERACare enrollees under the PERA benefit structure who are expected to be age 65 and older and are not eligible for premium-free Medicare Part A benefits have been updated to reflect costs for the 2022 plan year.
- The December 31, 2021, valuation utilizes premium information as of January 1, 2022, as the initial per capita health care cost. As of that date, PERACare health benefits administration is performed by UnitedHealthcare. In that transition, the costs for the Medicare Advantage Option #2 decreased to a level that is lower than the maximum possible service-related subsidy as described in the plan provisions.
- The health care cost trend rates applicable to health care premiums were revised to reflect the then current expectation of future increases in those premiums. Medicare Part A premiums continued with the prior valuation trend pattern.

Actuarial assumptions pertaining to per capita health care costs and their related trend rates are analyzed and updated annually by PERA Board's actuary, as discussed above.

Effective for the December 31, 2022, measurement date, the timing of the retirement decrement was adjusted to middle-of-year within the valuation programming used to determine the TOL, reflecting a recommendation from the 2022 actuarial audit report, dated October 13, 2022, summarizing the results of the actuarial audit performed on the December 31, 2021, actuarial valuation.

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The actuarial assumptions used in the December 31, 2021, valuation were based on the results of the 2020 experience analysis for the period January 1, 2016, through December 31, 2019, and were reviewed and adopted by the PERA Board at their November 20, 2020, meeting.

The long-term expected return on plan assets is reviewed as part of regular experience studies prepared at least every five years for PERA. The most recent analyses were outlined in the Experience Study report dated October 28, 2020.

Several factors are considered in evaluating the long-term rate of return assumption, including long-term historical data, estimates inherent in current market data, and a log-normal distribution analysis in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected return, net of investment expense and inflation) were developed for each major asset class. These ranges were combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentages and then adding expected inflation.

As of the most recent reaffirmation of the long-term rate of return, the target asset allocation and best estimates of geometric real rates of return for each major asset class are summarized in the table as follows:

Asset Class	Target Allocation	30 Year Expected Geometric Real Rate of Return
Global Equity	54.00%	5.60%
Fixed Income	23.00%	1.30%
Private Equity	8.50%	7.10%
Real Estate	8.50%	4.40%
Alternatives	6.00%	4.70%
Total	100.00%	

Note: In setting the long-term expected rate of return, projections employed to model future returns provide a range of expected long-term returns that, including expected inflation, ultimately support a long-term expected nominal rate of return assumption of 7.25%.

*Sensitivity of the Cripple Creek - Victor School District RE-1 proportionate share of the net OPEB liability to changes in the Health Care Cost Trend Rates.* The following presents the net OPEB liability using the current health care cost trend rates applicable to the PERA benefit structure, as well as if it were calculated using health care cost trend rates that are one percentage point lower or one percentage point higher than the current rates:

	1% Decrease in Trend Rates	Current Trend Rates	1% Increase in Trend Rates
Initial PERACare Medicare trend rate <sup>1</sup>	5.25%	6.25%	7.25%
Ultimate PERACare Medicare trend rate	3.50%	4.50%	5.50%
Initial Medicare Part A trend rate	3.00%	4.00%	5.00%
Ultimate Medicare Part A trend rate	3.50%	4.50%	5.50%
Net OPEB Liability	\$ 315,484	\$ 324,674	\$ 334,673

<sup>1</sup>For the January 1, 2023, plan year.

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*Discount rate.* The discount rate used to measure the TOL was 7.25%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate applied the actuarial cost method and assumptions shown above. In addition, the following methods and assumptions were used in the projection of cash flows:

- Updated health care cost trend rates for Medicare Part A premiums as of the December 31, 2022, measurement date.
- Total covered payroll for the initial projection year consists of the covered payroll of the active membership present on the valuation date and the covered payroll of future plan members assumed to be hired during the year. In subsequent projection years, total covered payroll was assumed to increase annually at a rate of 3.00%.
- Employer contributions were assumed to be made at rates equal to the fixed statutory rates specified in law and effective as of the measurement date.
- Employer contributions and the amount of total service costs for future plan members were based upon a process to estimate future actuarially determined contributions assuming an analogous future plan member growth rate.
- Estimated transfers of dollars into the HCTF representing a portion of purchase service agreements intended to cover the costs associated with OPEB benefits.
- Benefit payments and contributions were assumed to be made at the middle of the year.

Based on the above assumptions and methods, the HCTF's FNP was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return of 7.25% on OPEB plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the TOL. The discount rate determination does not use the municipal bond index rate, and therefore, the discount rate is 7.25%. There was no change in the discount rate from the prior measurement date.

*Sensitivity of the Cripple Creek - Victor School District RE-1 proportionate share of the net OPEB liability to changes in the discount rate.* The following presents the proportionate share of the net OPEB liability calculated using the discount rate of 7.25%, as well as what the proportionate share of the net OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one-percentage-point lower (6.25%) or one-percentage-point higher (8.25%) than the current rate:

	1% Decrease (6.25%)	Current Discount Rate (7.25%)	1% Increase (8.25%)
Proportionate share of the net OPEB liability	\$ 376,393	\$ 324,674	\$ 280,437

*OPEB plan fiduciary net position.* Detailed information about the HCTF's FNP is available in PERA's ACFR which can be obtained at [www.copera.org/investments/pera-financial-reports](http://www.copera.org/investments/pera-financial-reports).

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**NOTE 10 - RISK MANAGEMENT**

The District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts, thefts of, damage to, or destruction of assets; errors or omissions; injuries to employees, and natural disasters.

The District purchases commercial insurance for property, liability and worker's compensation risks of loss. Settlements have not exceeded premiums for each of the past three fiscal years.

**NOTE 11 – JOINTLY GOVERNED ORGANIZATION**

*Ute Pass Board of Cooperative Educational Services*

The District in conjunction with other surrounding districts created the Ute Pass Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES). The BOCES is an organization that provides member districts educational services at a shared lower cost per district. The District does not have an ongoing financial interest in or responsibility for the BOCES. Financial statements for the BOCES can be obtained from their office at 405 El Monte Place, Manitou Springs, Colorado 80829.

*Colorado Educational Benefits Trust*

Colorado Educational Benefits Trust (CEBT) is a separate legal entity originally established by twenty-two member school districts pursuant to the provisions of Colorado Revised Statutes and the Colorado Constitution.

The purpose of CEBT is to provide members the benefits of decreased costs in obtaining medical, life, dental and vision coverage for the employees of the member districts. The expense of coverage paid to CEBT is paid annually from the fund in which the employee receives compensation. Contingent liability claims for the coverage have not been recognized to date after reviewing claims history and the remoteness of potential loss in excess of school contributions by the District.

It is the intent of the members of CEBT to operate an entity in perpetuity which will administer and use funds contributed by the members to defend and indemnify, in accordance with bylaws, any member of CEBT against stated liability or loss to the limit of the financial resources of CEBT. It is also the intent of the members to have CEBT provide continuing stability and availability of needed coverage at reasonable costs. All income and assets of CEBT shall be at all times dedicated to the exclusive benefit of its members. CEBT is a separate legal entity and under Colorado Law is not required to prepare budgets. The District does not have the ability to significantly affect the operations of the unit.

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**NOTE 11 – JOINTLY GOVERNED ORGANIZATION (CONTINUED)**

Condensed financial information for the CEBT pool for the year ended June 30, 2022 is as follows:

Assets	\$ 83,812,000
Liabilities	<u>41,940,000</u>
Net Position	<u><u>\$ 41,872,000</u></u>
Revenue	\$ 258,577,000
Expenses	<u>256,656,000</u>
Change in Net Position	<u><u>\$ 1,921,000</u></u>

CEBT issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. The report may be obtained by writing to the Trust's administrator, Willis of Colorado, Inc., 2000 S. Colorado Blvd., Tower II, Suite 900, Denver, CO 80222.

**NOTE 12 – COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES**

*Grants*

The District has received federal and state grants for specific purposes that are subject to review and audit by the grantor agencies. Such audits could lead to a request for reimbursement to grantor agencies for expenditures disallowed under terms of the grant. However, in the opinion of the District, any such adjustments will not have a material adverse effect on the financial position of the District.

*Southern Teller County Public Library District*

On August 18, 2014 the District signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Southern Teller County Public Library District that outlines an operating agreement between the two public entities. The agreement provides for shared costs and services that include occupancy costs, utilities, director salary, and library resources.

**NOTE 13 - TAX, SPENDING, AND DEBT LIMITATIONS**

Colorado voters passed an amendment to the State Constitution, Article X, Section 20, which has several limitations including revenue raising, spending abilities and other specific requirements of state and local governments, including school districts.

The amendment requires emergency reserves be established. These reserves must be at least 3% of fiscal year spending. The District is not allowed to use the emergency reserves to compensate for economic conditions, revenue shortfalls or salary and benefit increases. At June 30, 2023 there is a \$195,000 reservation of fund balance in the General Fund for the amendment.

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**NOTE 13 - TAX, SPENDING, AND DEBT LIMITATIONS (CONTINUED)**

Fiscal year spending and revenue limits are determined based on the prior years' spending adjusted for inflation and local growth. Revenue in excess of the limit must be refunded unless the voters approve retention of such revenue.

The amendment requires, with certain exceptions, voter approval prior to imposing new taxes, increasing tax rate, increasing a mill levy above that for the prior year, extending an expiring tax, or implementing a tax policy change directly causing a net tax revenue gain to any local government.

On November 5, 1997 the registered voters approved a ballot resolution authorizing Cripple Creek - Victor School District RE-1 to collect, retain and expend all revenues from any source provided that no property tax mill levy be increased or any new tax be imposed.

The amendment is complex and subject to judicial interpretation. The District believes it is in compliance with the requirements of the amendment. However, the District has made certain interpretations of the amendment's language in order to determine its compliance.

**NOTE 14 – COLORADO SCHOOL DISTRICT/BOCES, ELECTRONIC DATA INTEGRITY CHECK FIGURES**

The School Finance Act requires inclusion of the Colorado School District/BOCES, Electronic Financial Data Integrity Check Figures as a supplemental schedule to the audited financial statements. The Report is based on a prescribed basis of accounting that demonstrates compliance with the financial policies and procedures of the Colorado Department of Education.

## **REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

**CRIPPLE CREEK - VICTOR SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1**  
**SCHEDULE OF THE EMPLOYER'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET PENSION LIABILITY**  
**JUNE 30, 2023**

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2013</b>
District's proportion of the net pension liability (asset)	0.0523304946%	0.0564920143%	0.0604586509%	0.0515019320%	0.0535914482%	0.0603996419%	0.0645587548%	0.0658102844%	0.0659470600%	0.0682975796%
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset)	\$ 9,529,103	\$ 6,574,182	\$ 9,140,129	\$ 7,694,277	\$ 9,489,467	\$ 19,531,098	\$ 19,221,638	\$ 10,065,218	\$ 8,938,042	\$ 8,711,338
State's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset) associated with the District	2,776,876	753,647	-	975,921	1,297,553	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 12,305,979</b>	<b>\$ 7,327,829</b>	<b>\$ 9,140,129</b>	<b>\$ 8,670,198</b>	<b>\$ 10,787,020</b>	<b>\$ 19,531,098</b>	<b>\$ 19,221,638</b>	<b>\$ 10,065,218</b>	<b>\$ 8,938,042</b>	<b>\$ 8,711,338</b>
District's covered payroll	\$ 4,036,693	\$ 3,530,573	\$ 3,233,330	\$ 3,026,578	\$ 2,946,210	\$ 2,786,164	\$ 2,897,513	\$ 2,867,997	\$ 2,762,709	\$ 2,753,293
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset) as a percentage of its covered payroll	236.06%	186.21%	282.68%	254.22%	322.09%	701.00%	663.38%	350.95%	323.52%	316.40%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	61.8%	74.9%	67.0%	64.5%	57.0%	44.0%	43.1%	59.2%	62.8%	64.1%

\* The amounts presented for each year were determined as of 12/31.

See the accompanying independent auditors' report.

**CRIPPLE CREEK - VICTOR SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1**  
**SCHEDULE OF THE EMPLOYER'S PAYROLL CONTRIBUTIONS - PENSION**  
**JUNE 30, 2023**

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>
Contractually required contribution	\$ 840,643	\$ 750,889	\$ 662,382	\$ 611,550	\$ 571,411	\$ 523,079	\$ 539,201	\$ 511,117	\$ 454,258	\$ 414,265
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	<u>(840,643)</u>	<u>(750,889)</u>	<u>(662,382)</u>	<u>(611,550)</u>	<u>(571,411)</u>	<u>(523,079)</u>	<u>(539,201)</u>	<u>(511,117)</u>	<u>(454,258)</u>	<u>(414,265)</u>
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>\$ -</u>									
District's covered payroll	\$ 4,124,843	\$ 3,777,106	\$ 3,331,903	\$ 3,155,574	\$ 2,986,989	\$ 2,770,546	\$ 2,933,631	\$ 2,882,781	\$ 2,691,101	\$ 2,592,398
Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll	20.38%	19.88%	19.88%	19.38%	19.13%	18.88%	18.38%	17.73%	16.88%	15.98%

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**CRIPPLE CREEK - VICTOR SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1**  
**SCHEDULE OF THE EMPLOYER'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE**  
**OF THE NET OPEB LIABILITY**  
**JUNE 30, 2023**

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>
District's proportion of the net OPEB liability (asset)	0.0397651207%	0.0368849023%	0.0349645220%	0.0336566090%	0.0348347580%	0.0342865141%	0.0366961332%
District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability (asset)	\$ 324,674	\$ 318,060	\$ 332,242	\$ 378,300	\$ 473,942	\$ 445,588	\$ 475,778
District's covered payroll	\$ 4,036,693	\$ 3,530,573	\$ 3,233,330	\$ 3,026,578	\$ 2,946,210	\$ 2,786,164	\$ 2,897,513
District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability (asset) as a percentage of its covered payroll	8.04%	9.01%	10.28%	12.50%	16.09%	15.99%	16.42%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total OPEB liability	38.6%	39.4%	32.8%	24.5%	17.0%	17.5%	16.7%

\* The amounts presented for each year were determined as of 12/31.

\* Complete 10-year information to be presented in future years as it becomes available.

See the accompanying independent auditors' report.

**CRIPPLE CREEK - VICTOR SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1**  
**SCHEDULE OF THE EMPLOYER'S PAYROLL CONTRIBUTIONS - OPEB**  
**JUNE 30, 2023**

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>
Contractually required contribution	\$ 42,075	\$ 38,528	\$ 33,988	\$ 32,188	\$ 30,467	\$ 28,232	\$ 29,911
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	<u>(42,075)</u>	<u>(38,528)</u>	<u>(33,988)</u>	<u>(32,188)</u>	<u>(30,467)</u>	<u>(28,232)</u>	<u>(29,911)</u>
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u><u>\$ -</u></u>						
District's covered payroll	\$ 4,124,843	\$ 3,777,106	\$ 3,331,903	\$ 3,155,574	\$ 2,986,989	\$ 2,770,546	\$ 2,933,631
Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll	1.02%	1.02%	1.02%	1.02%	1.02%	1.02%	1.02%

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## **GENERAL FUND**

The General Fund accounts for all transactions of the District not required to be accounted for in other funds. This fund represents an accounting for the District's ordinary operations financed primarily from property taxes and state aid. It is the most significant fund of the District.

Included in this presentation is the Preschool Sub-Fund of the General Fund. This fund allows the District to separate the accounting and maintain a self-balancing set of records specific to this activity.

The General Fund is deemed to be a major fund for financial reporting purposes.

**CRIPPLE CREEK - VICTOR SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1**  
**GENERAL FUND**  
**SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES**  
**BUDGET AND ACTUAL**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

	<b>Budgeted Amounts</b>		<b>Variance with Final Budget</b>
	<b>Original</b>	<b>Final</b>	
<b>REVENUES</b>			
Local sources:			
Property taxes	\$ 4,016,287	\$ 4,016,287	\$ 4,145,414
Specific ownership taxes	545,607	545,607	540,706
Other local sources	162,566	162,566	158,133
Total local sources	<u>4,724,460</u>	<u>4,724,460</u>	<u>4,844,253</u>
State sources:			
State equalization	-	-	194,334
Other state funding	891,647	891,647	1,140,166
Total state sources	<u>891,647</u>	<u>891,647</u>	<u>1,334,500</u>
Federal sources	<u>2,057,055</u>	<u>2,057,055</u>	<u>937,331</u>
Total revenues	<u>7,673,162</u>	<u>7,673,162</u>	<u>7,116,084</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
Instruction	4,234,287	4,234,287	3,638,753
Supporting services:			
Student services	421,766	421,766	1,072,098
Instructional staff	41,964	41,964	76,871
General administration	392,987	392,987	292,673
School administration	464,964	464,964	645,732
Business services	216,309	216,309	399,100
Operation and maintenance	650,751	650,751	785,864
Student transportation	329,024	329,024	413,905
Central services	91,250	91,250	59,351
Other support services	-	-	190,973
Food service operations	-	-	482
Community services	10,000	10,000	109,763
Debt service	-	-	58,683
Total expenditures	<u>6,853,302</u>	<u>6,853,302</u>	<u>7,744,248</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	<u>819,860</u>	<u>819,860</u>	<u>(628,164)</u>
<b>OTHER FINANCING</b>			
<b>SOURCES (USES)</b>			
Transfers in (out)	(327,946)	(327,946)	-
Capital financing	-	-	1,000,000
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>(327,946)</u>	<u>(327,946)</u>	<u>1,000,000</u>
Net change in fund balance	491,914	491,914	371,836
Fund balance - beginning	<u>4,313,980</u>	<u>4,313,980</u>	<u>4,451,342</u>
Fund balance - ending	<u>\$ 4,805,894</u>	<u>\$ 4,805,894</u>	<u>\$ 17,284</u>

See the accompanying independent auditors' report.

## **HEAD START FUND**

The Head Start Fund is a special revenue fund that accounts for the transactions of the federal Head Start program.

The Head Start Fund is deemed to be a major fund for financial reporting purposes.

**CRIPPLE CREEK - VICTOR SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1**  
**HEAD START FUND**  
**SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES**  
**BUDGET AND ACTUAL**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

	<b>Budgeted Amounts</b>			<b>Variance with Final Budget</b>
	<b>Original</b>	<b>Final</b>	<b>Actual</b>	
<b>REVENUES</b>				
Local sources:				
Other local sources	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 15,870	\$ 15,870
Federal sources	1,723,133	1,723,133	1,305,029	(418,104)
Total revenues	1,723,133	1,723,133	1,320,899	(402,234)
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>				
Instruction	413,016	413,016	357,385	55,631
Supporting services:				
Instructional staff	99,009	99,009	141,962	(42,953)
School administration	299,161	299,161	237,050	62,111
Business services	60,624	60,624	5,657	54,967
Operation and maintenance	20,052	20,052	13,501	6,551
Student transportation	14,516	14,516	4,994	9,522
Community services	816,755	816,755	560,350	256,405
Total expenditures	1,723,133	1,723,133	1,320,899	402,234
Net change in fund balance	-	-	-	-
Fund balance - beginning	-	-	-	-
Fund balance - ending	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

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## **COMBINING AND INDIVIDUAL FUND STATEMENTS AND SCHEDULES**

## **BOND REDEMPTION FUND**

This fund is used to account for the accumulation of resources for and the payment of principal, interest, and related expenses on long-term general obligation debt.

The Bond Redemption Fund is deemed to be a major fund for financial reporting purposes.

**CRIPPLE CREEK - VICTOR SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1**  
**BOND REDEMPTION FUND**  
**SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES**  
**BUDGET AND ACTUAL**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

	<b>Final Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Variance with Final Budget</b>
<b>REVENUES</b>			
Local sources:			
Property taxes	\$ 995,100	\$ 971,244	\$ (23,856)
Other local sources	- _____	45,724 _____	45,724 _____
Total revenues	995,100 _____	1,016,968 _____	21,868 _____
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
Debt service	990,550 _____	988,879 _____	1,671 _____
Total expenditures	990,550 _____	988,879 _____	1,671 _____
Net change in fund balance	4,550 _____	28,089 _____	23,539 _____
Fund balance - beginning	1,742,345 _____	1,743,042 _____	697 _____
Fund balance - ending	<u>\$ 1,746,895</u>	<u>\$ 1,771,131</u>	<u>\$ 24,236</u>

See the accompanying independent auditors' report.

## **CAPITAL RESERVE FUND**

This fund is used to account for significant capital expenditures of the District.

The Capital Reserve Fund is deemed to be a major fund for financial reporting purposes.

**CRIPPLE CREEK - VICTOR SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1**  
**CAPITAL RESERVE FUND**  
**SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES**  
**BUDGET AND ACTUAL**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

	<b>Final Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Variance with Final Budget</b>
<b>REVENUES</b>			
Local sources:			
Other local sources	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 129,642	\$ (870,358)
Federal sources	-	147,000	147,000
Total revenues	<u>1,000,000</u>	<u>276,642</u>	<u>(723,358)</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
Instruction	-	1,832,252	(1,832,252)
Supporting services	-	156,876	(156,876)
Facilities acquisition and construction	2,150,000	414,761	1,735,239
Debt service	-	41,200	(41,200)
Total expenditures	<u>2,150,000</u>	<u>2,445,089</u>	<u>(295,089)</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	(1,150,000)	(2,168,447)	(1,018,447)
<b>OTHER FINANCING</b>			
<b>SOURCES (USES)</b>			
Transfers in	200,000	-	(200,000)
Capital financing	-	<u>1,592,544</u>	<u>1,592,544</u>
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>200,000</u>	<u>1,592,544</u>	<u>1,392,544</u>
Net change in fund balance	(950,000)	(575,903)	374,097
Fund balance - beginning	927,039	1,317,858	390,819
Fund balance - ending	<u>\$ (22,961)</u>	<u>\$ 741,955</u>	<u>\$ 764,916</u>

See the accompanying independent auditors' report.

## **NON-MAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**

### **Special Revenue Funds**

Special Revenue Funds are used to account for specific revenues that are legally restricted to expenditures for specified purposes. These funds may be required by statute or ordinance and others may be established through resolutions by the Board of Education for purposes of better administration. The District has the following Special Revenue Funds:

#### **Food Service Fund**

This fund accounts for all financial activities associated with the District's school lunch program.

#### **Student Activity Fund**

This fund accounts for the transactions of student organizations and clubs.

#### **Governmental Designated-Purpose Grants Fund**

This fund is authorized by Colorado state law to record financial transactions for the grants received for designated programs funded by federal, state, or local resources.

**CRIPPLE CREEK - VICTOR SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1**  
**COMBINING BALANCE SHEET**  
**NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**  
**JUNE 30, 2023**

	<b>Special Revenue Funds</b>				
	<b>Food Service Fund</b>	<b>Student Activity Fund</b>	<b>Governmental Designated-Purpose Grants Fund</b>	<b>Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds</b>	
<b>ASSETS</b>					
Cash and investments	\$ 10,127	\$ 192,634	\$ 3,920	\$ 206,681	
Intergovernmental receivables	-	-	136,427	136,427	
Other receivables	-	156	-	156	
Due from other funds	-	5,189	96,941	102,130	
Inventories and prepaids	<u>2,541</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,541</u>	
Total assets	<u><u>\$ 12,668</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 197,979</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 237,288</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 447,935</u></u>	
<b>LIABILITIES</b>					
Accrued salaries and benefits	\$ 18,229	\$ -	\$ 57,138	\$ 75,367	
Due to other funds	121,565	-	-	121,565	
Unearned revenue	-	-	180,150	180,150	
Total liabilities	<u>139,794</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>237,288</u>	<u>377,082</u>	
<b>FUND BALANCES</b>					
Nonspendable	2,541	-	-	2,541	
Committed for:					
Pupil activities	-	197,979	-	197,979	
Unassigned	<u>(129,667)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(129,667)</u>	
Total fund balances	<u>(127,126)</u>	<u>197,979</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>70,853</u>	
Total liabilities and fund balances	<u><u>\$ 12,668</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 197,979</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 237,288</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 447,935</u></u>	

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**CRIPPLE CREEK - VICTOR SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1**  
**COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES**  
**IN FUND BALANCES**  
**NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

	<b>Special Revenue Funds</b>				<b>Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds</b>
	<b>Food Service Fund</b>	<b>Student Activity Fund</b>	<b>Governmental Designated- Purpose Grants Fund</b>		
<b>REVENUES</b>					
Local sources	\$ 9,190	\$ 121,983	\$ -	\$ 131,173	
State sources	1,285	-	-	1,285	
Federal sources	235,692	-	424,849	660,541	
Total revenues	<u>246,167</u>	<u>121,983</u>	<u>424,849</u>	<u>792,999</u>	
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>					
Instruction	-	12,578	259,423	272,001	
Supporting services	-	544	164,826	165,370	
Food service operations	411,255	-	-	411,255	
Community services	-	83,452	600	84,052	
Total expenditures	<u>411,255</u>	<u>96,574</u>	<u>424,849</u>	<u>932,678</u>	
Net change in fund balances	(165,088)	25,409	-	(139,679)	
Fund balances - beginning	<u>37,962</u>	<u>172,570</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>210,532</u>	
Fund balances - ending	<u>\$ (127,126)</u>	<u>\$ 197,979</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 70,853</u>	

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**CRIPPLE CREEK - VICTOR SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1**  
**FOOD SERVICE FUND**  
**SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES**  
**BUDGET AND ACTUAL**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget
<b>REVENUES</b>			
Local sources	\$ 4,100	\$ 9,190	\$ 5,090
State sources	3,500	1,285	(2,215)
Federal sources	<u>143,600</u>	<u>235,692</u>	<u>92,092</u>
Total revenues	<u>151,200</u>	<u>246,167</u>	<u>94,967</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
Food service operations	<u>279,146</u>	<u>411,255</u>	<u>(132,109)</u>
Total expenditures	<u>279,146</u>	<u>411,255</u>	<u>(132,109)</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	(127,946)	(165,088)	(37,142)
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>			
Transfers in (out)	<u>127,946</u>	-	<u>(127,946)</u>
Net change in fund balance	-	(165,088)	(165,088)
Fund balance - beginning	<u>2,568</u>	<u>37,962</u>	<u>35,394</u>
Fund balance - ending	<u>\$ 2,568</u>	<u>\$ (127,126)</u>	<u>\$ (129,694)</u>

See the accompanying independent auditors' report.

**CRIPPLE CREEK - VICTOR SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1**  
**STUDENT ACTIVITY FUND**  
**SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES**  
**BUDGET AND ACTUAL**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget
<b>REVENUES</b>			
Local sources	\$ 60,000	\$ 121,983	\$ 61,983
Total revenues	<u>60,000</u>	<u>121,983</u>	<u>61,983</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
Instruction	-	12,578	(12,578)
Supporting services	<u>60,000</u>	<u>83,996</u>	<u>(23,996)</u>
Total expenditures	<u>60,000</u>	<u>96,574</u>	<u>(36,574)</u>
Net change in fund balance	-	25,409	25,409
Fund balance - beginning	<u>144,793</u>	<u>172,570</u>	<u>27,777</u>
Fund balance - ending	<u>\$ 144,793</u>	<u>\$ 197,979</u>	<u>\$ 53,186</u>

See the accompanying independent auditors' report.

**CRIPPLE CREEK - VICTOR SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1**  
**GOVERNMENTAL DESIGNATED-PURPOSE GRANTS FUND**  
**SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES**  
**BUDGET AND ACTUAL**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget
<b>REVENUES</b>			
Federal sources	\$ 320,679	\$ 424,849	\$ 104,170
Total revenues	<u>320,679</u>	<u>424,849</u>	<u>104,170</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
Instruction	165,139	259,423	(94,284)
Supporting services	154,540	164,826	(10,286)
Community services	<u>1,000</u>	<u>600</u>	<u>400</u>
Total expenditures	<u>320,679</u>	<u>424,849</u>	<u>(104,170)</u>
Net change in fund balance	-	-	-
Fund balance - beginning	-	-	-
Fund balance - ending	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

See the accompanying independent auditors' report.

## **COMPLIANCE SECTION**

## **SINGLE AUDIT**

**CRIPPLE CREEK - VICTOR SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1**  
**SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

<b>Federal Grantor/Pass-Through Grantor/Program or Cluster Title</b>	<b>Assistance Listing Number</b>	<b>Additional Award Identification</b>	<b>Pass-Through Entity Identifying Number</b>	<b>Passed Through to Subrecipients</b>	<b>Total Federal Expenditures</b>
<b>U.S. Department of Agriculture</b>					
<i>Child Nutrition Cluster</i>					
Passed Through Colorado Department of Education					
School Breakfast Program	10.553		4553, 5553	\$ -	\$ 44,475
National School Lunch Program	10.555		4555, 5555, 6555		156,419
Passed Through Colorado Department of Human Services					
National School Lunch Program	10.555		4555		15,005
<i>Total Child Nutrition Cluster</i>					215,899
Passed Through Colorado Department of Education					
Farm to School Grant Program	10.575		4575		11,700
State Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer	10.649	COVID-19	4649		628
Passed Through Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment					
Child and Adult Care Food Program	10.558		4558		7,465
<i>Total U.S. Department of Agriculture</i>					235,692
<b>U.S. Department of Education</b>					
Direct Programs					
Rural Education	84.358		4358		21,000
Passed Through Colorado Department of Education					
Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies	84.010		4010, 5010		160,798
Twenty-First Century Community Learning Centers	84.287C		7287		204,700
Improving Teacher Quality State Grants	84.367		4367		19,320
Student Support and Academic Enrichment Program	84.424A		4424		15,415
Education Stabilization Fund					
ESSER I	84.425D	COVID-19	4425		(35,907)
ESSER I	84.425D	COVID-19	5525		(4,308)
ESSER II	84.425D	COVID-19	4420		68,946
GEER II	84.425C	COVID-19	6426		225,541
ESSER III	84.425U	COVID-19	4414		391,258
<i>Total U.S. Department of Education</i>					1,066,763
<b>U.S. Department of Health and Human Services</b>					
Direct Programs					
Head Start	93.600		8600		1,305,029
Passed Through Colorado Department of Education					
Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity for Infectious Diseases (ELC)	93.323		7323		1,010
CDC Nursing Workforce	93.354		7354		171,061
Preschool Development Grants	93.434		7434		10,536
<i>Total U.S. Department of Health and Human Services</i>					1,487,636
<b>Total Federal Awards</b>				\$ -	\$ 2,790,091

See the accompanying independent auditors' report.

**CRIPPLE CREEK - VICTOR SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1**  
**NOTES TO THE SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

**NOTE 1 – BASIS OF PRESENTATION**

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards (the "Schedule") includes the federal award activity of Cripple Creek - Victor School District RE-1 under programs of the federal government for the year ended June 30, 2023. The information in this Schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Because the Schedule presents only a selected portion of the operations of Cripple Creek - Victor School District RE-1, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position, changes in net position, or cash flows of Cripple Creek - Victor School District RE-1.

**NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

Expenditures reported on the Schedule are reported on the modified-accrual basis of accounting. Such expenditures are recognized following the cost principles contained in Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards*, wherein certain types of expenditures are not allowable or are limited as to reimbursement.

Negative amounts shown on the Schedule represent adjustments or credits made in the normal course of business to amounts reported as expenditures in prior years.

Pass-through entity identifying numbers are presented where available.

**NOTE 3 – INDIRECT COST RATE**

Cripple Creek - Victor School District RE-1 has elected not to use the 10 percent de minimis indirect cost rate allowed under the Uniform Guidance.

**NOTE 4 – NON-CASH ASSISTANCE**

During the year end June 30, 2023, Cripple Creek - Victor School District RE-1 received \$15,005 in non-cash assistance in the form of food commodities. Valuation of commodities is based on fair market value at the time of receipt.



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

To the Board of Education  
Cripple Creek - Victor School District RE-1

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Cripple Creek - Victor School District RE-1, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise Cripple Creek - Victor School District RE-1's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated February 29, 2024.

**Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered Cripple Creek - Victor School District RE-1's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Cripple Creek - Victor School District RE-1's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Cripple Creek - Victor School District RE-1's internal control.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. However, as described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs, we identified certain deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses.

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. We consider the deficiencies described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as items 2023-001, 2023-002, 2023-003, 2023-004, 2023-005, 2023-006, and 2023-007 to be material weaknesses.

**Report on Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Cripple Creek - Victor School District RE-1'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 instances of no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

### **Cripple Creek - Victor School District RE-1's Response to Findings**

*Government Auditing Standards* requires the auditor to perform limited procedures on the Cripple Creek - Victor School District RE-1's response to the findings identified in our audit and described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. Cripple Creek - Victor School District RE-1's response was not subjected to the other auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the response.

### **Purpose of This Report**

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

*Hoelting & Company Inc.*

Colorado Springs, Colorado  
February 29, 2024



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

To the Board of Education  
Cripple Creek - Victor School District RE-1

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

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

We have audited Cripple Creek - Victor School District RE-1's compliance with the types of compliance requirements identified as subject to audit in the OMB *Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of Cripple Creek - Victor School District RE-1's major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2023. Cripple Creek - Victor School District RE-1's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

In our opinion, Cripple Creek - Victor School District RE-1 complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2023.

#### *Basis for Opinion on Each Major Federal Program*

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

We are required to be independent of Cripple Creek - Victor School District RE-1 and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion on compliance for each major federal program. Our audit does not provide a legal determination of Cripple Creek - Victor School District RE-1's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above.

#### *Responsibilities of Management for Compliance*

Management is responsible for compliance with the requirements referred to above and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of effective internal control over compliance with the requirements of laws, statutes, regulations, rules, and provisions of contracts or grant agreements applicable to Cripple Creek - Victor School District RE-1's federal programs.

### ***Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance***

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether material noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above occurred, whether due to fraud or error, and express an opinion on Cripple Creek - Victor School District RE-1's compliance based on our audit. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance will always detect material noncompliance when it exists. The risk of not detecting material noncompliance resulting from fraud is higher than for that resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above is considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, it would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user of the report on compliance about Cripple Creek - Victor School District RE-1's compliance with the requirements of each major federal program as a whole.

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

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material noncompliance, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding Cripple Creek - Victor School District RE-1's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.
- Obtain an understanding of Cripple Creek - Victor School District RE-1's internal control over compliance relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Cripple Creek - Victor School District RE-1's internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

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

### ***Other Matters***

The results of our auditing procedures disclosed an instance of noncompliance which is required to be reported in accordance with the Uniform Guidance and which is described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as item 2023-008. Our opinion on each major federal program is not modified with respect to these matters.

*Government Auditing Standards* requires the auditor to perform limited procedures on Cripple Creek - Victor School District RE-1's response to the noncompliance findings identified in our audit described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. Cripple Creek - Victor School District RE-1's response was not subjected to the other auditing procedures applied in the audit of compliance and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the response.

## Report on Internal Control over Compliance

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section above and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. However, as discussed below, we did identify a deficiency in internal control over compliance that we consider to be a material weaknesses.

A *deficiency in internal control over compliance* exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program on a timely basis. A *material weakness in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance, such that there is a reasonable possibility that material noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. We consider the deficiencies in internal control over compliance described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as item 2023-008 to be a material weakness.

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

*Government Auditing Standards* requires the auditor to perform limited procedures on Cripple Creek - Victor School District RE-1's response to the internal control over compliance findings identified in our audit described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. Cripple Creek - Victor School District RE-1's response was not subjected to the other auditing procedures applied in the audit of compliance and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the response.

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.

*Hoelting & Company Inc.*

Colorado Springs, Colorado  
February 29, 2024

**CRIPPLE CREEK - VICTOR SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1  
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

**Section I—Summary of Auditors' Results**

*Financial Statements*

Type of auditors' report issued:	Unmodified
Internal control over financial reporting:	
• Material weakness(es) identified?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no
• Significant deficiency(ies) identified?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> none reported
Noncompliance material to financial statements noted?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no

*Federal Awards*

Internal control over major programs?	
• Material weakness(es) identified?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no
• Significant deficiency(ies) identified?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> none reported
Type of auditors' report issued on compliance for major programs:	Unmodified
Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with 2 CFR 200.516(a)?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no

Identification of major programs:

<u>Assistance Listing Number(s)</u>	<u>Name of Federal Program or Cluster</u>
ALN 93.600	Head Start
Dollar threshold used to distinguish between type A and type B programs?	\$750,000
Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no

**CRIPPLE CREEK - VICTOR SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1  
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

**Section II—Financial Statement Findings**

**2023-001 Segregation of Duties**

*Criteria:* Financial reporting duties involving the recording, reconciliation and review of financial information should be segregated between staff members.

*Condition:* Certain procedures involving the recording, reconciliation and review of financial information were not completely segregated during the year.

*Cause:* Limitations of staff availability.

*Effect:* Risk of misstatement due to error or fraud.

*Recommendation:* We recommend management continue their efforts to ensure that an appropriate individual, other than the individual responsible for preparing reconciliations, review and sign off on bank reconciliations, verifying that outstanding items are regularly cleared and that the reconciled balance agrees to the general ledger. This additional review could be performed by a board member or other staff member.

*Management response:* Management will segregate duties where possible and will consider implementing compensating controls where segregation is not possible.

**2023-002 Basis of Accounting—Grants**

*Criteria:* Financial statements of the governmental activities should be prepared on the modified-accrual basis of accounting.

*Condition:* While the year-end audited financial statements of the governmental activities are prepared on the modified-accrual basis, the grant activities are maintained on the cash basis of accounting during the year.

*Cause:* Lack of procedures requiring the grant activities to be maintained on the modified accrual basis of accounting.

*Effect:* Grant receivables, unearned revenues, and revenues were misstated at year-end.

*Recommendation:* We recommend that management implement procedures to ensure that grant activities are maintained on the modified-accrual basis of accounting throughout the year. If staffing resources do not enable the District to implement the modified-accrual basis throughout the year, we recommend that finance staff prepare year-end workpapers for balance sheet accounts requiring accrual to be posted to the general ledger.

**CRIPPLE CREEK - VICTOR SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1  
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

2023-002 Basis of Accounting—Grants (Continued)

*Management response:* The District is evaluating its current procedures and will implement the above recommendations to the extent that staffing resources allow.

2023-003 Bank reconciliation procedures

*Criteria:* Regular performance of bank reconciliations is a critical control over cash. Bank statements should be reconciled to the general ledger on a monthly basis.

*Condition:* Bank statements were not reconciled to the general ledger during the year.

*Cause:* Finance department staff did not complete any bank reconciliations during the year.

*Effect:* Basic controls over cash were not operating effectively for the year, significantly increasing the risk of misstatement due to error or fraud.

*Recommendation:* We recommend that all bank accounts are reconciled to the general ledger each month and that these reconciliations be completed within two weeks of month-end. We further recommend that any suspicious reconciling items are promptly investigated and adjusted with adequate explanations.

*Management response:* Management will implement monthly bank reconciliation procedures.

2023-004 Closing Procedures

*Criteria:* In order to provide accurate and timely accounting information, effective review and reconciliation policies and procedures are a critical part of the accounting process. A closing process should be in place that requires all balance sheet and other significant accounts in each fund be reconciled to supporting schedules.

*Condition:* Financial information included errors in certain balance sheet accounts and other significant accounts that were the result of ineffective monitoring and closing processes. These errors caused misstatements on both the balance sheet and statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balance in all funds.

*Cause:* Lack of effective closing procedures and a lack of priority over the financial activities and preparation for the audit.

*Effect:* Misstated balances in balance sheet and other significant accounts in all funds.

**CRIPPLE CREEK - VICTOR SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1  
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

2023-004 Closing Procedures (Continued)

*Recommendation:* First, we recommend that a closing process be implemented that requires all balance sheet accounts be reconciled to supporting schedules and subsidiary ledgers. Second, we recommend that a management level employee perform a thorough and detailed review of the financial statements and supporting schedules on a monthly basis and at year end. Third, we recommend that the finance department utilize the get ready lists and other checklists provided by the auditors to prepare for the audit fieldwork and have all requested documents completed and available when audit fieldwork begins.

*Management response:* Management will allocate additional resources to staff training and implement procedures that provide for improved closing processes, a more thorough review of financial statements and supporting schedules, and a better preparation for the annual financial audit.

2023-005 Interfund receivables and payables

*Criteria:* Interfund receivables and payables result mainly from the time lag between the dates that payments between funds are made.

*Condition:* Interfund receivable and payable accounts were not reconciled during the year resulting in numerous adjustments at year end.

*Cause:* Lack of monthly balancing of interfund receivables and payables and transfers.

*Effect:* As a result of this issue a \$559,465 adjustment to the General Fund and offsetting entries totaling the same amount in other funds was required to correct interfund receivable and payable balances.

*Recommendation:* Management should develop a better understanding of the appropriate accounting treatment of interfund receivables and payables and transfers, as well as the appropriate Colorado Department of Education chart of account code to use for each.

*Management response:* Management will implement procedures to ensure that interfund receivables and payables and transfers are recorded appropriately.

**CRIPPLE CREEK - VICTOR SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1  
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

2023-006 Lack of control over recording journal entries

*Criteria:* Documenting support for all elements of adjusting journal entries is necessary to prevent the possibility of misstatement in financial reporting.

*Condition:* Certain adjusting journal entries did not contain support for all elements of adjusting journal entries.

*Cause:* Controls over documenting support for journal entries have not been implemented.

*Effect:* Basic controls over journal entries were not operating effectively for the year, significantly increasing the risk of misstatement due to error or fraud.

*Recommendation:* We recommend that the District support all elements of adjusting journal entries with appropriate documentation.

*Management response:* Management agrees with the finding and will begin documenting support for all elements of adjusting journal entries.

2023-007 Grant Cash Management

*Criteria:* Grant cash management procedures should include a review of grant drawdown requests to ensure that only expended amounts are being reimbursed.

*Condition:* We noted that federal grants were drawn down prior to expenditures being incurred. This caused misstatements on both the balance sheet and the statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balance.

*Cause:* Lack of effective grant cash management.

*Effect:* Misstated balances in balance sheet and other significant accounts.

*Recommendation:* We recommend that management develop grant drawdown processes and should define the responsibilities of performing those procedures.

*Management response:* Management will implement procedures that provide for improved grant drawdown processes.

**CRIPPLE CREEK - VICTOR SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1  
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

Section III—Findings and Questioned Costs for Federal Awards

2023-008 Reporting for Head Start

<i>Federal program:</i>	ALN 93.600	Head Start
<i>Federal agency:</i>	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services	

*Criteria:* When the finance staff completes a *SF-425, Federal Financial Report* to request grant funds, it must verify the accuracy and completeness of the reports and that they agree with the underlying accounting records.

*Condition:* *SF-425, Federal Financial Reports* submitted did not agree to the underlying accounting records.

*Cause:* Controls to ensure annual financial reports are reconciled to the underlying accounting data were not followed.

*Effect:* The District requested and received \$353,292 more in reimbursements than earned. This amount was reclassified from revenue to unearned revenue.

*Questioned costs:* The District requested and received \$353,292 more in reimbursements than earned. This was computed by comparing total allowed expenses to reimbursements received.

*Context:* Testing was performed over the total population of reimbursements. Statistical sampling was not used.

*Recommendation:* Management should utilize existing control procedures to reconcile annual financial reports to the underlying accounting data.

*Views of responsible officials and planned corrective action:* Management agrees with this finding and will utilize existing control procedures to reconcile annual financial reports to the underlying accounting data.



The Summary Schedule of Prior Audit Findings (the Summary) summarizes the status of the audit findings reported in the Cripple Creek - Victor School District RE-1 Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs for the year ended June 30, 2022. If the prior audit finding was fully addressed, the Summary indicates that the corrective action described in the prior audit report was taken or that corrective action is no longer needed. Otherwise, the Summary references the page number of the June 30, 2023 single audit report where a repeat recommendation, description of the planned corrective action, or reason for not implementing the recommendation is presented.

<u>Finding Number</u>	<u>CFDA Number</u>	<u>Program/Cluster Title</u>	<u>Finding</u>	<u>Status of Finding</u>
2022-001	N/A	N/A	Segregation of duties	Not corrected. Reported as finding 2023-001. See page 65.
2022-002	N/A	N/A	Basis of accounting - grants	Not corrected. Reported as finding 2023-002. See page 65.
2022-003	N/A	N/A	Bank reconciliation procedures	Not corrected. Reported as finding 2023-003. See page 66.
2022-004	N/A	N/A	Closing procedures	Not corrected. Reported as finding 2023-004. See page 66.
2022-005	N/A	N/A	Interfund receivables and payables	Not corrected. Reported as finding 2023-005. See page 67.
2022-006	N/A	N/A	Lack of control over recording journal entries	Not corrected. Reported as finding 2023-006. See page 68.



## **CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

### 2023-001 Segregation of Duties

*Criteria:* Financial reporting duties involving the recording, reconciliation and review of financial information should be segregated between staff members.

*Condition:* Certain procedures involving the recording, reconciliation and review of financial information were not completely segregated during the year.

*Management Response and Planned Corrective Actions:* Management agrees with the finding but currently has insufficient personnel/budget resources to implement this control.

*Responsibility for Corrective Action:* Elaine Hayden, Interim Business Manager

*Anticipated Completion Date:* NA.

### 2023-002 Basis of Accounting—Grants

*Criteria:* Financial statements of the governmental activities should be prepared on the modified-accrual basis of accounting.

*Condition:* While the year-end audited financial statements of the governmental activities are prepared on the modified-accrual basis, the grant activities are maintained on the cash basis of accounting during the year.

*Management Response and Planned Corrective Actions:* Management agrees with the finding but currently has insufficient personnel/budget resources to implement this control.

*Responsibility for Corrective Action:* Elaine Hayden, Interim Business Manager

*Anticipated Completion Date:* NA.

**CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

2023-003 Bank reconciliation procedures

*Criteria:* Regular performance of bank reconciliations is a critical control over cash. Bank statements should be reconciled to the general ledger on a monthly basis.

*Condition:* Bank statements were not reconciled to the general ledger during the year.

*Management Response and Planned Corrective Actions:* Management agrees with the finding and will implement monthly bank reconciliation procedures.

*Responsibility for Corrective Action:* Elaine Hayden, Interim Business Manager

*Anticipated Completion Date:* Summer 2024.

2023-004 Closing Procedures

*Criteria:* In order to provide accurate and timely accounting information, effective review and reconciliation policies and procedures are a critical part of the accounting process. A closing process should be in place that requires all balance sheet and other significant accounts in each fund be reconciled to supporting schedules.

*Condition:* Financial information included errors in certain balance sheet accounts and other significant accounts that were the result of ineffective monitoring and closing processes. These errors caused misstatements on both the balance sheet and statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balance in all funds.

*Management Response and Planned Corrective Actions:* Management agrees with the finding and will allocate resources to staff training and implement procedures that provide for improved closing processes, a more thorough review of financial statements and supporting schedules, and a better preparation for the annual financial audit.

*Responsibility for Corrective Action:* Elaine Hayden, Interim Business Manager

*Anticipated Completion Date:* Summer 2024.

**CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

2023-005 Interfund receivables and payables

*Criteria:* Interfund receivables and payables result mainly from the time lag between the dates that payments between funds are made.

*Condition:* Interfund receivable and payable accounts were not reconciled during the year resulting in numerous adjustments at year end.

*Management Response and Planned Corrective Actions:* Management agrees with the finding and will implement procedures to ensure that interfund receivables and payables and transfers are recorded appropriately.

*Responsibility for Corrective Action:* Elaine Hayden, Interim Business Manager

*Anticipated Completion Date:* Summer 2024.

2023-006 Lack of control over recording journal entries

*Criteria:* Documenting support for all elements of adjusting journal entries is necessary to prevent the possibility of misstatement in financial reporting.

*Condition:* Certain adjusting journal entries did not contain support for all elements of adjusting journal entries.

*Management Response and Planned Corrective Actions:* Management agrees with the finding and will begin documenting support for all elements of adjusting journal entries.

*Responsibility for Corrective Action:* Elaine Hayden, Interim Business Manager

*Anticipated Completion Date:* Summer 2024.

2023-007 Grant Cash Management

*Criteria:* Grant cash management procedures should include a review of grant draw down requests to ensure that only expended amounts are being reimbursed.

*Condition:* We noted that federal grants were drawn down prior to expenditures being incurred. This caused misstatements on both the balance sheet and the statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balance.

*Management Response and Planned Corrective Actions:* Management agrees with the finding and will establish improved grant drawdown processes.

*Responsibility for Corrective Action:* Elaine Hayden, Interim Business Manager

*Anticipated Completion Date:* Summer 2024.

**CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

2023-008 Reporting for Head Start

*Criteria:* When the finance staff completes a *SF-425, Federal Financial Report* to request grant funds, it must verify the accuracy and completeness of the reports and that they agree with the underlying accounting records.

*Condition:* *SF-425, Federal Financial Reports* submitted did not agree to the underlying accounting records.

*Management Response and Planned Corrective Actions:* Management agrees with this finding and will utilize existing control procedures to reconcile annual financial reports to the underlying accounting data.

*Responsibility for Corrective Action:* Elaine Hayden, Interim Business Manager

*Anticipated Completion Date:* Summer 2024.

## **STATE COMPLIANCE**



## **INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON COLORADO SCHOOL DISTRICT/BOCES AUDITOR'S INTEGRITY REPORT**

To the Board of Education  
Cripple Creek - Victor School District RE-1

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Cripple Creek - Victor School District RE-1, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023 and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Cripple Creek - Victor School District RE-1's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. Our report thereon, dated February 29, 2024, expressed an unmodified opinion on those financial statements.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Cripple Creek - Victor School District RE-1's basic financial statements. The accompanying *Colorado School District/BOCES, Auditor's Integrity Report* is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the *Colorado School District/BOCES, Auditor's Integrity Report* is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

*Hoelting & Company, Inc.*

Colorado Springs, Colorado  
February 29, 2024



Colorado Department of Education

## Auditors Integrity Report

District: 3010 - Cripple Creek-Victor RE-1

Fiscal Year 2022-23

Colorado School District/BOCES

## Revenues, Expenditures, & Fund Balance by Function

Fund Type & Number		Beg Fund Balance & Prior Per Adj (6880*)	1000 - 5999 Total Revenues & Other Sources	0001-0999 Total Expenditures & Other Uses	6700-6799 & Prior Per Adj (6880*) Ending Fund Balance
Governmental			+	-	=
10	General Fund	4,266,732	7,935,959	7,548,541	4,654,150
18	Risk Mgmt Sub-Fund of General Fund	0	0	0	0
19	Colorado Preschool Program Fund	184,609	180,125	195,706	169,028
<b>Sub-Total</b>		<b>4,451,341</b>	<b>8,116,084</b>	<b>7,744,246</b>	<b>4,823,178</b>
11	Charter School Fund	0	0	0	0
20,26-29	Special Revenue Fund	0	1,320,898	1,320,898	0
06	Supplemental Cap Const, Tech, Main. Fund	0	0	0	0
07	Total Program Reserve Fund	0	0	0	0
21	Food Service Spec Revenue Fund	37,962	246,166	411,254	-127,126
22	Govt Designated-Purpose Grants Fund	0	424,849	424,849	0
23	Pupil Activity Special Revenue Fund	172,570	121,983	96,574	197,979
25	Transportation Fund	0	0	0	0
31	Bond Redemption Fund	1,743,042	1,016,968	988,879	1,771,131
39	Certificate of Participation (COP) Debt Service Fund	0	0	0	0
41	Building Fund	0	0	0	0
42	Special Building Fund	0	0	0	0
43	Capital Reserve Capital Projects Fund	1,317,858	1,869,186	2,445,089	741,955
46	Supplemental Cap Const, Tech, Main Fund	0	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>		<b>7,722,773</b>	<b>13,116,135</b>	<b>13,431,790</b>	<b>7,407,117</b>
<b>Proprietary</b>					
50	Other Enterprise Funds	0	0	0	0
64 (63)	Risk-Related Activity Fund	0	0	0	0
60,65-69	Other Internal Service Funds	0	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Fiduciary</b>					
70	Other Trust and Agency Funds	0	0	0	0
72	Private Purpose Trust Fund	0	0	0	0
73	Agency Fund	0	0	0	0
74	Pupil Activity Agency Fund	5,302	0	0	5,302
79	GASB 34:Permanent Fund	0	0	0	0
85	Foundations	0	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>		<b>5,302</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5,302</b>

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