

Niles Township District for Special Education #807

Financial Report
June 30, 2020

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Independent Auditor's Report

To the Governing Board
Niles Township District for Special Education #807

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Niles Township District for Special Education #807 (the District), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2020, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

Auditor's Responsibility

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

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

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

Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of Niles Township District for Special Education #807, as of June 30, 2020, and the respective changes in financial position thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the required supplementary information, such as management's discussion and analysis (pages 3-10), schedules of employer's proportionate share of net pension and other postemployment benefits (OPEB) liabilities, employer contributions (pages 46-51) and budgetary comparison information (page 52) and related note (page 53) be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements. The accompanying supplementary information, as listed in the table of contents, is presented for additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The accompanying supplementary information, as listed in the table of contents, 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. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements, or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the accompanying supplementary information is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated November 11, 2020, our consideration of the District's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

RSM US LLP

Chicago, Illinois
November 11, 2020

Required Supplementary Information

**Management's Discussion
and Analysis (MD&A)**

Niles Township District for Special Education #807

Management's Discussion and Analysis For the Year Ended June 30, 2020

The management's discussion and analysis of Niles Township District for Special Education #807's (the District) financial performance provides an overall review of the District's financial activities for the year ended June 30, 2020. The management of the District encourages readers to consider the information presented herein in conjunction with the financial statements to enhance their understanding of the District's financial performance.

Financial Highlights

- The assets and deferred outflows of resources of the District exceeded its liabilities and deferred inflows of resources at the close of the fiscal year by \$9,892,028 (net position).
- In total, net position decreased by \$308,782. This decrease is due to expenditures coming in below budget, but exceeding charges for services revenues.
- Local revenue sources increased 10.4% to \$13,619,287 and were 62% of total revenues. Local revenue sources include tuition paid by member and nonmember districts as well as the District's and member districts' Medicaid receipts, which are administered by the District and allocated to the District as supplemental payments.
- Operating grants and contributions were \$7,973,587, an increase of 11%, and were 36% of total revenues.
- Overall, the combined revenues of the District's governmental funds were \$1,143,542 more than expenditures. This operating surplus increased the District's governmental funds' combined fund balance to \$15,713,421 from \$14,569,879. This increase occurred as a result of increased IDEA flow through funding as well as a decrease in capital outlay expenditures.
- The District's Governing Board has committed \$4,300,000 of current fund balance to be used to fund future capital projects.

Overview of the Financial Statements

This discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to the District's basic financial statements. The basic financial statements are comprised of three components:

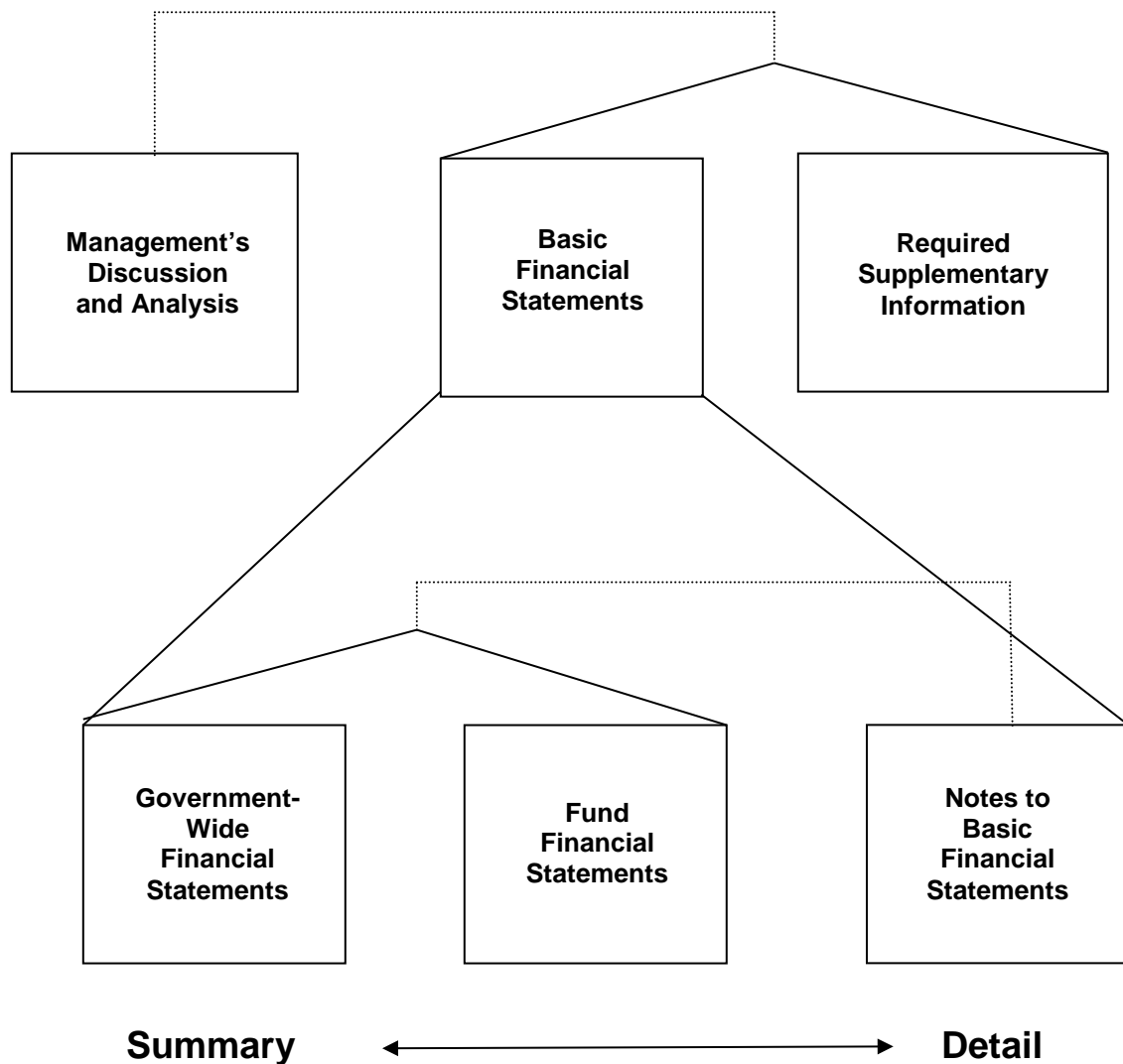
- Government-wide financial statements.
- Fund financial statements.
- Notes to basic financial statements.

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**Management's Discussion and Analysis
For the Year Ended June 30, 2020**

Figure A-1 shows how the various parts of this annual report are arranged and relate to one another.

**Figure A-1
Organization of Niles Township District for Special Education #807's Annual Financial Report**



This report also contains other supplementary information in addition to the basic financial statements.

Government-Wide Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements report information about the District as a whole using accounting methods similar to those used by private-sector companies. The statement of net position includes all of the District's assets and liabilities. All of the current year's revenues and expenses are accounted for in the statement of activities.

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Management's Discussion and Analysis For the Year Ended June 30, 2020

The two government-wide financial statements report the District's *net position* and how it has changed. Net position – the difference between the District's assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities and deferred inflows of resources – is one way to measure the District's financial health or *position*.

- Over time, increases or decreases in the District's net position are an indicator of whether its financial position is improving or deteriorating.
- To assess the District's overall health, you need to consider additional non-financial factors such as changes in the District's condition of school buildings and other facilities.

In the government-wide financial statements, the District's activities are all categorized as *Governmental Activities*. All of the District's basic services are included here, such as special education, transportation, and administration. Local aid and federal aid finance most of these activities.

Fund Financial Statements

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

- Some funds are required by state law.
- The District establishes other funds to control and manage money for particular purposes or to show that it is properly using certain revenues.

The District has two categories of funds:

- *Governmental fund*: Most of the District's basic services are included in its governmental fund, the General Fund, which generally focuses on (1) how cash and other financial assets can readily be converted to cash flow in and out and (2) the balances left at year-end that are available for spending. Consequently, the governmental fund statements provide a detailed short-term view that helps you determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance the District's programs. Because this information does not encompass the capital asset focus of the government-wide statements, additional information after each of the governmental fund statements explains the relationship (or differences) between them.
- *Fiduciary fund*: Fiduciary funds are used to account for resources held for the benefit of parties outside the District. Fiduciary funds are not reflected in the government-wide financial statements 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 for the government-wide financial statements. The District maintains a fiduciary fund related to funds held on behalf of students for various student activities.

Notes to Basic Financial Statements

The notes to basic financial statements provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements.

Other Information

In addition to the basic financial statements and accompanying notes, this report also presents certain required supplementary information concerning the District's net pension liabilities, employer contributions, and progress in funding its obligation to provide retirement benefits to its employees.

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**Management’s Discussion and Analysis
For the Year Ended June 30, 2020**

Government-Wide Financial Analysis

Net position. The District’s net position decreased by \$308,782 compared to the prior year. At year-end, total net position was \$9,892,028 (See Figure A-2).

The District’s financial position is the product of many factors.

- Cash balances increased approximately \$2.4 million and intergovernmental receivables decreased \$1.3 million, and as a result, total current assets increased approximately \$1.1 million.
- The District reports a net pension liability as a result of the District’s participation in the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF) and Teachers’ Retirement System (TRS). Net pension liability decreased approximately \$0.5 million from the prior year.
- The District’s reports a net OPEB liability as a result of the District’s self-insured plan and its participation in the Teachers’ Health Insurance Security Fund (THIS). Net OPEB liability increased approximately \$1.3 million from the prior year.
- Revenues from charges for services did not change substantially from the prior year.

Figure A-2		
Condensed Statement of Net Position		
<i>(in thousands of dollars)</i>		
	2020	2019
Current assets	\$15,737	\$14,628
Noncurrent assets	3,594	3,683
Deferred outflows	884	1,632
Total assets and deferred outflows	20,215	19,943
Current liabilities	23	58
Long-term liabilities	9,268	8,412
Deferred inflows	1,032	1,272
Total liabilities and deferred inflows	10,323	9,742
Net position:		
Net investment in capital assets	3,594	3,683
Unrestricted	6,298	6,518
Total net position	\$ 9,892	\$10,201

Changes in Net Position. The District’s total revenues were \$22.0 million (See Figure A-3). Charges for services represented the District’s largest source of revenue, representing approximately 62% of total revenue. Operating grants also accounted for a large portion of the District’s revenue, contributing about 36 cents of every dollar raised (See Figure A-4).

The total cost of all programs and services was \$22.3 million. The District’s expenses are predominantly related to instruction (51% of total expenditures) and support services (26%). Remaining expenditures include on-behalf state retirement fund contributions (22%), payments to other governments (1%), and community services (less than 1%).

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For the Year Ended June 30, 2020

Figure A-3
Changes in Net Position from Operating Results
(in thousands of dollars)

	Governmental		Governmental	
	Activities	Percentage	Activities	Percentage
	2020	of Total	2019	of Total
Revenues				
Program revenues				
Charges for services	\$ 13,816	62.9%	\$ 12,530	58.3%
Less member credits	(197)	-0.9%	(197)	-0.9%
	13,619	62.0%	12,333	57.4%
Operating grants and contributions	7,974	36.3%	8,935	41.6%
	21,593	98.3%	21,268	99.0%
General revenues				
Other	370	1.7%	206	1.0%
Total revenues	21,963	100.0%	21,474	99.9%
Expenses				
Instruction	11,359	51.1%	9,515	48.1%
State retirement contributions	4,919	22.0%	4,418	22.3%
Support services	5,688	25.5%	5,567	28.1%
Payments to other governments	208	1.0%	221	1.1%
Community services	98	0.4%	87	0.4%
Total expenses	22,272	100.0%	19,808	100.0%
Change in net position	(309)		1,666	
Net position:				
Beginning	10,201		8,535	
Ending	<u>\$ 9,892</u>		<u>\$ 10,201</u>	

Figure A-4 2020 Government-Wide Revenues By Source

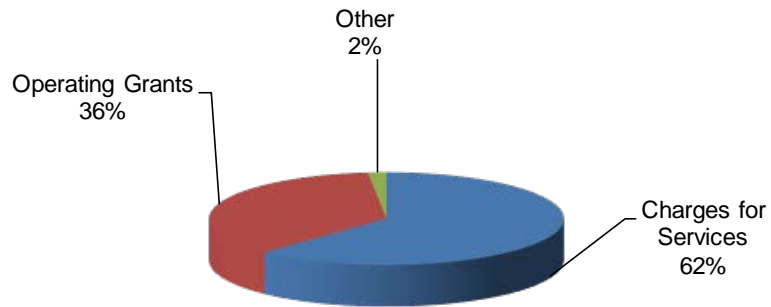
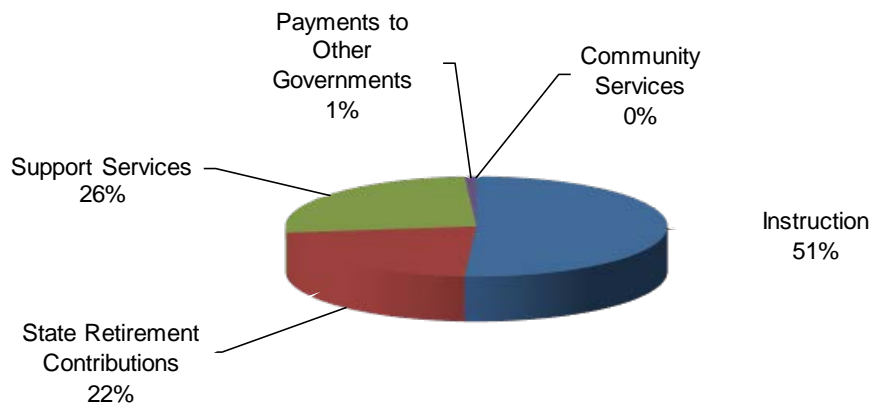


Figure A-5 2020 Government-Wide Expenses



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Management's Discussion and Analysis For the Year Ended June 30, 2020

Financial Analysis of the District's Funds

At June 30, 2020, the District's governmental fund reported a fund balance of \$15,713,421, an increase of \$1,143,542 from the \$14,569,879 fund balance reported at June 30, 2019. The increase relates primarily to charges for services revenue exceeding budget and targeted expense reductions resulting in expenditures under budget.

The District's Board has committed \$4.3 million of fund balance to fund future capital projects. Additionally, the District provided member Districts tuition credits, allocated across all Districts, in the current and five previous school years. The District evaluates the member districts' tuition credits annually to determine the amount of credit, if any, granted to member districts. Credits to member districts were approximately \$0.2 million in the current year. The funds available for these agreements are from Medicaid entries made by the District and member districts' staff.

Budgetary Highlights

The District has established budgetary controls which were put in place by its Governing Board.

- Charges for services came in \$1.6 million over budget due to increased enrollment from primarily member and nonmember districts.
- State aid was slightly under budget, as a result of state payments being received timely. Federal aid was \$1.3 million under budget.
- In total, expenditures were \$0.7 million less than budgeted. This favorable variance was primarily the result of targeted expense reductions across all functions. The primary variance in expenses was pupil support services, which was \$0.8 million less than budgeted.

Capital Assets

By the end of June 30, 2020, the District had invested \$3,594,101 (net of accumulated depreciation) in a broad range of capital assets, including land, land improvements, buildings, and equipment. Total accumulated depreciation on these assets as of June 30, 2020 was \$2,669,153. (See Figure A-7.) Current year additions totaled \$130,865, including work performed on the kitchen renovation project. Total depreciation expense for the year was \$219,539. More detailed information about capital assets can be found in Note 3 to the financial statements.

Figure A-7
Capital Assets

	2020	2019
	<i>(Dollars in Thousands)</i>	
Land	\$ 160	\$ 160
Construction in progress	-	78
Land improvements	968	968
Buildings	4,122	3,916
Equipment	1,014	1,010
Less accumulated depreciation	(2,669)	(2,450)
TOTAL	\$ 3,594	\$ 3,683

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Management's Discussion and Analysis For the Year Ended June 30, 2020

Factors Bearing on the District's Future

At the time these financial statements were prepared and audited, the District was aware of the following existing circumstances that could significantly affect its financial health in the future.

- A significant ISBE procedural change at the end of FY20 impacted the receipt of IDEA flow through funds to the cooperative in FY21 and will greatly impact the District's cash flow.
- The Evidence Based Funding (EBF) model passed in FY18 has impacted the District. Special education personnel reimbursement is now a strand within EBF and is paid at the Hold Harmless amount from FY17 even though the cooperative's salary costs increased in FY20, FY19 and FY18.
- The uncertainty of state funding through Evidence Based Funding continues to affect the District's state funding levels and timing of state receipts.
- The rising cost of healthcare could impact the cost for Board-paid benefits for District employees in the future.
- The implementation of the financial model being used by the District must be closely monitored to be sure it continues to be equitable and effective.
- The District should continue to monitor the future of Medicaid funding to school districts.
- The COVID pandemic has created unprecedented challenges for all school districts. COVID related expenditure such as PPE, additional technology for remote instruction, and the cost for additional custodial services have negatively impacted the district's operational expenditures.

Contacting the District's Financial Management

This financial report is designed to provide the District's member districts, grantors and creditors with a general overview of the District's finances and to demonstrate the District's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information contact Niles Township District for Special Education #807, 8701 Menard Avenue, Morton Grove, Illinois 60053.

Basic Financial Statements

Niles Township District for Special Education #807

**Statement of Net Position
June 30, 2020**

	Governmental Activities
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Assets	
Current assets:	
Cash and investments	\$ 14,956,625
Receivables:	
Interest	8,513
Intergovernmental	709,260
Prepaid expenses	62,214
Total current assets	<u>15,736,612</u>
Noncurrent assets:	
Capital assets not being depreciated	159,845
Capital assets being depreciated, net	3,434,256
Total noncurrent assets	<u>3,594,101</u>
Total assets	<u>19,330,713</u>
Deferred Outflows of Resources	
Pension related items - IMRF	384,389
Pension related items - TRS	78,574
OPEB related items - THIS	421,080
Total deferred outflows of resources	<u>884,043</u>
Total assets and deferred outflows of resources	<u><u>\$ 20,214,756</u></u>

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**Statement of Net Position (Continued)
June 30, 2020**

	Governmental Activities
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Liabilities	
Current liabilities:	
Accounts payable	\$ 23,191
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Long-term liabilities:	
Net pension liability - IMRF	477,071
Collective net pension liability - TRS	606,116
Collective net OPEB liability - THIS	6,569,615
Total OPEB liability - District plan	1,614,497
Total long-term liabilities	<hr/> 9,267,299 <hr/>
Total liabilities	<hr/> 9,290,490 <hr/>
Deferred Inflows of Resources	
Pension related items - IMRF	48,569
Pension related items - TRS	57,141
OPEB related items - THIS	926,528
Total deferred inflows of resources	<hr/> 1,032,238 <hr/>
Net Position	
Net investment in capital assets	3,594,101
Unrestricted	6,297,927
Total net position	<hr/> 9,892,028 <hr/>
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, and net position	<hr/> \$ 20,214,756 <hr/>

See notes to basic financial statements.

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**Statement of Activities
Year Ended June 30, 2020**

Functions/Programs	Expenses	Program Revenue		Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position
		Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	
Governmental activities:				
Instruction:				
Special programs	\$ 10,942,430	\$ 8,304,864	\$ 1,735,848	\$ (901,718)
Other instructional programs	416,117	364,190	76,121	24,194
State on-behalf contributions - TRS and THIS	4,918,988	-	4,918,988	-
Support services:				
Pupils	3,266,835	2,859,166	597,611	189,942
Instructional staff	230,302	201,563	42,130	13,391
General administration	652,186	457,235	95,569	(99,382)
School administration	308,562	272,130	56,879	20,447
Business	375,979	326,988	68,346	19,355
Operations and maintenance	523,983	458,595	95,854	30,466
Central	330,338	289,115	60,430	19,207
Community services	97,623	85,441	17,856	5,674
Payment to other governments	207,955	-	207,955	-
Total governmental activities	\$ 22,271,298	\$ 13,619,287	\$ 7,973,587	(678,424)
General revenues:				
Investment income				369,642
Change in net position				(308,782)
Net position:				
July 1, 2019				10,200,810
June 30, 2020				<u>\$ 9,892,028</u>

See notes to basic financial statements.

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**Balance Sheet
Governmental Fund
June 30, 2020**

	General Fund
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Assets	
Cash and investments	\$ 14,956,625
Receivables:	
Interest	8,513
Intergovernmental	709,260
Prepaid expenses	<u>62,214</u>
Total assets	<u><u>\$ 15,736,612</u></u>
Liabilities	
Accounts payable	<u>\$ 23,191</u>
Total liabilities	<u>23,191</u>
Fund balances	
Nonspendable for prepaid items	62,214
Committed for capital outlay	4,300,000
Unassigned	<u>11,351,207</u>
Total fund balances	<u>15,713,421</u>
Total liabilities and fund balances	<u><u>\$ 15,736,612</u></u>

See notes to basic financial statements.

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**Reconciliation of the Governmental Fund
Balance Sheet to the Statement of Net Position
June 30, 2020**

Total fund balances - governmental fund	\$ 15,713,421
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Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position are different because:

Capital assets used in governmental activities are not current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the fund financial statements.	3,594,101
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Certain pension-related items are reported in the government-wide financial statements but not in the fund financial statements. These amounts consist of:

Deferred outflows of resources related to pension expense - IMRF	384,389
Deferred outflows of resources related to pension expense - TRS	78,574
Deferred inflows of resources related to pension expense - IMRF	(48,569)
Deferred inflows of resources related to pension expense - TRS	(57,141)

Certain OPEB-related items are reported in the government-wide financial statements but not in the fund financial statements. These amounts consist of:

Deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB expense - THIS	421,080
Deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB expense - THIS	(926,528)

Some liabilities reported in the statement of net position do not require the use of current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported as liabilities in governmental funds.

The liabilities consist of:

Net pension liability - IMRF	(477,071)
Collective net pension liability - TRS	(606,116)
Collective net OPEB liability - THIS	(6,569,615)
Total OPEB liability - District plan	<u>(1,614,497)</u>

Total net position - governmental activities	<u><u>\$ 9,892,028</u></u>
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See notes to basic financial statements.

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**Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance
Governmental Fund
Year Ended June 30, 2020**

	General Fund
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Revenues:	
Charges for services	\$ 13,619,287
Restricted state aid	3,449,814
Restricted federal aid	2,126,463
Investment income	369,642
Total revenues	<u>19,565,206</u>
Expenditures:	
Current:	
Instruction:	
Special programs	9,482,307
Other instructional programs	415,824
State on-behalf contributions - TRS and THIS	2,521,676
Support services:	
Pupils	3,264,531
Instructional staff	230,140
General administration	522,061
School administration	310,712
Business	373,347
Operations and maintenance	523,614
Central	330,105
Community services	97,554
Capital outlay	141,838
Payments to other governments	207,955
Total expenditures	<u>18,421,664</u>
Change in fund balance	1,143,542
Fund balance:	
July 1, 2019	<u>14,569,879</u>
June 30, 2020	<u><u>\$ 15,713,421</u></u>

See notes to basic financial statements.

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**Reconciliation of the Governmental Fund Statement of Revenues,
Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance to the Statement of Activities
Year Ended June 30, 2020**

Net change in fund balance - governmental fund	\$	1,143,542
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Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:

The governmental fund reports capital outlays as expenditures while the statement of activities reports depreciation expense to allocate those expenditures over the lives of the assets. This is the amount by which depreciation expense exceeded capital outlays in the current period.

Capital outlays	130,865	
Depreciation expense	(219,539)	
		(88,674)

Items related to pension expense and revenue are reported as deferred inflows and outflows on the government-wide financial statements, but not on the fund financial statements.

Deferred outflows of resources related to pension expense - IMRF	(621,829)	
Deferred outflows of resources related to pension expense - TRS	(23,466)	
Deferred inflows of resources related to pension expense - IMRF	72,364	
Deferred inflows of resources related to pension expense - TRS	(5,011)	
		(577,942)

Items related to OPEB expense and revenue are reported as deferred inflows and outflows on the government-wide financial statements, but not on the fund financial statements.

Deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB expense - THIS	(68,500)	
Deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB expense - THIS	18,791	
		69,905

Some revenues and 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.

These activities consists of changes in:

State on-behalf contribution revenue - TRS and THIS	2,397,312	
State on-behalf expense - TRS and THIS	(2,397,312)	
Net pension liability - IMRF	458,044	
Collective net pension liability - TRS	12,095	
Collective net OPEB liability - THIS	(254,921)	
		(855,613)

Change in net position - governmental activities	\$	<u><u>(308,782)</u></u>
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See notes to basic financial statements.

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**Statement of Fiduciary Assets and Liabilities - Agency Fund
June 30, 2020**

	<u>Agency Student Activity Fund</u>
Assets	
Cash and investments	<u>\$ 19,454</u>
Liabilities	
Due to student groups	<u>\$ 19,454</u>

See notes to basic financial statements.

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Notes to Basic Financial Statements

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Nature of Operations

Niles Township District for Special Education #807 (the District) operates as a special education cooperative governed by a nine-member board with representation from each of the member school districts. A significant portion of the District's revenue is charges for services derived from these member districts.

The accounting policies of the District conform to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America as applicable to governments. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The following is a summary of the more significant accounting policies:

Financial Reporting Entity

As defined by generally accepted accounting principles established by the GASB, the financial reporting entity consists of the primary government, as well as component units, which are legally separate organizations for which elected officials of the primary government are financially accountable. Financial accountability is defined as:

- 1) Appointment of a voting majority of the component unit's board, and either (a) the ability to impose will by the primary government, or (b) the possibility that the component unit will provide a financial benefit to or impose a financial burden on the primary government; or
- 2) Fiscal dependency on the primary government and the possibility that the component unit will provide a financial benefit to or impose a financial burden on the primary government.

Financial benefit or financial burden is created if any one of the following relationships exists:

- 1) The primary government is legally entitled to or has access to the component unit's resources.
- 2) The primary government is legally required or has assumed the obligation to finance the deficits of, provide support to, the component unit.
- 3) The primary government is obligated in some manner for the component unit's debt.

Based upon the application criteria, no component units have been included within the reporting entity.

Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements

Government-Wide Financial Statements (GWFS): The government-wide Statement of Net Position and Statement of Activities report the overall financial activity of the District. Eliminations have been made to minimize the double counting of internal activities of the District. The financial activities of the District consist of governmental activities, which are primarily supported by tuition and intergovernmental revenues.

The Statement of Activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function (i.e., instruction, support services, etc.) are offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function. Program revenues include (a) charges paid by the recipients of goods or services offered by the programs (including fines and fees), and (b) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational requirements of a particular program. Revenues that are not classified as program revenues are presented as general revenues.

Fiduciary funds are excluded from the government-wide financial statements.

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Notes to Basic Financial Statements

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements (Continued)

Fund Financial Statements (FFS): Separate financial statements are provided for the governmental fund and fiduciary (agency) funds, even though the latter are excluded from the government-wide financial statements. The District's major governmental fund is the General Fund. The District has no other governmental funds.

The General Fund accounts for all financial resources of the District. This fund is primarily used for the instructional and administrative aspects of the District's operations. Revenues consist largely of state and federal government aid and tuition payments from member districts.

Additionally, the District administers an agency fund that is used to account for assets held by the District in an agency capacity. These funds are held on behalf of the students of the District.

Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

Measurement focus is a term used to describe "how" transactions are recorded within various financial statements. Basis of accounting refers to "when" transactions are recorded regardless of the measurement focus applied.

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus while the fiduciary fund statements do not have a measurement focus. The government-wide financial statements and the fiduciary statements are reported using the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded at the time liabilities are incurred, regardless of when the related cash flow takes place. Tuition payments from member districts are recognized when they are earned. Grants, entitlements, state-shared revenues and similar items are recognized in the fiscal year in which all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be available when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the District considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal year.

Certain state and federal aid, tuition and interest on investments are susceptible to accrual. Other receipts become measurable and available when cash is received by the District and recognized as revenue at that time.

Grant funds are considered to be earned to the extent of expenditures made under the provisions of the grant. Accordingly, when such funds are received, they are recorded as deferred revenues until earned.

Expenditures generally are recorded when the liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. General capital asset acquisitions are reported as expenditures in governmental fund.

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Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Cash and investments: State statutes authorize the District to make deposits directly or through its township trustees in interest-bearing depository accounts in federally insured and/or state chartered banks, savings and loan associations, and credit unions.

Substantially all cash and investments held for District purposes consist of pooled cash and investments held by the Niles Township Treasurer which are reported at fair value. The District also holds cash and investments on behalf of student groups in federally insured banks.

Prepaid expenses: Certain payments made to vendors reflect costs applicable to future accounting periods and are reported as prepaid expenses. The method used to report prepaid expenses is the purchase method.

Capital assets: Capital assets, which include land, land improvements, buildings, and equipment, are reported in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are defined by the District as assets with an initial individual cost of more than \$500 and an estimated useful life of five years or more. Such assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost if purchased or constructed. Donated capital assets are recorded at acquisition at the date of donation. Additions or improvements that significantly extend the useful life of an asset or that significantly increase the capacity of an asset are capitalized. Expenditures for asset acquisitions and improvements are stated as capital outlay expenditures in the governmental fund.

Depreciation of capital assets is provided using the straight-line method over the following estimated useful lives:

	<u>Years</u>
Buildings	10 - 75
Land improvements	5 - 20
Equipment	10

Deferred inflows of resources and deferred outflows of resources: The District reports deferred inflows of resources and deferred outflows of resources in its financial statements. Deferred inflows of resources are the acquisition of net position or fund balance that is applicable to future reporting periods. Potential grant revenue is recorded as deferred inflows of resources on the fund financial statements when it has not yet met both the "measurable" and "available" criteria for recognition in the current period. Deferred outflows of resources are the consumption of net position that is applicable to future reporting periods. The net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension and other postemployment benefits (OPEB) plan investments, changes in the proportion and differences between employer contributions and proportionate share of contributions, as well as pension and OPEB payments made subsequent to the pension and OPEB liability measurement date are reported as deferred outflows or inflows of resources on the government-wide financial statements. See Note 4 for pension related disclosures and Note 5 for OPEB related disclosures.

Compensated absences: Certified and noncertified employees working less than 12 months per year do not earn vacation days, however, full-time, 12 month employees earn 12 vacation days per year, which are required to be used during that school year or following summer.

All employees receive 12 sick and 3 personal days each year, and these sick days accumulate to no maximum. These accumulated sick days do not vest and have not been recognized as a liability as they will not be paid in cash. Certified employees may contribute days toward TRS early retirement. The District did not have any compensated absences accrued as of June 30, 2020.

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Notes to Basic Financial Statements

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Long-term obligations: In the government-wide financial statements, long-term obligations consist of net pension liabilities and other postemployment benefit obligations and are reported as liabilities in the statement of net position.

Postemployment benefits other than pensions (OPEB): The District participates in two OPEB plans, the Teachers' Health Insurance Security Fund (THIS) plan provided by the State and an OPEB plan provided by the District. For purposes of measuring the District's collective OPEB liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB, and OPEB expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the THIS OPEB Plan and additions to/deductions from the THIS Plan's fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by the THIS Plan. For this purpose, the THIS Plan recognizes benefit payments when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments, if any, are reported at fair value, except for money market investments and participating interest earning investment contracts that have a maturity at the time of purchase of one year or less, which are reported at cost.

Net Position

The District's government-wide net position is reported in three categories:

Net investment in capital assets consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation.

Restricted net position results when constraints placed on net position use are either externally imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, and the like, or imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

Unrestricted net position consists of net position that do not meet the criteria of the two preceding categories.

When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is the District's policy to use restricted resources first, then unrestricted resources as they are needed.

Fund Balances

Within the governmental fund, the District's fund balance is reported in one of the following classifications:

Nonspendable includes amounts that cannot be spent because they are either: (a) not in spendable form; or (b) legally or contractually required to be maintained intact. At June 30, 2020, the District had nonspendable fund balance amounts totaling \$62,214.

Restricted includes amounts that are restricted to specific purposes, that is, when constraints placed on the use of resources are either: (a) externally imposed by creditors (such as through debt covenants), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or (b) imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation. At June 30, 2020, the District had no restricted fund balances.

Committed includes amounts that can only be used for specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by formal action of the District's highest level of decision-making authority. Committed amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the District removes or changes the specified use by taking the same type of action it employed to previously commit those amounts. The District's highest level of decision-making authority rests with the District's Governing Board. The District passes formal resolutions to commit its fund balance. At June 30, 2020, the District has committed \$4,300,000 for future capital outlay.

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Notes to Basic Financial Statements

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Assigned includes amounts that are constrained by the District's intent to be used for specific purposes, but that are neither restricted nor committed. Intent is expressed by: (a) the District's Governing Board itself; or (b) a body or official to which the Governing Board has delegated the authority to assign amounts to be used for specific purposes. The District's Governing Board has not delegated authority to any other body or official to assign amounts for a specific purpose within the General Fund. At June 30, 2020, the District had no assigned fund balances.

Unassigned includes the residual fund balance that has not been restricted, committed, or assigned within the General Fund and unassigned deficit fund balances of other governmental funds. At June 30, 2020, the District had unassigned balances of \$11,351,207.

It is the District's policy to consider restricted resources to have been spent first when an expenditure or expense is incurred for which both restricted and unrestricted (i.e., committed, assigned or unassigned fund balances) are available, followed by committed and then assigned fund balances. Unassigned amounts are used only after the other resources have been used.

Use of estimates: The preparation of financial statements requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenditures during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Note 2. Cash and Investments

a) Deposits and Cash on Hand

As of June 30, 2020, the District had deposits with financial institutions and cash on hand of \$21,954 with bank balances totaling \$21,031.

Custodial credit risk – deposits. Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the Township Trustees' deposits may not be returned to it. The District does not have a policy for custodial credit risk. As of June 30, 2020, all of the District's bank balances were insured or collateralized.

b) Investments

As of June 30, 2020, the District had the following investments:

Investment Type	Fair Value
Pooled cash and investments held by the Niles Township Trustees of Schools	<u>\$ 14,954,125</u>

The fair value of pooled cash and investments held by the Niles Township Treasurer is based on the net asset value per unit based on the fair value of the underlying securities at June 30, 2020 as determined by the Niles Township Treasurer. The fair value is derived daily based on the net asset value of the underlying securities. There are no redemption restrictions or unfunded commitments related to the District's pooled cash and investments held by the Niles Township Trustees.

Of the total pooled cash and investments held by the treasurer as of June 30, 2019, the most recent audited financial information available, maturities are approximately as follows: less than 1 year (8.8 percent), 1 to 5 years (9.5 percent), 6 to 10 years (7.8 percent), and greater than 10 years (73.9 percent).

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Note 2. Cash and Investments (Continued)

The pooled cash and investments holds the following investments, with percentages of the total investments held as of June 30, 2019, as follows: Federal National Mortgage Association Bonds (7.7 percent), Federal Home Loan Bank Bonds (8.2 percent), Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation Bonds (13.6 percent), Federal Farm Credit Bank (17.2 percent), Government National Mortgage Association Bonds (14.8 percent), Municipal Bonds (29.7 percent) and other fixed income investments (8.8 percent).

Interest rate risk. The District's investment policy does not limit its investment portfolio to specific maturities.

Credit risk. State statutes authorize the District to invest directly or through its Township Trustees in direct obligations of, or obligations guaranteed by, the United States Treasury or agencies of the United States and short-term obligations of corporations organized in the United States with assets exceeding \$500,000,000.

The District is also authorized to invest directly or through its Township Trustees in the Illinois School District Liquid Asset Fund Plus and the Illinois Funds, which invests member deposits, on a pooled basis, primarily in short-term certificates of deposit and in high-rated, short-term obligations of major United States corporations and banks.

Concentration of credit risk. The District has no investment policy related to the concentration of credit risk.

Custodial credit risk – investments. For an investment, this is the risk that, in the event of the failure of the counterparty, the District will not be able to recover the value of its investments or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. Illinois School District Liquid Asset Fund Plus and Illinois Funds investments held by the Niles Township Trustees of Schools are not subject to custodial credit risk.

Information related to the interest rate risk, credit risk, concentration of credit risk and custodial risk of the Niles Township Trustees of Schools' other cash and investments can be obtained from the Niles Township Trustees of Schools at 5407 West Lincoln Avenue, Skokie, Illinois 60077, which issues a financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information.

The above deposits of \$21,954 and investments of \$14,954,125 with a total carrying value of \$14,976,079 are presented in the basic financial statements as cash and investments as follows:

Statement of Net Position (GWFS)	\$ 14,956,625
Statement of Fiduciary Assets and Liabilities (FFS)	<u>19,454</u>
	<u>\$ 14,976,079</u>

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Note 3. Capital Assets

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

	Balance July 1, 2019	Increases	Retirements	Balance June 30, 2020
Capital assets not being depreciated:				
Land	\$ 159,845	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 159,845
Construction in progress	77,648	-	77,648	-
Total capital assets not being depreciated	<u>237,493</u>	-	<u>77,648</u>	<u>159,845</u>
Capital assets being depreciated:				
Land improvements	968,215	-	-	968,215
Buildings	3,916,361	205,313	-	4,121,674
Equipment	1,010,320	3,200	-	1,013,520
Total capital assets being depreciated	<u>5,894,896</u>	<u>208,513</u>	-	<u>6,103,409</u>
Less: accumulated depreciation:				
Land improvements	117,941	62,353	-	180,294
Buildings	1,589,039	103,998	-	1,693,037
Equipment	742,634	53,188	-	795,822
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>2,449,614</u>	<u>219,539</u>	-	<u>2,669,153</u>
Total capital assets being depreciated, net	<u>3,445,282</u>	<u>(11,026)</u>	-	<u>3,434,256</u>
Governmental activities				
Capital assets, net	<u>\$ 3,682,775</u>	<u>\$ (11,026)</u>	<u>\$ 77,648</u>	<u>\$ 3,594,101</u>

Depreciation expense was recognized in the operating activities of the District as follows:

Governmental Activities	Depreciation
Instruction	\$ 197,585
Support services	<u>21,954</u>
	<u>\$ 219,539</u>

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Note 4. Retirement Fund Commitments

Teachers' Retirement System

Plan Description. The District participates in the Teachers' Retirement System of the State of Illinois (TRS, or System). TRS is a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan that was created by the Illinois legislature for the benefit of Illinois public school teachers employed outside the city of Chicago. TRS members include all active nonannuitants who are employed by a TRS-covered employer to provide services for which teacher licensure is required. The Illinois Pension Code outlines the benefit provisions of TRS, and amendments to the plan can be made only by legislative action with the Governor's approval. The TRS Board of Trustees is responsible for the System's administration.

TRS issues a publicly available financial report that can be obtained at <http://trs.illinois.gov/pubs/cafrs/fy2017>; by writing to TRS at 2815 W. Washington, PO Box 19253, Springfield, IL 62794; or by calling (888) 678-3675, option 2.

Benefits Provided. TRS provides retirement, disability, and death benefits. Tier 1 members have TRS or reciprocal system service prior to January 1, 2011. Tier 1 members qualify for retirement benefits at age 62 with five years of service, at age 60 with 10 years, or age 55 with 20 years. The benefit is determined by the average of the four highest years of creditable earnings within the last 10 years of creditable service and the percentage of average salary to which the member is entitled. Most members retire under a formula that provides 2.2 percent of final average salary up to a maximum of 75 percent with 34 years of service. Disability and death benefits are also provided.

Tier 2 members qualify for retirement benefits at age 67 with 10 years of service, or a discounted annuity can be paid at age 62 with 10 years of service. Creditable earnings for retirement purposes are capped and the final average salary is based on the highest consecutive eight years of creditable service rather than the last four. Disability provisions for Tier 2 are identical to those of Tier 1. Death benefits are payable under a formula that is different from Tier 1.

Essentially all Tier 1 retirees receive an annual 3 percent increase in the current retirement benefit beginning January 1 following the attainment of age 61 or on January 1 following the member's first anniversary in retirement, whichever is later. Tier 2 annual increases will be the lesser of three percent of the original benefit or one-half percent of the rate of inflation beginning January 1 following attainment of age 67 or on January 1 following the member's first anniversary in retirement, whichever is later.

Public Act 100-0023, enacted in 2017, creates an optional Tier 3 hybrid retirement plan, but it has not yet gone into effect. Public Act 100-0587, enacted in 2018, requires TRS to offer two temporary benefit buyout programs that expire on June 30, 2021. One program allows retiring Tier 1 members to receive a partial lump-sum payment in exchange for accepting a lower, delayed annual increase. The other allows inactive vested Tier 1 and 2 members to receive a partial lump-sum payment in lieu of a retirement annuity. Both programs began in 2019 and are funded by bonds issued by the state of Illinois.

Contributions. The state of Illinois maintains the primary responsibility for funding TRS. The Illinois Pension Code, as amended by Public Act 88-0593 and subsequent acts, provides that for years 2010 through 2045, the minimum contribution to the System for each fiscal year shall be an amount determined to be sufficient to bring the total assets of the System up to 90 percent of the total actuarial liabilities of the System by the end of fiscal year 2045.

Contributions from active members and TRS contributing employers are also required by the Illinois Pension Code. The contribution rates are specified in the pension code. The active member contribution rate for the year ended June 30, 2020, was 9.0 percent of creditable earnings. The member contribution, which may be paid on behalf of employees by the employer, is submitted to TRS by the employer.

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Note 4. Retirement Fund Commitments (Continued)

On Behalf Contributions to TRS. The state of Illinois makes employer pension contributions on behalf of the District. For the year ended June 30, 2020, state of Illinois contributions recognized by the District were based on the state's proportionate share of the collective net pension liability associated with the District, and the District recognized revenue and expenses of \$4,683,563 in the governmental activities based on the economic resources measurement basis and revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$2,598,747 in the General Fund based on the current financial resources measurement basis.

2.2 Formula Contributions. Employers contribute 0.58 percent of total creditable earnings for the 2.2 formula change. The contribution rate is specified by statute. Contributions for the year ended June 30, 2020, were \$36,049 and are reported as deferred outflow of resources on the statement of net position because they were paid after the June 30, 2019 measurement date.

Federal and Special Trust Fund Contributions. When TRS members are paid from federal and special trust funds administered by the employer, there is a statutory requirement for the District to pay a District pension contribution from those funds. Under Public Act 100-0340, the federal and special trust fund contribution rate is the total employer normal cost.

For the year ended June 30, 2020, the District pension contribution was 10.66 percent of salaries paid from federal and special trust funds. For the year ended June 30, 2020, no salaries were paid from federal and special trust funds and there were no required employer contributions.

Employer Retirement Cost Contributions. Under GASB Statement No. 68, contributions that an employer is required to pay because of a TRS member retiring are categorized as specific liability payments. The employer is required to make a one-time contribution to TRS for members granted salary increases over 6 percent if those salaries are used to calculate a retiree's final average salary. A one-time contribution is also required for members granted sick leave days in excess of the normal annual allotment if those days are used as TRS service credit. Additionally PA 100-0023 requires school districts to pay for a portion of the cost of a member's pension if that member's salary, determined on a full-time equivalent basis, is greater than the governor's statutory salary (currently \$177,412). The amount charged to the employer is the employer normal cost, or 10.66 percent.

For the year ended June 30, 2020, the District paid \$5,860 to TRS for employer contributions due on salary increases in excess of 6 percent and made no payments for sick leave days granted in excess of the normal annual allotment. The District paid \$4,770 for member salaries in excess of the governor's statutory salary.

Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions. At June 30, 2020, the District reported a liability for its proportionate share of the net pension liability (first amount shown below) that reflected a reduction for state pension support provided to the employer. The state's support and total are for disclosure purposes only. The amount recognized by the District as its proportionate share of the net pension liability, the related state support, and the total portion of the net pension liability that was associated with the employer were as follows:

District's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 606,116
State's proportionate share of the net pension liability associated with the employer	<u>43,136,634</u>
	<u>\$ 43,742,750</u>

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Notes to Basic Financial Statements

Note 4. Retirement Fund Commitments (Continued)

The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2019, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2018, and rolled forward to June 30, 2019. The District's proportion of the net pension liability was based on the District's share of contributions to TRS for the measurement year ended June 30, 2019, relative to the projected contributions of all participating TRS employers and the state during that period. At June 30, 2019, the District's proportion was 0.00074 percent, which was a decrease of 0.00005 percent from the proportion measure as of June 30, 2018.

For the year ended June 30, 2020, the employer recognized the following for pension expense/expenditure and revenue pertaining to the District's employees:

	Governmental Activities	General Fund
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
State on-behalf contribution - Pension revenue and expense/expenditure	\$ 4,683,563	\$ 2,598,747
District pension expense/expenditure	56,530	36,049
Total pension expense/expenditure	<u>\$ 4,740,093</u>	<u>\$ 2,634,796</u>

At June 30, 2020, the District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 9,939	\$ -
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	960	-
Changes in proportion and differences between District contributions and proportionate share of contributions	18,045	45,507
Changes of assumptions	13,581	11,634
Total deferred amounts to be recognized in pension expense in future periods	<u>42,525</u>	<u>57,141</u>
District contributions subsequent to the measurement date	36,049	-
	<u>\$ 78,574</u>	<u>\$ 57,141</u>

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Notes to Basic Financial Statements

Note 4. Retirement Fund Commitments (Continued)

The District reported \$36,049 as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from employer contributions subsequent to the measurement date, which will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the reporting year ending June 30, 2021. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows in these reporting years:

Year ended June 30:	
2021	\$ (2,283)
2022	(7,902)
2023	(170)
2024	(1,720)
2025	<u>(2,541)</u>
	<u>\$ (14,616)</u>

Actuarial Assumptions. The total pension liability in the June 30, 2019 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Inflation 2.50 percent

Salary increases varies by amount of service credit

Investment rate of return 7.00 percent, net of pension plan investment expense, including inflation

In the June 30, 2019 actuarial valuation, mortality rates were based on the RP-2014 White Collar Table with appropriate adjustments for TRS experience. The rates are based on a fully-generational basis using projection table MP-2017. In the June 30, 2018 actuarial valuation, mortality rates were also based on the RP-2014 White Collar Table with appropriate adjustments for TRS experience. The rates were used on a fully-generational basis using projection table MP-2014.

The long-term (20-year) expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. The target allocation and best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class that were used by the actuary are summarized in the following table:

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Note 4. Retirement Fund Commitments (Continued)

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return
U.S. equities large cap	15.0%	6.3%
U.S. equities small/mid cap	2.0%	7.7%
International equities developed	13.6%	7.0%
Emerging market equities	3.4%	9.5%
U.S. bonds core	8.0%	2.2%
U.S. bonds high yield	4.2%	4.0%
International debt developed	2.2%	1.1%
Emerging international debt	2.6%	4.4%
Real estate	16.0%	5.2%
Real return	4.0%	1.8%
Absolute return	14.0%	4.1%
Private equity	15.0%	9.7%
	100.0%	

Discount Rate. At June 30, 2019, the discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.00 percent, which was the same rate used at June 30, 2018. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that employee contributions, employer contributions, and state contributions will be made at the current statutorily-required rates.

Based on those assumptions, TRS's fiduciary net position at June 30, 2019, was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current active and inactive members and all benefit recipients. Tier 1's liability is partially funded by Tier 2 members, as the Tier 2 member contribution is higher than the cost of Tier 2 benefits. Due to this subsidy, contributions from future members in excess of the service cost are also included in the determination of the discount rate. All projected future payments were covered, so the long-term expected rate of return on TRS investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

Sensitivity of the Employer's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate. The following presents the employer's proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 7.00 percent, as well as what the employer's proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower or 1-percentage-point higher than the current rate.

	1% Decrease 6.00%	Current Discount Rate 7.00%	1% Increase 8.00%
Employer's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 740,318	\$ 606,116	\$ 495,776

Payables to TRS. As of June 30, 2020, the District reported no payables to TRS.

TRS Fiduciary Net Position. Detailed information about TRS' fiduciary net position as of June 30, 2019 is available in the separately issued TRS *Comprehensive Annual Financial Report*.

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Notes to Basic Financial Statements

Note 4. Retirement Fund Commitments (Continued)

Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund

Plan Description. The District's defined benefit pension plan for regular employees provides retirement and disability benefits, post-retirement increases, and death benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. The District's plan is managed by the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF), the administrator of an agent multi-employer public pension fund. A summary of IMRF's pension benefits is provided in the "Benefits Provided" section below. Details of all benefits are available from IMRF. Benefit provisions are established by statute and may only be changed by the General Assembly of the State of Illinois. IMRF issues a publicly available Comprehensive Annual Financial Report that includes financial statements, detailed information about the pension plan's fiduciary net position, and required supplementary information. The report is available for download at www.imrf.org.

Benefits Provided. The District participates in the Regular Plan (RP). Employees hired *before* January 1, 2011, are eligible for Tier 1 benefits. Tier 1 employees are vested for pension benefits when they have at least eight years of qualifying service credits. Tier 1 employees who retire at age 55 (at reduced benefits) or after age 60 (at full benefits) with eight years of service are entitled to an annual retirement benefit, payable monthly for life, in an amount equal to 1-2/3 percent of the final rate of earnings for the first 15 years of service credit, plus 2 percent for each year of service credit after 15 years to a maximum of 75 percent of their final rate of earnings. Final rate of earnings is the highest total earnings during any consecutive 48 months within the last 10 years of services, divided by 48. Under Tier 1, the pension is increased by 3 percent of the original amount on January 1 every year after retirement.

Employees hired *on or after* January 1, 2011, are eligible for Tier 2 benefits. For Tier 2 employees, pension benefits vest after ten years of service. Participating employees who retire at age 62 (at reduced benefits) or after age 67 (at full benefits) with ten years of service are entitled to an annual retirement benefit, payable monthly for life, in an amount equal to 1-2/3 percent of the final rate of earnings for the first 15 years of service credit, plus 2 percent for each year of service credit after 15 years to a maximum of 75 percent of their final rate of earnings. Final rate of earnings is the highest total earnings during any 96 consecutive months within the last 10 years of service, divided by 96. Under Tier 2, the pension is increased on January 1 every year after retirement, upon reaching age 67, by the lesser of:

- 3 percent of the original pension amount, or
- ½ of the increase in the Consumer Price Index of the original pension amount.

Employees Covered by Benefit Terms. As of December 31, 2019, the following employees were covered by the benefit terms:

Retirees and Beneficiaries currently receiving benefits	49
Inactive Plan Members entitled to but not yet receiving benefits	159
Active Plan Members	124
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Total	332
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Note 4. Retirement Fund Commitments (Continued)

Contributions. As set by statute, the District's Regular Plan Members are required to contribute 4.5 percent of their annual covered salary. The statute requires employers to contribute the amount necessary, in addition to member contributions, to finance the retirement coverage of its own employees. The District's annual contribution rate the calendar years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019, was 8.07 and 6.73 percent, respectively. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020, the District contributed \$350,305 to the plan. The District also contributes for disability benefits, death benefits, and supplemental retirement benefits, all of which are pooled at the IMRF level. Contribution rates for disability and death benefits are set by IMRF's Board of Trustees, while the supplemental retirement benefits rate is set by statute.

Net Pension Liability. The District's net pension liability was measured as of December 31, 2019. The total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date.

Actuarial Assumptions. The following are the methods and assumptions used to determine total pension liability at December 31, 2019:

- The **Actuarial Cost Method** used was Entry Age Normal.
- The **Asset Valuation Method** used was Market Value of Assets.
- The **Inflation Rate** was assumed to be 2.50 percent.
- **Salary Increases** were expected to be 3.35 percent to 14.25 percent, including inflation.
- The **Investment Rate of Return** was assumed to be 7.25 percent.
- **Projected Retirement Age** was from the Experience-based Table of Rates, specific to the type of eligibility condition, last updated for the 2017 valuation according to an experience study of the period 2014-2016.
- For **Non-disabled Retirees**, an IMRF specific mortality table was used with fully generational projection scale MP-2017 (base year 2015). The IMRF specific rates were developed from the RP-2014 Blue Collar Health Annuitant Mortality Table with adjustments to match current IMRF experience.
- For **Disabled Retirees**, an IMRF-specific mortality table was used with fully generational projection scale MP-2017 (base year 2015). The IMRF-specific rates were developed from the RP-2014 Disabled Retirees Mortality Table, applying the same adjustments that were applied for non-disabled lives.
- For **Active Members**, an IMRF-specific mortality table was used with fully generational projection scale MP-2017 (base year 2015). The IMRF-specific rates were developed from the RP-2014 Employee Mortality Table with adjustments to match current IMRF experience.
- The **Long-Term Expected Rate of Return** on pension plan investments was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense, and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return to the target asset allocation percentage and adding expected inflation. The target allocation and best estimates of geometric real rates of return for each major asset class are summarized in the following table:

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Note 4. Retirement Fund Commitments (Continued)

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Projected Returns / Risk	
		One year Arithmetic	Ten Year Geometric
Domestic equity	37.0	7.05	5.75
International equity	18.0	8.10	6.50
Fixed income	28.0	3.70	3.25
Real estate	9.0	6.35	5.20
Alternative investments	7.0		
Private equity	-	11.30	7.60
Commodities	-	4.65	3.60
Cash equivalents	1.0	1.85	1.85
	<u>100.0</u> %		

Discount Rate. A single discount rate of 7.25 percent was used to measure the total pension liability (asset). The projection of cash flow used to determine this single discount rate assumed that the plan members' contributions will be made at the current contribution rate, and that employer contributions will be made at rates equal to the difference between actuarially determined contribution rates and the member rate. The single discount rate reflects:

1. The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments (7.25 percent) during the period in which the fiduciary net position is projected to be sufficient to pay benefits, and
2. The tax-exempt municipal bond rate (2.75 percent) based on an index of 20-year general obligation bonds with an average AA credit rating (which is published by the Federal Reserve) as of the measurement date to the extent that the contributions for use with the long-term expected rate of return are not met.

IMRF' fiduciary net position as of December 31, 2019 was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current active and inactive members and all benefit recipients of the plan. For the purpose of the most recent valuation, the expected rate of return on plan investments is not adjusted by the municipal bond rate and the resulting single discount rate of 7.25 percent.

Changes in the Net Pension Liability (Asset). The following table shows the components of the District's annual pension liability (asset) and related plan fiduciary net position for the calendar year ended December 31, 2019:

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Note 4. Retirement Fund Commitments (Continued)

	Total Pension Liability (A)	Plan Fiduciary Net Position (B)	Net Pension Liability (Asset) (A)-(B)
Balances at January 1, 2019	\$ 9,347,061	\$ 8,411,946	\$ 935,115
Changes for the year:			
Service Cost	397,641	-	397,641
Interest on the Total Pension Liability	683,371	-	683,371
Differences Between Expected and Actual Experience of the Total Pension Liability	432,421	-	432,421
Contributions - Employer	-	287,813	(287,813)
Contributions - Employees	-	192,446	(192,446)
Net Investment Income	-	1,474,373	(1,474,373)
Benefit Payments, including Refunds of Employee Contributions	(240,139)	(240,139)	-
Other (Net Transfer)	-	16,845	(16,845)
Net Changes	1,273,294	1,731,338	(458,044)
Balances at December 31, 2019	\$ 10,620,355	\$ 10,143,284	\$ 477,071

Sensitivity of the Net Pension Liability (Asset) to Changes in the Discount Rate. The following presents the plan's net pension liability (asset), calculated using a Single Discount Rate of 7.25 percent, as well as what the plan's net pension liability (asset) would be if it were calculated using a Single Discount Rate that is 1.0 percent lower or 1.0 percent higher:

	1% Decrease 6.25%	Current Discount Rate 7.25%	1% Increase 8.25%
Employer's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset)	\$ 2,066,692	\$ 477,071	\$ (828,615)

Pension Expense, Deferred Outflows of Resources, and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions. For the year ended June 30, 2020, the District recognized pension expense of \$442,696. At June 30, 2020, the District reported deferred outflows or resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

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Note 4. Retirement Fund Commitments (Continued)

Deferred Amounts Related to Pensions	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Deferred amounts to be recognized in pension expense in future periods		
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 359,207	\$ 6,085
Changes of assumptions	128,152	42,484
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	<u>(326,809)</u>	<u>-</u>
Total deferred amounts to be recognized in pension expense in future periods	160,550	48,569
Pension contributions made subsequent to the measurement date	<u>223,839</u>	<u>-</u>
Total deferred amounts related to pensions	<u>\$ 384,389</u>	<u>\$ 48,569</u>

The District reported \$223,839 as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from employer contributions subsequent to the measurement date which will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the reporting year ended June 30, 2020. Amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense in future periods as follows:

Year ending June 30	Net Deferred Outflows of Resources
2021	\$ 116,056
2022	82,067
2023	84,898
2024	<u>(171,040)</u>
	<u>\$ 111,981</u>

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Note 5. Post-Employment Benefit Plans Other Than Pensions

District plan

Plan Description. The District provides other postemployment health care benefits (OPEB) in the form of single coverage medical and dental insurance to eligible retired non-certified teaching assistants until Medicare eligibility is attained. The current eligibility criteria established based on a collective bargaining agreement between the District's Governing Board and the Niles Township Federation of Special Education Teacher Assistants is as follows: teaching assistants must be active in the District's hospital, major medical, and dental insurance during the year prior to retirement, have been a full-time employee of the District for at least 20 years, and be at least age 60. This plan is a single employer defined benefit plan. No assets are accumulated in a trust that meet the criteria in paragraph 4 of GASB 75. The plan does not issue a separate report.

Benefits Provided. Non-certified teaching assistants may continue coverage into retirement on the District medical plan. No retiree contributions are required. Coverage is only offered to retirees and dependent coverage is not offered. Coverage ends upon attainment of Medicare eligibility age.

Employees Covered by Benefit Terms. At June 30, 2020, the following employees were covered by the benefit terms:

Active Plan Members	<u><u>84</u></u>
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Total OPEB Liability. The District's total OPEB liability was measured as of June 30, 2020, and was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date.

	<u>Total OPEB Liability</u>
Balances at July 1, 2019	\$ 543,666
Changes for the year:	
Service cost	124,363
Interest on the total OPEB liability	15,168
Changes of benefit terms	99,176
Difference between expected and actual experience of the total OPEB liability	(104,222)
Changes of assumptions	1,032,330
Benefit payments	<u>(95,984)</u>
Balances at June 30, 2020	<u><u>\$ 1,614,497</u></u>

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Note 5. Post-Employment Benefit Plans Other Than Pensions (Continued)

Actuarial Assumptions. The following are the methods and assumptions used to determine total OPEB liability at June 30, 2020:

- The **Actuarial Cost Method** used was Entry Age Normal (Alternative Measurement Method).
- The **Discount Rate Used for Total OPEB Liability** and the **High Quality 20 Year Tax-Exempt G.O. Bond Rate** was assumed to be 2.21 percent.
- **Total Payroll Increases** was assumed to be 2.50 percent.
- For **Healthcare Cost Trend Rates**, actual trend rate used for fiscal year 2020. For fiscal years on and after 2021, trend starts at 6.30 percent for the HMO plan and 6.80 percent for the PPO plan, with both decreasing to an ultimate trend of 5.00 percent in 2030. The trend rate for dental insurance starts at 3.80 percent and remains constant through 2030.
- **Mortality rates** were from the RP-2014 with Blue Collar Adjustment and MP-2016 Improvement, weighted per IMRF Experience Study dated November 8, 2017; age 85 for males, age 88 for females.
- **Retirement Rates** are based on rates from IMRF Experience Study dated November 8, 2017; age 60 for Tier I, age 62 for Tier II. 100 percent of IMRF employees are assumed to elect coverage at retirement.
- **Termination Rates** and **Disability Rates** are based on rates from IMRF Experience Study dated November 8, 2017. Termination rates are assumed to be double those of the IMRF Experience Study Report to account for actual experience.

Change in actuarial assumption: The High Quality 20 Year Tax-Exempt G.O. Bond Rate and resultant discount rate was changed from 2.79 percent to 2.21 percent. Plan participants increased by over 50% and claim costs increased by 5% from the prior year.

Sensitivity of the Employer's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability to Changes in the Single Discount Rate. The following presents the plan's net OPEB liability, calculated using a Single Discount Rate of 2.21 percent, as well as what the plan's net OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a Single Discount rate that is one percentage point higher or lower than the current rate:

	1% Decrease (1.21%)	Current Discount Rate (2.21%)	1% Increase (3.21%)
District's total OPEB liability	\$ 1,777,020	\$ 1,614,497	\$ 1,477,959

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Note 5. Post-Employment Benefit Plans Other Than Pensions (Continued)

Sensitivity of Net OPEB Liability to Changes in the Healthcare Cost Trend Rate. The following presents the plan's net OPEB liability, calculated using the healthcare cost trend rates as well as what the plan's net OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a healthcare cost trend rate that is one percentage point higher or lower, than the current healthcare cost trend rates.

	1% Decrease(a)	Healthcare Cost Trend Rates Assumption	1% Increase(b)
District's total OPEB liability	\$ 1,481,200	\$ 1,614,497	\$ 1,769,392

(a) One percentage point decrease in healthcare trend rates to 5.30 percent in 2020 for HMO and 5.80 percent for PPO plans, both decreasing to an ultimate trend rate of 4.00 percent in 2030.

(b) One percentage point increase in healthcare trend rates to 7.30 percent in 2020 for HMO and 7.80 percent for PPO plans, both decreasing to an ultimate trend rate of 6.00 percent in 2030.

OPEB Expense, Deferred Outflows of Resources, and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB. For the year ended June 30, 2020, the District recognized OPEB expense of \$1,047,201. At June 30, 2020, the District did not report any deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB.

Teachers' Health Insurance Security Fund

Plan Description. The District participates in the Teachers' Health Insurance Security Fund (THIS) of the state of Illinois. THIS is a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit post-employment healthcare plan (OPEB) established by the Illinois legislature for the benefit of eligible retired Illinois public school teachers employed outside the City of Chicago (members). All District employees receiving monthly benefits from the Teachers' Retirement System (TRS) who have at least eight years of creditable service with TRS, the survivor of an annuitant or benefit recipient who had at least eight years of creditable service or a recipient of a monthly disability benefit are eligible to enroll in THIS.

The State Employees Group Insurance Act of 1971 (5 ILCS 375) outlines the benefit provisions of the THIS Plan and amendments to the Plan can be made only by legislative action with the Governor's approval. The Plan is administered by the Illinois Department of Central Management Services. The publicly available financial report of the Plan may be found on the website of the Illinois Auditor General. The current reports are listed under "Central Management Services" (<http://www.auditor.illinois.gov/Audit-Reports/CMS-THISF.asp>).

Benefits Provided. THIS provides medical, prescription, and behavioral health benefits for eligible retirees and their dependents, but it does not provide vision, dental, or life insurance benefits to annuitants of the Teachers' Retirement System (TRS). Annuitants not enrolled in Medicare may participate in the state-administered participating provider option plan or choose from several managed care options. Annuitants who are enrolled in Medicare Parts A and B may be eligible to enroll in a Medicare Advantage plan. The premiums charged reflect approximately a 75 percent subsidy for members that elect a managed care plan or elect the Teachers' Choice Health Plan (TCHP) if a managed care plan is either not available or only partially available. Members receive approximately a 50 percent subsidy if they elect the TCHP when a managed care plan is available. Medicare primary dependent beneficiaries enrolled in a managed care plan or in the TCHP when no managed care plan is available receive a premium subsidy.

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Note 5. Post-Employment Benefit Plans Other Than Pensions (Continued)

Contributions. The State Employees Group Insurance Act of 1971 (5 ILCS 375/6) specifies the contribution requirements of the participating school districts and covered employees. For the year ended June 30, 2019, required contributions are as follows:

- Active members contribute 1.24 percent of covered payroll.
- Employers contribute 0.92 percent of covered payroll. The percentage of employer required contributions in the future will not exceed 105 percent of the percentage of salary actually required to be paid in the previous fiscal year. For the year ended June 30, 2020, the District paid \$57,182 to the THIS Fund, which was 100 percent of the required contribution. These contributions are deferred because they were paid after the June 30, 2019 measurement date.
- The state of Illinois makes contributions on behalf of the employer. State contributions are intended to match contributions to the THIS Fund from active members. The state contributed 1.24 percent of covered payroll. For the year ended June 30, 2020, state of Illinois contributions on behalf of the District's employees were \$77,071 and the District recognized revenue and expenditures for this on-behalf contribution amount during the year in the General Fund.
- Retired members contribute through premium payments based on the coverage elected, Medicare eligibility, and the age of the member and dependents. The premium for retired members is not permitted to increase by more than 5.0 percent per year by statute. The Federal Government provides a Medicare Part D subsidy.

OPEB Liabilities, Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of

Resources. At June 30, 2020, the District reported a liability for its proportionate share of the collective net OPEB liability that reflected a reduction for state pension support provided for the District. The state's support and total are for disclosure purposes only. The OPEB proportionate shares are as follows:

District's proportionate share of the collective net OPEB liability	\$	6,569,615
The portion of the state's proportionate share amount of the collective net OPEB liability associated with the District		8,895,968
Total THIS net collective OPEB liability associated with the District	<u>\$</u>	<u>15,465,583</u>

The collective net OPEB liability was measured as of June 30, 2019, and the total OPEB liability used to calculate the collective net OPEB liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as June 30, 2018, and rolled forward to June 30, 2019. The District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability was based on the District's share of contributions to THIS for the measurement year ended June 30, 2019, relative to the contributions of all participating employers and the state during that period. At June 30, 2019, the District's proportion was 0.023736 percent, which was a decrease of 0.000232 from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2018.

For the year ended June 30, 2020 the District recognized the following for OPEB expense/expenditure and revenue pertaining to the District's employees:

	Governmental Activities	General Fund
State on-behalf contribution - OPEB revenue and expense/expenditure	\$ 389,567	\$ 77,071
District OPEB expense/expenditure	361,804	57,182
Total OPEB expense/expenditure	<u>\$ 751,371</u>	<u>\$ 134,253</u>

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Note 5. Post-Employment Benefit Plans Other Than Pensions (Continued)

At June 30, 2020, the District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ -	\$ 109,018
Changes in proportion and differences between District contributions and proportionate share of contributions	361,407	64,204
Net difference between projected and actual investment earnings	-	215
Changes of assumptions	2,491	753,091
Total deferred amounts to be recognized in expense in future periods	363,898	926,528
District contributions subsequent to the measurement date	57,182	-
	<u>\$ 421,080</u>	<u>\$ 926,528</u>

The District reported \$57,182 as deferred outflows of resources resulting from employer contributions subsequent to the measurement date that will be recognized as a reduction of the collective net OPEB liability in the year ending June 30, 2021. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources will be recognized in expense as follows:

Fiscal Year Ending June 30:

2021	\$ (127,449)
2022	(127,449)
2023	(127,432)
2024	(127,397)
2025	(71,917)
Thereafter	<u>19,014</u>
	<u>\$ (562,630)</u>

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Note 5. Post-Employment Benefit Plans Other Than Pensions (Continued)

Actuarial Assumptions. The total OPEB liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2018 and rolled forward to June 30, 2019, based on the entry age normal cost method and using the following actuarial assumptions:

Discount rate	3.13% at June 30, 2019
Inflation	2.50%
Salary increases	Depends on service and ranges from 9.50 percent at 1 year of service to 4.00 percent at 19 or more years of service. Salary increase includes a 3.25 percent wage inflation assumption.
Investment rate of return	0 percent, net of OPEB plan investment expense, including inflation
Healthcare cost trend rates	Actual trend used for fiscal year 2019. For fiscal years on and after 2020, trend starts at 8.00 percent and 9.00 percent for non-Medicare costs and post-Medicare costs, respectively, and gradually decreases to an ultimate trend of 4.81 and 4.50 percent, respectively. Additional trend rate of 0.31 percent is added to non-Medicare cost on and after 2020 to account for the Excise Tax.
Mortality	<u>Healthy life mortality, post-retirement:</u> RP-2014 White Collar Annuitant Tables, sex distinct with female rates multiplied by 70 percent for ages under 78 and 110 percent for ages 78 to 114 and male rates multiplied by 94 percent for ages under 81 and 110 percent for ages 81 to 114 <u>Healthy life mortality, post-retirement beneficiary:</u> RP2015 Annuitant Tables, sex distinct with female and male rates multiplied by 96 percent and 116 percent, respectively, for ages 50 to 114 <u>Healthy life mortality, pre-retirement:</u> RP-2014 White Collar Mortality Tables, sex distinct with female and male rates multiplied by 104 percent for all ages <u>Disabled life mortality, post-retirement:</u> RP-2014 Disabled Tables, sex distinct with female and male rates multiplied by 117 percent for ages 45 to 99 (Future annual improvements in mortality are based on the Society of Actuaries Mortality Projections Scale MP-2017.)

Eighty percent of future retirees that are currently active are assumed to elect healthcare coverage, with 80 percent electing single coverage and 20 percent electing two-person coverage. Seventy percent of current deferred vested participants with at least seven years of service and younger than 70 as of June 30, 2018, are assumed to elect healthcare coverage, with 80 percent electing single coverage and 20 percent electing two-person coverage. Thirty-five percent of current deferred vested participants with five to seven years of service and younger than age 70 as of June 30, 2018, are assumed to be eligible under SEDIP or TRIP before retirement and elect healthcare coverage, with 80 percent electing single coverage and 20 percent electing two-person coverage. The liability for this group is allocated equally to TRIP and SEGIP.

The pension-related assumptions disclosed in the TRS experience study for the period July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2017, were applied to the THIS actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2018.

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Note 5. Post-Employment Benefit Plans Other Than Pensions (Continued)

The following OPEB-related assumption changes were made since the June 30, 2018, OPEB actuarial valuation date:

- The discount rate was changed from 3.62 percent at June 30, 2018 to 3.13 percent at June 30, 2019;
- The healthcare trend assumption was updated based on claim and enrollment experience through June 30, 2018, projected plan cost for plan year-end June 30, 2019, premium changes through plan year-end 2020, and expectation of future trend increases after June 30, 2019;
- The Excise trend rate adjustment was updated based on available premium and enrollment information as of June 30, 2019;
- Per capita claim costs for plan year-end June 30, 2019, were updated based on projected claims and enrollment experience through June 30, 2019, and updated premium rates through plan year 2020; and
- Healthcare plan participation rates by plan were updated based on observed experience.

In December 2019, the Patient Protection Affordability and Care Act (PPACA) excise tax was repealed. Since the repeal of the excise tax occurred after the June 30, 2019 measurement date, the impact was not included in the plan's actuarial valuation. The impact on the total OPEB liability is unknown at this time.

The long-term expected rate of return assumption was set to zero. As such, ranges of expected future real rates of return by asset class were not developed.

Discount Rate. Since THIS is financed on a pay-as-you-go basis, a long-term rate of return was not used and the discount rate used to measure the total OPEB liability was the 20-year general obligation bond index rate (source was Fidelity Index's 20-year municipal GO AA Index). The discount rate as of June 30, 2019, was 3.13 percent, which was a decrease from the June 30, 2018, rate of 3.62 percent. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that employee, employer, and state contributions would be made at the current statutorily-required rates. Based on those assumptions, THIS's fiduciary net position was not projected to be sufficient to make projected OPEB payments for current active and inactive employees beyond the current year.

Sensitivity of the Employer's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability to Changes in the Single Discount Rate. The following presents the plan's net OPEB liability, calculated using a Single Discount Rate of 3.13 percent, as well as what the plan's net OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a Single Discount rate that is one percentage point higher or lower than the current rate:

	1% Decrease (2.13%)	Current Discount Rate (3.13%)	1% Increase (4.13%)
Employer's proportionate share of the collective net OPEB liability	\$ 7,899,061	\$ 6,569,615	\$ 5,519,637

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Note 5. Post-Employment Benefit Plans Other Than Pensions (Continued)

Sensitivity of Net OPEB Liability to Changes in the Healthcare Cost Trend Rate. The following presents the plan's net OPEB liability, calculated using the healthcare cost trend rates as well as what the plan's net OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a healthcare cost trend rate that is one percentage point higher or lower, than the current healthcare cost trend rates. The key trend rates are 8.00 percent in 2020 decreasing to an ultimate trend rate of 4.81 percent in 2027, for non-Medicare coverage, and 9.00 percent decreasing to an ultimate trend rate of 4.50 percent in 2029 for Medicare coverage.

	Healthcare Cost Trend Rates		
	1% Decrease(a)	Assumption	1% Increase(b)
Employer's proportionate share of the collective net OPEB liability	\$ 5,307,713	\$ 6,569,615	\$ 8,273,973

(a) One percentage point decrease in healthcare trend rates are 7.00 percent in 2020 decreasing to an ultimate trend rate of 3.81 percent in 2027, for non-Medicare coverage, and 8.00 percent in 2020 decreasing to an ultimate trend rate of 3.50 percent in 2029 for Medicare coverage.

(b) One percentage point increase in healthcare trend rates are 9.00 percent in 2020 decreasing to an ultimate trend rate of 5.81 percent in 2027, for non-Medicare coverage, and 10.00 percent in 2019 decreasing to an ultimate trend rate of 5.50 percent in 2029 for Medicare coverage.

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

Payable to the OPEB Plan. The District had no outstanding amount of contributions to the THIS plan for the year ended June 30, 2020.

Note 6. Risk Management

The District is exposed to various risks of loss related to employee health benefits; workers' compensation claims; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; and natural disasters. To protect from such risks, the District participates in the Educational Benefit Cooperative (EBC) for health benefit claims and the Collective Liability Insurance Company (CLIC) for workers' compensation, theft, auto, property and casualty, and general coverage. The District pays annual premiums to the pools for insurance coverage. The arrangement with the pools provides that they will be self-sustaining through member premiums and will reinsure through commercial companies for claims in excess of certain levels established by the pools. There have been no significant reductions in insurance coverage in any of the last three fiscal years.

The District continues to carry commercial insurance for all other risks of loss, including torts and professional liability insurance. Premiums have been recorded as expenditures in the General Fund. There have been no significant reductions in insurance coverage from prior years. Settled claims resulting from these risks have not exceeded commercial insurance coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

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Note 7. Contingencies

The District received financial awards from federal and state agencies in the form of grants. The disbursement of funds received under these programs generally requires compliance with terms and conditions specified in the grant agreements and is subject to audit by the grantor agencies. Any disallowed claims resulting from such audits could become a liability of the District. However, in the opinion of management, any such disallowed claims will not have a material adverse effect on the overall financial position of the District at June 30, 2020.

Note 8. Pronouncements Issued But Not Yet Adopted

In May 2020, GASB Statement No. 95, *Postponement of the Effective Dates of Certain Authoritative Guidance* that provides temporary relief in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. The effective dates of various pronouncements are postponed. The pronouncements below have been updated for the applicable implementation dates. The statements that might impact the District are as follows:

GASB Statement No. 84, *Fiduciary Activities*, will be effective for the District beginning with its year ending June 30, 2021. This statement establishes criteria for identifying fiduciary activities of all state and local governments and clarifies whether and how business-type activities should report their fiduciary activities. Statement 84 provides that governments should report activities meeting certain criteria in a fiduciary fund in the basic financial statements and present a statement of fiduciary net position and a statement of changes in fiduciary net position. Statement 84 also describes four fiduciary funds that should be reported, if applicable: pension/employee benefit trust funds; investment trust funds; private purpose trust funds; and custodial funds with fiduciary activities that are not held in a trust or equivalent arrangement that meets specific criteria.

GASB Statement No. 87, *Leases*, will be effective for the District beginning with its year ending June 30, 2022. The objective of this statement is to better meet the information needs of financial statement users by improving accounting and financial reporting for leases by governments. This statement increases the usefulness of governments' financial statements by requiring recognition of certain lease assets and liabilities for leases that previously were classified as operating leases and recognized as inflows of resources or outflows of resources based on the payment provisions of the contract. It establishes a single model for lease accounting based on the foundational principle that leases are financings of the right to use an underlying asset. Under this statement, a lessee is required to recognize a lease liability and an intangible right-to-use lease asset, and a lessor is required to recognize a lease receivable and a deferred inflow of resources, thereby enhancing the relevance and consistency of information about governments' leasing activities.

GASB Statement No. 89, *Accounting for Interest Cost Incurred Before the End of a Construction Period*, will be effective for the District beginning with its year ended June 30, 2022. The objectives of this statement are (1) to enhance the relevance and comparability of information about capital assets and cost of borrowing for a reporting period and (2) to simplify accounting for interest cost incurred before the end of a construction period.

GASB Statement No. 90, *Majority Equity Interests – an amendment of GASB Statements No. 14 and 61*, will be effective for the District beginning with its year ended June 30, 2021. This statement improves financial reporting by providing users of financial statements with essential information related to presentation of majority equity interests in legally separate organizations that previously were reported inconsistently. In addition, it requires reporting of information about component units if the government acquires 100 percent equity interest in the component unit.

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Note 8. Pronouncements Issued But Not Yet Adopted (Continued)

GASB Statement No. 91, *Conduit Debt Obligations*, will be effective for the District beginning with its year ending June 30, 2023. This statement establishes a single method of reporting conduit debt obligations by issuers and eliminates diversity in practice. Under Statement 91 a government entity no longer reports a liability for any conduit debt that it has issued; however, the issuer should recognize a liability for any additional commitments or voluntary commitments to support the debt service.

GASB Statement No. 92, *Omnibus 2020*, addresses practice issues that have been identified during implementation and application of certain GASB statements and other technical pronouncements. The Statement addresses a variety of topics. The Statement will enhance comparability in the application of accounting and financial reporting requirements and will improve the consistency of authoritative literature. The Statement will be effective for the District with its year ending June 30, 2022.

GASB No. 93, *Replacement of Interbank Offered Rates* establishes how the District will report the change of any of its variable payment debt that are tied to the London Interbank Offered Rate (LIBOR) when the LIBOR standard is no longer used after December 31, 2021. This statement will be effective for the District with its year ending June 30, 2022.

GASB Statement No. 94, *Public-Private and Public-Public Partnerships and Availability Payment Arrangements* will improve financial reporting by addressing issues related to public-private and public-public partnerships and provides guidance for accounting and reporting for availability payment arrangements. This statement will be effective for the District with its year ending June 30, 2023.

GASB Statement No. 96, *Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements (SBITA)* will improve financial reporting by establishing a definition for SBITAs and providing uniform guidance for accounting and financial reporting for transactions that meet that definition. The statement will be effective for the District with its year ending June 30, 2023.

GASB Statement No. 97, *Certain Component Unit Criteria, and Accounting and Financial Reporting for Internal Revenue Code Section 457 Deferred Compensation Plans* will result in more consistent financial reporting of defined contribution pension plans, defined contribution OPEB plans, and other employee benefit plans, while mitigating the costs associated with reporting those plans. The requirements also will enhance the relevance, consistency, and comparability of (1) the information related to Section 457 plans that meet the definition of a pension plan and the benefits provided through those plans and (2) investment information for all Section 457 plans. The statement will be effective for the District with its year ending June 30, 2022.

Management has not currently determined what impact, if any, these GASB Statements may have on its financial statements.

Note 9. Subsequent Event

On January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the coronavirus disease 2019 (Covid-19) outbreak a "Public Health Emergency of International Concern" and on March 11, 2020, declared it to be a pandemic. It is unknown how long the adverse conditions associated with the coronavirus will last and what the complete financial effect will be to the District. To date, the District, as with most local governments in the State and Country, is experiencing declining revenue, and significant changes in the fair value of assets.

Additionally, it is reasonably possible that estimates made in the financial statements have been, or will be, materially and adversely impacted in the near term as a result of these conditions, including expected credit losses on receivables and investments; net pension and OPEB liabilities and related deferred assets and liabilities; and contingent obligations.

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**Schedule of the Employer's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability
Teachers' Retirement System**

For the fiscal year ending*	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Employer's proportion of the net pension liability	0.00075%	0.00079%	0.00075%	0.00077%	0.00086%	0.00081%
Employer's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 606,116	\$ 618,211	\$ 575,997	\$ 604,967	\$ 560,918	\$ 493,833
State's proportionate share of the net pension liability associated with the employer	43,136,634	42,350,014	39,652,786	40,618,593	33,494,128	30,795,895
Total	\$ 43,742,750	\$ 42,968,225	\$ 40,228,783	\$ 41,223,560	\$ 34,055,046	\$ 31,289,728
Employer's covered-employee payroll	\$ 5,835,042	\$ 5,681,750	\$ 5,355,532	\$ 5,115,918	\$ 5,170,530	\$ 4,992,067
Employer's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of its covered employee payroll	10.4%	10.9%	10.8%	11.8%	10.8%	9.9%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	40.0%	40.0%	39.3%	36.4%	41.5%	41.5%

*The amounts presented were determined as of the prior fiscal year-end.

**Schedule of Employer Contributions
Teachers' Retirement System**

For the fiscal year ending	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Contractually-required contribution	\$ 36,049	\$ 33,843	\$ 32,954	\$ 31,062	\$ 29,672	\$ 29,989
Contributions in relation to the contractually-required contribution	36,049	33,843	32,806	30,917	29,536	29,855
Contribution deficiency	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 148	\$ 145	\$ 136	\$ 134
Employer's covered-employee payroll	\$ 6,215,411	\$ 5,835,042	\$ 5,681,750	\$ 5,355,532	\$ 5,115,918	\$ 5,170,530
Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	0.58%	0.58%	0.58%	0.58%	0.58%	0.58%

Notes to Schedules

The information in both schedules will accumulate until a full 10-year trend is presented as required by GASB Statement No. 68.

Changes of Assumptions

For the 2019, 2018, 2017 and 2016 measurement year, the assumed investment rate of return was 7.0 percent, including an inflation rate of 2.5 percent and a real rate of return of 4.5 percent. Salary increases were assumed to vary by service credit, but the rates of increase in the 2018 measurement year were slightly higher.

For the 2015 measurement year, the assumed investment rate of return was 7.5 percent, including an inflation rate of 3.0 percent and real return of 4.5 percent. Salary increases were assumed to vary by service credit. Various other changes in assumptions were adopted based on the experience analysis for the three year period ending June 30, 2014.

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**Schedule of Changes in the Net Pension Liability and Related Ratios
Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund**

For calendar year ended	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Total Pension Liability						
Service cost	\$ 397,641	\$ 357,968	\$ 339,652	\$ 297,697	\$ 298,820	\$ 301,333
Interest on the total pension liability	683,371	616,957	584,092	528,907	486,502	422,330
Differences between expected and actual experience of the total pension liability	432,421	125,104	(33,289)	105,562	(60,046)	(1,080)
Changes of assumptions	-	308,650	(232,372)	-	-	257,470
Benefit payments, including refunds of employee contributions	(240,139)	(217,450)	(240,637)	(194,048)	(124,586)	(121,749)
Net change in total pension liability	1,273,294	1,191,229	417,446	738,118	600,690	858,304
Total pension liability - beginning	9,347,061	8,155,832	7,738,386	7,000,268	6,399,578	5,541,274
Total pension liability - ending	<u>\$ 10,620,355</u>	<u>\$ 9,347,061</u>	<u>\$ 8,155,832</u>	<u>\$ 7,738,386</u>	<u>\$ 7,000,268</u>	<u>\$ 6,399,578</u>
Plan Fiduciary Net Position						
Contributions - employer	\$ 287,813	\$ 339,936	\$ 335,341	\$ 302,612	\$ 299,203	\$ 274,179
Contributions - employee	192,446	169,823	151,509	133,506	121,149	120,904
Net investment income	1,474,373	(352,294)	1,155,651	437,614	31,732	348,465
Benefit payments, including refunds of employee contributions	(240,139)	(217,450)	(240,637)	(194,048)	(124,586)	(121,749)
Other (net transfer)	16,845	98,907	(54,223)	64,143	(244,388)	768
Net change in plan fiduciary net position	1,731,338	38,922	1,347,641	743,827	83,110	622,567
Plan fiduciary net position - beginning	8,411,946	8,373,024	7,025,383	6,281,556	6,198,446	5,575,879
Plan fiduciary net position - ending	<u>\$ 10,143,284</u>	<u>\$ 8,411,946</u>	<u>\$ 8,373,024</u>	<u>\$ 7,025,383</u>	<u>\$ 6,281,556</u>	<u>\$ 6,198,446</u>
Net pension liability (asset)	<u>\$ 477,071</u>	<u>\$ 935,115</u>	<u>\$ (217,192)</u>	<u>\$ 713,003</u>	<u>\$ 718,712</u>	<u>\$ 201,132</u>
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	95.51%	90.00%	102.66%	90.79%	89.73%	96.86%
Covered valuation payroll	\$ 4,276,572	\$ 3,772,878	\$ 3,366,872	\$ 2,935,130	\$ 2,645,547	\$ 2,641,418
Net pension liability as a percentage of covered valuation payroll	11.16%	24.79%	(6.45)%	24.29%	27.17%	7.61%

Notes to Schedule:

This schedule is presented to illustrate the requirement to show information for 10 years. However, until a full 10-year trend is compiled, information is presented for those years for which information is available.

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**Schedule of Employer Contributions
Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund
Most Recent Calendar Year**

Calendar Year Ended December 31,	Actuarially Determined Contribution	Actual Contribution	Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	Covered Valuation Payroll	Actual Contribution as a Percentage of Covered Valuation Payroll
2018	\$ 287,813	\$ 287,813	\$ -	\$ 4,276,572	6.73%
2018	339,936	339,936	-	3,772,878	9.01%
2017	335,340	335,341	(1)	3,366,872	9.96%
2016	302,612	302,612	-	2,935,130	10.31%
2015	267,200	299,203	(32,003)	2,645,547	11.31%
2014	272,449	274,179	(1,730)	2,624,753	10.45%

Notes to Schedule:

Summary of Actuarial Methods and Assumptions Used in the Calculation of the 2019 Contribution Rate*

Valuation Date:

Notes Actuarially determined contribution rates are calculated as of December 31 each year, which are 12 months prior to the beginning of the fiscal year in which contributions are reported.

Methods and Assumptions Used to Determine 2019 Contribution Rates:

Actuarial Cost Method: Aggregate entry age normal
 Amortization Method: Level percentage of payroll, closed
 Remaining Amortization Period: 24-year closed period
 Asset Valuation Method: 5-year smoothed market; 20% corridor
 Wage Growth: 3.25%
 Price Inflation: 2.50%
 Salary Increases: 3.35% to 14.25%, including inflation
 Investment Rate of Return: 7.50%
 Retirement Age: Experience-based table of rates that are specific to the type of eligibility condition; last updated for the 2017 valuation pursuant to an experience study of the period 2014 to 2016.
 Mortality: For non-disabled retirees, an IMRF specific mortality table was used with fully generational projection scale MP-2017 (base year 2015). The IMRF specific rates were developed from the RP-2014 Blue Collar Health Annuitant Mortality Table with adjustments to match current IMRF experience. For disabled retirees, an IMRF specific mortality table was used with fully generational projection scale MP-2017 (base year 2015). The IMRF specific rates were developed from the RP-2014 Disabled Retirees Mortality Table applying the same adjustment that were applied for non-disabled lives. For active members, an IMRF specific mortality table was used with fully generational projection scale MP-2017 (base year 2015). The IMRF specific rates were developed from the RP-2014 Employee Mortality Table with adjustments to match current IMRF experience.

Other Information:

Notes There were no benefit changes during the year.

* Based on Valuation Assumptions used in the December 31, 2017 actuarial valuation; note two year lag between valuation and rate setting.

This schedule is presented to illustrate the requirement to show information for 10 years. However, until a full 10-year trend is compiled, information is presented for those years for which information is available.

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**Schedule of Changes in the Total OPEB Liability and Related Ratios
District OPEB Plan**

For fiscal year ended	2020	2019	2018
Total OPEB Liability			
Service cost	\$ 124,363	\$ 120,987	\$ 104,727
Interest on the total pension liability	15,168	11,918	12,852
Changes of benefit terms	99,176	-	-
Differences between expected and actual experience of the total OPEB liability	(104,222)	-	20,868
Changes of assumptions	1,032,330	10,993	(32,903)
Benefit payments, including refunds of employee contributions	(95,984)	-	-
Other (net transfer)	-	(154)	(136,906)
Net change in total pension liability	<u>1,070,831</u>	<u>143,744</u>	<u>(31,362)</u>
Total OPEB liability - beginning	543,666	399,922	431,284
Total OPEB liability - ending	<u>\$ 1,614,497</u>	<u>\$ 543,666</u>	<u>\$ 399,922</u>
Covered valuation payroll	\$ 1,933,390	\$ 1,031,603	\$ 1,031,603
Total OPEB liability as a percentage of covered valuation payroll	83.51%	52.70%	38.77%

Notes to Schedule:

Changes of benefit assumptions. Changes of assumptions reflect the effects of changes in the discount rate. The following are the discount rates used in each period:

- 2020 - 2.21%
- 2019 - 2.79%
- 2018 - 2.98%
- 2017 - 3.13%

This schedule is presented to illustrate the requirement to show information for 10 years. However, until a full 10-year trend is compiled, information is presented for those years for which information is available.

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**Schedule of the Employer's Proportionate Share of the Collective Net OPEB Liability
Teachers' Health Insurance Security Fund**

For the fiscal year ending*	2020	2019	2018
Employer's proportion of the collective net OPEB liability	0.023736%	0.023968%	0.023282%
Employer's proportionate share of the collective net OPEB liability	\$ 6,569,615	\$ 6,314,694	\$ 6,041,531
The portion of the state's proportionate share amount of the collective net OPEB liability associated with the employer	8,895,968	8,479,108	7,933,951
Total	\$ 15,465,583	\$ 14,793,802	\$ 13,975,482
Employee covered payroll	\$ 5,835,042	\$ 5,681,750	\$ 5,355,532
Collective net OPEB liability as a percentage of the covered payroll	112.6%	111.1%	112.8%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%

* The amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of the prior fiscal-year-end.

Notes to Schedule

The following actuarial assumptions were changed for:	2020	2019	2018
Discount rate	3.13%	3.62%	3.56%
Prior year discount rate	3.62%	3.56%	N/A
The healthcare trend assumption was updated based on:			
Claim and enrollment experience through:	June 30, 2018	June 30, 2017	June 30, 2016
Projected plan cost for plan year end: 2020, and expectation of	June 30, 2019	June 30, 2018	June 30, 2017
Premium changes through plan year-end:	2020	2019	2018
Expectation of future trend increases after:	June 30, 2019	June 30, 2018	June 30, 2017
The Excise trend rate adjustment was updated based on available premium and enrollment information as of:	June 30, 2019	June 30, 2018	June 30, 2017
Per capita claim costs for the year were updated based on:			
Projected claims and enrollment experience through:	June 30, 2019	June 30, 2018	June 30, 2017
Updated premium rates through plan year:	2020	2019	2018
Healthcare plan participation rates by plan were updated based on observed experience for each year.			

The information in this schedule will accumulate until a full 10-year trend is presented as required by GASB Statement No. 75.

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**Schedule of Employer Contributions
Teachers' Health Insurance Security Fund**

For the fiscal year ending	2020	2019	2018
Statutorily-required contribution	\$ 57,182	\$ 53,682	\$ 49,999
Contributions in relation to the statutorily-required contribution	57,182	53,682	49,999
Contribution (excess) deficiency	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Employer's employee covered payroll	\$ 6,215,411	\$ 5,835,042	\$ 5,681,750
Contributions as a percentage of employee covered payroll	0.92%	0.92%	0.88%

Notes to Schedule

Contributions for TRIP are defined by State statute and Actuarially Determined Contributions are not developed.

Benefits are financed on a pay-as-you-go basis, based on contribution rates defined by statute. The goal of the policy is to finance current year cost plus a margin for incurred but not paid plan costs.

The following are the contribution rates for covered payroll:

Active members	1.24%	1.24%	1.12%
Employers	0.92%	0.92%	0.88%
State of Illinois	1.24%	1.24%	1.12%

The information in this schedule will accumulate until a full 10-year trend is presented as required by GASB Statement No. 75.

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**Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance - Budget and Actual
General Fund - Budgetary Basis
Year Ended June 30, 2020**

	Final Budget	Actual	Variance
Revenues:			
Charges for services:			
Member districts		\$ 10,880,752	
Non-member districts		2,935,535	
Less member district credits		<u>(197,000)</u>	
Net charges for services	\$ 12,043,902	13,619,287	\$ 1,575,385
Restricted state aid	968,000	928,138	(39,862)
Restricted federal aid	3,407,316	2,126,463	(1,280,853)
Investment income	180,000	369,642	189,642
Total revenues	<u>16,599,218</u>	<u>17,043,530</u>	444,312
Expenditures:			
Current:			
Instruction:			
Special programs	9,178,719	9,482,307	(303,588)
Other instructional programs	338,000	415,824	(77,824)
Support services:			
Pupils	4,097,025	3,264,531	832,494
Instructional staff	237,855	230,140	7,715
General administration	491,303	522,061	(30,758)
School administration	230,048	310,712	(80,664)
Business	325,993	373,347	(47,354)
Operations and maintenance	594,200	523,614	70,586
Central	387,449	330,105	57,344
Community services	153,698	97,554	56,144
Capital outlay	346,300	141,838	204,462
Payments to other governments	218,628	207,955	10,673
Total expenditures	<u>16,599,218</u>	<u>15,899,988</u>	699,230
Change in fund balance	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,143,542</u>	<u>\$ 1,143,542</u>

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Note to Required Supplementary Information

Note 1. Budgetary Information

Annual budgets are adopted for the District's General Fund. The annual budgets are adopted on the modified accrual basis of accounting, as described in Note 1 of the financial statements.

On or before July 1 of each year, the Superintendent is to submit for review by the Governing Board a proposed budget for the school year commencing on that date. After reviewing the proposed budget, the Governing Board holds public hearings and a final budget must be prepared and adopted no later than September 30.

The appropriated budget is prepared by fund and function. The Governing Board may make transfers between functions within a fund not exceeding in the aggregate 10 percent of the total of each fund, and may amend the total budget following the same procedures required to adopt the original budget. The legal level of budgetary control is at the fund level.

For budgetary purposes, the District does not recognize as revenues received the retirement contributions made by the state to the Teachers' Retirement System of the State of Illinois (TRS) and the Teachers' Health Insurance Security Fund (THIS) on behalf of the District as well as the related expenditures paid.

The following schedule reconciles the revenues and expenditures on the budgetary basis with the amounts presented in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America for the District's General Fund:

Revenues received - budgetary basis	\$ 17,043,530
Unbudgeted retirement contributions made by the state	<u>2,521,676</u>
Revenues received - GAAP basis	<u>\$ 19,565,206</u>
Expenditures paid - budgetary basis	\$ 15,899,988
Unbudgeted retirement contributions made by the state	<u>2,521,676</u>
Expenditures paid - GAAP basis	<u>\$ 18,421,664</u>

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**Combining Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance
By Account - Budgetary Basis
Year Ended June 30, 2020**

	General Account	Medicaid Account	Operations and Maintenance	Total
Revenues:				
Charges for services	\$ 13,330,632	\$ 485,655	\$ -	\$ 13,816,287
Less member district credits	(197,000)	-	-	(197,000)
Net charges for services	13,133,632	485,655	-	13,619,287
Restricted state aid	928,138	-	-	928,138
Restricted federal aid	1,660,193	466,270	-	2,126,463
Investment income	369,642	-	-	369,642
Total revenues	16,091,605	951,925	-	17,043,530
Expenditures:				
Current:				
Instruction:				
Special education programs	9,480,233	2,074	-	9,482,307
Other instructional programs	415,824	-	-	415,824
Support services:				
Pupils	3,264,907	(376)	-	3,264,531
Instructional staff	230,140	-	-	230,140
General administration	522,061	-	-	522,061
School administration	305,583	5,129	-	310,712
Business	373,347	-	-	373,347
Operations and maintenance	494,147	29,467	-	523,614
Central	283,599	46,506	-	330,105
Community services	97,554	-	-	97,554
Capital outlay	40,755	101,083	-	141,838
Payments to other governments	207,955	-	-	207,955
Total expenditures	15,716,105	183,883	-	15,899,988
Excess of revenues over expenditures	375,500	768,042	-	1,143,542
Other financing sources (uses):				
Transfers in	200,000	-	1,200,000	1,400,000
Transfers (out)	(1,200,000)	(200,000)	-	(1,400,000)
Total other financing sources (uses)	(1,000,000)	(200,000)	1,200,000	-
Changes in fund balance	(624,500)	568,042	1,200,000	1,143,542
Fund balance:				
July 1, 2019	6,719,339	4,750,540	3,100,000	14,569,879
June 30, 2020	\$ 6,094,839	\$ 5,318,582	\$ 4,300,000	\$ 15,713,421

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Reports Required by the Uniform Guidance and
Government Auditing Standards
Year Ended June 30, 2020

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

To the Governing Board
Niles Township District for Special Education #807

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, the major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of Niles Township District for Special Education #807 (the District), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2020, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated November 11, 2020.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

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

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the District's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis.

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

Compliance and Other Matters

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

Purpose of this Report

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

RSM US LLP

Chicago, Illinois
November 11, 2020



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**Independent Auditor’s Report on Compliance for the Major Federal Program;
Report on Internal Control Over Compliance; and Report on the Schedule of
Expenditures of Federal Awards Required by the Uniform Guidance**

To the Governing Board
Niles Township District for Special Education #807

Report on Compliance for the Major Federal Program

We have audited the Niles Township District for Special Education #807’s (the District) compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the *OMB Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on the District’s major federal program for the year ended June 30, 2020. The District’s major federal program is identified in the summary of auditor’s results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

Management’s Responsibility

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

Auditor’s Responsibility

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

We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion on compliance for the major federal program. However, our audit does not provide a legal determination of the District’s compliance.

Opinion on the Major Federal Program

In our opinion, the District complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on its major federal program for the year ended June 30, 2020.

Report on Internal Control Over Compliance

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

A deficiency in internal control over compliance exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program on a timely basis. *A material weakness in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or 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.

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

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

Report on Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards Required by the Uniform Guidance

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, the major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the District as of and for the year ended June 30, 2019, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements. We issued our report thereon dated November 11, 2020, which contained unmodified opinions on those financial statements. Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the basic financial statements. The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by the Uniform Guidance 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 financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the schedule of expenditure of federal awards is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

RSM US LLP

Chicago, Illinois
November 11, 2020

Niles Township District for Special Education #807

**Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards
Year Ended June 30, 2020**

Federal Grantor/Pass-Through Grantor/Program or Cluster Title	Federal CFDA Number	Pass-through Entity Identifying Number	Total Federal Expenditures	Passed Through to Subrecipients
U.S. Department of Education				
Pass through Illinois State Board of Education				
Special Education Cluster				
Special Education - Preschool Flow Through (M)	84.173A	19-4600-00	\$ 87,348	\$ -
Special Education - Grants to States IDEA Flow Through (M)	84.027A	19-4620-00	2,666,208	207,955
Total U.S. Department of Education			<u>2,753,556</u>	<u>207,955</u>
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services				
Passed through Illinois Department of Health Care and Family Services:				
Medical Assistance Program	93.778	19-4991-00	125,463	-
Total U.S. Department of Health and Human Services			<u>125,463</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Federal Awards			<u>\$ 2,879,019</u>	<u>\$ 207,955</u>

See Notes to Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards.

Niles Township District for Special Education #807

Notes to Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards

Note 1. Basis of Presentation

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards (the Schedule) includes the federal award activity of Niles Township District for Special Education #807 (the District) under programs of the federal government for the year ended June 30, 2020. The information in this Schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Because the Schedule presents only a selected portion of the District, it is not intended and does not present the financial position or changes in net position of the District.

Note 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Expenditures are reported on the Schedule using the modified accrual basis of accounting, which is the same basis used in preparing the basic financial statements of the District. Such expenditures are recognized following the cost principles contained in the Uniform Guidance, wherein certain types of expenditures are not allowable or are limited as to reimbursement.

Note 3. Indirect Cost Rate

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

Niles Township District for Special Education #807

**Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs
Year Ended June 30, 2020**

I. SUMMARY OF INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S RESULTS

Financial Statements

Type of auditor's report issued: Unmodified

Internal control over financial reporting:

Material weakness(es) identified?	_____	Yes	<u> X </u>	No
Significant deficiency(ies) identified?	_____	Yes	<u> X </u>	None reported
Noncompliance material to financial statements noted?	_____	Yes	<u> X </u>	No

Federal Awards

Internal control over major program:

Material weakness(es) identified?	_____	Yes	<u> X </u>	No
Significant deficiency(ies) identified?	_____	Yes	<u> X </u>	None reported

Type of auditor's report issued on compliance for major program: Unmodified

Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with 2 CFR 200.516(a)?	_____	Yes	<u> X </u>	No
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Identification of major program:

<u>CFDA Number(s)</u>	<u>Name of Federal Program or Cluster</u>
84.027A, 84.173A	Special Education Cluster (IDEA)

Dollar threshold used to distinguish between type A and type B programs \$750,000

Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee?	<u> X </u>	Yes	_____	No
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Niles Township District for Special Education #807

**Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs (Continued)
Year Ended June 30, 2020**

II. FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS

No matters were reported.

III. FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS FOR FEDERAL AWARDS

No matters were reported.

Niles Township District for Special Education #807

**Summary Schedule of Prior Audit Findings
Year Ended June 30, 2020**

I. FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS

No matters were reported.

II. FEDERAL AWARDS FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

No matters were reported.